



October 2022 Newsletter

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Pot. Higher Multiplier 'Diamond Orchids' HCC/AOS x SLC. Marissa Kubo 'SVO'

From the President's Potting Bench:

Hi Everyone,

Last month was certainly busy! I've been working hard to maintain my orchid collection. My yard has Epidendrums, Cymbidiums, Laelias, Coelogynes, and Sobralias spiking or blooming presently. My little greenhouse is just bursting with flowers and spiking orchids as well. The plants seem to love the new LED lights and have really loved the higher temperatures the last couple of months. Many of the Novelty Phalaenopsis, (*Phalaenopsis violacea* and *Phalaenopsis bellinia* hybrids) are reliably in bloom during the last part of the summer. My Paphiopedilums and Cattleyas have been putting on quite a show as well.

Here's a recap some of our activities this month and a preview of upcoming events:

Recap: September Orchid Talk (Zoom Series). During our Monthly Meeting on Thursday, 9-8-2022, we enjoyed a talk on Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond by Tim Culbertson. See below for the Zoom recording in case you missed this talk; you can use this link to catch up: <https://www.fcoss.org/events-and-where>

Recap: Cal Poly Orchid and Greenhouse Tour and Trade. Several of us met at the Cal Poly Plant Shop on Saturday, 9-10-2022, to tour their Orchid Greenhouse.

<https://polyplantshop.com/>. During this event, we had a unique and special opportunity to assist in Cal Poly's educational efforts. FCOS members traded orchids from personal collections with plants from Cal Poly's collection, with the goal of helping to diversify their orchid collection. Cal Poly staff and students asked FCOS members to provide education on care, culture and propagation of orchids—new contributions as well as plants already in the Cal Poly collection. It was a very rewarding exchange with groups of our members teaching students orchid culture and orchid lore. We have high hopes to plan other orchid educational opportunities in the future.

Afterwards many of the Board members went to lunch at 1865 in SLO and met with Alison Glasco from Cal Coast Orchids. The Board of Directors presented Alison Glasco and Bas van Eijk a Lifetime FCOS Membership Certificate and restaurant gift certificate in gratitude for their generous support of the Five Cities Orchid Society. CalCoast Orchids has donated hundreds of flowering orchids to FCOS in the past few years, which has helped keep our orchid society viable. Their contributions are deeply appreciated.

Recap: Garden Club Talk in Paso Robles. Ed Lysek and I presented on the topic of Orchid culture at the Paso Robles Multifloral Garden Club on Wednesday, 9-14-2022. Twenty Garden Club members participated with great enthusiasm. CalCoast Orchids donated some Phalaenopsis in fall colors that we raffled off at this event as well.

Recap: Open House at CalCoast Orchids. CalCoast Orchids teamed with FCOS for an Open House and orchid sale on Saturday, 9-17-2022. It was a popular event with a massive turnout of participants. Shoppers were offered incredible deals on orchids, tropical plants and house plants. If you are ever in Los Osos, you can't go wrong to visit CalCoast Orchids is at 2181 Blue Heron View Lane in Los Osos.

Future Events: FCOS Monthly Meetings, Occasional Gatherings, and Auctions.

The Board of Directors has decided continue use of the Zoom format for our Monthly Meetings and Orchid Talks, which are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. We will also plan occasional in-person, outdoor activities so we can have a chance to

see each other in person. There will also be occasional online orchid auctions. Currently scheduled events are detailed below, and as other activities are planned, we will let you know.

Upcoming Event: Orchid Talk. "Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids", presented by Ron Kaufmann, will be held October 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Ron is Chair of the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee, Chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding Director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. He has been growing orchids for over 25 years, and has traveled extensively to view wild orchids in Asia and South America. In his talk, Ron will explore the habits and habitats of lithophytical (rock-growing) orchids in Brazil. We are all looking forward to learning about how wild orchids prosper in such unique, rocky terrain.

