



MANATEE
ORCHID
SOCIETY



NOVEMBER 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bring orchids to show or sell at the November 14th meeting! You can also bring something for the raffle table.

Thankfully it looks like moderate weather is here. After the hurricane season, we can start thinking about what comes next.

I hope everyone's orchids survived intact. I lost a lot of clay pots, which broke when they blew off the table onto the brick and stone surfaces. Did you get a lot of leaves in your pots? A few are okay but don't let there be so many that they pack down and stay wet around the roots and prevent good airflow.

This is the time to clean up debris in your growing area. Spray where needed. Sharp rocks on the floor will prevent slugs and snails.

Do you have Catasetinae? Now is the time for less water and no fertilizer as the plants start their winter dormancy.

Have you heard of this book? *What To Do With Your Grocery Store Orchid.*

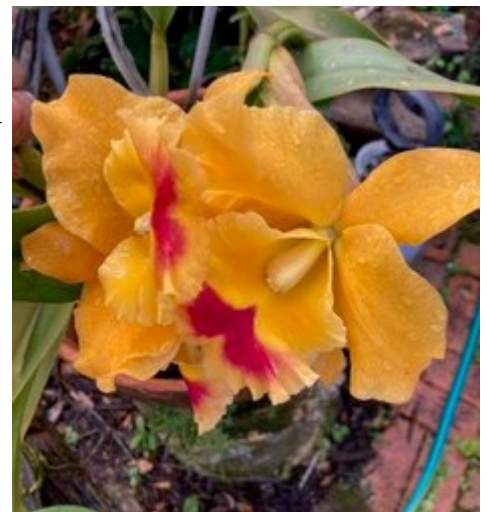
It is an e-book and you can download it through Anna Weston's web site OrchidBliss.Com. Free to download are care cards on 12 different types of orchids. Handy for the next time your friend asks how to take care of the phal someone gifted to them. There are also many other helpful growing tips on this site.

While it may seem to be a long time until freezing (at least frost and/or cold wind), it isn't too early to look for protection for your cold sensitive plants. Look on Amazon for the Planket (\$10.95), 6' diameter and for plants under 2', other sizes and shapes are also available. Ace also has some good plant covers to help keep your plants from frost.

It's also not too early to look for strings of Christmas lights to give a little warmth under the cover.

Happy growing, *Julie*

On the right is Julie's
Blc. Chomthong Delight
'Yellow Watermelon'



General Info

Mark your calendar! Our next monthly meeting is on November 14th. That's a week later than normal. This is because the Manatee River Garden Club will be used for voting for their area precinct. We can't meet on Tuesday since that's their 'set up' day for the Garden Club's regular meeting/luncheon day.



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November 18 & 19 9 AM to 5 PM, November 20 10 AM to 4 PM
 Friday Noon Orchid Talk on the back lawn: "Vandas & Top Cuttings"

Guest vendors: Art Stone Orchids, Just One More Orchid,

Pato Casero, Paul's Plantscapes

Food will be from El Nicon Mexicano

Now at Selby Gardens - Presented by Better-Gro®, this year's Orchid Show celebrates the fine art and meticulous science of flora photography. [Click here for the video - lovely...](#) If you haven't visited [The Orchid Show 2022: Capturing the Perfect Shot](#) in person yet, prepare to be delighted! This immersive show combines dynamic horticultural displays of hundreds of orchids in bloom with large-format photos of rare orchids from our collection.





"I gave my first Treasurer's Report at our orchid meeting tonight but I only pretended to know what I was talking about. Fortunately, the board was only pretending to listen."

Treasurer's Report

Our bank balance is \$5,74416 with all bills paid! Thank you, Sharon!

Upcoming Events

Save The date - November 10 - 12

We are happy to invite you to our 2022 Fall Open House and sale. It will be held on November 10 to 12 from 9 AM until 4 PM. As always we will have all of our plants for you to browse and the most knowledgeable and friendly helpers for you to get advise (on orchids).

Many of our plants will be discounted and also you get with this invitation a coupon for 10% off on plant sales of \$25 or more. Parking, coffee and treats are also on us.

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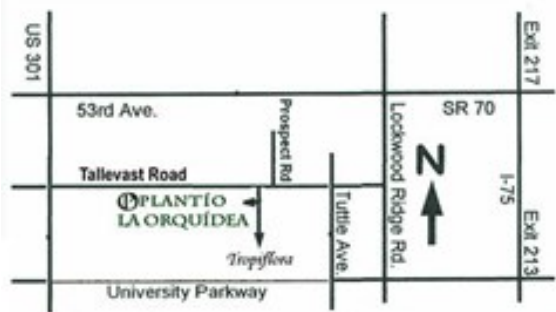
FALL ORCHID SALE

Thursday to Saturday | November 10-12, 2022 | 9 AM to 4 PM



- Browse thousands of Orchids, Bromeliads and more.
- Amazing Orchid species and hybrids to choose from.
- Advice on Orchid Growing from Experts. Free Parking.

