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Welcome to the AOS Corner, your monthly newsletter for Representatives, Presidents and Newsletter Editors provided by the Affiliated Societies Committee. Your support is critical and we appreciate and value your active participation in the American Orchid Society Family.

Happy New Year, Everyone! It seems impossible that the holidays are behind us, we've closed the door on 2024 and that we are currently looking forward with anticipation to see what 2025 will bring us! Hopefully that will include lots of new orchids with spectacular blooms to display all over our growing areas. And that it will Exclude bad weather, hurricanes, floods and tornados.

Many societies are now preparing for their yearly orchid shows and it's always exciting to make the venue a wonderland of glorious plants. It's also a great time to mingle with folks from other local societies who come to look, visit with the vendors and build up their own collections. As members of the ASC, let us encourage participation and attendance in all things AOS—that's how we boost membership and interest!

MESSAGE FROM THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Happy New Year All!!

Want to talk AOS? Join our January zoom meeting January 22nd... send me an email to arod@aos.org to be added to the zoom link email. Thank you for being an Affiliated Member! – Alex Rodriguez

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Hello all!! We are in the midst of winter in the upper half of the country, with all its snow and ice. Some areas of the country have winter a little warmer, but still winter. Some of our orchids go into a winter funk and some are lively and sending forth tons of blooms, just in time for shows starting up. If you are a new society member, lean on someone there to help you with new flowers. There is a way to stake up inflorescences so they shine their pretty faces to us. If you are not having any luck, again talk to people in your society to help you. Our societies exist to help you grow better orchids and how better to learn than attend local shows and see how others do it. Maybe you are an expert. If so, can you take the time to teach someone. Mentor them? We have lots of resources on line at AOS.org. Culture sheets for all our most popular orchids and of course webinars that you, as an AOS member can go view any time. But not a member? Join. You get our magazine with tons of information and a whole 10 years of webinars on all kinds of culture.

For those of you who are or might be interested, the AOS Meeting of the members will be held in Annapolis, MD. April 9-12. This is being held in conjunction with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and the North American Orchid Conservation Center and we will have featured speakers from there and from Longwood Gardens. We will have a bench orchid judging and vendors. The hotel is the Renaissance Annapolis and only 150 bucks. Never could get a price like that on the east coast!!! Join us for a fabulous time, meet lots of new friends and orchid growers. Buy up new orchids!! This is just such a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our orchid community!!! Register on line when you see the announcement, soon. We will have the opportunity to greet new members so take advantage of this great time to be had. – Cheryl Erins – cerins@aos.org

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY www.aos.org/webinars

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Register now and view on your time schedule.

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When	Jan. 02, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Jan. 09, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 05, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb.12, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Dec. 31, 2024</i>	Inorganic Potting Media, Never Repot Again Part 1 Semi-hydroponic growing	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 03</i>	Inorganic Potting Media, Never Repot Again Part 2
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Long time orchid grower across multiple states and in different environments.	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Long time orchid grower across multiple states and in different environments.



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Has your Society implemented initiatives to keep your members engaged and coming back for more? Do you have a fun fact you would like us to share? We would like to hear from you.

YOUR BLUNDERS

Do you have a recurring problem? Share your mishaps as well! Your lessons can help others avoid similar mistakes. Please email your stories to arod@aos.org. If you wish your story to remain anonymous, we will be more than happy to keep it so.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Affiliated Societies Committee is looking for team members. Help us continue to build relationships and resources for all the American Orchid Society Affiliates. Please send an email to arod@aos.org if you are interested in joining us virtually at our January 22, 2025 Meeting.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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Please remember to include the Affiliated Societies Committee (affiliated_societies@aos.org) to your newsletter distribution. We would like to know what you are doing. Help us help everyone by sending us your great ideas, recurring problems and your blunders; we all need that little inspiration in our orchid journey. If you have something to share, or there is something you would like to read about, please let us hear from you.

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