Upcoming Event: Orchid Sale at the SLO Botanical Gardens. FCOS will be selling orchids at the SLO Botanical Gardens on Friday and Saturday, 10-28 and 10-29-2022 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Proceeds of this sale will support the SLO Botanical Gardens and the Five Cities Orchid Society. Contact Jeff if you would like to volunteer at the orchid sale that day. <https://www.slobg.org/calendar/2021/11/17/free-day-at-the-garden-7w2xk-zcxyw-ky6t2-jpkpt-2eqp5-fpdwf-wbndc-2mk8j-453fw-n56s/>

Volunteer Opportunities: FCOS will have elections of officers at the December meeting. If you are interested in working with others and volunteering to help run FCOS, please let us know. Currently the President, Secretary and a Board of Directors Member roles are up for election. Volunteer opportunities also include newsletter publication and public relations. Please email Karen Kolba or Jeff Parham if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Join and Support FCOS: I would like to encourage your support to the FCOS by paying your annual dues, if you haven't done so already this year. We are also grateful for any donation you can contribute. These funds help us grow our programs and bring you engaging and knowledgeable speakers. FCOS is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization, and all donations are tax deductible. <https://fcos.betterworld.org/donate>

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Happy Blooming!

Jeff



Sobralia Nanette

(*Sob. Susie* x *Sob. Mirabilis*)

Only a few have this nice color tone with the light yellow from Susie “pale sunrise” and pink lip from Mirabilis “27”. This is the first time this has bloomed for me in 3 years. Grown outside in partial shade in Los Osos by Jeff Parham

Phalaenopsis bellina* var *murtoniana
sequential blooming phals flowered under LED lights by LED Botanicals. Very fragrant.





Phalaenopsis Yang Yang Black Grape (Haur Jih Fancy 'Red Lantern' 'x violata a var indigo), flowered under LED lights. Fragrant.

Paphiopedilum Prime Child 'Mem Samuel Wertz' B/CS. This orchid hybrid is a cross between *Paph rothschildianum* and *Paph primulinum*. Grown under LED lights.





Five Cities Orchid Society presents:

Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids (about orchids that grow lithophytically, focusing on Brazil)

Thursday October 13th, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 PM PST

Our speaker in October will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation

Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for more than 25 years and has traveled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. His talk titled "Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids" will explore the habits and habitats of orchids that grow on rocks, with a focus on Brazil. Rocky terrains host a surprising number of orchid species, and the conditions in those settings are very different from those that we normally consider when deciding how best to grow plants in our own collections.

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for nearly 25 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded more than \$260,000 to support projects in 23 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, Orchid Digest, and Fundación EcoMinga (an Ecuadorian conservation organization).

Ron grows most of his orchids in a 36 x 24-foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed.

Thursday October 13th, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 PM PST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82355435739?pwd=bThHazRPekw5cjhnYmNzMlpkTW96dz09>

Meeting ID: 823 5543 5739

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Botanicult Fiction: The Flowering of the Strange Orchid

September 15, 2020

By Alex Henderson, *Curator of Living Collections, Royal Botanical Gardens.*

The Flowering of the Strange Orchid is a short story by H.G. Wells, first published in August 1894 in the *Pall Mall Budget*. It is a cautionary tale, the moral of which is that humans cannot always tame nature and that despite its immense beauty the natural world is often dangerous and deadly.

Winter-Wedderburn, the story's main protagonist, is an amateur orchid collector who lives a quiet life and is one day attracted to the sale of some orchids. The species in question have been collected from the Andaman Islands by a famous orchid collector called Batten. During the expedition Batten is killed in a mangrove swamp with an orchid crushed up against his torso with every drop of blood drained from his body. His death is attributed to jungle leeches. Wedderburn purchases species of *Vanda*, *Dendrobium* and *Phalaenopsis*. He also purchases the orchid rhizome found crushed up against the body of Batten which he believes to be a species or genus new to science. On his return home he shows off his new plants to his housekeeper who takes an instant dislike to the plant. She remarks that the rhizome "Looks like a spider shamming dead". Placed in a hothouse the rhizome grows producing aerial rootlets. The housekeeper describes these as being like "little white fingers trying to get at you". These eventually become tentacle like. In time the plant produces flowers with an overpoweringly sweet fragrance and Wedderburn whilst admiring these is overcome by the sickly scent of the flowers and collapses. After being late for afternoon tea the housekeeper enters the hothouse. She finds him lying face up on the floor with a tangle of the orchid's rootlets (with leech like suckers) attached to his chin, neck and hands, leaving him white and bleeding from several circular patches. She manages to drag him free and destroy the plant and luckily Wedderburn makes a full recovery.

