

AGENDA  
Sunday, November 12, 2017, 1:30PM

- I. Presentation: Alex Zaslowski of AWZ Orchids, located in Brazil, will speak on Cattleyas. He currently has 56,000 sq ft of greenhouse space and more than 20,000 plants which he ships throughout the world. His primary interest is in preserving orchids of Brazil and South America. He started the business with his father around 1990 for the purpose of preserving disappearing species of orchids with emphasis on the Cattleya Alliance.  
[photos of Brazilian orchids supplied by presenter.]





- II. Reports
  - A. Minutes of October, 2017 Meeting.
  - B. Treasurer's Report ,
- III. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Michiana
  - B. Bingo on December 10<sup>th</sup>, noon, bring food, \$10 (plus 2017 dues paid) [See membership/Bingo e-mail already sent]
  - C. Planting seedlings from flask: members ask to have that repeated in this agenda. Please see the end of the Minutes of last month's meeting.
- IV. New Business:
  - A. November Plant Care: Hopefully, everyone is seeing growth on their phals with roots and a flower spike (if not, please don't hesitate to ask). This is also true for Cymbidiums. Two other popular orchids found among members are dendrobiums and oncidiums, both which require the opposite care than for phals and paths at this time of year.  
Den. & Onc. need a winter dry period in which they may lose their leaves or even die back. Once summer growth has stopped, fertilizing is no longer necessary. Gradually reduce watering, i.e., less frequently. Leaves turning yellow, for some clue that there is a virus, is OK as long as it has black necrotic spotting and streaking. By late fall you are watering about a third to half the normal amount. Once leaves have fallen, reduce watering further. Some species can survive without any as the pseudobulbs provide necessary moisture. The pseudobulbs may shrivel a little, but will revive with resumption of normal watering. Misting is OK as it simulates their actual growing conditions.

In general, onc. prefer a lower winter temperature than den. So, onc. can be on a window sill while den. are placed two feet or so further back.

- B. Lankesteriana – International Journal on Orchidology (published for 17 years) now provides all issues on its website: [www.lankesteriana.org/current%20new](http://www.lankesteriana.org/current%20new).
- C. Check supplies of plates, napkins, etc that we have in the file cabinet.

#### CIOS MEETING MINUTES, Sunday, 10/22/17

- I. Attendance: 11.
- II. Presentation: Phyllis White of Anything Orchids spoke on 'Flower Arrangement Using Orchid Flowers. The presentation was divided into 3: cut flowers, baskets, and corsages.  
Cut flowers, or flowers broken off from a stem that you want to preserve, must always be trimmed to length by a sharp sterile instrument. Can use 70% alcohol or bleach (1 part chlorox to 10 parts water). Cut on a slant, c. 45 degrees. Place immediately into distilled water. Do not add any preservatives, etc. Change water every 5-7 days. Also wipe out the interior of a vase. The vase height should be about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the total height of vase + flower. The flowers should last several weeks. Orchids must be in bloom or ready to open within 24 hours. If not, the buds fail to open about 75% of the time. If you use floral foam, the foam must be allowed to soak all the water to eliminate air pockets.  
For a flower to wear or display without a vase, wrap the base of the stem in wet cotton and secure with floral tape  
Orchids on display in baskets (and still in pots). When bunching flowers, in a basket or in a vase, there needs to be a flow of line and color. This allows the eye to 'travel' over the entire display. Traditional forms are those of a triangle, flowers standing straight up or at right angles (or some other symmetrical arrangement). Odd numbers of plants work better than even. Be sure to coordinate height with shorter in front and climbing to taller ones in the back.  
AOS recognizes cut flower displays for shows. For our next show, if this is something you want to do, please speak to John or Lowell in advance for assistance.
- III. Old & New Business
  - A. Louisville Show had c. 25 plants from IMA, Ball State, Lowell, Kwen, etc. Kwen set up and Lowell took down. Almost every plant won a ribbon. Lowell said the display was quite nice and roomy.
  - B. Membership dues letter to be e-mailed,
  - C. Election Results: John as Pres., Kwen as Veep, Vicki as Treasurer, Cole as Membership,
  - D. Brazilian speaker is 11/12/17. Note change of date from regular 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month; similarly, bingo is December 10th at noon.
  - E. Minutes and Treasurer's Report (balance = \$4,528.72) were accepted unanimously.
  - F. New projection equipment and tv work with flash drives,
  - G. Re-designed web site is up and running. Please take a look at [centralios.org](http://centralios.org). Dues can also be paid on the website.
  - H. TIPS FOR DEFLASKING ORCHIDS AOS Orchids, 9/17, p. 647

[cut out if you ordered seedlings from China]

Rinse seedlings in lukewarm water. Soak for 20 minutes in neutral pH water so that the roots will engorge and be more resistant to bruising and breaking. If mold is apparent in the flask, rinse the seedlings well and soak with a drop of Palmolive dish soap. It has antibacterial and some antifungal activity. It also helps clean the mold off the seedlings. For tiny seedlings, gently roll out a 3/8 inch thick cigar of sphagnum moss and then place the seedlings ½ inch apart, roll the cigar into a snug circle (like a cinnamon bun) and place in a 1 1/4 inch cell tray such as those used for vegetable transplants. Seedlings in flask are leaving a sterile environment at virtually 100% relative humidity and are vulnerable to infection. Placing them with mature plants is like putting premature babies into a kindergarten with five-year olds. Isolate them where you can watch them, ensure that they stay moist and provide lower light levels or maintain under artificial lights.