



Newsletter of the National Capital Orchid Society

October 2021

NCOS Calendar of Events:

Monthly Meetings

- October 18th: Bill Goldner, Woodstream Orchids; Epidendrums: Amazingly Diverse... Wonderfully Worthwhile (North Chevy Chase Christian Church)
- November 15th: Francisco Miranda
- December: Holiday Party (fingers crossed)

Board Meetings:

- November 7th, 2021

Society Events:

- 42nd Paph Forum, January 22nd, 2022
- NCOS Annual Show, February 19th – 22nd, 2022



October 2021 People's Choice award winner: *Cattleya C.G. roebling* 'Beachview' grown by Robin Collins.

Details on the October 18th Member Meeting. The meeting will be held both in-person and virtually.

In-Person: The North Chevy Chase Christian Church requires that:

- All visitors be fully vaccinated,
- People inside the building will be required to wear masks, and
- We will not have shared food or refreshments at this meeting.

Virtual: Zoom

- The Meeting will open with the opportunity for members to share what they have blooming and socialize virtually with each other.
- Once the speaker starts, all virtual members will be muted.
- Questions should be logged in the chat function during this time and will be relayed via the virtual facilitator.

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October Speaker: Dr. Bill Goldner, Epidendrums: Amazingly Diverse... Wonderfully Worthwhile



Dr. Bill Goldner is best known in the orchid world as co-owner of Woodstream Orchids with his wife Lynn Evans-Goldner.

A life-long outdoorsman, Bill's current mid-life crisis is fly fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon, a passion he shares with Lynn and their son Zane. Many of the hybrid and cultivar names registered and used by Woodstream Orchids are names of the many places they have fished.

Now Zane (age 12) is part of the pack, which includes golden retrievers, Luna and Leo and Amber, and the Oberhasli dairy goats, Coal, and Onyx. In fact, when Zane was only 4 years old, Zane and Bill started a jungle cactus and succulent business for Zane. Zane's Orchid Companion Plants now grows over 100 species of epiphytic cactus (or soft cactus as Zane call's them). He propagates the cacti from seed and cuttings.

Woodstream Orchids (WSO) is a leading hybridizer and producer of Phragmipedium, Paphiopedilum species, and Epidendrums. They are well known for their innovative miniature Phrag hybrids. They are currently upping their game to include white and yellow Phrag hybrids.

Please email Bill for updated lists of Phrags, Paphs, and Epis. He will be glad to bring pre-orders to the meeting.

Email: woodstream3@verizon.net

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84386292326?pwd=OFg4NzRDeGVNSUJ6bEZaUnN3TVRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 8629 2326

Passcode: 898891

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdJ38Mt3Cl>



Message from the President: Roddy Gabel



Happy October! After what I refer to as “the summer doldrums,” when few orchids are blooming, I hope the rest of you are seeing what I’m seeing—lots of sheaths and emerging inflorescences

that foretell of future blooms! Now is the time to keep an eye on things. Elongating inflorescences may need to be staked to show off the flowers to their full potential, not only for your enjoyment but for the monthly show table or possibly even American Orchid Society award judging. If your plants have summered outdoors, be sure to check for pests—especially slugs and snails, which are most obvious at night—that will devour growing tissue, including developing flower buds.

We are entering a time when there is also a lot of activity in our society. Aside from the resumption of monthly meetings, with options to attend in person or virtually, we are now in the run-up to the election of successors to some of our board members. While we already have some candidates, we need individuals who will stand for election as President, Vice President, and Director at Large. After the election, we will also be looking for additional members willing to serve on the various committees overseeing the activities of NCOS. Please consider running for office or taking another role in directing the society. This is an opportunity to become directly involved and guiding the operations of NCOS.

I’m sorry I couldn’t make it to our recent picnic, but family obligations had me out of town. By all accounts it was a success and marks a milestone for getting our members back together for special events, COVID restrictions notwithstanding. Here’s hoping we can continue to move forward, cautiously, and enjoy each other’s company and share our passion for orchids in person.



Paphiopedilum praestans



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Society By-laws: Proposed Changes

On October 2nd a set of revisions to the by-laws was circulated to society members for review. The intent of these proposed changes is to change the requirements for board meetings by allowing them to be conducted using web conferencing software and to adjust the membership calendar. We believe both changes will have a positive effect on the society. We will hold a member vote at the October meeting on the proposed changes.

ARTICLE II: Membership and Dues

Section 2.01 Types of Membership

- a. Any person interested in orchids shall be eligible for membership.
- b. Membership shall be granted to any eligible person filing out an application for membership together with the payment of dues.
- c. Individual Member– A single member in good standing is defined as one whose financial obligations to NCOS are paid in a timely manner. All members in good standing have voting rights on matters presented at a member meeting.
- d. Household Member- 2 or more persons from the same residence in good standing have voting rights on matters presented at a member meeting.