During the Victorian era when this story was written the term orchidelirium was a term used to describe the Victorian era of flower madness when collecting and discovering orchids reached extraordinarily high levels. Wealthy orchid fanatics of the 19th century sent explorers and collectors to almost every part of the world in search of new varieties of orchids and orchidelirium is seen as similar obsession to Dutch tulip mania. The story also mentions Charles Darwin and his prediction in 1862 that the orchid *Angraecum sesquipedale* from Madagascar, and which has an exceptionally long nectary must be pollinated by an unknown moth. Interestingly it took nearly 150 years for Darwin's prediction to be proved correct.

This must be one of the first literary examples of where an author has taken the practice of hematophagy from animals and insects and transferred this to the plant kingdom. In doing so H.G. Wells perhaps created one of the first crossover science fiction/body horror literary tales featuring a blood sucking plant that went on to inspire future stories of carnivorous plants and

their human prey. The Tale of the Strange Orchid can be acquired in many H.G. Wells literary collections, can also be read online and is available as audiobooks on YouTube. Perhaps the moral of the story is that you better take extra care the next time you 'feed' your orchid, mua, ha, ha, ha!

The full text of "The flowering of the strange orchid" by HG Wells can be read here:

<http://www.online-literature.com/wellshg/2865/>

Happy Halloween!



FCOS had the pleasure of having Tim Culbertson speak to the group via Zoom on the subject 'Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond'. This genus is related to and hybridizes with Cattleya alliance orchids and are generally easy to grow. There are about 250 species that grow natively from northern Mexico to Argentina. They have a wide range of temperature tolerance (generally intermediate to hot temperatures) and light and water requirements. Tim showed a map of the various climate zones found in Mexico and presented slides showing species that were found in dry forests and then those that grow in wet forest areas. The dry forests have wet and warm and then dry and relatively cool seasons which are opposite of what we have in California. Species also growing in this habitat include *Laelia anceps*, *L. superbiens*, *Schomburgkia halbingeriana*, *Barkaria lindleyana*, *Nageliella purpurea*, *Epidendrum parkinsonianum*, *Lycaste consobrina*, and *Encyclia cordigera*.

Some easy to grow Encyclias which do not need long dry winter rest can grow under similar conditions all year but need a well-drained media. These include at least *Encyclia alata*, *E. cordigera*, *E. randii*, *E. diota/atrorubens*, *E. hanburyi*, *E. bractescens*, *E. fragens*, *E. profusa*, and many hybrids. Some species that are difficult to grow and flower well need no water from about October until February. These include *E. adenocaula*, *E. (Euchile) mariae* and *E. (Euchile) citrina*.

The wet forests are true tropical rain forest areas with more consistent moisture regimes, less seasonality and less light available. They need intermediate to cool temperature conditions but do not like real hot or cold conditions. Co-occurring species include *Coelia bella*, *Arpophyllum alpinum*, *Brassia verrucosa*. Encyclias that are easy to grow as long as the temperature stays above about 50 F include *E. tampensis*, *E. oncioides*, *E. boothiana*. Some species that used to be considered Encyclias but have been moved to different genera include *Didema polybulbon*, *Panarica prismatocarpa*, *P. brassavolae*, *Anacheilum cochleata*, *A. radiata*, and *Prosthechea vitellina*.

For culture of Encyclias, Tim suggested the following. First you need to figure out what climate region the species came from so you know what conditions they would need. Best to grow in baskets (with large bark) or mounts so it is easier to get them to dry out. They do not like old, broken-down media, so he has been using Kiwi Bark, as it does not break down quickly as non-treated barks do. He waters with rain water. He fertilizes using Peters 20-20-20 Cal Mg at about 100 ppm nitrogen because he also grows many Paphs. Sunset Valley Orchids uses about 200-250 ppm nitrogen during active growth which works well for them and the genera they grow. Tim suggests that you should get all the other parameters figured out for your orchids and then figure out what fertilizer to use after the other parameters have been adjusted for the orchids you are growing.

If you missed this talk you can access it at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/tx8wITTTQu1oF6XdS9XTgBi-s1j6rWa4TeUXocogsCKZU4xQjxCUJitANzz0Z72Z9.GmhMWSnCsMLn9GWj>
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Bc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight' grown by Kristie Wells

A Successful get-together at CalPoly on Saturday, Sept. 10th.

