

NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome to the AOS Corner, your monthly newsletter for Representatives, Presidents, and Newsletter Editors. Let's look forward to November with ample opportunities to extend our gratitude! First, we will salute our Veterans, thanking them for the sacrifices that they have made to keep our country and citizens safe. What a treasure they are! And then we have the most "American" of holidays to offer Thanksgiving for our many gifts, including friends and families. We pray for those less fortunate and humbly and graciously accept our blessings. As orchid lovers, let us have a thankful heart for our amazing hobby and for each and every flower that appears in our gardens.

MESSAGE FROM THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Have you ordered your TWO (2) AOS Certificates of Appreciation for two select Society Members?? Please send an email to theaos@aos.org with the Society Member Names, Due by Date and Mailing Address (Shipping Charges Will Apply). Want to learn more about orchid culture? SAVE THE DATE (Sunday – November 15th, 2026) for AOS Orchid Culture Day!! Five (5) Guest Speakers with Great Topics and Door Prizes from 11AM to 4PM!! https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6153537128861022549 Your support is vital and we appreciate your attendance!! Thank you and Happy November!



MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Happy Halloween & Happy Thanksgiving,

These are two of my favorite holidays. I got married on October 30, many years ago & after we had cookies and cake at church with family, we cut loose with costumes & BBQ with friends later that evening. So, needless to say, I have always loved dressing up for Halloween.

And who doesn't love Thanksgiving. Getting to watch parades & football games and eating lots of food. Seeing family and friends. This is a good way to start to wind down the year.

The fall also has plenty of AOS activities as well. Do not forget about the upcoming Culture Day webinar on November 15. It is all about miniature orchids and how to grow them and make them thrive in many different growing environments. So many people are really exploring miniature orchids these days. We see them more at orchid shows, both to buy and being exhibited. More are being awarded. So, you, too, can learn more about what makes an orchid a miniature, where they grow, how they grow in just a few hours.

At the most recent board meeting we voted on two more meeting dates. So get out your calendars. April 14-18, 2027 is the Members Conference in Chicago at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. October 21-23, 2027 will be a fly in board meeting in Hilo, HI. A spring show is on the books for 2028 in San Francisco. And, in spring 2029 we will be back in Apopka, FL. We are so very excited to be able to have multiple venues wanting the AOS to hold a Member Conference or fall board meeting. This allows members in various parts of the country find a location and date that works for them to be able to come and see your AOS in person.

Just a reminder, we now have sticker books back in stock. Every Affiliated Society is eligible to order a box of sticker books each year. The books are free, all the society has to do is pay for postage. The postage is the current USPS price of a medium flat rate box. So be sure and get your order in. Approximately 50 sticker books fits in a medium flat rate box.

Another reminder is to ask for your Certificates of Appreciation for those special members. Each Affiliated Society can order up to two Certificates of Appreciation per year. Please contact theAOS@AOS .org with your request. List the names of the individuals, the name of the Affiliated Society, the date for the presentation, and your title with your Affiliated Society. Please allow time for receipt of the Certificates.

The Education Committee is working on education modules that are self-paced learning on a number of different topics. If you have a topic that you are interested in, please send those topics to Eronb737@aos.org (Eron Borne is Chair of the Education Committee and Vice President of the AOS).

Another really exciting Education Committee project is translating culture sheets into various different languages. If you are fluent in a language and would like to participate in this project, please contact me at Alisong@AOS.org or BarbS@AOS.org, Barb Schmidt is Vice President of the AOS, former chair of Education, Chair of the Library Taskforce. The care sheets will be translated using AI and you will be responsible for checking the AI translation to make sure that it was properly translated and that nothing was added that was not in the original care sheet. This project is being undertaken to add value for those members who are not fluent in English.

Hope your Halloween is not too spooky and that your Thanksgiving is filled with food, family, friends, and fun. – Alison Gallaway alisong@aos.org .

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

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Register now and view on your time schedule.
Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
*Greenhouse Chat **webinars are recorded** and **summarized** by topic for future viewing.*

When	**Nov. 05, 2026** **Thursday** 8:30 pm EDT	**Nov. 10, 2026** **Tuesday** 8:30 pm EDT	**Nov. 15, 2026** **Sunday** 11 am—4 pm **CULTURE DAY**	**WINTER HOLIDAYS**
Topic	***Members Only Live*** **Potting Media Matters** General orchid culture exploring experience with three different types of quality potting media.	***FREE Live*** **Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A** Answers to your questions about all things orchid. *Send in your Photos and Questions by November 08*	***Live PAY PER VIEW*** Online Registration Required **Tiny Treasures of the Orchid World** *Recorded for all registrants*	**Choose Your Topic From Our Library of RECORDED WEBINARS**
Presenter	**Graham Ramsey** Obsessed orchid grower and strong AOS supporter	**Ron McHatton** AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	**Serena Roman** **Tomas Bajza** *with* **Vicki Hallock** **Julien Cedric Anne Luis Ortiz–Jordan**	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Conservationists, Hobbyists, and more

Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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Your Great Ideas

Has your Society created ways to keep members engaged coming back for more? Do you have a fun fact you would like us to share? We would like to hear from you.

Your Blunders

Do you have a recurring problem? Share your mishaps as well! Your lessons can help others avoid similar mistakes.

Please email us your stories to arod@aos.org. If you wish your story to remain anonymous, we will be more than happy to keep it so.

Affiliated Societies Committee Membership

The Affiliated Societies Committee is looking for team members. Help us continue to build relationships and resources for American Orchid Society Affiliates. Please send an email to arod@aos.org if you are interested in joining us virtually at our next meeting.

Thank You for Reading!

Please remember to include the Affiliated Societies Committee (affiliated_societies@aos.org) to your newsletter distribution. We would like to know what you are doing and get a little inspiration for our orchid journey. If you have something to share, or there is something you would like to read about, please let us know!

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