

SAOS HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, April 2 Monthly Meeting

JUDGING ORCHIDS with Courtney Hackney



If you've ever been to an orchid show and seen the winning plants, you've probably wondered why any given orchid was chosen over another.

Sometimes it's obvious. Often, to the untrained eye, and because all the orchids look pretty wonderful, it's one of life's great mysteries. Courtney Hackney and AOS Judge Eric Cavin will clear up this puzzlement. We are all very familiar with the wealth of orchid information that Courtney brings each month in his discussion of our show table. Courtney will give a presentation on what American Orchid Society judges look for when giving cultural and flower quality awards, the differences between ribbon and award judging, and more. Then, you have a chance to find out if one of your orchids could possibly be a winner (and who hasn't wondered?). Courtney will select some potentially awardable plants from the show table, talk about their desirable qualities and how the flower presentation might have been improved. Courtney has a [preorder list](#) of some of his hybrids and divisions, attached. Bring cash or checks and order by April 1st. Bring your flowering orchids to exhibit on the Show Table. There will be plants available for sale on the sales table. We will have our normal raffle at the end of the meeting.

AOS Judge Eric Cavin has invited us to visit the AOS judging center in Clermont on April 13th to learn more about the judging process. Eric will provide an introduction of the judging process to club members that make the trip and let them observe the judging process. There will be a signup sheet at the Welcome Table for interested members. It may be convenient to carpool down together..

Where: Watson Realty, Conference Room by Back Parking Lot 3505 US 1 South, St. Augustine

When: We normally meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The meeting begins with a plant sale and closes with a plant raffle where members can expand their collections. It's fun and informative for beginners and experienced growers. Visitors and guests are always welcome.



Jacksonville Orchid Society Show

Congratulations! First Place in our class!

Another great show! And everyone who entered got ribbons – 6 blues and 4 reds. Kudos go to Janis Croft, Susan Smith, Tom and Dottie Sullivan, Bob and Yvonne Schimmel and Courtney Hackney for their beautiful orchids. And special recognition goes to Janis Croft for organizing the SAOS exhibit and taking on the responsibility for the artistic color flow. Also, thanks to Bob and Yvonne Schimmel, Susan Smith and Lucinda Winn for their help with prep and arranging plants, installing plant tags and wrapping pots with cloth. Anyone who has ever participated in a show knows the amount of work involved – and great fun. Super job, guys.



Plant Clinic Saturday, April 6 9am-noon

The first Saturday of the month from **February through October**, SAOS members will be at Ace Hardware on US 1 South from 9am – noon to talk with you, answer questions and help you repot orchids.  [Here's a video of a repotting clinic](#)

KEIKI CLUB Sunday, April 28 Picnic and Orchid Sale

We'll be enjoying barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs at our annual picnic. Bring a side dish to round out the meal and your liquid libation of choice, and join in the fun. Members are invited to bring any orchids, orchid companion plants or supplies you want to sell or swap. We may have a few plants to auction too. Please email or call (436-5618) Events Veep Dianne to let her know if you plan on attending so we can be sure to have enough hamburgers and hot dogs for you.

Where: [Memorial Lutheran Church](#) 3375 US 1 South, St. Aug 32086

When: Sunday, April 28, 4-6pm

In the SAOS Library

SAOS members have access to orchid books, videos and equipment to help inform and educate. Select your desired material from the [current library list](#) and let SAOS librarian Bea Orendorff know. orendorff3@gmail.com She'll bring your selection to the next meeting.



Bea Orendorff.

Bea Recommends: Since our speaker this month will give us pointers in part on how to display our plants, these two books that are full of gorgeous orchid photographs, should be helpful in ascertaining what makes a particular plant great.



“The New Encyclopedia of Orchids: 1500 Species in Cultivation” by Isobyl La Croix, describes 1500 orchid species with over 1000 photographs and information about the orchid's native habitat and climate.

“Ultimate Orchid” by Dr. Thomas Sheehan. This book includes more than 400 full-color photographs. The authoritative text contains essential facts and interesting details for all of the major orchid groups.



WELCOME SPRING April in St. Augustine

This is one of the most exciting months of the year, filled with an abundance of flower spikes emerging. It's the beginning of the long growing season, enabling us to provide our plants with the foundation for maximum flower production in the next flowering season.

[Growing Orchids in St. Augustine - April](#) – AOS Bulletin

[Seasonal Tips for Cymbidiums](#) by Harry McElroy

[Monthly Checklist for March and April](#) – AOS bimonthly checklist

[April in Your Orchid Collection](#) - Dr. Martin Motes