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Calendar

June 11th

Annual picnic

June 22nd

Monsters of the orchid World

July 15th

Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond

August 24th

Tiny Slippers

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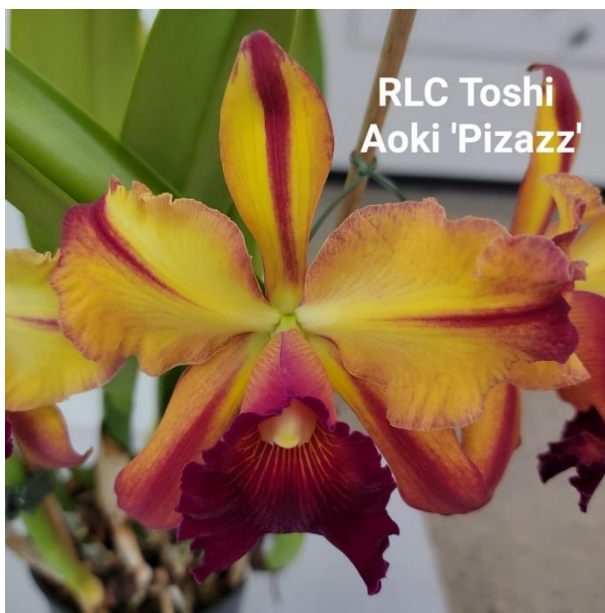
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Jill Wood



August

Please note this month's meeting is not on our regular meeting day due to a concert at the gardens. We will be meeting on August 24th at 7pm in the usual classroom downstairs. Deb Boersma from the Windsor Society will be doing a presentation on lady slippers.

Letter from the President

Hello Members,

I hope everyone's summer is going well. I would like to thank everyone that has been attending our summer meetings. Justin and I have been working hard on providing interesting and educational content and speakers for the upcoming meetings, even into the next year. I encourage you to spread the word to your friends and family. Remember, meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. I would love nothing more than to see attendance improve and new memberships! As a reminder, elections are up and encourage you to take a hard look to see how you can help. I would like help in fundraising and offering classes at some garden centers. Also, new participation points have restarted and will go on for the next physical year, not every 6month like we had been doing.

Joel Borst

Upcoming AOS Events and Webinars

August Webinars:

August is summer break for AOS and there is not a schedule of webinars or events for this month. Instead, this makes a good time to go back through the archived webinars to catch up on any you might have missed.

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.
 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 indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	July 11, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	July 20 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	At Your Convenience Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by July 09</i>	Amazing Soft-Leaved Orchids <i>Under-represented Genera</i>	Use the webinar display filter to join the global community of orchid- growers by selecting from our broad range of webinar topics.
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tim Culbertson Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member	The world's top orchid experts share the latest valuable information on caring for your orchids, orchid research and continuing education.



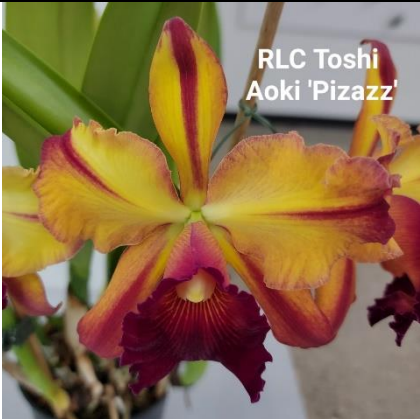


Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram
and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.




A regular program of webinars will continue in September.


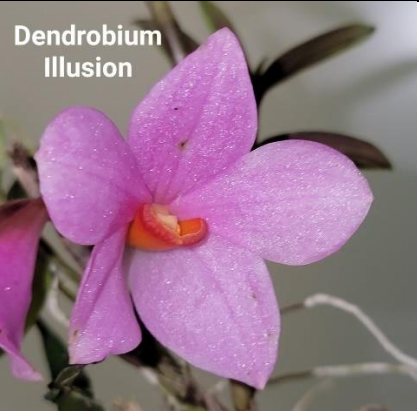

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June Plant Table

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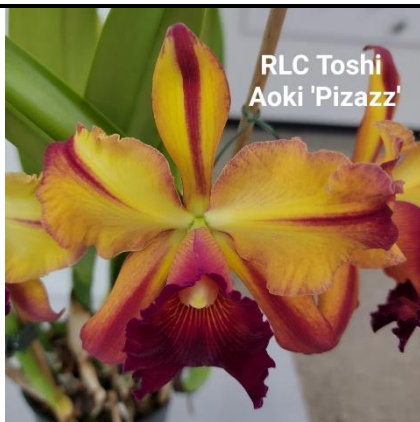
Cattleya - lg Classes 11- 27	1	 RLC Toshi Aoki 'Pizazz'	Joel Borst	
	2	Pot Choco Berry Fondue	Archie Warner	
	3	BLC Copper Queen	Joel Borst	
Cattleya - mini Classes 11- 27	1	 Encyvola Jairak Treasure 'Kakapu Bird'	Joel Borst	
	2	Epidendrum oerstedii	Jerry Ambrose	
	3	Acrorobis roseola	Jill Wood	
Cypripedium Classes 28- 47	1	Paph Pinocchio	Jade VanderVelde	
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48- 62	1	 Phal NOID - white w/ pink stripes	Paul Ondarko	

	2	Phal NOID - white w/ pink lip	Tom Glover	
	3	Phal NOID - white	Tom Glover	
Phalaenopsis - mini Classed 48- 62	1	 Phal NOID - pink	Jen Myaard	
Phalaenopsis - novelty Classed 48- 62	1	 Phal Tzu Chiang Sapphire	Thomas Longschied	
Vanda Classes 63- 78	2	Phal violacea	Jill Wood	
	1	 Schoenorchis phitamii	Jill Wood	

