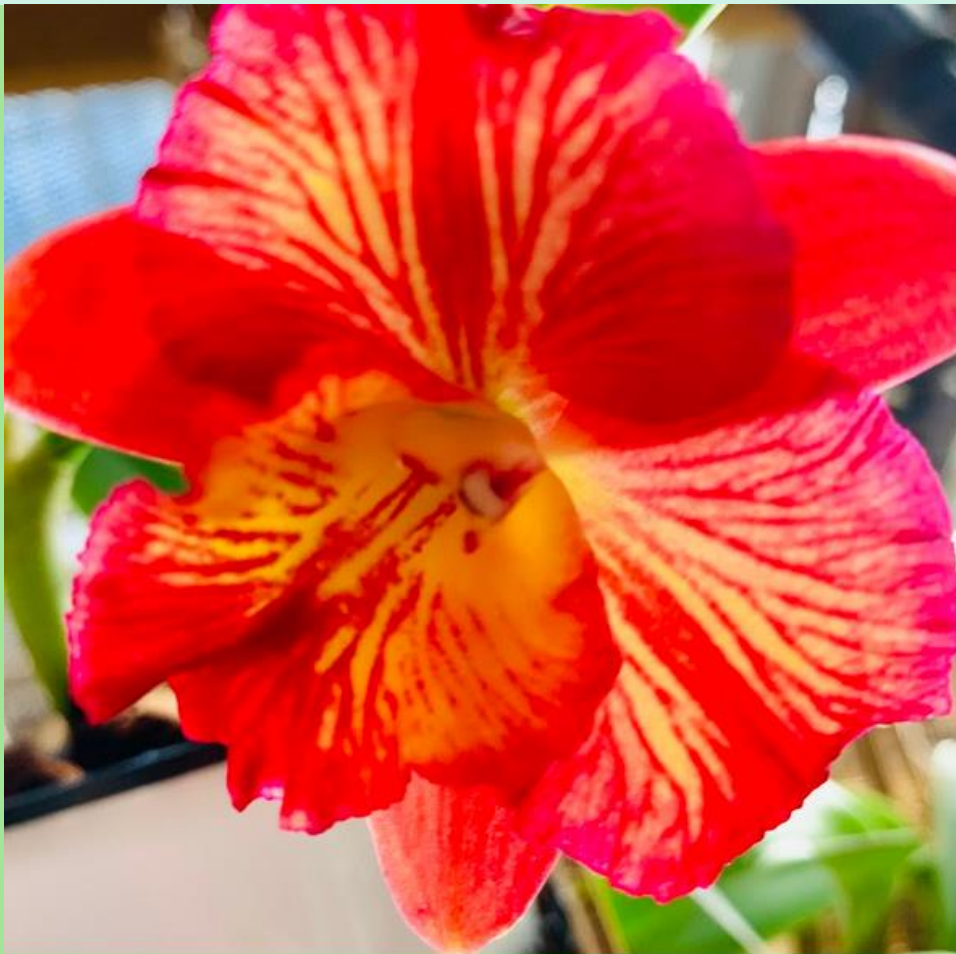




September 2022 Newsletter

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SVO 9200 (SLC Angel's Fantasy x SLC Dream Catcher) - first time blooming seedling grown under LED lights in shade house in Los Osos, grown by Jeff Parham.

From the President's Potting Bench:

Hi Everyone. I hope you are all having a great summer.

I've been enjoying the few orchids that bloom for me this time of the year. I have some Masdevalias, Sobralias and some mini Cattleyas that have been in bloom this last month. I've been rearranging my greenhouse and building more shelving outside to accommodate my plants. I plan on moving my collection of Sarcochilus and Aussie Dendrobiums outside for the winter.

I've replaced my old LED lamp with the new full-spectrum high output LED lights developed by Jeff Young and available at LED Botanicals. (<https://botanicalleds.com/blogs/news>). I'm seeing plants respond to the new lights with new roots and shoots. I have grown orchids under lights for 30 years and these are the most advanced light systems I have ever used. Being LED 30 watts, they are less expensive to run, lightweight/easy to hang, connect via daisy chain, and provide the spectrum of light that orchids love. Many people are even blooming high-light Cattleyas with these.

