

Deep South Orchid Society Newsletter

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October 2023

October Meeting

Date: Sunday 8 October 2023

Place: Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens,
The Visitors Center, 2 Canebrake Rd.
Savannah, GA

Time: 1:00 pm

Speaker: Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids

Hosting: Joseth Scott

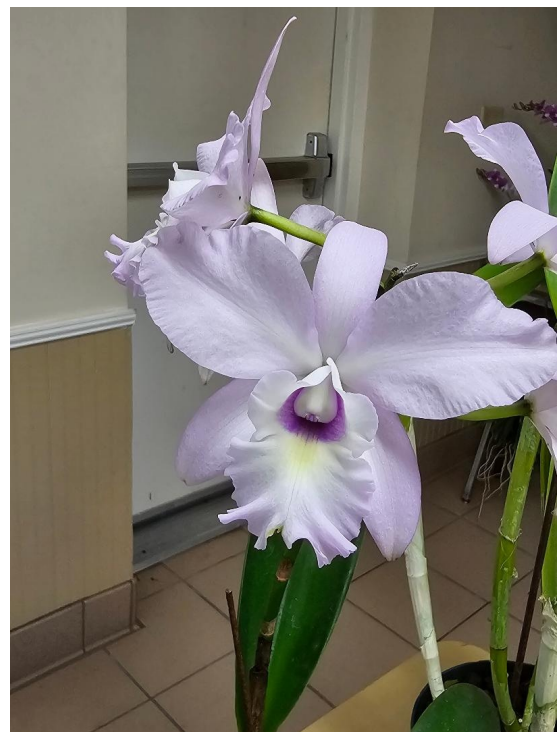
Phillip Hamilton's topic is his Novelty
Phalaenopsis to include his new breeding
lines.

He will have plants to sell. He is giving a
10% discount if you pre-order prior to the
meeting. See the next page.

Show and Tell

DSOS Meetings At A Glance

12 Nov 2023	Mark Reinke, Marble Branch Farms Hosting: Ron Melander
10 Dec 2023	Christmas Party Hosting: Low Country Boil/Potluck
14 Jan 2024	Bingo Hosting: Potluck



Lc. Good Days Ninety's, Owner: Jamie Yu

Where is Fred Clarke?

The email from Sue Bottoms about scheduling Fred Clarke coming to speak to us was misread. Fred is coming in October of **2024**.

We have something exciting to look forward to next year.

How To Get the 10% Discount For Pre-Ordering From Bredrens Orchids

This is a copy of Phillip's directions on how to do the pre-order. It is very easy to do.

Phillip's email: I have setup the code and pickup option (so no shipping charge). This is offered only for prebooked orders placed and paid for through our webstore, for pickup at the meeting (the discount does not apply to purchases made at the meeting). The process should be pretty simple. Basic steps are outlined below:

1. Visit www.bredrenorchids.com and select items for purchase.
2. Click on shopping cart icon in top right corner of page to proceed to checkout.
3. For delivery method, select "Store Pickup – Deep South Orchid Society".
4. Under Payments, apply the discount code: DSOSTALK for 10% discount. Finalize payment and confirm order.

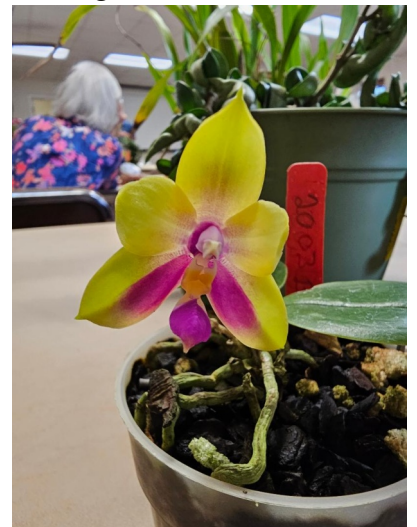
Dues Are Past Due

Dues are past due. Please bring your dues to the meeting or send them using the address at the bottom of the membership form located on the Deep South Orchid Society web page under Join.

