

ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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Pot. Lydee Williamson 'Serena's Choice'
x *L. anceps* 'Mendenhal Stripes'
Grower: Olompali Orchids

FEATURED ORCHID

PROGRAM NOTES

November Texas Speaker Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 859 2727 2231 | PW: 565128



Sergio Garcia is an expert in Cattleyas and Laelias. At a young age, his father took him to show in Sao Paulo, Brazil. They were awestruck by the *Catasetum pileatum* and met Mr. Heitor Gloeden, the most respected orchid grower in Brazil's history. Following that meeting, Gloeden took them under his wing and taught them about orchids.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Getting Ready for Winter

We just had our first cool spell and a warning that winter is near. It's time to think about how to adjust our orchid culture until next spring.

Your orchids will notice the shorter days, and changes in light and temperature. The AOS has

several articles that will help you with the type of orchids that you grow for the winter environment.

Tips from the AOS:

Light is different at this time of year. Make adjustments. Watch for sunburn if you grow your orchids in a south window. Move them back from the window or add a sheer curtain to reduce light intensity.

Shorter and cloudy days may mean that new growths may be weaker and not produce spikes. You may need to add grow lights to provide the additional light that the orchids need for strong growths and flowers.

Because of the changes in light and temperatures, orchids grow more slowly

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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

Nov 1	12:00 pm	Fall Floral Design Class San Antonio Garden Center (SAGC), RSVP to (210) 824-9981
Nov 1	7:00 pm	Texas Speaker Circuit Zoom Meeting Sergio Garcia, Olompali Orchids
Nov 2	9:30 am	Mahncke Park Community Garden—All about the Gardens and Planting Tips SAGC
Nov 2	7:00 pm	Monthly Member Meeting Orchid Q&A, bring orchids for discussion, show & tell ♦
Nov 6	12:30 pm	AOS Judging Schertz Public Library, Email isurus09@gmail.com
Nov 8	7:30 pm	AOS Webinar: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton Register www.aos.org
Nov 28 - 29	@ 9 am	Operation Christmas Cheer DIY wreaths, table pieces, bows and gifts SAGC

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

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November Member Meeting

Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm
San Antonio Garden Center

This month's in-person meeting will be an orchid Q&A and social. Bring an orchid you have questions about and get a group opinion. Show and tell and plant raffle will be held.

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After college, Sergio moved to California where he began cultivating orchids. Today, he balances the demands of his professional life with his orchid business, **Olompali Orchids**. He focuses on 1) hybridization to create new forms & improve existing species, 2) protecting the environment and focusing on sustainability, 3) practicing fair trade, 4) partnering with Wenzel Orchids, a multi-generational Brazilian business. Connect on **Facebook**, **eBay**, and **YouTube**.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GETTING READY FOR WINTER

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in winter and will need less water and fertilizer. Check your orchids for moisture levels. Generally, they will need less water and less fertilizer.

Most orchids are grown inside the home or greenhouse in the winter with supplemental heat which is drier. Try to provide more humidity if possible. Some tips are to set pots on trays of gravel and water or mist a few times a day. Protect from drafts.

Providing a little extra attention to your orchids at this time of the year will get them

them through the the winter in good health and bloom!

~Susan Coyne, President,
Alamo Orchid Society



*Cirrhopetalum Elizabeth
Ann Buckleberry
Grower: Susan Coyne*

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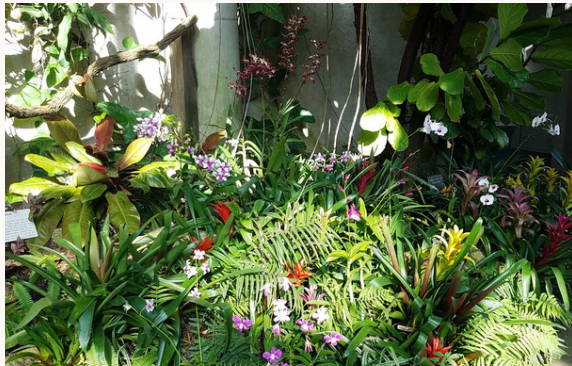
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SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDENS CONSERVATORY & ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY GREENHOUSE PHOTOS



OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Officers in attendance: Susan Coyne - President, Brian Shelton, Vice President, Tracey Davis - Secretary, Denise García - Director, Newsletter Editor and Website, Lou Lou Bly - Director, Hospitality and Growers Group and Website

→ Carolyn Fuentes made a motion to accept the 2023 slate of officers and Richard McNatt 2nd the motion. All in attendance voted yes.

