

# Deep South Orchid Society Newsletter

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June 2022

## June Meeting

**Date:** Sunday 12 June 2022

**Activity:** Everything You Need to Know About the Greenhouse So You Can Volunteer With Confidence.

**Place:** Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, **The Annex**, 2 Canebrake Rd. Savannah, GA

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Hosting:** Joseth and Wynston Scott

The Orchid Greenhouse is one of the gems of the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. We desperately need volunteers to help out in the greenhouse.

Steve Tacopina and Jaime Yu do an excellent job in the greenhouse but they would like to take a break once in a while. That is where you can step in and help.

This month Steve and Jaime will go over what they would like us to do and where to find everything.

One benefit of working in the greenhouse is that you get to chat with people who come from all over the world.

## DSOS Meetings At A Glance

10 July 2022

TBD

Hosting:

Caroline Hopkinson

14 August 2022

TBD

Hosting: Brenda Rithner, Hilda Sukman and Tina Gioco

11 September 2022

TBD

Hosting: Ginny Albro, Becky Bradley and Mina Smith



Bulbophyllum falcatum, Owners: Greg and Nancy Mosely, Steve Tacopina and Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst

## ***Board Highlights***

The Board met on 7 May 2022 and will meet again on 12 June 2022. Time and place TBD.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of 7 May 2022:

General Fund:	\$9625.09
Greenhouse Fund:	\$ 257.40
Speaker Fund:	\$ 788.20

The DSOS made \$941.00 during our show.



Native Orchid, *Spiranthes magnicamporum?*, Owner: Steve Tacopina

### **Greenhouse**

We need volunteers in the greenhouse. Next meeting will be a greenhouse orientation.

Greenhouse maintenance: Shade Cloth needs to be put on the greenhouse. Cool wall needs to be worked on.

### **Odds and Ends**

The Membership List is finished.

Our Affiliated Society information is up to date on the American Orchid Society web page.

Habersham YMCA requested a speaker for 8 June 2022.

## ***Orchiata***

Jenni Brodie picked up the Orchiata that everyone ordered. Please see her at the meeting to pay and pick up your Orchiata. She is bringing a few extra bags if anyone wants some. It is \$22.00 a bag.

## ***Are orchids edible?***

The blooms of all orchids are considered safe for consumption, but some species can irritate the stomach. The vanilla bean or pod is regarded as the world's only edible fruit-bearing orchid.

The genus *Dendrobium* is also commonly used as a food ingredient and garnish. As with any raw product, be sure to thoroughly wash it prior to consumption.

Cultures in Africa, Asia, and Australia have eaten different parts of the orchid plant for hundreds of years, if not more. The plant has also been used medicinally in many places. Soft Cane *Dendrobiums* are used in stir fry dishes, in sauce recipes, and boiled for tea in many Asian countries. In Thailand, *Dendrobium* flowers are dipped in batter and deep-fried. In Europe, many chefs garnish cakes and desserts with beautiful orchid petals. Hawaiians have been making salad dishes and sugar-coated orchid candies for decades.

Orchids are becoming a popular garnish to drinks served in upscale restaurants, as well as offering a burst of color to salads and lending their unique flavor to cuisine sauces. The flavor depends on the genus of orchids used and what part of the plant is being consumed. Often, orchid petals are described as having a fresh, crisp flavor that is similar to endive or watercress.

There are also several other types of edible flowers genus' including pansy blossoms, rose petals, nasturtiums, marigolds, calendulas, violas, camellias, and dahlias to name a few.

\*\*Article was from Waldor's Orchids 16 May 2022 email.

