



FALL 2025



MANATEE
ORCHID
SOCIETY



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 9th. We are NOT meeting at the Garden Club but will be meeting at my house - please try to arrive by 6:00 PM. I'm at 814 59th Street N.W. in Bradenton. There should be good parking in front of my house but do carpool if possible.

Please bring your favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert that will complement BBQ chicken. Please RSVP and let us know what you are bringing.

You can [contact me](#) or [Maryanne](#). Click to RSVP or find our phone numbers on the Members Page of our website.

We have lots of orchids to sell as well as some supplies and mounting media, so bring a check or cash. Dues are also due now and you will not be able to purchase anything if your dues are not current, as these are special discounted prices for members. You are welcome to attend the meeting even if your dues are not current. Dues are \$25 per year.

We will have a raffle table also. Happy growing, Sharon

Below is a listing of the orchids and a link to pictures of them. Some are in very nice bamboo baskets ready to be hung under a tree or on a trellis. We can thank Barbara Heinly for her generous donation of these plants to our orchid group and hope she will become a member.

[Click here for a listing of the orchids that are being sold—the plants that have been sold are highlighted in yellow.](#)

[Click here for pictures of the orchids that are listed.](#)



"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

We have close to \$5,042.74 in our account. And we're still looking for a treasurer. You must be a member for at least one year to serve. Only takes 15 to 30 min. a month!

Upcoming *Events*



2025 Redland International Orchid Festival

Friday October 17, 2025 12 PM

to Sunday October 19, 2025 5 PM

The biggest orchid show/festival in the U.S. hosted by Motes Orchids.

[Click here to visit the website & buy tickets](#)

Located at the idyllic Redland Fruit and Spice Park in South Dade, the Redland International Orchid Festival® is world renowned as a bucket list event for orchid lovers. Join the best orchid growers in the world along with fellow avid orchid fans for three days of pure orchid mania. [Click here for directions.](#)

There are dozens of vendors from New York to Hawaii—including many local vendors.

Florida North-Central Judging Center - (Tampa) Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church will hold monthly judging on the fourth week of the month, on a mixed schedule, Saturdays and Wednesdays, at Wesley Memorial Family Life Center, Fellowship Hall, 6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL.

Judging will begin at 9:30 AM on Saturdays. Judging will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Doors open 30 minutes prior to judging.

There will also be judging in Mt. Dora.

[PLEASE check the FNCJC website for updates.](#)



Please note that we will NOT have access to the Garden Club for our March, 2026 meeting. We will email you what we'll plan to do for the March 10, 2026 meeting and will also post it on our website.



MARIE SELBY
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As always, there are many excellent events at Selby Gardens. Until September 14th at the downtown campus, they'll show contemporary photography and The Birds, with 70 works by more than 50 photographers around the world.



Lights at Spooky Point will be from October 3 to November 1 at the Spanish Point campus. There are two Entry Times Nightly: 6:30 and 7:45 PM until 9 PM.

These are only a few of the events—there is also the delicious lunch/brunch at the Rooftop Edible Garden. [Click here for details.](#)

Early Birding on the Bayfront with Sarasota Audubon, Saturday, September 6

8 AM to 10 AM—Downtown Sarasota campus

Sarasota Audubon's expert bird naturalists will lead this walk into the avian world and help you to identify species.



Photos from members - we love to show off your orchids - so please email me a .jpeg or some photo and we'll include it in our newsletter or website.



The plant on the left belongs to Don Miller. He found it hanging on the fence along the seawall and mangroves with no tag but it was identified by specialists from the Atlanta Orchid Society.

This is Rhynchovola David Sanders, a hybrid between *Brassavola cucullata* and *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*.



These two belong to Maryanne Hazen.



The plant above is a *Maxillaria tenuifolia* and is usually a good bloomer.

And surprisingly enough, the cymbidium on the left blooms every year even though they prefer the California cooler nights.

Several orchid growers have given us supplies which we're making available to our members for a nominal cost. We have many plastic liner pots, mounting supplies, wire supports/attachments. We'll try to have some of them available at the next few meetings or you can contact either Sharon or Maryanne for more information.

I still have a pink bag with gloves, an apron & clippers was left at the meeting – is it yours? You must be missing the nice clippers! Contact Maryanne to retrieve them. I'll bring them to the next few meetings and hope to find the rightful owner.

Refreshments

No refreshments are needed beyond what you plan to bring to the dinner meeting at Sharon's house. Note that her house is north of Manatee Avenue—head north on 59th Street N. (just east of the Chop Shop) and she's close to the end on the left side of 59th. We look forward to seeing you there.



Rhynchostylis (Foxtail Orchid)

Rhynchostylis is a genus of orchids native to the Indian subcontinent region. It is commonly called the fox-tail orchid since its inflorescence looks like the "bushy" tail of the diminutive canine. Rhynchostylis are closely related to Vandas and come in a multitude of colors.

You can also get a copy of the current directory on the Members Page.

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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.

Oops—sorry—ran out of time to add another article...