Section 2.02 Dues

- a. The annual dues of the Society shall be on a calendar year basis. The renewal period soliciting dues for the current year membership will begin in October and conclude on December 31. Dues shall be construed as delinquent if not paid on or before January 31. Delinquent members will be removed from the membership directory on February 1. They may be reinstated any time during the renewal year upon payment of the full amount of the current year's dues. Dues shall not be required of Honorary, Life or Corresponding members.

Section 4.02 Board Meetings

- a. The board shall meet every other month beginning with the month of January except for the month of July. All board meetings shall be open to the members of the Society to attend except when certain matters before the Board need to be handled in a closed session. At least 14 days' notice of all board meetings shall be given to the members.
- b. Board meetings will be conducted in-person, virtually, or as a hybrid of these two options. In the event that the Board must make decisions via email exchange, only unanimous votes are acceptable for decisions that impact Society business. All elected board members and committee chairs will be addressees. Minutes will be kept and coordinated with the elected board members in attendance for content and accuracy. These will be formally approved at the next board meeting.



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NCOS Announcements and News

- **Thank you for your help!** So many great pictures have come in, but **we need more** to keep the newsletter and the website packed with pictures. You can use this [form](#) to send pictures or send them to membership.ncos@gmail.com.
- October Meeting: Our speaker, Dr. Bill Goldner, will be bringing plants for sale and has offered to accept pre-orders. Please email him at woodstream3@verizon.net for up-to-date plant lists of Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, and Epidendrum.
- Don't forget to **support NCOS on Amazon Smile**. We are now a registered charitable organization. Once you select NCOS as your giving partner, Amazon donates a portion of what you spend to the NCOS.
- We are beginning to plan for the 2022 Annual Show. This is one of the Society's biggest undertakings. Please consider carving out time during the show weekend (February 19th-22nd, 2022) to help. We will need our members assistance setting up (Wednesday February 16th, 2022), greeting guests (during the show), and closing down the show (Monday February 21st, 2022).



Oncidium Sharry Baby



Epidendrum

Welcome New Members!

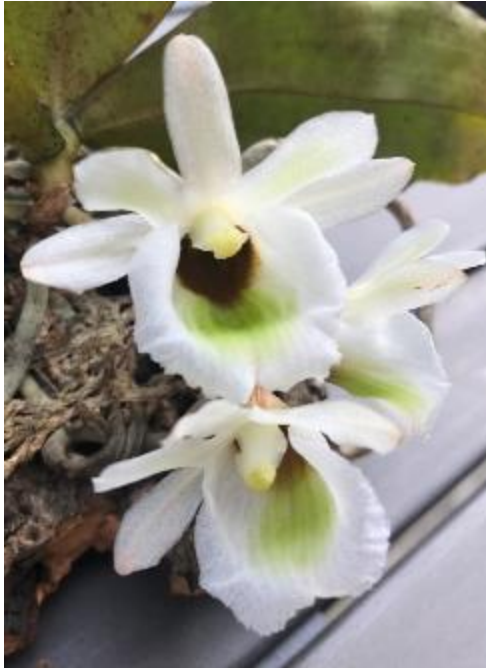
Tamara Ballou, Virginia

Dominique Huston, Maryland

Mathew Olexa, Maryland

If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter, let Jason Gebbia know (jasong1799@gmail.com) and we can include your piece in an upcoming newsletter.

NCOS Member Brag Board



Grown by Robin Collins.
 1. *Rhynchostylis coelestis* 2. *Coelogyne ovalis*

Grown by Piret Lai-Neubacher.
Eurychone rothschildiana
 Piret grows this miniature in a terrarium



Grown Al Pickrel.
 1. *Trichoglottis brachiata*
 2. *Bulbophyllums*



Grown by Robert Jefferies
Haraella retrocalla



Grown by Jason Gebbia
Phragmipedium Misty Run Sunrise



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NCOS September Show Table

Show Table Judges: Nancy Mountford, Jay Tullos, Zita Winzer. Photos Dan Gillespie



Species

1. *Bulbophyllum* Cloud Nymph
Jay Tullos
2. *Paphiopedilum dianthum album*
Jason Gebbia
3. *Philodata imbricata*
Barbara Fennelly



Large Greenhouse

1. *Habenaria rhodocheila*
'Brilliant'
Robin Collins



Miniature

1. *Paphiopedilum helenae*
Suzette Agans
2. *Phragmipedium pearcei*
Jason Gebbia



Small Greenhouse

1. *Cattleya* Donald Price
'Ladysmith'
Dan Gillespie
2. *Habenaria Flamingo*
Jay Tullos