The Summer has flown by! In July we had an auction, barbecue, potluck on 7-17-2022, which was very successful in attendance and sales. Just last week, Ed Lysek and I traveled to the [Huntington Botanical Gardens](#). We met with Brandon Tam, who gave us a tour of the Orchid greenhouses. It's truly a spectacular collection! We left with a donation of orchids from the Huntington Botanical Gardens for our next FCOS auction. Afterwards we also picked up an order of Mediterranean orchid tubers and then visited Norman's Orchids in Montclair, California.

Norman's Orchids has developed many hybrids of novelty Phalaenopsis that will do well in an intermediate greenhouse, including Phal. bellina and Phal. violacea (www.orchids.com). Several of us have invested in importing Mediterranean orchid tubers, such as Theylmitra, the Sun Orchid. We hope to grow, flower and produce seed from these orchids, with hopes of making a future donation of seed and/or seedlings to the SLO Botanical Gardens. This project is in the beginning stages of a multi-year project to help develop orchid gardens at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens.

FCOS Meetings. The Board of Directors has decided to 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. This month we will have an online orchid auction, and our Zoom meeting featuring Encyclias, and a tour of the Cal Poly Orchid Greenhouse. More information on each of these activities is noted below. As we develop more hands-on activities and field trips, we will let you know.

Upcoming Event: Orchid Auction. We've been working on putting the FCOS Fall Orchid auction together. The Huntington Botanical Garden has donated some amazing plants, we have mature plants that have been grown by FCOS, and our members have also donated plants for the auction. The auction will go live on 9-1-2022 at 12:00 noon, and end 9-8-2022 at 9:00 pm. Plant pick-up will be Saturday, 9-10-2022 at 10:30 AM at the Cal Poly Plant Shop, or contact me to make other arrangements: JSP1440@aol.com. Here is the link for review and bidding on available plants: <https://fcos.betterworld.org/auctions/fcos-fall-2022-orchid-auction>. If you would like to donate a plant to the auction, it's really easy to do. Go to: <https://fcos.betterworld.org/donate-an-item>. There you can upload a picture and list the name

and description of your plant. The easiest way to drop off the plant is by bringing it with you to the Cal Poly field trip on 9-10-2022 by 10:00 am, which is right before plant pickup for the auction that day. If needed, you can give your plant to someone else who is coming to that event.

Upcoming Event: Monthly Meeting with Orchid Talk (Zoom Series). On Thursday, 9-8-2022 at 7:00 pm during our monthly meeting, we have a talk on “Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond” by Tim Culbertson. This meeting will take place on Zoom. See below for Zoom link. Be sure to keep checking the events section on our website for information on upcoming Orchid Talks and events. Here’s the link: <https://www.fcos.org/events-and-where>

Upcoming Event: Cal Poly Orchid and Greenhouse Tour and Trade

We will meet at the Cal Poly Plant Shop on Saturday, 9-10-2022, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, to tour their Orchid Greenhouse. No RSVP needed. Please join us! Park at the Cal Poly Plant Shop; the instructions can be found here: <https://polyplantshop.com/>

During this event, we have a unique and special opportunity to assist in Cal Poly’s educational efforts. Cal Poly is looking to increase the diversity of their orchid collection by offering an orchid trade with our members. The school has an abundance of Cymbidium and Phalaenopsis plants, and would like to trade these on a 2 to 1 basis for more diverse specimens. In other words, they will offer two plants from their collection (Cymbidiums/Phalaenopsis/Succulents) for the one more diverse plant you bring to them. To participate, bring one healthy labeled orchid, (no Cymbidiums/Phalaenopsis/Succulents) with you when you come to the Cal Poly orchid and greenhouse tour. They hope to receive genera such as Oncidium, Dendrobium, Epidendrum, Cattleya, etc. Cal Poly will welcome one trade per person at the event, although if you’d like to offer more, please let me know and we’ll see what might be able to be arranged. Please note their greenhouse is rather hot and bright during the day, so please select orchids that will grow in an intermediate greenhouse. You are not required to bring a plant to participate in the greenhouse tour; the trade opportunity is optional.

After the greenhouse tour and trade, you are free to explore the Cal Poly arboretum and gardens, and if you like you can bring a lunch to eat there. Another option is to join the group for a meal at the 1865 Restaurant in SLO at 12:15 pm. I will be making reservations for this lunch, so if you’d like to join us please RSVP to Jeff at JSP1440@aol.com by Thursday, 9-8-2022 at 11:00 am. <https://aepe.calpoly.edu/leaning-pine-arboretum> <https://www.1865slo.com/>

Upcoming Event: Garden Club Talk in Paso Robles. Join us at the Multiflora Garden Club of North County on Saturday, 9-17-2022 at 1:00 PM at Centennial Park in Paso Robles. No RSVP needed. Members of FCOS will be conducting an Orchid Talk.