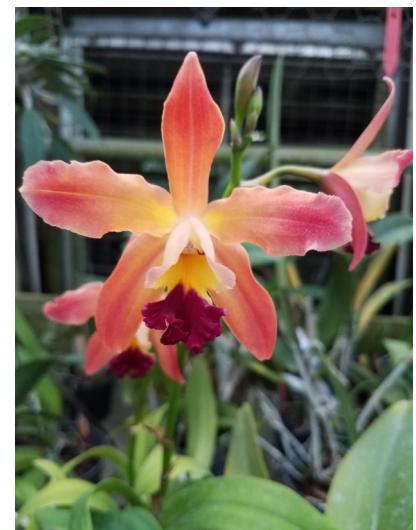


Blc. Mem. Helen Brown 'Sweet Afton' Photo courtesy of Jaime Yu.  
Greenhouse Photo



L. purpurata v. striata Greenhouse

Photo



C. (Pole-Star x Loddigesii) x Mcp. Thomsoniana Greenhouse Photo

**June Meeting - Picnic**



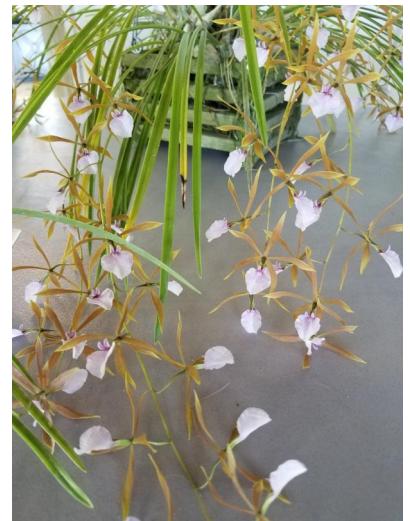
Time to Eat!



Paph. Philippinense 'Alford' AM/AOS x  
Paph. Philippinense 'Mem. Dr. Henry  
Walbrunn' AM/AOS, Owner: Brenda  
Rithner



Hilda Sukman checking out the plants going  
up for auction



Encyclia bractencens, Owner: ???

**In The Greenhouse This Month**



Encyclia Boricana (bractescens x  
alata)



Encyclia Nursery Rhyme x Encyclia  
ceratistes



Encyclia alata

**Encyclias, Some Pretties**

**and an Unusual**



Coel. South Carolina



Bulbophyllum Phalaenopsis Photo courtesy  
of Jaime Yu



Galeopetalum Starburst Parkside AM/AOS

## Events Calendar

11 June 2022 - AOS Judging, 1:00 pm Mershon Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA

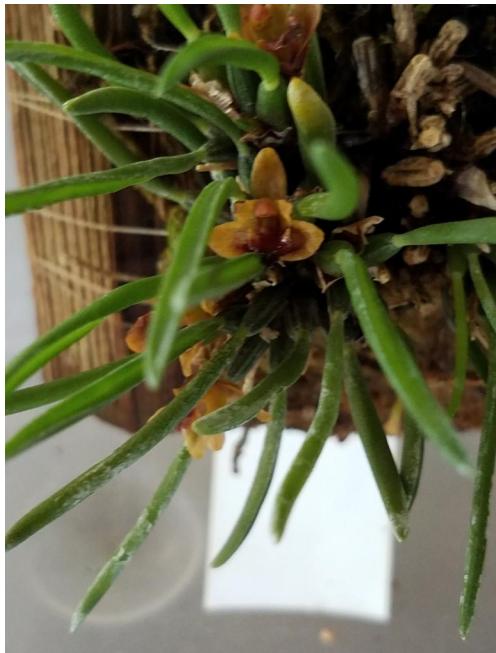
9 July 2022 - AOS Judging, 1:00 pm Mershon Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA

13 August 2022 - AOS Judging, 1:00 pm Mershon Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA

TBD October 2022 - Redland International Orchid Festival

### ***The Final Word - Volunteering In the Greenhouse and an Interesting Factoid***

I volunteered to work in the greenhouse during the Gardens' Spring Fling in April. I met and chatted with many people from all over the USA. What surprised me the most was the number of people that came up to me and said "There were more orchids blooming the last time I visited." It never occurred to me that there were so many repeat visitors.



Maxillaria pumila (minuta), Owner: Kim Owens

### ***Board of Directors***

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