



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

December 2020 Issue

December 2020 President's Message

What a wonderful holiday gift earlier this month! We had 40 members receive at least one healthy blooming plant, sourced by Waldor Orchids (in Linwood, NJ). I was very happy with the sheer variety and quality of the orchids we received AND even more proud of our Board of Directors for choosing to support a locally-operated, Orchid Nursery during these economically trying times. A special THANK YOU goes to Luanne - - she opened her home and put a tremendous effort to make the distribution a safe and successful endeavor. Her planning and execution were exemplary.

Every month, our ZOOM attendance increases by one or two members, but December's attendance jumped by 10! A happy surprise and our best attended meeting of the season. David Rosenfeld, MD, gave an amazing presentation on his thirteen part series entitled *Who Were These Guys*, the recording is available upon request.

Looking ahead to our January meeting (and the new year), we'll kick it off with guest: **Kim Feddersen**, owner of Fair Orchids (with greenhouses in Hillsborough, NJ). Mr. Feddersen will be presenting on *Growing Slippers* (primarily Paphiopedilums).

And lastly, as we enter this new year, I'd like to emphasize the added benefit of becoming a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS). It's a great way to learn about Orchid Care and Culture, while also supporting research and conservation initiatives, globally. If you're already a member, consider giving a gift membership to support the AOS while also sharing your love of Orchids with someone who matters to you.

SAVE THE DATE: Our next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for **January 6, 2021** at 7:00pm. The virtual meeting room will be open at 6:45pm, for those that want to log onto ZOOM early to connect with one another and share you latest orchid blooms. As always, I look forward to seeing you.

Here's to a happy and great 2021!

Cheers,
Jaymie Santiago

Karina Arango • American Orchid Society
December 3 at 7:35 AM •



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Meetings and Events 2020-2021

Meetings, 7:00pm, Zoom Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

Jan. Zoom:

CJOS Monthly Zoom Meeting / Speaker: Kim Feddersen (Growing Paphs)
Time: Jan 6, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97753244899?pwd=eTZBRkhna280aJQMmVGcm9sVk04dz09>

Meeting ID: 977 5324 4899

Passcode: 134503

When the pandemic is over the meetings will be held at the Johnson Education Center (D&R Greenway Land Trust) One Preservation Place Princeton, NJ 08540

Sept: Greg Griffis – Tolumnia

gregorygriffis.com

Oct: Wayne Hollenbach

Catasetums

<http://www.wadesorchids.com/>

Nov: Richard Ho - Novelty Phal's

[North Jersey Orchid Society](#)

Dec: David Rosenfeld "Who Were These Guys"

Jan: Kim Fedderson Fair orchids – Paph's

fairorchids@aol.com

Feb: TBA

March: TBA

Apr: TBA

May: TBA

June: TBA

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CJOS Member Holiday Gift

Thank you Jaymie for picking up the plants at Waldor Orchids

A wonderful selection of plants

(10 E. Poplar Ave. Linwood, NJ 08221 Phone (609) 927- 4126)

And thank you Luanne for hosting the plant distribution



Members Virtual Show Table

Jim Murtha



LC Elizabeth Off



PSY. Kalihi 'alba



POT Paradise Rose X POT Rubescence



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Shirley Li



Bealla Hawaiian Nights



C. Kanran big leaf

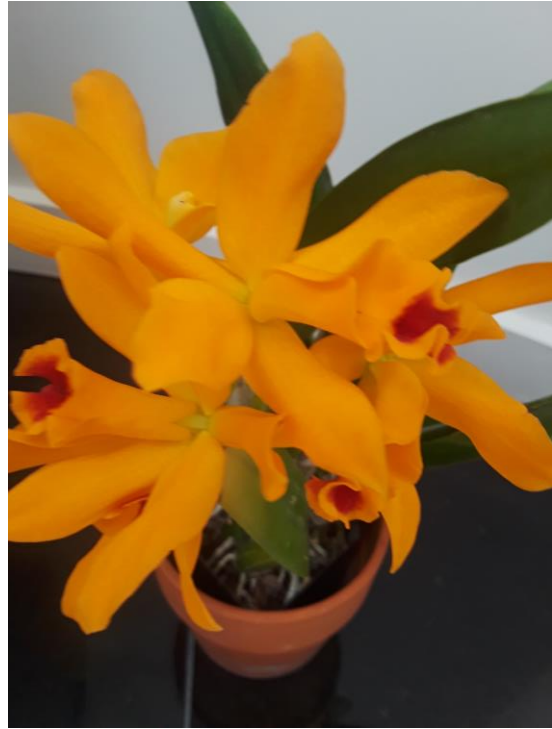


Haraella retrocalla x sib



Zygenisia Cynosure

Tobie Parnett



**POT.LOVE LOVE X
BLC. TSIKU LILY CATTLEYA**

NOID

Luanne Arico

Bak. Cotton Candy 'Clownish'



Luanne Arico (cont.)