Upcoming Event: Open House at CalCoast Orchids. Or you can join us on Saturday, 9-17-2022 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for an open house and orchid sale. No RSVP needed. CalCoast Orchids is at [2181 Blue Heron View Lane](#) in Los Osos.

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 to staff the FCOS booth at this orchid sale.

Networking with Other Orchid Societies. Our FCOS members are also representing us well in networking with other orchid societies. I'd like to thank Cristina Dering and Denise Florez for their recent service in presenting to, networking with, and facilitating a plant sale with the Santa Maria Orchid Society.

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



Masdevallia Harlequin 'Ecuagenera'-grown outside in shady location by Jeff Parham in Los Osos, CA.



Sobralia rogersiana. 1st time flowering for this plant, flowering canes produce ephemeral flowers (last about a week) which bloom 3 times with consecutive blooms. Slightly fragrant. Grown under lights in shade house by Jeff Parham in Los Osos.



Masdevalia Cholita Cuencana, grown outdoors in shade by Jeff Parham in Los Osos, CA.



Tim Culbertson teaches middle school for a living, but one of his passions has always been plants. Growing orchids came as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the beginning, it was all about Paphiopedilums, of which his collection numbers nearly 3000. Tim also does a little hybridizing, and says growing his own babies is a blast. As an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, he has served in various capacities with orchid societies in California and the East Coast. Tim loves meeting other orchid lovers too, by traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and get the best orchid gossip. He has also worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids and for years at the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, he really likes plants.

PLANTS FOR SALE-PLANTS FOR SALE-PLANTS FOR SALE-PLANTS FOR SALE

Tim is offering the plants shown below for sale in conjunction with his presentation. Please email Tim with your orders by [clicking here](#) or phoning him with your credit card information at 301-641-2556.

Five Cities Orchid Society Presents:

“Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond”

by Tim Culbertson

Thursday September 8th, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 PM PDT

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 823 5543 5739

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Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcNqzKNn34>

Encyclia Species Listing

\$30 Each



Encyclia alata (sib cross)

This species from Mexico and Central America is a fantastic, vigorous relatively large grower that makes long inflorescences of up to 50 flowers, with lovely sweet fragrance. Easy to grow with high light and a little less water in the winter.



Encyclia tampense alba (sib cross)

Our only native Encyclia, and one of the easiest of the true Encyclias, the alba form of this species is quite beautiful, with its yellow petals and sepals. Plants grow quickly to specimen size, make loads of flowers, and smell great. In addition, they are miniatures, much smaller than the other true Encyclias on this list. In southern Texas, these are probably even hardy outside. Such a great species! If you have the common clone 'Mendenhall', here is a chance to get albas from a seed cross instead.



Encyclia tampense tipo (sib cross)

This is a very interesting grex from H&R in Hawaii. The parents used were both albas, but the offspring have been blooming out all different colors, including tipos, with normal coloration as shown, some albas, and some totally weird colors. Will yours be a semi-alba? Yellow with a pink lip? All yellow? It's just this kind of cross that makes blooming seedlings so much fun!



Encyclia parviflora (sib cross)

I can't say enough positive about this species, which is relatively rare in cultivation. The parents of this sib cross came from a big batch of plants originally from H & R in Hawaii. They were selected for high count and large flower size ("parviflora" means small-flowered, so we are getting away from that); the parents have flowers about the size of an alata. In fact, this species used to be considered a miniature subspecies of alata – it's small, fragrant, darkly colored – so beautiful!



Encyclia cordigera semi-alba (sib cross)

It seems like most Encyclia cordigera out there at present are the dark-colored rosea form, so I went out and found some exceptional semi-albas instead from a nursery in Hawaii! This, the jewel of the genus of true Encyclias, is a medium-sized plant with little rounded bulbs, and big, heavily fragrant flowers. It's a beautiful thing, robust, floriferous, and rarely available. This species from Mexico is what people think about when they think Encyclias, and for good reason – it is lovely!