Announcements:

→ LouLou, Denise and her mom supplied decorations and refreshments for the October Garden Center garden club meeting. (which is our annual requirement as a member in the Garden Center)

→ There will be no meeting in December due to the parking situation. SABG is having their Holiday Lightscape event. We will try and have a holiday celebration in January, TBD.

→ Yearly dues are due in January, per the bylaws, but due to a possible issue with parking, and the New Year Holiday we may need to extend into February.

→ A new member list will be created and updated for paid members. There have been many new members since Covid and many traditional members have moved on and no longer attend.

→ 2023 shows: Austin will be having their orchid show in February. Houston will be having their show in March. We are hoping to plan an orchid vendor fair in September 2023.

→ LouLou demonstrated our new website, www.AlamoOrchidSociety.com and its current features. It is still being developed.

→ Brian Shelton introduced our speaker for the evening, Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise, "Novelty Paphiopedilums". He brought beautiful plants for sale.

→ Show and tell plans were presented by Richard McNatt, Carolyn Fuentes, Paul Carney and Susan Coyne.



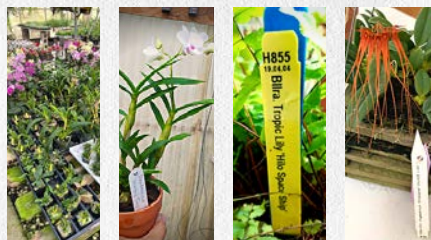
BEGINNERS CORNER: WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN BUYING AN ORCHID

From the American Orchid Society

There are two ways to choose an orchid; 1) If you want pretty flowers, then a plant that appeals to you will do. Unnamed plants, "Noids" (meaning; no id), are readily available for under \$20. But if you find orchids interesting and want to know more about them, make sure your plant has a name (comes with a label stuck in the pot). Let's unravel the mystery of a name.

The label may consist of two words. The first word is the name of the genus (plural: genera). Like a person's last name or family name. (e.g., Smith). The genus name should be italicized whether it is a species or hybrid. Within each genus, taxonomists recognize species by giving them individual names called specific epithets. A specific epithet may indicate place of origin (costaricensis, from Costa Rica), the person who found the orchid (besseae, for Libby Besse), a characteristic of the orchid (glabra, for smooth) or honor an individual (garayi, for Leslie Garay). Together, the genus name and specific epithet comprise the species name. Hence *Masdevallia coccinea* is a species with red flowers (coccinea means red) and *Paphiopedilum philippinense* was discovered in the Philippines. Think of the species name as a person's first name (e.g., Tom).

When a hybrid is made, the breeder assigns a group name (grex) that applies to all of the hybrid progeny. A grex name begins with a capital letter and is in Roman type. When *Paphiopedilum niveum* was crossed with *Paphiopedilum tonsum*, all progeny were given the name *Paphiopedilum Olivia*. Your label might also have a cultivar name following the grex name.



Cultivar names may be applied to hybrids (*Paph. Olivia 'Lorelei'*) as well as species (*Paphiopedilum appletonianum 'Seascape'*). A cultivar name begins with a capital letter, is in Roman type and set within single quotation marks. When vegetatively propagated – through divisions, keikis (offshoots) or mericlones – all derivatives of a cultivar will be genetically identical and possess the same cultivar name. This permits hobbyists to know exactly what to expect from a plant they purchase bearing this name.

You may also see extra letters such as "AM/AOS" and "HCC/AOS" following names. These letters indicate that a flower quality award has been granted. The letters before the slash are an abbreviation for the award; AM is an Award of Merit, HCC a Highly Commended Certificate. The letters following the slash indicate the association that bestowed the award.

SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

PREVIOUS BALANCE.....\$10,393.69

INCOME

Membership Dues.....36.50
Raffle.....145.50
Interest.....0.09
Less Square fee.....-1.42

TOTAL INCOME180.67

EXPENSES

Meeting monitor fee.....45.00
State fee chg address5.00
USPS box 1yr fee.....212.00
HEB meeting supplies.....19.93
Fees.....4.04

TOTAL EXPENSES285.97

ENDING BALANCE.....\$10,288.39




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 / new member to the meeting → **GET A TICKET!**

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

JOIN THE ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY

Find us on 

Membership dues are \$35 per household. We will begin collecting dues for 2023 in January and February 2023. 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 at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Or, you may mail payment to Alamo Orchid Society, PO Box 701536, San Antonio, TX 78232-9998. 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 with any questions or feedback. We would love to hear from you!