Wild Willie 'Bingo'



Ludisia discolor

Ed and Pam Frankel

Pot. Mari's Vision 'SVO' x pot. Angel's Fantasy
'Solar Flair' FCC/AOS

We didn't get a lot of plant submissions. Fortunately we had many in bloom this month so we could have a full Newsletter.
(Please send your pictures next month)



Ed and Pam Frankel (cont.)



Cat. Chocolate drop 'Kodama' AM/AOS



**Ctna. Why Not 'Roundabout' C. Aurantiaca
x ro. Sanguinea**



NODI



LC Spring Fires 'Lenette #3' x por Martha Clarke 'Amazing'

Ed and Pam Frankel (cont.)



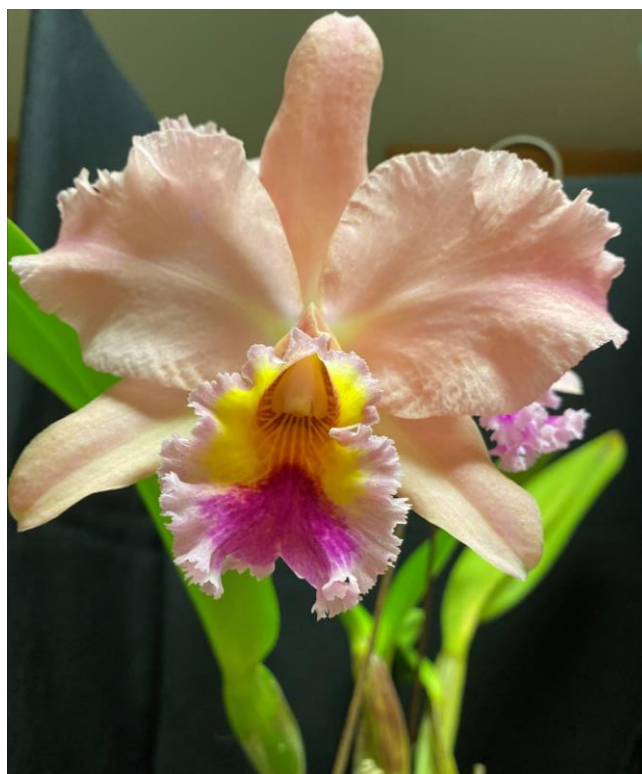
Den. Warawit Red



BC Maikai 'Mayumi'



**Slc. Rockette 'Little Rock' Am/AOS x
pot. Star Fire 'Rubens'**



Cat. George King 'Serendipity'

Ed and Pam (Cont.)



Cat. Ernie Pyle



Pot. Love Love 'YB'



Lycaste Macrobulbon O. Del Valle

Note: Do not give up on your plants! This was purchased in bloom 3 years ago. It went through the normal cycles of a Lycaste, losing it's leaves and growing more. It finally bloomed, 3 full years later.

How Do You Grow?

Each month, I would like to show a member's growing methods/conditions. We started with ours. Please send me pictures of your growing conditions (summer/winter)
edsharkf@yahoo.com No submission this month. Let's get some pictures of your growing space

It is time to Join the American Orchid Society



Let's Grow Together!

www.aos.org



Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	January 07, 2021 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 13, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday	February 09, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 16, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Mounting Your Orchids Best Practices	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Native Orchids of the Heartland
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Coronado Production Manager, VP, R.F. Orchids, Inc.	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Doug Martin Meeting the Challenge of Growing Native Orchids

Why should you join?

As a member of the AOS, your membership benefits include:

