

October 2020

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### From the President

Greetings! Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our meeting again this month. We were notified by the St. James church that their church hall where we meet would not be available for meetings until Covid is tamed. Since that is not a hard date, we will need to see month by month how things play out.

I know the most important benefit to our members is our monthly educational programs. Since we are not meeting up this month, we are contributing to a guest speaker that is presenting to the Baton Rouge Orchid Society on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm. This presentation will be online via ZOOM and I will send out a link, as it gets closer. All you have to do is click the link and it'll walk you through downloading the Zoom software to join the meeting. If this will be your first time participating in a Zoom meeting, I suggest starting this process 45 minutes to one hour prior to the meeting, depending on your internet and computer's speed. It should be very easy to do and will allow us to participate in monthly programs for the time being. This month's program is on Stanhopea orchids, presented by Nina Rach from Houston.

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### Meeting Time & Place

**Meeting canceled  
for October**

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## **President's Message Continued**

If you are interested and comfortable with hosting a meeting at your home, whether inside or outside for an upcoming month, please let me know. Also, if you know of another temporary location we could meet at for a few months, please let myself or any of the officers know. Typically in November we select the next year's officers, and December is our Christmas party. We do need a new group of officers and I hope you will consider stepping up to fill one of these positions.

I miss getting together to visit with each of you, and looking at everyone's beautiful orchid blooms on our show and tell tables. Please tune in to our program on the 21<sup>st</sup> and hopefully we'll be able to meet in person next month. Happy Fall!

Eron



**Habeneria rhodocheila 'Louisiana' CCM/AOS 83 pts. Al Taylor's plant. Above and Below**







Rlc. Shigeko Abe 'Willistene's Brushstroke' AM/AOS 84 Eron Borne's plant



Vanda falcata (munjushaje) 'Benin' AM/AOS 83 pts. Mary Mancini MD's plant



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2020 OCTOBER AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

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## Hosting an Orchid Show in the COVID Atmosphere



Our Lakeland, Florida affiliate, Ridge Orchid Society, hosted an AOS

judged orchid show, September 19 and 20. Pictured here is the Show Quaranteam, Vivian Gibby, Marcus Norvell, and Dina & Keith Emig.

Even though it is a much smaller event than both the Tamiami and Redland Orchid Festivals, this 58-year-old orchid society pulled off something that many were skeptical could be done in this health-compromised atmosphere. It turns out that this show and sale was well attended by an orchid-starved public. It even left a plus in the society earnings column.

Only one regular vendor declined to participate due to the health of a family member. As soon as the show announcement went public, a new vendor that was a good fit for this group quickly replaced them. What did the society do to make it work?

- ✓ All exhibits were limited to 8' x 30" tabletops.
- ✓ Display set-up and take down teams were limited to four individuals.
- ✓ A Safety Committee was appointed to sanitize frequently touched surfaces throughout the weekend.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer was available throughout the hall.
- ✓ Everyone was required to wear a mask and masks were available at the entrance for those who needed them.
- ✓ All food for society volunteers, vendors, and AOS Judging personnel was prepackaged or individually wrapped.
- ✓ Kitchen volunteers wore gloves.
- ✓ The exhibit hall was limited to 50% of normal occupancy.
- ✓ There was a capacity checker at the entrance and when the doors opened Saturday morning, there were a few who had to wait their turn to enter.

All plant registration and classifications for ribbon judging took place Friday, September 18 during exhibit set-up. Upon completion, there were 199 ribbon judging entries. Five ribbon teams with clerks were assigned.

Society planning is only part of the equation. Would there be enough AOS judges from our region willing to participate? This time there were fewer AOS judges for this show, resulting in one less AOS judging team than in years past.



Saturday, September 19, ribbon judging started promptly at 8:30 a.m. followed by AOS judging. Twenty-three plants were nominated for AOS review by eleven accredited judges, assisted by four student judges. Twelve of the nominations received quality awards. An AOS Show Trophy was awarded to a small commercial grower for the most outstanding display in the show. The society was excited! That is a record number of awards for their show.



Show Trophy awarded to Accent Orchids for Best Exhibit in Show. Their display received 84 pts. and is described as follows: A well balanced and visually flowing 30 in. x 96 in. table top display, with a centrally placed delicate *Habenaria medusa*, and hybrid *catasetum*, among other well placed genera including *Vandachostylis Lou Sneary 'Pink'*, *Paphiopedilum parishii*, and *Grammatophyllum scriptum*. Strategically placed driftwood, cork, fern and rocks created a natural looking environment. Award #20201383. Photo by Laura Newton.





**DID YOU KNOW?** If you have missed an issue of the [AOS Corner](https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/aos-corner.aspx) they are archived on the AOS website. Recent issues can also be found in the Files section on the [Affiliated Societies Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/files/).