Phalaenopsis

1. *Phalaenopsis* Judy Shu
Suzette Agans



First Bloom Seedling

1. *Phragmipedium*
Noirmont
Jason Gebbia



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Dendrobium

1. Dendrobium Baby Blue
Barbara Fennelly
2. Dendrobium Emma Queen
Robin Collins



No Greenhouse

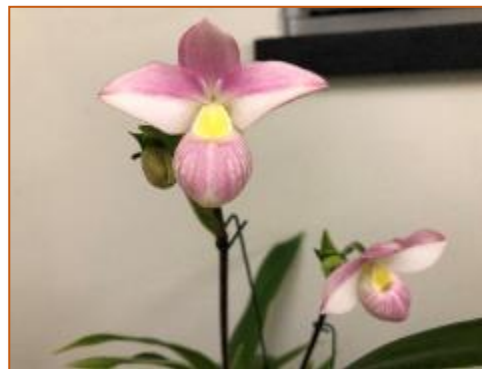
1. Phragmipedium Ely's Columbian
Pride (syn. Lilith)

Abbott Award Winner



Cattleya

1. Cattleya C.G. Roebling
'Beachview' AM/AOS
Robin Collins **People's Choice**
2. Cattleya callistoglossa alba 'Doris'
Barbara Fennelly



Paphiopedilum

1. Phragmipedium Little
Deschutes
Jason Gebbia
2. Phragmipedium Grande
'Maybrook' AM/AOS
Suzette Agans



Oncidium

1. Oncidium Spider's
Gold 'Prolific'
Suzette Agans
2. Brassia Edvah Loo
Barbara Fennelly



Monthly Culture Checklist

- With nighttime temperatures dropping into the 50's and 60's, now is the time to put plants like Phalaenopsis and Paphiopedilum (anything that needs decidedly cooler nighttime temps for blooming) outside at night to trigger them to send out inflorescences.
- To help promote flowering in a number of genera, switch to a low nitrogen fertilizer. Many plants are at or nearing the end of their heavy growth cycle and won't need as much nitrogen in the coming months.
- If you are growing your orchids outside, it is time to begin to clean them up and prepare for the move back inside. Check them closely for insects. Small populations of pests that have been kept in check by natural predators can quickly explode once the pressures of those beneficials is gone. It is much easier to deal with the pest populations before the plants come back inside.

For more resources check out the culture page at [AOS](http://www.ncos.us).

Culture Column: Multifloral Paphiopedilum

Multifloral paphiopedilums represent a large and diverse group of plants. On the whole, they are robust plants and take up substantial amounts of space needing room to grow to maturity (often with leaf spans in excess of 18 inches) and to bloom with flower spikes that can stand 2-3 feet tall and, for some species and hybrids, have trailing petals 1-2 feet long. They can be slow to mature and reluctant to bloom regularly but once they reach maturity, these plants produce jaw dropping displays with their showy blooms and impressive size.

Light:

These plants naturally occur in the jungles of southeast Asia and require more intense light than the Maudiae and Complex types. They do well in bright light (your hand's shadow should be well defined) and if grown in lower light will refuse to bloom, often producing massive clumps of dark green foliage.

Potting Media:

Like the Complex Paphiopedilums reviewed last month, these plants will do well in a medium bark mix with charcoal and perlite. For this group adding sphagnum moss and crushed oyster shell to the mix will help them retain moisture around the roots and provide a much-needed pH buffer in the mix.

Water:

The base species in this group of plants are native to forests that experience a monsoon season and a drier period as the weather patterns shift. During the growing season, plants will need consistent water (once every 5-7 days depending on your growing conditions) with a way to supplement humidity around the roots (the pebble trays discussed in last month's column are a good solution) along with a drier winter period (spreading watering out to 7-10 days) to simulate the seasonality the base species evolved in.

Fertilizer:

Like the other Paphs we have looked at, balanced fertilizer applied at half strength regularly will keep these plants healthy, just make sure to manage the accumulated salts by regularly flushing the pots with clean water.

Reblooming:

Reblooming this group requires the convergence of several cultural conditions. 1) Plant maturity. The Multifloral group are slow to mature; some taking 10-20 years to mature from flask. Until the growths are mature, they won't be able to bloom. In smaller plants (1-3 growths) they will lack the size to bloom each year and often will take 1 to 2 seasons in between blooming. 2) Winter Rest. The base species in this group are used to a drier period so providing them with less water in the fall and winter will trigger their blooming cycle. 3) Temperature drop. This group will need a period of cooler temps along with reduced watering to initiate buds. Once you have these three factors working in concert you will need to watch your plant's spike closely and begin staking it as it grows. Since the spike on these plants can be quite large, providing it with support as it grows is essential to creating a showy bloom.