Plantio La Orquidea, 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243, Same driveway as Tropicflora



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10 % Off on all plant sales - \$25 or more
Limit one coupon per customer. Valid only on the dates of the event.
Plus many specially priced plants including bare roots.

Member's Photos



One of Liz Campbell's bloomers on the left.

All other orchids are grown by Maureen Hirthler. Good growing, ladies!



Dendrobium pulchellum

**Cattleya walkeriana
"Kenny"**

These beautiful orchids were all grown by Micah Dault.



On the right is
Vanda javierae

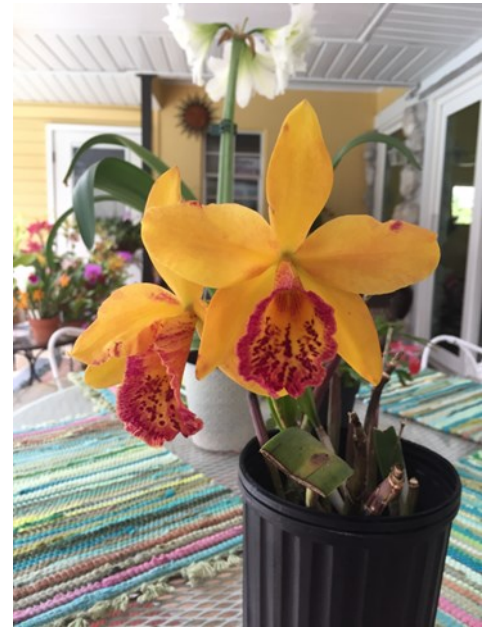


From Dr. Motes: The first cold front of the season arrived early but unfortunately not early enough to deter Hurricane Ian. The massive front did wreak a sea change in our weather for most of October bringing moderate temperature and persistently lower humidity. Our orchids appreciated this weather as much as we have. The lower humidity permitted the rapid drying which guarded our plants from the fungus problems which can flare up in a wet October. Low humidity also produced cooler night temperatures and a greater swing of day to night temperature with the accompanying stimulus to root and flower production in our vandas. Our sympodial orchids also enjoyed this dry air but those which have begun dormancy need careful monitoring of their water and fertilizer lest the higher than normal temperatures stimulate them into unwanted off season growth. Our vandas, on the other hand, have an opportunity for additional growth in an extended growing season. Give them plenty of food and water.

Thrips are finding the lower temperatures less than optimal but still may emerge with highs in the mid-eighties as night temperatures climb well into the 70's. Scout for them. This year the highly recommended application of oil followed by soap, should be delayed until temperatures are more consistently at highs in the lower eighties. Happily, though warm enough, it is too dry for snails to be a problem.

Our glorious weather makes it easy to be out with our orchids grooming them for holiday blooms: enjoy! Martin

These gorgeous orchids are all in Bill Miller's yard. Bet Roger is smiling!



Drier weather has unfortunately proved to be favorable to mites. Scout for them. Look for signs of tissue blanching in spots on the undersides of leaves and if present spray with soap or the other measures advocated in *Fla. Orchid Growing*.

Although there has been enough rain to wash them away, mostly, and there is enough summer fodder for them elsewhere in our gardens, *Thrips* have taken advantage of persistent days of drought to feast on tender roots and leaf tips. Check the root tips of vandas where the first sign of *Thrips* is pitting where the growing apex meets the mature white tissue. Control of *Thrips* will also control nearly all other insect pests of orchids. Recommended methods of *Thrips* control can be found in *Fla. Orchid Growing*.

With this exceptionally dry weather, snails and slugs have been an intermittent rather than a constant problem. They are, however, persistent. A light application of snail bait when there have been two or more days of rain should put the newly awakened slime balls back to sleep for good.

Days are shortening quickly as we approach the equinox. Be sure to water early to allow everything to dry by sunset. Getting up early to enjoy the extra coolness that the additional hours of darkness have yielded up, is a delight in itself but also an opportunity to carefully hand water each individual plant which needs it.

Manatee Orchid Society

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Check the website for events. You can also find previous articles and newsletters there on [our Members page](#). You can look ahead for your turn to bring refreshments. If you don't know how to access our "special members only page for a member directory, be sure to ask.



November 15th Refreshments:

Nancy Bailey, Arline Bremer, Roy Krueger & Maryanne Hazen

Thank you!

UPCOMING SHOW DATES

Some of these are local - Let's be sure to get to some of them.

November 4th - November 6th 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Orlando International Orchid Show
Apopka

January 2023: Sarasota Orchid Society Show; Sarasota Municipal Auditorium

January 13th – 15th 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM: Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center

January 28th – 29th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Florida West Coast Orchid Society Annual Show
and Sale; Seminole Rec Center

Our December meeting will be a Holiday Dinner at a local restaurant.

Details within a few weeks but save the date!

December 13th