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CATASETINAE SPECIES AND THEIR CULTIVATION

Catasetum and related genera are from the Tribe Cymbidieae. They have been considered an orchid oddity, or “botanical”, of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect. These robust orchids are native to lowland tropical forests in Central and South America and are usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions. Commercially, Catasetum have occupied a small market niche on the edge of a sea of Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, and so on. This talk will feature some excellent species and hybrids of Catasetum. Learn about the fascinating sexually dimorphic flowers flower by a complete plant culture section.

Speaker will bring plants for sale.
Members should **not** bring items for sale.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next meeting date:
November 17, 2019
Fred Clarke, Speaker
(No show table in Nov.)
2:00 pm Stranges Garden
Center Short Pump

Upcoming meetings:
December 15, 2019
Holiday Social, Food
Drive, & Orchid Bingo
**Bring non-perishable
foods to donate**
Belmont Recreation &
Golf Course

Additional Meetings:
Next Board Meeting
November 10, 2019
1:00 PM Stranges



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gary Marshall

Please accept Gary's apologies for his absence at this time.



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The Speaker, Fred Clarke, is from Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum, Australian Dendrobium, and some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



**OUR ANNUAL
SHOW THEME
WILL BE
" PICTURE THIS"**

**LET YOUR
IMAGINATION RUN
WILD WITH THIS
THEME -- PICTURE
FRAMES,
CAMERAS,
CAMERA RELATED
EQUIPMENT,
ARTIST TRIPOD,
ETC. START
GATHERING THOSE
DISPLAY ITEMS!!**

Please volunteer for the open positions to assist with the VOS Annual Show or display. Sign-up sheets will be at the meeting.



Enjoy!!

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Organizing orchid culture and its chores by season is a convenient way to make sure that your orchids get the proper care at the right time. Becoming in tune with your plants' growth cycles creates a connection with the natural world and makes you a better grower. Long before there was the internet, monthly checklists of orchid care were a staple of AOS orchid information. These checklists have long been a regular feature in the AOS publications. Because plant growth and flowering is in tune with the changing seasons, these monthly checklists will remind you of what needs to be done when in your orchid collection throughout the year.

Visit the AOS website (<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care.aspx>) to link to the following checklists for each time of year.

Seasonal Orchid Care Checklists

Checklist: January and February

Checklist: March and April

Checklist: May and June

Checklist: July and August

Checklist: September and October

Checklist: November and December

Things to do in the Fall

Some Winter Flowering Orchids

Orchids that flower in March