Jeff Parham arranged for FCOS members to tour the Cal Poly greenhouses and arboretum. We met with Wendy Robinson, Greenhouse Manager and several Cal Poly Botany students. They had many questions on the proper care of the orchids they have in their collection and asked for our help in the future with re-potting and growing condition recommendations. Many FCOS members who donated orchids to the Cal Poly collection were rewarded with large specimen Dendrobiums and other orchids to take home. An enjoyable and rewarding date for all who attended.



Addy Ramirez, Jeff Parham and Wendy Robinson admiring a flowering Cattleya.

Chris Ehrlar answering questions on the proper care for the orchids FCOS members donated to the Cal Poly collection





Alan Durham was given a large specimen plant of this SLC. Mem. Evelyn Paquette 'SVO Hot Spots' x SLC. Katherine Clarkson 'SVO' HCC/AOS to divide with several divisions to be offered in future FCOS auctions. Several divisions are going to be returned to Cal Poly.

At lunch, Jeff presented Alison Glasco, co-owner of CalCoast Orchids, Los Osos, with an FCOS lifetime membership award and a restaurant gift certificate in appreciation for the many donations CalCoast Orchids has made to support FCOS fundraising activities.



**A Warm Welcome to our 20 new subscribers
from the Multiflora Garden Club in North
County.**

Multiflora Garden Club in North County



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On Wed. Sept. 14th
Jeff Parham and Ed
Lysek were the
featured speakers to
the Multiflora Garden
Club in North County.
Over 20 of their
members participated
and we added 20
additional subscribers
to our newsletter
mailing list.

There were lots of
orchid questions and
we raffled 12
Phalaenopsis orchids
donated by CalCoast
Orchids.



CalCoast Orchids Open House Sept. 17th was a big success!



Bas van Eijk was a gracious host at CalCoast Orchids. He and his wife and business partner, Alison Glasco hosted FCOS for an open house at their Los Osos greenhouses on Saturday. In addition to FCOS members, there were Los Osos Garden Club and Santa Maria Orchid Society members who found a great variety of plants to add to their collections.

Rebecca found a
Phalanaenopsis to join her
and Jeff's growing orchid
and succulent collection.



Barb ended up with a little
bit of everything, Phals,
Bromeliads and a
succulent.

**What's Blooming Now - a few photos
from our members and friends**



Tolumnia Purple Passion growing on an oak branch in Ed Lysek's greenhouse. My *Tolumnias* have been blooming non-stop from Spring through Summer - great little plants. Some got blasted with sun and heat these last few weeks, but those I've kept in the shadier parts of the greenhouse are continuing to send up bloom spikes. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Renanthera 'Red Dragon' was purchased as a 6 inch tall plant a few years ago. It now towers over 5 feet and when given bright light it sends up a fantastic spray of fire engine red blooms. Ed L.





Renanthera 'Red Dragon' close up of the many flowers. My plant has a single flower spike, but there are photos on the web showing well grown plants with multiple spikes and hundreds of flowers.

While being reported to require warm temperatures, my plant has done well when kept dry in winter and night time temperatures have been in the low to mid-40's F.

Bulbophyllum guttatum. A miniature orchid growing in a pot of sphagnum moss inside a clay pot. Kept shady and constantly moist in the northern corner of my greenhouse. Growing well in spite of my high Summer temperatures. Ed L.





Pot. Chief 'Sweet Orange' grows inside with east facing windows, weekly watering with dilute orchid fertilizer. Very slight fragrance? Annual bloomer! Grown by Karen Kolba.

Cattleya bowringiana is the first of my Autumn blooming Cats to open flowers. This was a leafless back division offered 4 or 5 years ago at an FCOS silent auction and I was the only bidder at \$6. It has sent up numerous new growths in the last few years and has three flower spikes this year. According to Chadwick Orchids this is one of the most northerly growing Cats. from Central America and is a good orchid for beginners. Grown by Ed Lysek.





Cattleya bowringiana var. *coerulea* 'Blue Angel' is the blue form of the orchid shown above. Both color forms started blooming in my greenhouse this week. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Stanhopea oculata growing in a wire basket lined with sphagnum moss and filled with coarse bark. The fragrance is minty, some describe it as mint chocolate chip ice cream. This plant was a gift from Chris Ehrler and a small staghorn fern seedling has sprouted on the top of the basket. One of my favorite *Stanhopeas*! Grown by Ed Lysek.





