

# ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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*Angraecum didieri in bloom on an oak branch*  
Grower: Thomas Dunlap



## FEATURED ORCHID

## PROGRAM NOTES

### August Member Meeting

Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
San Antonio Garden Center



Our in-person speaker will be Tom Dunlap. He will present on Angraecums/Angraecoids in general. Known as the "Jewels of Africa", these orchids have beautiful white and fragrant flowers with a deep and long spur. Tom is an expert orchidist and has a large collection of orchids. His greenhouse is spectacular and he has generously given many of us divisions. Plant raffle will also be held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### *Opportunities!*

The greenhouse accident is being turned into an opportunity. Who would have thought?

The Gardens is considering developing a theme for the orchid collection. Rather than having any kind of orchid, they may choose to only select

certain orchids based on species of Texas and species of the New World. They are reaching out to other botanical gardens to share orchid ideas. So, what of the existing orchids? Well, many ideas are being tossed around but no clear decision at this point. Stay tuned, it may be an opportunity for us. A "fire sale" perhaps. Life gives us lemons sometimes and we

rebound in new directions that may be opportunities.

We are looking forward to our new website despite recent setbacks. We should see it come together soon. We have added talented people to our board who can make it happen. Stay tuned!

~Susan Coyne, President,  
Alamo Orchid Society

We are dedicated to helping its members and friends throughout San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country increase their knowledge about orchids. The Alamo Orchid Society is a 501(c) nonprofit organization established in 1955.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

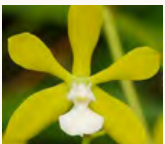
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Aug 2 7:00 pm Texas Speaker Circuit Zoom Presentation | Tim Culbertson, Encyclias ✨  
**Aug 3 7:00 pm Monthly Member Meeting | Tom Dunlap, Angraecums/Angraecoids in general ✨**  
Aug 6 12:30 pm Regional Judging | Houston, TX (plants collected Aug 4) Call Mary (713) 668-2828 ♦

✨ Speaker will bring plants | ✨ Orchid raffle/plant sale will be held | ♦ Monthly AOS Regional Judging Meetings

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## TIM'S ENCYCLIA PLANT SALE



Tim Culbertson was scheduled to be our in-person speaker this month, but will give a Zoom presentation on Encyclias on Tue., 8/2. He is selling plants. [Click this link to view the plant list](#). Plants are \$30 each in 3" or 4" pots unless otherwise noted. Shipping is \$10 for the first plant and \$5 for each additional plant. Credit Cards (by phone, please) and PayPal accepted. Contact Tim Culbertson directly via email [twculber@gmail.com](mailto:twculber@gmail.com) or by phone (301) 641-2556.

## JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Susan Coyne opened up the Zoom meeting shortly after 7 pm.
- There were 3 resignations, one last week by letter, and 2 at this meeting in person. Resignations were accepted by the current Board of Directors present at this meeting. Steve Cain, Vice President, Jessica Kahanek Cain, Treasurer, and Joe Hoyt, Hospitality and Growers Group has resigned. Director position, will be filled by Lou Lou.
- Susan made a motion to nominate Lou Lou and Tracey seconded that motion. She will be an asset to our club as she has previously been involved in other nonprofit organization boards and has website experience. She is a current regular volunteer at the greenhouse.
- Vice President position, Brian Shelton expressed interest and feels that he can perform the functions of VP. He was voted in as the interim VP. Treasurer position: Melanie is interested in this role and will be voted at August 3rd meeting.
- Steve and Jessica will return all society property (physical and intellectual) to Denise.
- Greenhouse update is that many of the plants that were damaged by the heat are starting to recover, new growth and new spikes. This year the SABG will be doing some upgrades to the greenhouse. They will be adding a new shade cloth, water wall, and new pads.
- There may not be a show for 2023. The weekend SABG has offered is during Austin's Heart of Texas Orchid Society Show. We avoid having shows during the same weekend as nearby societies due to vendor availability and AOS judging. We asked the San Antonio Botanical Garden to sponsor an orchid sale/vendor fair in fall of 2023. The Garden Center charges \$800 per day and an additional \$15 per hour for an event.
- The San Antonio Zoo has expressed interest in our society in keeping a collection of orchids and displaying some orchids there. Brian Shelton will be heading up this project.
- Our August 3rd meeting, Tom Dunlap will be giving a presentation on Angraecums. Our circuit speaker canceled so he will give a combined society Zoom presentation Tuesday August 2nd 7 pm. At \$50 per club.
- There are speakers lined up for October and November, more details to come on this.

## 2022 OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Susan Coyne

### INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT

Brian Shelton

### SECRETARY

Tracey Davis

### TREASURER

Vacant

### DIRECTORS

Lou Lou Bly, Website  
Denise Garcia, Newsletter

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### GREENHOUSE MANAGERS

Susan Coyne  
Thomas Dunlap (consultant)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Susan Coyne  
Denise Garcia

# SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDENS & ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY GREENHOUSE UPDATE

Sadly, the fans and cooling systems were accidentally left off all day on Friday, June 17. Temps soared to 135°F degrees.

The society and SABOT are doing everything to prevent further damage and to save as many plants as possible. These photos document some of the resilient orchid beauty we have seen over the past month.

Many of the plants that were damaged by the heat are starting to recover, new growth and spikes. The San Antonio Botanical Garden will be making some upgrades to the greenhouse later this year.

WHAT'S BLOOMING!

## GREENHOUSE



## SABOT CONSERVATORY



# HOME REMEDIES

*From the American Orchid Society*

**VINEGAR** | Rather than expensive and potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers and on greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids.)

**ASPRIN** | Just  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water helps protect plants from fungal and viral pathogens when used as a spray.

**HOMEMADE INSECTICIDE** | Mix in a 1 gallon [3.8 L] jug: 1 pint (0.5 L) rubbing alcohol, 1 pint (0.5 L) 409 spray cleaner, and 3 quarts (2.8 L) of water. Apply as a spray.

**ISOPROPYL (RUBBING ALCOHOL)** | Put into an empty spray bottle and use to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites, and perhaps other pests. It works only while wet and must contact the insect.

**NEOSPORIN** | Has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.



## WIN AN ORCHID!

At the next in-person society meeting, earn a chance to win!

- Bring food / drinks for the refreshment table → **GET A TICKET!**
- Bring a blooming orchid for "show and tell" → **GET A TICKET!**
- Purchase \$15 or more of orchid supplies, → **GET A TICKET!**
- Bring a guest to the meeting to become a member → **GET A TICKET!**

***The more you can do, the more tickets you get. And you're helping support your orchid society.***

# JULY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

PREVIOUS BALANCE .....\$9,520.32

*Received all the circuit club  
reimbursements for our hosting  
of the June speaker.*


ENDING BALANCE.....\$10,540.09

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



*Thank you to our greenhouse  
volunteers: Aiden, Melanie, Lou Lou  
(pictured) and Lynn, Pat, and Edie!*

## JOIN THE ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY

Find us on 

Membership dues are \$35 per household. Memberships paid now will run through December 2022. You may bring your dues to our meetings held the 1st Wednesday of the month at the San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 North New Braunfels, 78209. Or, you may mail payment to Susan Coyne, 11814 Bandera Road, Helotes, TX, #146. Checks need to be made out to Alamo Orchid Society.

**Get Involved!** There are several ways to interact with our club and its members. Join our activities and events at the San Antonio Botanical Garden and post in our Facebook group, **Alamo Orchid Society of San Antonio (OFFICIAL PAGE)**. You can email us at [alamoorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:alamoorchidsociety@gmail.com) with any questions or feedback. We would love to hear from you!