Encyclia (Anacheilum) lancifolia (sib cross)

Anacheilums are the easiest group to grow indoors; this species from a wide distribution from Central and northern South America stays relatively small, blooms prolifically, and has a sweet, vanilla-cinnamon like fragrance. When large, they can consistently bloom for years at a time. Highly recommended, and relatively rare in cultivation



Encyclia (Anacheilum) cochleata

'Jules & Elaine' AM/AOS x 'Pepe' AM/AOS

'Jules & Elaine' AM/AOS x 'Steve Kelepecz' AM/AOS

Anacheilums are very easy to grow, and this one is perhaps the easiest. It stays small, blooms often, starts blooming when still a young plant, smells great, and is just an all-around wonderful orchid. If I were to recommend orchids for anyone's collection, this has got to be one of the top ten. In addition, because it has a black lip, lots of line-breeding has occurred with this species so that the overall flower quality is high. The 'Jules & Elaine' cultivar has good count and size, 'Pepe' is huge and black, and 'Steve Kelepecz' has particularly wide petals and sepals – let me know which cross you would prefer!



Encyclia (Euchile) mariae (sib cross; only one left!)

This species is another that's not available often, because not many people grow it well. It does require a dry rest in the winter – it is one of the species that we considered "difficult" in the presentation. But, it's a beautiful thing when bloomed well, with its pendant, ice-green flowers. This grex comes from select parents from Hilo Orchid Farm; the plants are in basket pots, which allows them to grow best.

Plants are **\$30** each, and are growing vigorously in 3" or 4" pots unless otherwise noted.

Shipping is **\$10** for the first plant and \$5 for each additional plant –
order with friends to save on shipping.

Credit Cards (by phone, please) and PayPal accepted.



Who am I? And What do I do?

- Orchid Collection Specialist
- Oversee day-to-day horticultural operations, including acquisitions, propagation, conservation, and supervision of over 40 orchid volunteers.
- Coordinates numerous public and education events, such as orchid shows, judging, and conferences.
- Co-curate the *Amorphophallus titanum* collection of 43 mature specimens
- Started as a high school volunteer at the age of 14
- Offered an internship with the Orchid Collection at age 16
- Hired as the Orchid Collection Specialist after the 6-month internship expired
- Managed the collection for the past 13 years

Photos courtesy of Deb Miller, Alex Q., Cal Poly Pomona

FCOS was pleased to have Brandon Tam speak to the group about Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium Culture at the Huntington Botanical Gardens at the August Zoom meeting. Brandon and about 40 volunteers take care of the orchid collection of about 10,000 orchids comprised of about 1,500 species and 2,200 hybrids. Their collection increased in size significantly in 2010 when S. Robert Wertz donated his collection of about 7,000 orchids to the Gardens. He was considered at the time to have one of the top private collections in the world. He kept detailed notes on each orchid. Brandon stated it took many trips to get the collection transferred to the Huntington greenhouses, and that initially it looked like organized chaos until they were able to place each orchid into more organized groupings.

Brandon also stated that the cultural information he was going to present was what worked at the Huntington but depending on a person's growing area there could be other ways that work as well in their locations. Brandon stated that Dr. James P. Folsom stated "Growing orchids was like cooking a dish. There are many recipes you can follow, but as long as you produce a tasty meal, you have succeeded".

They only water in the morning (finish by 11am at the latest) to prevent rot and they do not water on rainy days. When rot is found, they pull the plant out of the pot, throw away the bad parts and then let the good growths dry out on the bench for 1-2 days after adding cinnamon on the good growth. Also spraying with physan can help.

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium are both water loving. During the summer they generally water twice per week while during the winter they only water every week and a half or so. According to literature these orchids grow better with lower total dissolved solids (TDS) value but Brandon stated they have found they grow well with the water at the Huntington which has a TDS values ranging from 200-600. In their greenhouse where the Phragmipedium are grown they have added a misting system to simulate the natural conditions where these orchids grow. They fertilize these two genera with 'YaraLiva Calcinit 15.5-0-0' fertilizer from March to early October. Air flow is very important to help minimize the potential for rot. If leaves are moving a little, they probably are getting enough air flow. They have air moving in a circular direction in their greenhouses to maximize the air movement. These two genera need about 1,000-to-1,500-foot candles of filtered light. If your orchids are not blooming or growing well, they might not be getting enough light. They like aluminet shade cloth as it reflects the heat well. If the leaves feel warm it is too warm for them.