Oncidium Classes 79- 86	1	 <p>Odcm Catatante 'Sun King'</p> <p>Odontocidium Catatante 'Sun King'</p>	Tom Glover	
	2	Lockhartia lepticaula	Debbie Smith	
	1	 <p>Dendrobium Illusion</p> <p>Den Illusion</p>	Jill Wood	
Dendrobium Classes 90- 96	2	Den Mtn's Butterfly Kisses	Jill Wood	
	3	Den ceraula 'Ricardo' x self	Jill Wood	
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97- 110	1	 <p>Gptm Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS</p> <p>Gptm Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS</p>	Thomas Longschied	
	2	Gptm Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS	Justin Krenselewski	

	3	Zns Cynosure 'Blue Birds'	Joel Borst	
Miscellaneous - medium Classes 97- 110	1	 <p>Promenaea stapelioides 'Gold Country'</p>	Joel Borst	
	2	Coelogyne alata	Jade VanderVelde	
	3	Coelogyne NOID	Jerry Ambrose	
Miscellaneous - small Classes 97- 110	1	Chondrorhyncha lendyana	Jill Wood	
	2	Platystele reflexa	Jill Wood	
	1	Neofinetia falcata Tenkei Fukurin	Thomas Longschied	
	2	 <p>Neofinetia falcata TENKEI FUKURIN</p> <p>Neofinetia falcata Uin Kai</p>	Thomas Longschied	
	3	Neofinetia falcata (var shutennou x Koto) x self	Thomas Longschied	
Foliage				

Plant of the Month



RLC Toshi Aoki 'Pizazz'

Joel Borst



Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points - Summer/Fall
Wood	Jill	49
Borst	Joel	45
Longschied	Thomas	29
Glover	Tom	27
Rietberg	Tara	16
Myaard	Jen	15
Maczka	Alison	10
VanderVelde	Jade	10
Smith	Debbie	10
Martin	Olivia	10
Ambrose	Jerry	9
Verbeek	Kenesha	8
Ondarko	Paul	7
Krenselewski	Justin	5
Warner	Archie	5
Albin	Brittany	3
Smith	Bert & Teresa	1
Shipaila	Joan	1
Miller	Kathy	1
Habib	Erin	1

GVOS Rewards

Instead of doing a six-month cycle, we are going to move to a full calendar year.

Plant table

- Bring a blooming orchid - 1 point
- Plant of the month – 5 points
- 1st place – 5 points
- 2nd place – 3 points
- 3rd place – 2 points

Participation In Meetings

- Attend GVOS meeting – 1 point
- Attend another society Meeting -2 points
- Attend an away show or other society meeting – 2 points
- Give a presentation – 10 points
- Bring treats to meeting – 1 point

Participation In Shows

- GVOS show participation – 5 points per day
- GVOS Bring food – 3 points
- Plants in any show – 5 points
- Clerking in any show – 5 points
- Set up or Tear down away show – 10 Points
- Attend an away show – 2 points
- Plant pulled for AOS judging – 10 points
- Plant awarded by AOS – 10 points
- Awarded a trophy – 10 points

If you are interested in leading a talk or doing a presentation for one of the meetings, please email the newsletter editor at maczkaal@gmail.com with your topic and the date you would like to do it. She will make sure the information is passed to Joel Borst and added to the meeting schedule. If you would like to write a small article for an upcoming newsletter, please submit those to the same email address

Orchid Show/Festival Schedule

The show schedule will be updated as shows are registered for the 2023-2024 show season

Show	Location	Date	Status
Grand Valley Orchids Society Show and Sale	Frederick Meijer Gardens 1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids,		
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	Michigan State Soil and Science Building 1066 Bogue St, East Lansing, MI 48824		
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105		
Michigan Orchid Society Show and Sale	United Plumber Union Hall, 555 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI 48071		
Saginaw Valley Orchid Show and Sale	Kochville Veterans Hall, 3265 Kochville Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604		



Platystele

Schltr. 1910

Pronunciation:

[plat-e-STEE-le](#) (click on the name to hear it spoken)

Tribe: Epidendreae

Subtribe: Pleurothallidinae

The genus was first described by Schlechter in 1910. The name derives from *platys* = broad and *stele* = column in reference to the broad, flat column characteristic of the genus. **Platystele** species have mostly tufted, short-stemmed leaves and are found in the moist, neotropical forests most commonly at moderately high altitudes 1,500 m (4,900 feet) to 2,500 m (8,200 feet) where other genera of the Pleurothallidinae are also abundant.

Number of species:

The World Checklist of Monocotyledons recognizes 116 species. (2/2020)

Distribution:

Widespread from Mexico to Bolivia but infrequent in Brazil. The greatest concentration of species occurs in the Andes of Colombia and Ecuador.

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Temperature:	Most species of Platystele can be cultivated in intermediate to cool conditions. They will tolerate some warmer temperatures only if plenty of humidity and air movement is present, but not for long periods of time.
Light:	Most Platystele species prefer shady to partial shade conditions as the small to tiny plants tend to dry out too fast with more light
Water-Humidity:	Platystele prefer to be evenly moist and not dry out. One concern is to make sure that they are kept moist, but not soggy as the roots will rot quickly if kept soggy.
Fertilizer:	Platystele species are not heavy feeders. Dilute the strength of the fertilizer to about 1/4 to 1/3 the strength recommended and fertilize "weekly weakly" with a good all around orchid fertilizer. Since the plants are pretty much in bloom all year around when happy, there is no real season for bloom booster fertilizer.

Potting:	Grow <i>Platystele</i> in small pots in a fine seedling grade mixture or on slabs with some moisture retaining material at the roots. Provide medium light levels, intermediate to cool-intermediate temperatures, and steady watering throughout the year.
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