- **Twelve issues of ORCHIDS magazine, a \$83.88 value**
These monthly issues feature informative articles and beautiful photos for beginner and experienced orchid growers.
- One issue of the **ORCHIDS Annual Supplement**, a \$10-25 value
This special annual supplemental issue of ORCHIDS magazine covers a different topic each year
- Access to **OrchidPro**, our online-based software that gives you access to over 95,000 photos of award-winning orchids, exclusive data, in-depth genealogy, and much more, a \$99 value
- **“Your First Orchid”** – a free 64-page book for new members, a \$7.95 value (Just pay Shipping & Handling)
From cover to cover, beginners will learn everything they need to know to grow their first orchid successfully. Written in easy to understand language, this beginner’s guide can’t be beat!
- **Free advice from orchid experts**
Members get customized answers to your orchid-related questions free of charge from orchid experts.
- **Reduced processing fees** for AOS-judged awards.
Members save \$20 on processing fees for each on AOS award they receive
- The **Orchid Source Directory** in print and digital form, a \$5 value
This handy resource makes it easy for you to locate vendors of orchid plants, seedlings, supplies, books, greenhouses, cards, fertilizers, watering equipment, potting mixes, lighting setups and other orchid-related products.
- **Digital access to 350+ back issues** of ORCHIDS magazine, a \$1,200+ value
- **Two new live webinars and greenhouse (Q&A) chats** each month and on-demand access to past webinars, a \$600 value
You get access to expert coverage of specific orchid topics as well as broad coverage of a variety of topics in the Greenhouse Q&A; Chats. When you can’t attend live, you can access the new and past recordings on-demand at your convenience.
- **5% discount** at merchant partners on plants, supplies and more.
Members received discounts at 8 merchants with new partners being added.
- **10% discount** on AOS publications purchased from the AOS
Members receive this discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and AOS published books
- **FREE and discounted admission to nearly 300 Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, a \$30+ value after just two uses.**
With the Reciprocal Garden Admission program, members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. See below for important information on this benefit.
- **\$30 off an order of \$100** or more from select vendors with a two-year AOS membership
If you get a 2-year membership, you receive a \$30 coupon towards any order of \$100 or more from top vendors.

Editors note: We have taken advantage of the Reciprocal Garden Admission (when we were allowed to travel) This perk saved us more than the price of AOS membership.

The price to join AOS is more than reasonable with their benefits:

Membership Type	With Digital & Print Magazine
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Gold, One Year, US	\$79.00
<input type="radio"/> Gold, One Year, US Joint	\$94.00
<input type="radio"/> Gold, One Year, US Youth	\$54.00
<input type="radio"/> Gold, Two Year, US	\$153.00
<input type="radio"/> Gold, Two Year, US Joint	\$183.00
<input type="radio"/> Gold, Two Year, US Youth	\$103.00

Membership Type	With Digital & Print Magazine
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Silver, One Year, US	\$54.00
<input type="radio"/> Silver, One Year, US Joint	\$69.00
<input type="radio"/> Silver, One Year, US Youth	\$39.00
<input type="radio"/> Silver, Two Year, US	\$103.00
<input type="radio"/> Silver, Two Year, US Joint	\$133.00
<input type="radio"/> Silver, Two Year, US Youth	\$73.00

**And Most Important, We Need to Support the Fundamental
Orchid Organization**

Go to AOS.ORG to Join

CULTIVATION

December 2020 *Catasetinae* Growing Tips

by Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

Now that winter has really set in, your *Catasetums* and *Cynoches* will have matured their growths and finished flowering, but there are always a few late bloomers that soon should be on their way to dormancy. *Mormodes* will be finishing up their bloom season, and now it's time for many of the *Clowesia* hybrids to flower.

The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors: the maturity of the pseudobulb, shortening day length, cooler day/night temperatures and a reduction of root zone moisture. The yellowing and dropping of leaves signal the beginning of dormancy. Now is the time to stop fertilizing and cut back on watering frequency, simulating the end of the wet season in nature. This change in culture will cause the pseudobulbs to harden off in preparation for the upcoming months of dormancy. When most leaves are yellow/brown and have fallen off, cease watering altogether. This marks the start of the dormant period.

Those of you in Florida and the southern states will have dormant plants now, and it's possible that some of you may start to see the first beginnings of new growth.

Not all plants lose all of their green leaves when dormant, and it's not uncommon for some to hold a few leaves well past the point when irrigation has stopped.

The onset of dormancy generally occurs naturally; however, when plants are cultivated in consistently warm growing areas, such as in the home or under lights, dormancy sometimes needs to be encouraged. I have found that managing irrigation is one of the best tools to trigger dormancy. If you still have plants in December with a full complement of green leaves, it's time take a more aggressive approach. Allow the media to become dry, regardless of the number of green leaves. Let the media stay dry for 3-4 days then water sparingly, about one or two ounces of water. The water may flow right through the media, and that's okay. Allow the media to dry and wait 4-5 day before following the same stingy irrigation procedure. Repeat this process, increasing the dry interval between waterings. This will trigger dormancy in plants that are resisting the transition.