They are now using a combination of bark (Orchiata [Classic or Power] or Kiwi Bark) and perlite when repotting. They will switch back to a combination of 60% Orchiata or Kiwi Bark, 20% green chopped moss, 10% sand and 10% bamboo charcoal if and when the supply chain improves. They generally repot every 2-3 years or if the media is breaking down. These orchid genera need good aeration and drainage at the root zone. Need to repot firmly as they will not establish if the orchid is loose in the media. If the plant moves around in the pot even when watering they will not put out new roots. The pot size is based on the amount of root and not the number and size of the leaves. If your orchid does not have any roots when transplanting, Brandon suggests making 'prosthetic roots' by adding a twist tie around the base of the plant before adding it and your media to the pot or to a mount. Other tips besides the use of 'prosthetic roots' include 1) using a community flat/pot for those you take out of a flask, 2) push your finger into the corner of the pot and if you can push it in easily then it is time to repot, 3) if you have bad mix, you might only have roots at the top of the pot, 4) use peat pots for small orchids as they provide good drainage and air movement. Brandon also stated that if you want to increase the growth of your plants put them inside a growth tent made from plastic and add misters to increase the heat and humidity in the tent. They made community flats from wood sides and a fine mesh wire mesh bottom.

They keep their greenhouses between 52 and 81 F temperature and 68% humidity. If outside, try to keep the temperature below 88F and if the temperature is above that then you need to increase the humidity. For mealybugs they spray with safari or orthene, for spider mites they use flormite, ivermectin, or forbid. They also have ants that bring in other pest and they control ants with Astro. Millipedes can break down the bark faster so they use Up Star or Talstar for their control. Bush snails hide in the media and are controlled by adding a small dab of deadline on the plants. The Huntington's orchids have been awarded over 100 AOS awards over the past three years.



FCOS has lost a cherished member with the passing of Bob Asbell. He generously shared his lifelong knowledge of orchid growing with his "Orchids 101" discussions at many of our meetings and was an inspiration to all. He will be missed!

Orchids donated by the Huntington Gardens for our FCOS auction



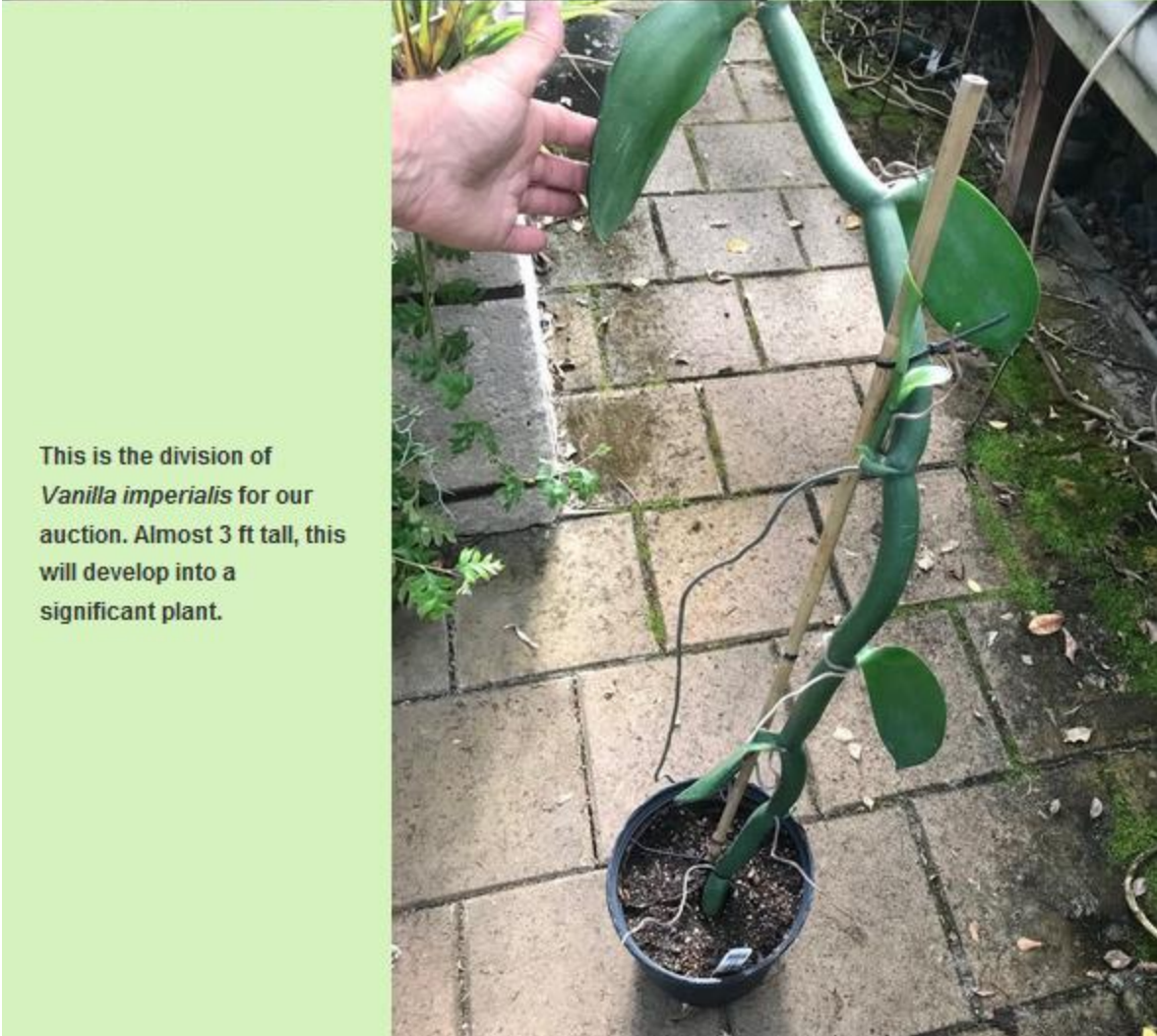
Brandon Tam and Halle of the Huntington Gardens donated a number of orchids for our upcoming FCOS auction.

