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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.

The “Scary Season” is upon us! It’s hard to believe that years ago Halloween was just another holiday for the kids to dress up in homemade costumes, grab a pillowcase and trick or treat. And now it’s the second biggest commercial holiday in the country! In between decorating, planning parties and costumes as well as amassing goodies to distribute, orchid lovers are busy readying our collections for the significant weather changes about to occur. We are making sure we shelter plants from the colder temperatures, spray for insects, treat for fungus, fertilize appropriately, clean out our work spaces and find a safe haven for the precious orchids to overwinter—all while searching for bud filled sheaths, new growth and inflorescences! Welcome FALL and turning of the leaves!!

MESSAGE FROM THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Reminder to the AOS Representative of the benefits of being an AOS Affiliated Member. These benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Ability to Register for an AOS Judged Show
- AOS Certificates of Appreciation (2 per Year)
- Access to Free Webinars
- DASSA Award Eligibility

We invite you to email me at arod@aos.org to take advantage of or discuss the benefits above or if you have a question or to share a Society story?

Thank you for being an Affiliated Member – Alex Rodriguez



AOS Culture Day: Sunday November 15th, 2026

Time: 11 AM – 4 PM Eastern Time

Cost: \$40 for A.O.S. Member / \$50 for A.O.S. Non-Member

Presentations by:

Serena Roman – Learn how to get your tiny Bulbophyllums to grow and bloom to their potential. Serena teaches practical, evidence-based care to demystify orchids for new and experienced hobbyists, emphasizing accessible techniques that build confidence and success. With years of hands-on cultivation experience, she curates and propagates a broad range of orchids.

Tomas Bajza with Vicki Hallock – "Orchid Universe: Selecting and Growing Orchids in BiOrbs" – This talk will focus on various miniature and small orchids, culture and at-home growing tips and techniques. Additionally, you will learn how to put together simple setups for your miniatures.

Julien Cedric Anne – "Cloud Forest in a Box: Engineering a Highland Habitat at Home" – What's a cloud forest? What are the necessary conditions which need to be replicated to successfully meet the growing conditions of the tiny treasures of the orchid world at home.

Luis Ortiz Jordan – "Chilling Out: How to Keep Cloud Forest Orchids Happy in a Heated World" – Luis will discuss what he has learned to beat the heat and successfully cultivate cool-growing miniatures in less-than-ideal geographic areas.

Registration Link and Speaker Times:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6153537128861022549>

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY www.aos.org/webinars

Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
Greenhouse Chat **webinars are recorded and summarized** by topic for future viewing.

When	Oct. 07, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	Oct. 13, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Nov. 10, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Nov. 15, 2026 Sunday 11 am—4 pm CULTURE DAY
Topic	<u>FREE Live</u> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by October 05</i>	<u>Members Only Live</u> Basics of Orchid Photography Tips on How to Capture Perfect Award Winning Photos of Your Orchid Collection	<u>FREE Live</u> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions By November 08</i>	<u>Live PAY PER VIEW</u> Online Registration Required Tiny Treasures of the Orchid World
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Wes Newton Expert Photographer of 2492 AOS Awards	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Serena Roman Tomas Bajza <i>with</i> Vicki Hallock Julien Cedric Anne Luis Ortiz-Jordan



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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American Orchid Society (AOS) Fall 2026 Auction

NOW thru Monday October 12th, 2026

Welcome to the American Orchid Society (AOS) 2026 Fall Auction!

This year's auction features a wonderful selection of award-winning plants donated by exceptional growers along with unique orchid experiences and orchid-related items.

Your participation makes a real difference. Proceeds from the auction help enhance the AOS member experience and strengthen our three core pillars: Education, Conservation, and Research.

When placing your bids, please consider covering the credit card processing fee—this simple gesture helps your donation go even further in supporting the work we all care about.

Important Notes:

- Shipping is available only within the United States.
- Plants may be shipped without flowers or spikes.
- If you do not receive your plants within in three weeks after the auction, please let us know.

Having trouble bidding? Getting an error message? If you are using a VPN, try disconnecting it while you browse and bid. Sit back, browse through the amazing items so generously donated by our AOS friends, and bid often!

Thank you for your support and happy bidding!

Click to BID and Support the AOS:

<https://aos.betterworld.org/auctions/american-orchid-society-fall-2026>

SHARE YOUR IDEAS & STORIES

YOUR GREAT IDEAS

Has your Society created ways to keep your members 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 American Orchid Society Affiliates.

Please send an email to arod@aos.org if you are interested in joining us our next virtually meeting.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

Editor: Alex Rodriguez

Please remember to add the Affiliated Societies Committee (affiliated_societies@aos.org) to your newsletter distribution. We like to keep up with what you are doing. Send us your great ideas, recurring problems and challenges; we all need inspiration and community along our orchid journey. If you have something to share, or there is something you would like to read about, please let us know!.

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