New Members who joined in January and after are good until September 2024. Dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$35.00 for a family membership.

Let's Welcome Our New Members

We would like to give a warm welcome to Sue Hill, Becky Ince and Bonnie Borgett, and Wanda Stevenson who joined at our September meeting. Thank you for joining the Deep South Orchid Society.



Phalaenopsis NOID, Owners: David and Cheryl Holesovsky

Orchid News from Around the World

Incredible Fun Orchid Facts That You Need To See Immediately

List taken from: <https://plainviewpure.com/12-incredible-orchid-facts-no-one-ever-told/>

1. Orchids are the largest family of flowering plants.
- 2.. They have also been around the longest as they are one of the oldest flowers in existence. Since varieties of orchids are found all over the world, it's accepted that orchids were in existence prior to the separation of the continents.
3. There are more than 25,000 documented orchid species throughout the world.
4. This means the number of orchids on the planet is four times the number of birds and four times the number of mammals! That's A LOT of orchids!!
5. Although generally thought of as a tropical plant, orchids grow on every continent.
6. From the Arctic Circle to the southernmost jungle (except Antarctica). They're valued and thought of as beautiful across continents and cultures with varying meanings and customs surrounding their existence.
7. The smallest orchid is the size of a dime.
8. This amazing orchid is small enough to fit in a doll house!
9. The vanilla orchid (and its vanilla bean) is the only commercially grown orchid crop (*Vanilla planifolia*).
10. Orchids yummy enough to eat and cook with!
11. Orchids have the tiniest seeds in the world.
12. This makes them a challenge to grow and cultivate. They take forever to sprout and actually turn into a plant! Growing orchids from seeds is only for the patient and very green-thumbed.
13. There can be up to 3 million seeds in a single orchid seedpod.

Orchid News from Around the World (cont.)

Incredible Fun Orchid Facts That You Need To See Immediately

14. You'll never see them though, they are the size of a speck of dust and are only visible under a microscope. Part of the reason for their small size is that they lack an endosperm and have no nutrients within. They require contact with a particular fungus to germinate and grow. We find this fact particularly interesting!

15. It takes patience to grow an orchid.

16. The plant's first flowers won't appear until at least 5 to 7 years after germination. The houseplants you find in stores are often a decade old. From duck to swan!

17. Some orchid flowers bloom for mere hours, while others last up to half a year.

18. Phalaenopsis orchids are versatile enough to last in a cut flower arrangement longer than most. That's why we like Phalaenopsis orchids the best!

19. Orchid flowers always grow upside down when mature.

20. The orchid can have enough blooms to be heavy enough for the orchid to hang down. Gravity always wins!

21. Orchid plants can live to be up to 100 years old.

Who said orchids are hard to grow?? Orchids have become one of the most popular houseplants of all time.

Email from Waldor Orchids dated: 16 September 2023



1. Paph. Swifthin,
Owner: ????

2. V. Prachit Gold x V.
Bangkhuntian Gold, Owner:
Brenda Rithner

3. Odontocidium Everglades
Elegance 'Nancy Lee',
Owner: Steve Tacopina

Greenhouse



It's Vanda Time



Orchids starting top and going clockwise.

1. Ascda. Yip Sum Wah x Meda Sand
2. V. Robert's Delight 'Blue'
3. Mokara JR Heartthrob 'Dark Red'
4. Vanda NOID
5. V. Robert's Delight Red



Events Calendar

14 October 2023 - AOS Judging, 1:00 pm Mershon Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA

20-22 October 2023 - Rare Plants and Orchid Festival, Fruit and Spice Park, Homestead, FL

3-4 November 2023 - The Apopka International Fall Orchid Festival and Vanda Slipper Orchid Symposium, Apopka FL

11 November 2023 - AOS Judging, 1:00 pm Mershon Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA

The Final Word - Still Looking...

...for a newsletter volunteer. My time as the newsletter editor is growing short so we need someone to take it over. There is no fixed format so volunteer and let your creativity flow.



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