Paphiopedalum 'Dollgoldi' and related hybrids were prominently displayed through out the Huntington.





Vanilla imperialis is one of the orchids donated for our auction. This grows into a BIG vine - the one at the Huntington was well over 20 ft tall. Sequential blooms are spectacular.



This is the division of *Vanilla imperialis* for our auction. Almost 3 ft tall, this will develop into a significant plant.

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



Is it a Miltonia or Miltonopsis?
This is the warmer growing
Miltonia, *Milt.* Totem Lake (Milt.
Golden Fleece x Milt.
Caugnoxiae). For a discussion
of the difference between these
two genera, see the excellent
article:
[www.orchidrepublic.com/blogs/
about-orchids/miltonia-pansy-
orchids](http://www.orchidrepublic.com/blogs/about-orchids/miltonia-pansy-orchids)

Grown in a slatted wooden
basket with very little media by
Ed Lysek - takes summer
temps over 90F and winter lows
in the low 40'sF.

Miltonia Belvedere 'George McMahan' is noted for its large deep purple flowers. This is a division of a much larger plant expertly grown by Joe and Kathy Parker in Pacifica, CA. Growing mounted on an oak branch in my intermediate greenhouse. Grown by Ed Lysek.



Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamami-4N x *C. percivilania* 'Mendenhall-Summit'. A hybrid of two of my favorite orchids. Blooms several times per year and the flowers last a long time. Grown mounted on an oak branch with Tillandsias to keep the roots shaded and to slow the rate of drying in my hot, dry conditions. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Renanthera Tom Thumb
(*imshootiana x monachia*)
blooms every year and the
bloom spike gets bigger
every year. A small plant
with a large spray of bright
red flowers. Purchased as
a seedling from Santa
Barbara Orchid Estate
many years ago. Grown by
Ed Lysek.



Stellamizutarra Kelly 'Lea'
(*B. nodosa x Ctna. Keith*
Roth) sends out multiple
bloom spikes several times
per year. Vigorous grower
and very temperature
tolerant. Grown in a small
clay pot with Hydroton clay
pellets. Grown by Ed Lysek.

Dendrobium Ise x Den.
Selena Marie growing in a small plastic pot in lava rock in a hanging basket. The original division was a gift from Eric Holenda and is now producing keikeis which will be donated to future FCOS auctions. Great bloomer and easy to grow. Grown by Ed Lysek.



Bic. Waianae Leopard
'Ching Hua' has a great fragrance and fantastic flowers. Grown by Karen Kolba.