<https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/aos-corner.aspx>

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**DID YOU KNOW?** To remain connected to affiliated benefits, societies are encouraged to update all of your information with the AOS. There is an easier way to do this now. An authorized rep must log on to the AOS website at [aos.org](https://www.aos.org) with society credentials, and fill in the current information for your society. Using the email address for the society AOS representative, or the society president, will allow you access to update your society records.



After you sign on to to [aos.org](http://aos.org), look for the drop down menu on the right top of the [AOS home page](http://aos.org). Click and select **My Account** from the drop down menu. At the top center of the page, select **Edit my profile** and update the necessary information for your society. Individual AOS members will also see their membership number and personal information when signing on to [aos.org](http://aos.org)



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If your society does not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net) and request [a program, or multiple programs, from the recorded list](#). The video file(s) with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy to a flash drive or copy to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf>

If you have an idea for a webinar topic, or would like to present a webinar for our members, this is your opportunity. We are flexible! We are always looking for interesting topics to share with our viewers. Choose a day convenient for you. You will need a prepared PowerPoint topic, an internet connection, and a computer with audio capabilities to present an AOS webinar.

Contact [Cheryl Erins](mailto:cerins@aos.org) to be added to the AOS webinar line-up or for further information. She can arrange a webinar practice session to help you get familiar with the process. [cerins@aos.org](mailto:cerins@aos.org)

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	<b>October 06, 2020</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>October 20, 2020</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>November 10, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>December 02, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Paphiopedilums, Their Care and Understanding	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dave Sorokowsky</b> Owner Paph Paradise Awarded grower and AOS Judge	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow! Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter. We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure. GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing. **Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)**





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[https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS\\_Speakers\\_List\\_July27\\_2020.pdf](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List_July27_2020.pdf)

**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Plan to attend the [Fall Members Meeting](https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings.aspx) with a virtual auction beginning October 16. <https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings.aspx>

# The AOS 2020 Fall Members Meeting is Going Virtual (Online)!

The health and safety of our Members Meeting attendees is our number one priority. After careful consideration, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic's current trajectory, we've made the decision to transition the 2020 Fall Members Meeting to a fully virtual event to be held on October 24th, 2020.

October 24, 2020



**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** AOS Representatives, please remember to let your society members know; we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. *Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.*

## **AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY**

Affiliated Societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your Affiliated Society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section online at checkout.

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Find them here: <http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

One of the most cited benefits of joining the AOS is the wonderful monthly magazine *ORCHIDS*. In addition to each new monthly publication, AOS members have access to thousands of articles through the [digital archives](#). <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

Published since 1932, *ORCHIDS* (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the [many benefits of an AOS membership](#). Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers.

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[Lindleyana](#), *The Scientific Journal of the American Orchid Society*

Lindleyana magazine was published from 1986 through 2002. The quarterly issues contain fantastic articles for the scientifically inclined and those who appreciate a deeper understanding of orchids. AOS members also have full access to this publication in the digital archives.

<https://www.aos.org/about-us/lindleyana-magazine.aspx>

# Spots and Stripes

## Orchids supplement for 2020

coming this October!



Spotted Vandas  
by Robert Fuchs

Spotted Catasetinae  
By Fred Clarke

Harlequin Phalaenopsis  
by Steve Gonzalez

Cheetahs of the Cattleya World  
by Laura Newton

Spotted and Striped Masdevallias  
by Marguerite Webb

Dendrobium bifax and Striped Dendrobiums  
by Pam Porteous  
and much more!

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## BONUS

In addition to our normal monthly issue, October brings our annual supplement to *Orchids* magazine. Seeing spots? Perhaps stripes? Maybe both? This year's supplement is devoted entirely to spotted and striped orchids across a wide array of often-grown genera. Just how did all those fabulously colored hybrids come about? You won't want to miss this supplement.

Consider donating to this and future [AOS annual supplements](#). Each year a supplement is dedicated to bringing you in-depth information on a specially selected topic. <https://secure.aos.org/donate>



**AWARDS GALLERY**

AOS MEMBERS can review the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of [ORCHIDS magazine](#) and also in the most up to date [OrchidPro](#) awards database.

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<https://op.aos.org/>

Below is a sample of comparing awards shown in [OrchidPro](#). Remember to sign on to [aos.org](#) and look for OrchidPro on the drop down menu. Click on any one photo in LATEST AWARDS to read the details, measurements and description for each award. Find out when and where it was exhibited, and the exhibitor for each orchid. While you are there, select OTHER AWARDS button to compare the current award to previously awarded clones. The diversity of orchids seen in the judging system is awe-inspiring. Check in frequently to view the 100 most recent awards. Orchids are a continuing education.



