



NOVEMBER 2023

*FROM THE PRESIDENT*

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 14th at the Manatee River Garden Club. They'll have the main room set up for another event so we'll likely meet in the board room or on the patio if the weather permits.

We have an agenda for our meeting and if we get a timely response, we'll have a speaker. It is increasingly difficult to obtain someone in this area as a speaker, so if you have ideas for programs, please plan to share them at the meeting.

There are members who have not paid their dues. Lisa Flanagan, our treasurer, will be there to collect your \$25 dues.

We'll also want to discuss what we'll do for our December meeting. Should we meet at the club or at a local restaurant?

In any event, we'll have an interesting meeting - orchid discussion, a lovely show table, so bring any plants you have in bloom, a raffle table and of course, we'll enjoy delicious snacks.

Happy growing, Julie

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A gorgeous orchid picture  
from  
Leonard Terzenbach.

Spectacular!



We love to share your orchid pictures - send them in either to Maryanne or to Maureen and we'll post them.

## *General Info*

### **November Orchid Tips from Dr. Motes**

Short days and cold nights necessitate adjustments for both plants and growers. Reduce water and fertilizer gradually until you reach your winter target, about half that of the summer levels. Don't fertilize winter dormant orchids (Catasetinae, Callista and Dendrobium section Dendrobiums, Calanthes, etc.) after Thanksgiving. Prepare your plants for their winter home. Inspect them, remove dead leaves and sheaths with a sterile tool, and spray for pests if necessary. Protect them when temperatures are projected to drop below their winter minimum acceptable temperature.

**Dendrobiums** For the commonly available phalaenopsis type dendrobiums, protect them when temperatures are projected to drop down to 55 or 60 F. The winter dormant dendrobiums (nobiles, seminobiles and callista section) should be separated from your other plants so you can easily reduce the water and fertilizer they receive through Thanksgiving. Shoot for minimum temperatures of 40 F.

**Vandas:** While colder weather still seems off in the distance, think about January and February not being that far off. Plan now on how you will protect your vandas or any other particularly cold sensitive plants from the wind. If you only have a few, bring them into the garage or house. A collapsible clothes rack is handy for this & easy to store. Soon we are getting to the busy holiday season, so now is the time to plan ahead & think about plastic, heat & other ways to avoid damage. There will be more on this at the December meeting.

**Cattleyas** Retie your cattleyas to support the new growth and orient the new growth toward the sun. Bloom sheaths may be showing signs of yellowing. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths should be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within to prevent water condensation from rotting it. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb. New growths of *Cattleya skinneri* may have dried sheaths, do not remove them.

**Phalaenopsis** Phals are starting to spike now. Stake the inflorescence loosely once it gets around 10 inches long about 4 inches below the growing tip and move your tie upward as the spike elongates. Remember the flower will grow toward the light. If you move the plant, the flower spike will twist seeking out the sun so you won't get graceful pendulous blooms. Some people put a spot of nail polish on the pot so they know which direction the pot should face. Consider applying a preventative copper spray to help prevent fungal and rot problems.

**Oncidiums:** This is the blooming season for the Brazilian *Oncidium* section *crispum* with their chestnut and brown and butter yellow markings. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period. Stake your inflorescence as the spike grows for best presentation. Protect them when temperatures are projected to drop down to 40 or 50 F.

**Paphiopedilums:** Paphs can be potted almost year round. Examine those that flower in the summer and pot as necessary. While paphs never like to dry out entirely, this month marks the beginning of the time when growth, and hence, water and fertilizer needs slow down dramatically. Observe your plants and do not water if they are not at least partially drying out.



"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 over \$6,000 with all bills paid! Thank you, Lisa!

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## Upcoming Events

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**FALL ORCHID SALE**  
Friday and Saturday | November 10 and 11, 2023 | 9 AM to 4 PM

- Browse through 7000+ sq ft of Orchids.
- Thousands of Orchids, 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 Tropiflora

**PLANTIO LA ORQUÍDEA**

### FALL ORCHID SALE & OPEN HOUSE PLANTIO LA ORQUÍDEA

3480 Tallevast Road - Sarasota, FL 34243  
(Same driveway as Tropiflora)

Free Plant Raffle

10% discount on purchases over \$25

Email: [info@plantiolaorquidea.com](mailto:info@plantiolaorquidea.com)

We are happy to invite you to our 2023 Fall Open House and sale. It will be held on November 10 and 11 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 advice (on orchids).

Parking, coffee and treats are also on us.

**Both of these vendors are excellent.**

**Hope you'll make the effort to get to one or both of them.**

**Take a friend - and take your wallet!**

*Palmer Orchids*

November 17th to the 19th  
Friday and Saturday - 9 to 5  
Sunday - 10 to 4



## Fall Open House Weekend

22700 Taylor Dr | Bradenton, FL 34211

941.322.1644

with guest vendors

[Art Stone Orchids](#)

[Bredren Orchids](#)

[Joanna's Orchid Pottery](#)

[Just One More Orchid](#)

[Pato Casero](#)

[Paul's Landscapes](#)

and food,  
plus

\$10 tent

yard orchids

& other special pricing

CLOSED THURSDAY, NOV. 16 FOR EVENT SETUP



# MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS



What's going on at the Selby Gardens...