Miltonia Sunset. Growing in a both a clay pot with sphagnum moss and mounted to a piece of wood. Both in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Miltoniopsis hybrid. Grown in a plastic pot sphagnum moss which is placed in a bright location in a cold greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Pleurothallis costancensis (according to the label). But according to orchid [species.com](https://www.species.com) the correct species name might be *costaricensis*. This species is found in Panama and Costa Rica at 650 to 1800 meters as a hot to warm growing epiphyte. Growing mounted to a piece of wood with some sphagnum moss on the roots in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrlar.

Masdevallia filaria. This is a cool growing epiphyte found in Colombia at elevations from 1,500 to 2,100 meters. This orchid is growing mounted to a piece of wood with some sphagnum moss on the roots in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Masdevallia filaria side view.

Closeup of *Masdevallia filaria*.





Masdevallia Golden Monarch. This is a hybrid between M. Golden Angel x. M. Monarch. Based on these parents this hybrid is made up from M. *veitchiana* (50%), M. *macura* (25%), M. *cuadata* (12.5%) and M. *triangularis* (12.5%). This orchid is growing outside in a clay pot filled with sphagnum moss. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Closeup of *Masdevallia*
Golden Monarch.





Stanhopea hernandezii. Is found in Mexico at 1,700 to 2,300 meters in elevation growing as warm to cool epiphyte, terrestrial or lithophyte. Grown in a mesh basket which is lined with sphagnum moss and then filled with bark and lava rock. Hangs high in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Front view of *Stanhopea hernandezii* flower. Flowers come out of the bottom of the pot so make sure you plant them in a mesh pot with large holes to allow the spikes to emerge.



Stanhopea occulata. Natively if found in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Colombia, Venezuela and possibly southern Brazil as a warm to cool growing epiphyte or terrestrial at elevations from 1,000 to 3,00 meters. Grown in a mesh basket which is lined with sphagnum moss and then filled with bark and lava rock. Hangs high in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.

Stanhopea tigrina. Is a cool to warm growing epiphytic species found at elevations of 600 to 1700 meters. This plant is growing in a mesh basket filled with sphagnum moss. Hangs high in a cool greenhouse. Grown by Chris Ehrler.





Do you need Orchid Bark?

We are thinking of ordering a pallet of orchid bark from Sunset Valley Orchids, if we have enough interest. By ordering a full pallet rather than individual bags, there is a considerable saving on shipping plus a modest quantity discount. Although more expensive, Kiwi Bark seems to hold up better than traditional fir bark so saves on repotting, and most orchids seem to like it.

The cost will be approx. \$35 per bag of 1.76 Cu. Ft., including shipping. Additionally, there is AAA New Zealand Sphagnum Moss available for \$160 for a 3kg bale.

The bark comes in small, medium, and large sizes. If interested, please contact me ASAP and indicate how many bags of each size you would want. If there is enough interest to order 30 to 40 bags, we will proceed with a bulk order.

We would not know the exact cost until we place the order and members can pay on delivery by cash or personal check. Bark would be delivered to a location in Oceano for pickup either at the exact time of delivery or as soon afterward as you can come. There will be no markup over cost, and sales tax is included in the pricing listed above.

I would like to get all orders asap so we will know soon whether we will have enough to make a pallet (30 - 40), but no later than September 10th. Please contact Jeff jsp1440@aol.com or 360-271-3971

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- Select invitation to our Holiday Party/Summer Picnic and Auctions.
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- 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.](#)**
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- Thank You for becoming a member of the Five Cities Orchid Society.