## ACTIONS

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**Dendrobium hekouense**  
**'Chandra P'**

AM | AOS (81 points)  
Sep 13, 2020



**Dendrobium hekouense**  
**'Chandra P'**

CCM | AOS (82 points)  
Sep 13, 2020



**Dendrobium hekouense**  
**'Cordelia'**

CHM | AOS (84 points)  
Aug 19, 2017



*Dendrobium hekouense* 'Chandra P'

AM | AOS (81 points)

Award No: 20202290

Date: Sep 13, 2020

Event: California-Sierra Nevada Center

Monthly Judging (Sacramento, California)

Exhibitor: Douglas Kubo

Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

### CULTURE CONNECTION

**CULTIVATE:** to grow in a prepared medium

Visit the AOS website for a [Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care](https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/september-october-checklist.aspx)

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/september-october-checklist.aspx>

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**LET US KNOW!** Is there something in particular that you would like to see the Affiliated Societies Committee address, accomplish or change over the next two years? How can we better serve our Affiliated Societies members?

**LOOKING TO SHARE?** Please send me a PDF copy of your society newsletter. I want to see what you all are doing. Forward your comments, questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to [askmasc@verizon.net](mailto:askmasc@verizon.net) or [EileenH@aos.org](mailto:EileenH@aos.org)

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

*Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor*

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**Vanda falcata (chaehong) 'Dude' JC/AOS Mary Mancini MD's plant**



# **October Program via ZOOM video conferencing**

**Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm**

**"Stanhopea Orchids"**

**Presented by: Nina Rach**

## **Bio:**

Nina Rach is an orchid hobbyist in Houston, Texas, with a mixed collection of species and hybrids. She has been growing for 45+ years, and has served as an AOS Accredited judge for 25+ years. She is a past-president of the Houston Orchid Society and started the first HOS website more than 20 years ago. She's particularly interested in the Stanhopinae and Sobralias, and has given many talks on these genera, including presentations at two World Orchid Conferences. She enjoys traveling to see new plants at shows and in situ, and especially values meeting so many enthusiastic growers over the years. She has learned so much from everyone and is happy to pass it on.

# Things to do in the Fall

We just returned from the AOS Members Meetings in Wilmington, Delaware and for us Floridians, it was refreshing to see autumn colors and feel some cool air. A frost was expected for the night we were leaving.

Like spring, fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on *Phalaenopsis*, *Cymbidium* and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae. It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

For more detailed seasonal culture information on specific genera see Tom Mirenda's excellent monthly "Orchid Checklist" in Orchids magazine.



Although it blooms reliably for us at *Christmas*, *Cattleya percivaliana* can bloom anytime from October into January. It blooms at the early end of that range in its habitat in the Venezuelan Andes. Shown here is the albescent color form, 'Sonia de Urbano'.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

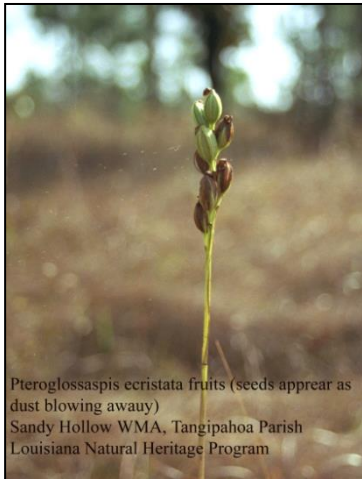
Taken from <https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/fall-tasks.aspx>



## Native Orchid of the Month—October

### *Pteroglossaspis ecristata* (giant orchid)

*Pteroglossaspis ecristata* (giant orchid, also known as wild coco) grows three to five feet high in savannas, as well as in sandhills, pine flatwoods, and grasslands. It grows from Florida to Louisiana along the coastal plain. In Louisiana it grows both east of the Mississippi River in [flatwoods](#), and west of the Mississippi River in coastal prairies. Both of these habitats are at risk from habitat destruction and fire suppression.

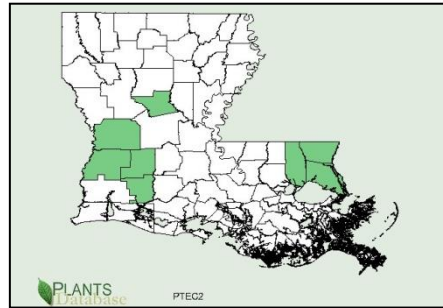


*Pteroglossaspis ecristata* fruits (seeds appear as dust blowing away)  
Sandy Hollow WMA, Tangipahoa Parish  
Louisiana Natural Heritage Program

Like many species of coastal savannas, it responds positively to fire.

Two to four, large, paper thin veined leaves arise from underground pseudobulbs.

Inflorescences are erect, densely flowered toward top. Flowers are yellowish green with purplish brown markings and a three-lobed lip. They are twisted in toward the stalk, with a stiff floral bract, 2.5 inches long, beneath each flower. Sepals and petals are yellow-green, and heavily



and heavily

It flowers July through with fruits developing September through November. It is throughout its most of its range.