Dendrobium (Tosca x Rutherford Starburst)
Red wine x *D. Hilda Poxon*
'SVO Spectacular'.
Acquired from Sunset Valley Orchids. Grown outside in a plastic pot filled with a bark and lava rock mixture. Grown by Chris Ehrler

Dendrochilum magnum.
Grows in the Philippines as a cool growing epiphyte at elevations of 1600 to 2000 meters. This plant was a gift from Jeffrey Thompson many years ago. A piece of this plant was on the recent auction table and hopefully the person who one it is also now experiences its fragrance. Grown in a cool greenhouse in a plastic container filled with a bark and lava rock mixture. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Closer view of the
Dendrochilum magnum
spike.



Closer view of the
Dendrochilum magnum
flowers.



Dracula inaequalis. A warm to cool growing epiphyte growing at elevations of about 400 to 2200 meters in Colombia and Ecuador. Growing in a cool greenhouse in a mesh pot filled with sphagnum moss. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Epidendrum porpax. A mat forming epiphyte found in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Brazil in at elevations of 400 to 1800 meters in hot to cool environments. Grown mounted on a piece of wood with a small amount of sphagnum moss at the root. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Pleurothallis phyllocardia. A warm to cool growing epiphyte found in Costa Rica and Panama at elevations of 1300 to 2500 meters. Grown in a cool greenhouse in a plastic container filled with a bark and lava rock mixture. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Closeup of *Pleurothallis phyllocardia* flower.





Restrepia chameleon
(pale form). A cool
growing epiphyte found
in Colombia at an
elevation around 2700
meters. Growing in a
cool greenhouse in a clay
pot filled with sphagnum
moss. Plant purchased
from Dan Newman, at
Hanging Gardens in
Pacifica. Grown by Chris
Ehrler.

Side view of *Restrepia
chameleon*.





Restrepia nittiorhyncha.
Grows natively in
Venezuela and Colombia
at elevations of 1200 to
2900 meters as a cool to
cold growing epiphyte.
Growing in a cool
greenhouse in a clay pot
filled with sphagnum
moss. Grown by Chris
Ehrler.

Side view of *Restrepia
nittiorhyncha*.





Scaphosepalum lima. A cool to cold growing epiphyte of terrestrial found in at elevations of 1800 to 2500 meters. Growing in a cool greenhouse in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss. Grown by Chris Ehler.



Side view of *Scaphosepalum lima*.



Stelis species collected in Bolivia. Growing in a cool greenhouse in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss. Grown by Chris Ehrlar.



Closeup of the *Stelis* species flower.



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Topic	Those Amazing Masdevallias Compact cuties, species and culture	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Oct. 11</i>	Disas Flowers of the Rainbow
Presenter	Sandra Svoboda AOS Judge, AOS Past President, Orchid Digest Editor	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Tibbs International Traveler, Author, Hybridizer, Consultant

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The AOS Education Committee is announcing the opportunity to purchase this newly commissioned native orchids poster by renowned artist Mary Ruden (www.maryruden.com).

This beautiful poster depicts 41 North American native orchids. A limited run of 50 has been produced and will be available for purchase at the upcoming Fall Members Meeting in Sacramento, CA at a special members meeting price of \$24.99.

One signed poster will be available at the Members Meeting Auction on October 29th, 2022.



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- The FCOS Newsletter emailed every month. Keep up to date on FCOS activities, enjoy entertaining and informative articles, and orchid culture tips. [Sign up for FCOS newsletter.](#)
- Monthly Zoom talks from local and worldwide Orchid Experts.
- Opportunities to win beautiful and quality orchids.
- Network with amateur, advanced collectors and commercial growers
- Select invitation to our Holiday Party/Summer Picnic and Auctions.
- Participation in our Annual Central California Coast Orchid Show
- Create orchid displays for The Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show/The Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.
- Invitation to exclusive FCOS Field-trips to out of town vendors and events.
- **Click to download a copy of the [FCOS Membership Form.](#)**
- Membership dues are \$25 per year for an individual or family. \$15 after June 1 for the balance of the calendar year.
- **Make your check payable to Five Cities Orchid Society, PO Box 1066 Grover Beach, CA 93483.**
- **Please include your completed membership form with your payment.**
- Thank You for becoming a member of the Five Cities Orchid Society.

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Orchid Virus tests from Agi labs. \$8 each, contact Jeff at jsp1440@aol.com

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