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Member Meetings Archives

All Webex Meetings have been moved to a NCOS Google Drive

Links to past presentations:

April 2021:

- Tom's African Adventures
- Tom Mirenda

April Mini Workshop

- Help! Bugs are Eating my Orchids.
- Sarah Hurdel
- Password: %+&R=9Sr

May 2021:

- Orchids from flask, an economical way of growing your collection.
- Clark Riley

July 2021

- Growing Semi-Hydro
- Linus Chen

September 2021

- Big Flowered Cattleyas
- Art Chadwick

National Capital Judging Center



The National Capital Judging Center has reopened!

American Orchid Society Judges will be meeting each month to evaluate, and award outstanding flowers grown by our local enthusiasts.

Temporary Location:

North Chevy Chase Christian Church
8814 Kensington Parkway Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dates:

- October 2nd 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- November 6th 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- December 11th 8:30 AM to 4:30

Do you love Orchids?
Have you ever thought about becoming an
American Orchid Society Judge?



Come learn with us
judges@aos.org

Have you ever thought about becoming an AOS Judge?

The American Orchid Society Judging Program is willing to teach you to become an AOS Judge and is actively seeking orchid enthusiasts.

If You

- **Have a love of orchids**
- **Want to learn more about orchids**
- **Are willing to contribute to the long-term health AOS and its Affiliated Societies**
- **Desire to teach the public about orchids**

Then Contact the AOS Judging Program at judges@aos.org for more information about how to become an AOS Judge.



American Orchid Society News and Events

GOOD NEWS Fall Members Meeting

The 2021 Fall Members Meeting virtual event will be held **Saturday, October 30, 2:30 PM EST**

Agenda

- * Town Hall & Meeting of the Members including a State of the Organization Report
- * AOS Projects & Innovations
- * Committee Reports
- * Introducing New Judging Personnel and Status Elevations...and more!

In Case You Have Not Heard

Due to concerns over Covid-19 and its variants, coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health of everyone involved, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have postponed the 2021 Centennial Celebration.

GOOD NEWS

All events and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 are rescheduled for April 6th - 9th, 2022. [Watch for updates!](#)

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	October 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 21, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	November 09, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	November 17, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Black Orchids The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness	Orchid Collection Tour The Huntington Botanical Gardens	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge, President of COC	Brandon Tam Orchid Collection Specialist, AOS Judge	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer



Although [The Orchid Marketplace™](#) is a curated collection of the world's top orchid, and related product vendors that offer a **minimum 5% discount** to ALL active AOS members, it is accessible to all orchid fanciers whether or not they are members. You will want to encourage everyone to browse this program often to look for Orchids, Jewelry, Books, Potting Media and more!

When members sign up for a two-year AOS membership they get **\$30 off a minimum \$100 purchase** from each Elite Partner (terms and conditions may apply). If you aren't a member, become an AOS members now to take advantage of this new member benefit.

This new, improved program will replace the Orchid Source Directory. It is designed to be mobile friendly, and fully searchable by keyword/genus, location, or featured products. <https://marketplace.aos.org/>



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Other Orchid Resources

Neighboring Societies

- Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.sepos.org
- Susquehanna Orchid Society
www.susquehannaorchid.org
- Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.facebook.com/CentralPAOrchidSociety
- Maryland Orchid Society
www.marylandorchids.org
- Catoctin Orchid Society
<https://catoctinorchidsociety.weebly.com>
- Lord Fairfax Orchid Society
 - Zita Winzer zitawinzer@me.com
- Virginia Orchid Society
www.vaorchidsociety.org

Other Orchid Resources

- Orchid Digest
www.orchiddigest.com
- Slipper Orchid Alliance
www.slipperorchid.org
- International Phalaenopsis Alliance
www.phal.org
- American Orchid Society
www.aos.org
- Orchid Conservation Alliance
www.orchidconservationalliance.org
- Smithsonian Gardens
www.gardens.si.edu
- Missouri Botanical Garden
www.missouribotanicalgarden.org
- Mather's Foundation
<https://orchid.foundation>

NCOS 2022 Board of Directors and Committee Chair Openings

<u>Board Roles</u> <i>(Elected)</i>	<u>Committee Roles</u> <i>(Appointed)</i>
<p>President: Provide overall direction and leadership for the society by managing the general operations of the society and working with the board to ensure the functions of the society are maintained.</p>	<p>Finance Chair: Lead the finance committee and work collaboratively with the Treasurer manage the finances of the society.</p>
	<p>Away Shows Chair: Coordinate the society's efforts in attending, installing, and breaking down orchid displays at other societies' shows.</p>
<p>Vice President: Support the President and the Director at Large in execution of the society's operations. Take on the duties of the President in their absence.</p>	<p>Programs Chair: Contact and set up speakers for the monthly meetings. Coordinate with them on any necessary travel and lodging.</p>
	<p>Hospitality Chair (new): Work with other society members to create a welcoming and engaging experience at members meetings.</p>

If you have any questions about or are interested in or know of someone who would be great in one of the roles above, please email membership.ncos@gmail.com