As my *Catasetinae* go to "sleep" for the winter I am reminded of the words of Shelley: "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"



These six plants illustrate the progression of *Catasetinae* into dormancy, from left to right: 1) leaf tip yellowing, 2) leaf yellowing, browning and abscission, 3) more yellow leaves, tip die back and leaf drop, 4) obvious missing leaves at base, 5) two leaves remaining, 6) leafless plant.

The Ugliest Orchid in the world and the Ghost Orchid have similar characteristics. The Beauty and the beast?



The "*Gastrodia agnicellus*" is located in Madagascar.

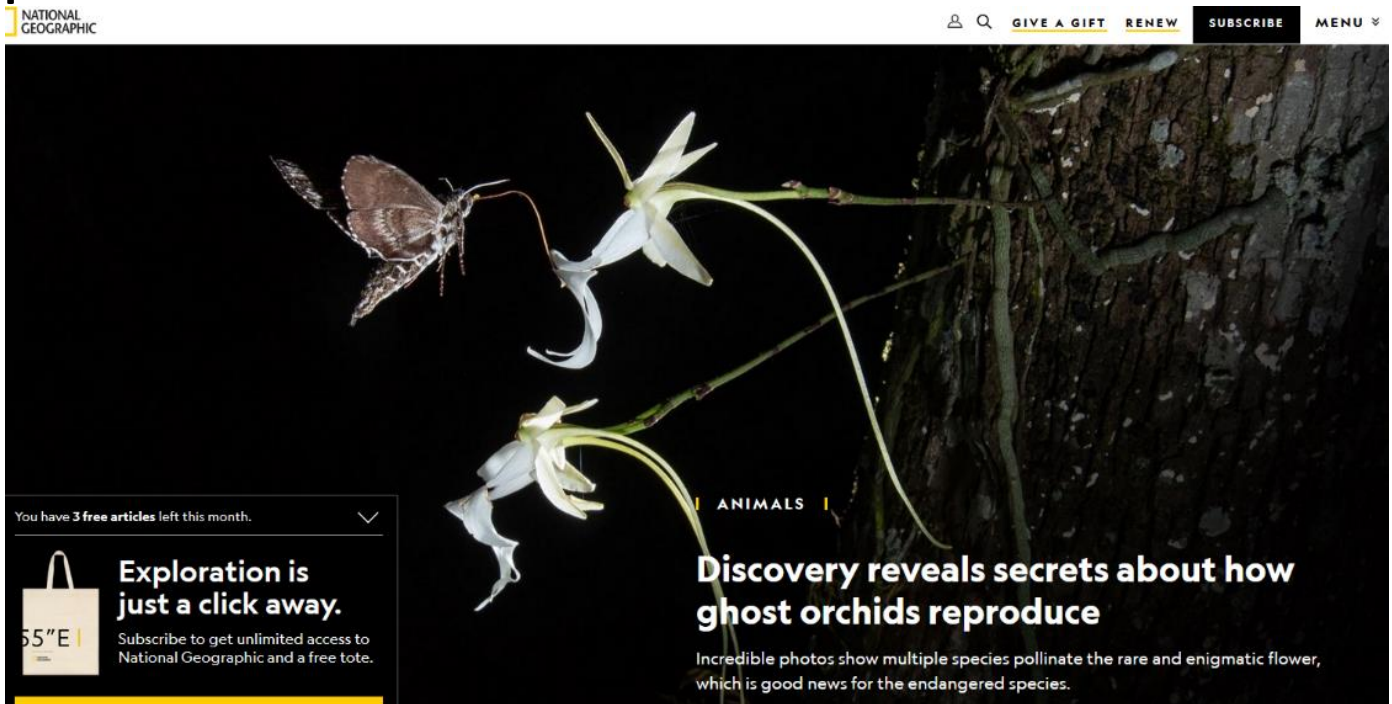
The Ghost Orchid

From Seedling to Flowering



They both grow without leaves!

How about this amazing picture of the ghost orchid being pollinated



<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/07/ghost-orchids-florida-surprising-pollinators-moths/>

Want to learn more about these orchids?

Ugliest Orchid

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/17/africa/ugly-orchid-intl-scli-gbr-scn/index.html?fbclid=IwAR0mXbgQp6boXNf7NhGg6zqlunoHoQui8mnTCTmchF0DCrZKiQA Gk0bzxE4>

Ghost Orchid

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/orchids/ghost-orchid-information.htm>

It is not recommended to collect or grow the ghost orchid but here is info:

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/GhostOrchidSidebar.pdf>

Editor note:

I have tried to see (not collect) the ghost orchid in the Fakahatchee swamp in Fla. We walked around in waist high, alligator infested water for hours but didn't locate any.

**Hope everyone is only the bottom
right**