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| Topic | Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Sept.10</i> | <i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas | Those Amazing Masdevallias Compact cuties, species and culture |
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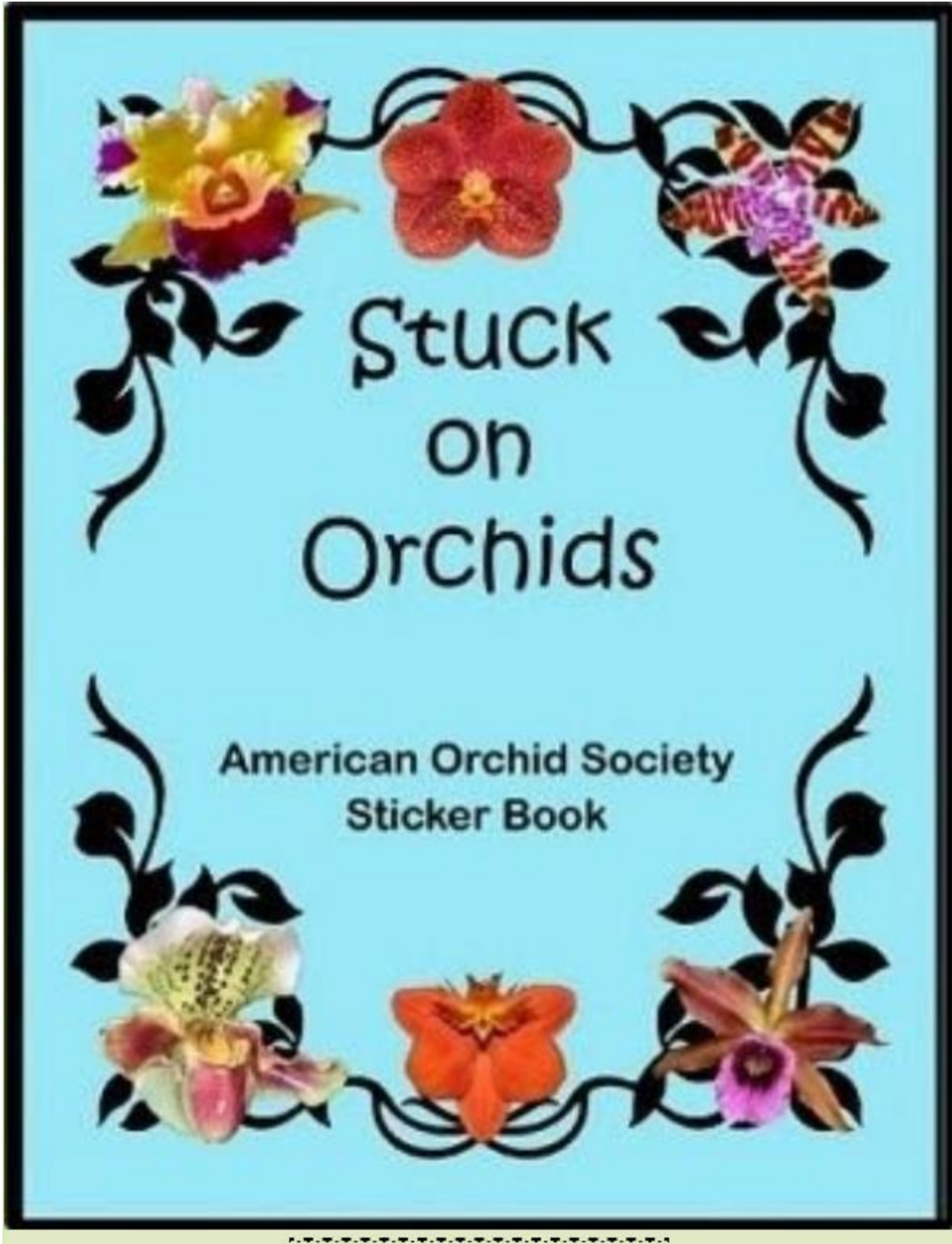


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Stuck On Orchids – An AOS Sticker Book

Barb Schmidt, Chair – Education Committee

After a year of planning and design with input from many talented people, our AOS sticker book is out for publication. Laura Newton came up with the idea, and it was passed onto the Education Committee for development. I thought it was a fantastic way to engage youth and teach them about orchids.

The sticker book is 16 black and white pages printed on coloring book paper. It has 51 full-color stickers on pages inserted in the back. We chose seven of the more common orchid genera to include in this book: *Phalaenopsis*, *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Oncidium*, *Vanda*, and *Dendrobium*. Each genus is introduced on one page with some basic information and fun facts. A second page is included for each genus for coloring and more stickers.

There is a QR Code for each genus that links back to each respective Culture Sheet on the AOS website. This will not only provide more information on genus care, but it will take the reader to AOS website to see what else we have to offer.

I'm very excited to announce that the books went to the printer in July and should be available for purchase sometime in August. They will sell for \$8.99 for non-AOS members and \$5.99 for AOS members. Please contact me at jentomsch@hotmail.com if your society would like to purchase books for your orchid shows. We are happy to offer special discounts for school classrooms or affiliated society orchid shows. Watch for future articles in the "AOS Corner" about Youth Orchid Classes that are currently in development using these books! Grants will be available through the Education Committee to purchase books for these classes.

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