The giant orchid is a perennial herb only every few years, usually only. Often many flowers will bloom at remain open for about a week; they are pollinated by bees. Little else is known about the reproductive biology of closely related species in the genus to be both self- and cross-fertile. The greatest natural threat to the loss of the species is the lack of fire needed to maintain a favorable habitat.



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## **The U.S. Postal Service introduced ten new orchid stamps!**

The American Orchid Society was honored to host the first day of the issue dedication ceremony at our headquarters.

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**EVENT:**

**DATE & TIME:**

**LOCATION:**



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[News and Events](#) Wild Orchids Forever Stamps



By Arthur E. Chadwick (*see bio below*)



## Ten new wild orchid stamps

LAST MONTH, the United States Postal Service introduced 10 new stamps that are sure to be a hit with plant lovers and outdoorsy people everywhere. The booklet features close-ups of orchid flowers and is the result of a lengthy process involving a slew of experts. It all started with an idea to showcase everyday phalaenopsis hybrids but soon morphed into a pictorial catalog of exotic wild orchids.



## Deciding on the photos



Initially, a graphic design team contacted native plant photographer and author, Jim Fowler, who directed them to view his thousands of orchid images on the photo sharing platform, Flickr. Mr. Fowler regularly travels the US and Canada taking pictures of orchid species, many of which are rare and endangered. He states, “As an orchidophile, I am always on the lookout for orchids growing in the roadside ditches and in the swamps and woodlands.” He has written two books on the native orchids of North and South Carolina.



## Narrowing the choices

With over 250 native orchids in the US, it was a daunting job to narrow down the choices for the project. As art director for the stamp project, Ethel Kessler wanted to “showcase a variety of different color, shapes and sizes of flowers as well as represent the different growing regions where orchids can be found.” In addition, she favored images that provided native foliage in the background. Ms. Kessler has designed hundreds of stamps for the USPS and is best known for her 1998 Breast Cancer Awareness stamp that raised over \$70M for breast cancer research.



## Recognizable flowers

The public may recognize some of the flowers on the stamps, particularly the lady’s slippers with their distinctive pouches. The green-and-white *Cypripedium californicum* from the West Coast and the white-and-magenta *Cypripedium reginae* from the East Coast are readily identifiable as orchids. On the other end of the spectrum is the relatively obscure *Triphora trianthophoros*, or “three-birds orchid.” Its whereabouts are not widely known or easily accessible and the tiny blooms only last a matter of hours.



## Getting the stamps approved

Once the preliminary design of the stamps was complete, it had to be approved by the 12-member USPS Citizen’s Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC). The group evaluates potential subjects that celebrate the American experience and reports its findings to the Postmaster General for a final decision. Naturally, the wild orchid designs flew through the committee.



## Locking in stamp prices “Forever”

Nowadays, first class stamps no longer have a denomination on them and, instead, are printed with “Forever” which means that the public can buy them at the current rate of \$11.00 for a booklet

of 20 (or 55¢ ea) and they will remain valid even if there is a price increase in the future. *Wild Orchids Forever* has a second meaning that is not lost on plant people. Over half of our native orchids are threatened by habitat loss and other environmental factors and these stamps help to bring awareness to the plight.



## How to get your wild orchid stamps

For all the visual glory of the orchid stamps, there were some missed opportunities. First and foremost, none of the individual stamps are labeled with any botanical identification so the viewer is left to wonder what is being shown. This omission is consistent with recent USPS floral stamp issues such as lilies and garden flowers but wild orchids require special treatment because the public is largely not familiar with them. Any nomenclature lettering would have to be small but, without it, the educational value is largely lost.



## Speaker lineup

**Susan Wedegaertner**, American Orchid Society President

**Jakki Krage Strako**, Chief Customer and Marketing Officer and Executive Vice President, USPS

**Dr. Lawrence Zettler**, Director of the Orchid Recovery Program, Illinois College

**Jim Fowler**, Nature Photographer and Author.



## Full press release from the United States Postal Services



[The United States Postal Service has created a press release you can find here.](#)

Caption – “The new set of wild orchid stamps features ten images taken around the country by native plant photographer, Jim Fowler. The public may recognize some of the blooms, particularly the two lady’s-slippers with their distinctive pouches.” © 2020 USPS

### Article Author Bio

Arthur E. Chadwick is a coauthor of *The Classic Cattleyas* that describes the large-flowered species that make up today’s hybrids. He is president of Chadwick & Son Orchids, which operates 11 greenhouses in Powhatan County, a retail store in Richmond, Virginia and boards over 13,000 orchids for local clients (email: [art@chadwickorchids.com](mailto:art@chadwickorchids.com); website [www.chadwickorchids.com](http://www.chadwickorchids.com)).