



ALAMO ORCHID SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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Grt. Henry Wan (Bro. negrilensis x Grt. Why Not) Grower: Phillip Hamilton



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FEATURED ORCHID

PROGRAM NOTES

June Member Meeting

Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.
San Antonio Garden Center



Phillip Hamilton will be giving a presentation on Novelty Phalaenopsis or Broughtonias and their hybrids. He has been growing these orchids since the age of eight. He has a graduate degree in Environmental Horticulture and is an AOS Senior Judge. He formed Bredren Orchids in 2013 and will bring unique species and hybrids to sell.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Alamo
Orchid Society
"Reset"*

Evaluating membership halfway through 2022 (post Covid), I'm noticing a trend. Many members have aged out, medically situationed out, or moved on to other interests. Lockdowns changed the dynamics of memberships.

Talking to the American Orchid Society and to other Orchid Societies (and other clubs in general,) the trend is the same. We are not alone in noticing these changes.

But, these changes have also brought many new orchid lovers to our club, bringing new and fresh ideas, and an excited energy. So, we are in

essence, "resetting" our Alamo Orchid Society! It is encouraging to see the new faces and enthusiasm that will carry our club into the future. It is important for long-time members to support our new members in learning about orchids and how the club operates, from meetings, shows, raffles, auctions, to the speaker

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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

June 1	7:00 pm	Monthly Member Meeting: Phillip Hamilton Novelty Phalaenopsis or Broughtonias
June 4	10:00 am	Society Day at Rainbow Gardens - 8516 Bandera Rd, San Antonio, TX 78250
June 7	7:30 pm	AOS.org Webinar: Join expert Jim Cootes for a survey of Philippine Bulbophyllums
June 28	7:30 pm	AOS.org Greenhouse Chat: Mounting Orchids
July 9	10:00 am	Monthly Member Meeting at the greenhouse

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT. "SOCIETY RESET"

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circuit, to the greenhouse management, and to our relationship with the Botanical Gardens. When you think about it, we do a lot! It is all important and takes a lot of effort. Having acknowledged

our "reset", it is important to gear our meeting topics and presentations to the novice and intermediate grower interests. We are still members of the Texas Speaker Circuit and will continue to bring expert speakers from

around the country and have presentations of interest for all orchid knowledge levels. We welcome our traditional members to return and be a part of our future!

~ Susan Coyne, *President, Alamo Orchid Society*

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MAY MEETING PHOTOS



BI-ANNUAL AUCTION

The first fundraiser of the year was well-received. Fifty-one orchids were auctioned off, 12 members participated and added several stunning orchids to their home collections. Orchids sold between \$20 to \$105 and the society raised \$1,680 in proceeds. Our next auction will be in October.

SEE WHAT'S BLOOMING IN THE GREENHOUSE



JOIN US NEXT MONTH

July Member Meeting

Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m.
San Antonio Botanical Gardens



The Wednesday night July meeting has been canceled and replaced with a Saturday morning greenhouse tour.

Members are invited to tour the society / SABOT greenhouse to learn more about growing, maintaining, potting/mounting orchids. Volunteers will help facilitate this event. Bring water and dress for a hot environment (we recommend sunscreen, a hat, and light clothes).



MONTHLY CHECKLIST FOR MAY & JUNE

☐ **Cattleya** - Summer-blooming types are showing buds on growing, soft pseudo-bulbs (and may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix.) Plants will be brittle and may be in bud. Unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake lead growth to avoid breakage. They will be entering a period of rapid growth, and have not built up momentum to be slowed by your missing a day or two of watering. It is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

☐ **Phalaenopsis** - Except for the latest-spiking plants, all should be ready

for potting or already potted. These are seasonal in rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base. Once seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to maximize on their growth this season.

☐ **Paphiopedilum** - Maudiae types will be well into their season, but do not stake too soon. This will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. Allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. The multi-floral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water & fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths.



MAY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

PREVIOUS BALANCE.....\$9,966.90

INCOME

Auction Proceeds.....\$1,680.00

Total Income\$1,680.00

EXPENSES

Total Expenses\$0

ENDING BALANCE\$11,646.90

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHING SOON!

Thank you to Jessica Kahanek for getting our new site up and running. Please bookmark this link for future reference:
www.alamoorchidsociety.org

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 our Treasurer, Jessica Kahanek, 11814 Bandera Rd.#146 Helotes, TX 78023.**

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!