Open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.\*

\*Open Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m. – 3 P.M..

THE ORCHID SHOW 2023

OCTOBER 7 - NOVEMBER 26

PRESENTED BY **BETTER-GRO.**

MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS | 50 YEARS

THE LIVING MUSEUM\* • DOWNTOWN SARASOTA

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

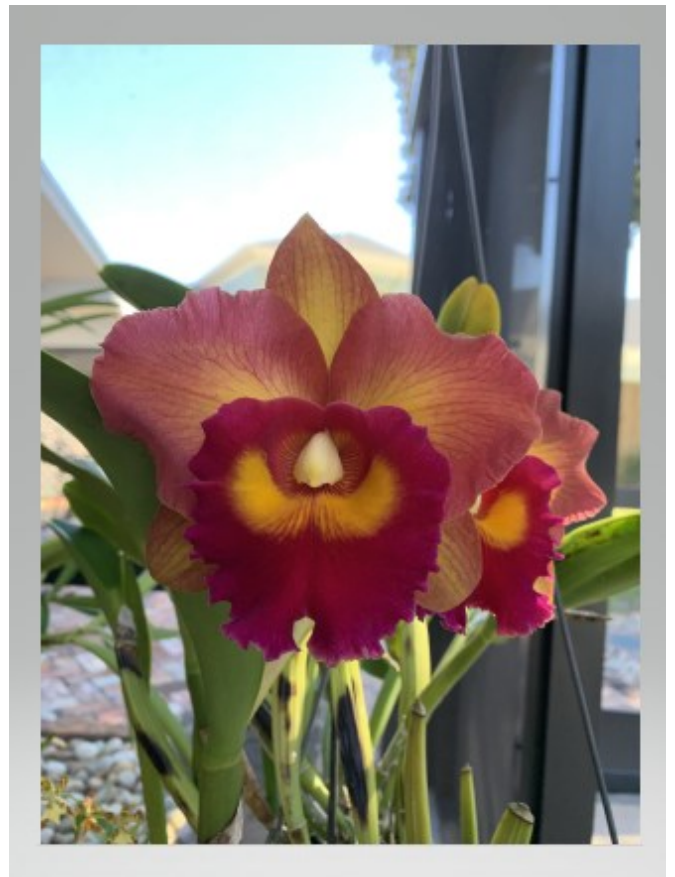
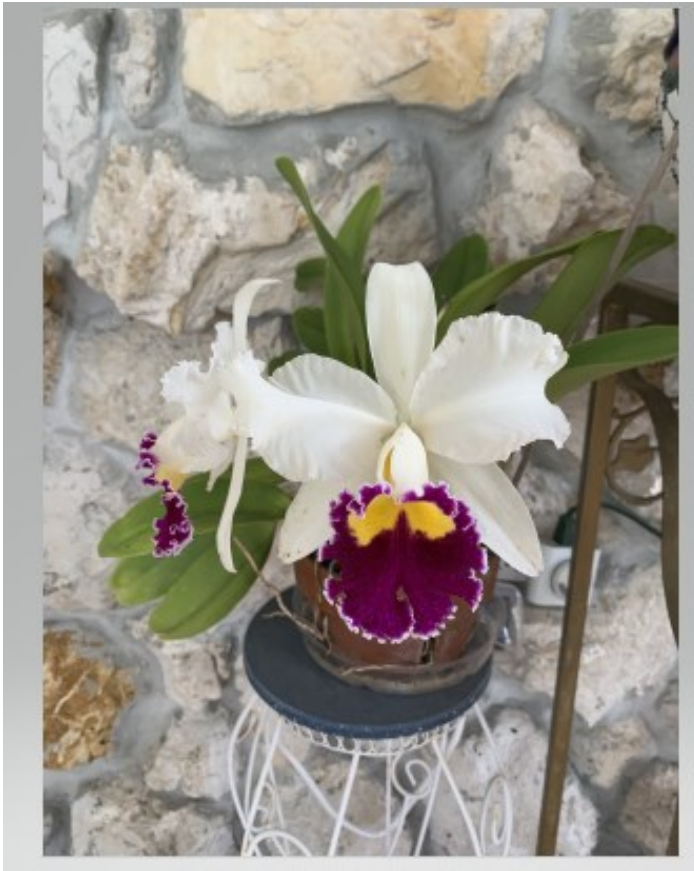
**You can see some truly gorgeous orchids - now through November at the main campus in downtown Sarasota. Or you can venture on to Spanish Point and see a display of Clyde Butcher's super photography.**

**CLYDE BUTCHER** | NATURE THROUGH THE LENS

OPENS NOVEMBER 11

SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS  
HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

Some really beautiful orchids from Bill Miller's collection. On the left is *C. Sheila Lauderbach Equilab*. On the right is *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Nakornchaisri Delight.



This beauty is *C. Aurantiaca* Orange. A lovely plant! Thank you for sharing.





# 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.



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At the recent Botanical Garden Show in Bradenton, Julie McClure, our President, set up a table and distributed information about our Society and about orchids in general. Here are some pictures from that day. Thank you, Julie!



On the left, a very attractive table with excellent information for orchid growers.

On the right, people stopping to see what we're all about.



Show attendees stopping to check out the MOS table - Julie collected names of potential members - lots of orchid growers out there!

