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Welcome to the AOS Corner, your monthly newsletter for Representatives, Presidents, and Newsletter Editors. We appreciate your continued support and thank you for being a part of the American Orchid Society Family. June is the middle of the year and the midpoint of the growing season between planting and harvesting. The Strawberry Moon appears at various points every year in June. In June we also celebrate Father's Day and Juneteenth!

MESSAGE FROM THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

AOS Representatives New & Old should send any questions or concerns to affiliated_societies@aos.org so we can address them. We are here to HELP... send us an email!

Just a reminder... If you would like to join our June Zoom meeting, please send me an email to arod@aos.org. - Alex Rodriguez



AOS REP – KEEP YOUR SOCIETY INFO CURRENT...

Please visit our webpage with your Society Member # and Login to Update Contacts, Meeting and Show Dates

If you have any issues accessing your Society Member page or need help accessing, please send an email to affiliated_societies@aos.org

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Hello, I had the opportunity to visit the Hilo Orchid Society meeting in May. They were very busy getting ready for their July show. It was great to see all the sign-up sheets for all the different volunteer opportunities quickly filling up. The society was clearly vested in having all the activities covered with plenty of volunteers. The room was humming with energy.

One of the best ways to encourage new members is to get them involved in helping, and what better way to help than at your local show. Another way to encourage new growers is to have a raffle table (opportunity table in Hawaii) where they can purchase an opportunity to add a plant to their collection.

Hilo, like many societies, had both a speaker and a raffle table – with plants specifically chosen to go along with the topic – which was really fun for the audience. I know it is not uncommon for the speaker to bring plants for sale that he or she talks about, but to have those brought by a local grower specifically for the speaker's topic was not something I had seen before. When in Hawaii ... I guess you get amazing raffle plants. I can only imagine what their plant auctions must be like.

This was Hawaii, so needless to say the plants that the members brought to show were exquisite, many had been previously awarded and still producing new, lovely blooms. Speaking of exquisite, the President honored me by presenting me with a lei, a truly Hawaiian greeting. I wore it for several days. The society, and the Hawaii Judging Center (Hilo) will be featured in my President's message in *Orchids Magazine*, watch for it and the pictures I took.

Our fall board meeting has just been approved in conjunction with the Kentucky Orchid Society show, September 26 & 27. The Board will meet earlier in the week, the 24th & 25th. Barb Schmidt, Vice President will be speaking at their June society meeting. When I mentioned that I wanted to get to societies that did not often see the President and to invite me to come see you, both Vice Presidents wanted in on the action. Eron Borne, who was elected in April, has a number of talks that he gives and he is an airline pilot, so he can get lots of places that are not easy for Barb or me.

We have several promising initiatives for Affiliated Societies, so stay tuned.

Aloha! Alison Gallaway

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY www.aos.org/webinars

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 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.

When	May 05, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	June 11, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	All Greenhouse Chats	Future Webinars
Topic	<i>FREE Live</i> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 02</i>	<i>Members Only Live</i> Hybridizing and Growing Catasetums Learn from the experienced growers with approximately 145 registered hybrids.	<i>FREE Recorded</i> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Search answers to your questions about all things orchid. View twelve years of Greenhouse Chats.	In Search Of Webinar Presenters You are invited to share <i>your</i> orchid knowledge with an enthusiastic audience of thousands. Contact webinar organizer for details. greenhousechat@aos.org
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Scott Elliott Hybridizer Maleki Hill Orchids	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Expert Growers, Hobby Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and YOU!



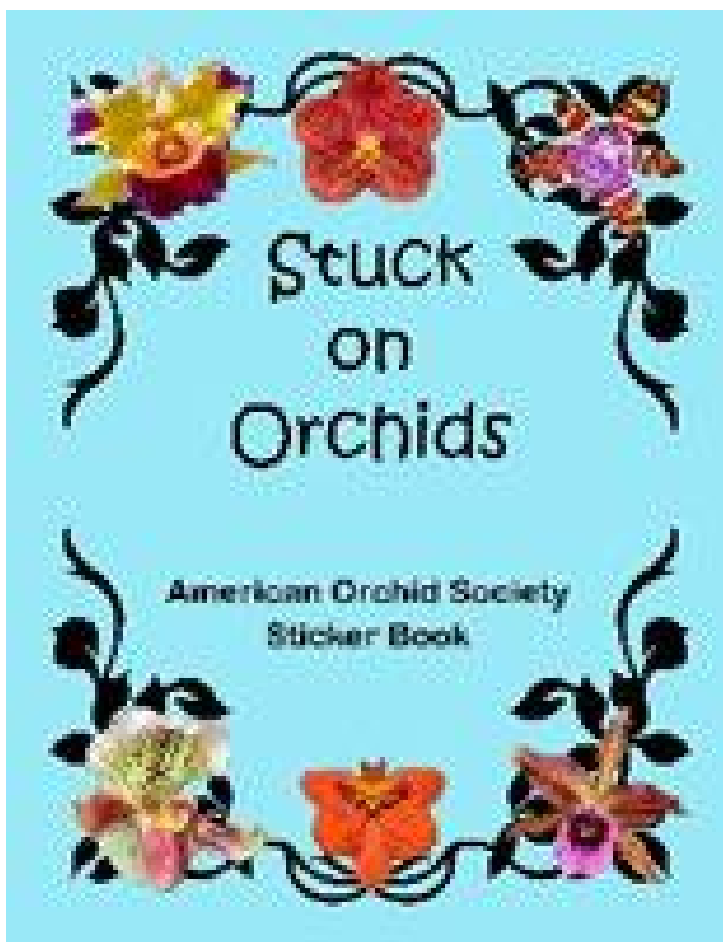
Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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Free Stuck on Orchids – Sticker Books Available

(AOS Education Committee Email)

In 2024, the Education Committee voted unanimously to provide our Stuck On Orchids sticker books free of charge to any Affiliated Society that would like to hand them out at their orchid shows or meetings. We are able to do this because these sticker books have been funded by our Education Grant Program; however, we have to ask that the recipients pay for the shipping. Please note that because these books are being provided by a grant, they cannot be sold. We can ship 75 copies of the sticker books in a USPS Flat Rate Shipping box at a cost of approximately \$21.00 (Currently, we are only shipping to US locations ONLY). Each society will be allotted one shipment per year. Anyone interested in receiving copies of these sticker books should contact Barb Schmidt at barbs@aos.org.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS & STORIES

YOUR GREAT IDEAS

Has your Society created ways to keep your members engaged and having them 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 us 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 June meeting.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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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