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Fascination of Orchids Newsletter

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**Newsletter deadline is
the 25th of the month
prior to the month of
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Meeting: September 6, 2025 at 9:45 AM

The Genus Coelogyne

Webinar: Charles G. Wilson

Charles G. Wilson has been an AOS member since 1981 and has grown orchids for over 40 years. His special interests range from Bulbophyllums, Cattleyas, Coelogynes, Dendrobiums and Paphs to just about everything in between! He currently volunteers with the American Orchid Society as a member of the Species Identification Task Force and chairs the Conservation Committee. He is a past president and lifetime member of the Memphis Orchid Society. He retired as Director of the Memphis Zoo in 2001.

The talk will discuss what is a Coelogyne, how and where do they grow in nature, and how do you grow them (Habits, temperature, watering, potting, and light requirements)

President's Message

It's getting hot now! With the evening temperatures consistently in the upper-60s to 70s, you can water when the sun goes down or at night to avoid the daytime heat and rapid evaporation. Watering at night ensures the plants have enough time to adsorb the water before it evaporates.

Potting, potting, potting! Enough said. I've continued to transport plants from another greenhouse to mine. Finding room for all those plants is getting difficult.

I went to Yamada's to drop off some Show Flyers and buy some perlite. They still have it in 4 cuft. bags in sizes 2, 3, and 4. They said they would probably be in business until the end of the year. They don't have Nutricote. They had plastic pots, but only from 1 gallon up in size. I saw small packages and bales of sphagnum moss, if you need those items. I did see some bark but I forgot to ask about the price, but they didn't have a lot. I'll ask about bark at OCFS when I go to give them more flyers. If you find any orchid supplies anywhere, please tell us about it at the meeting.

It's Show month!! I will be bringing the signup sheets again for volunteering at the Fascination of Orchids Festival, so save the dates for the **Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants, September 26-28, 2025, at the Santa Ana Zoo. Setup is on Wednesday Sept. 24, starting at around 11:30-12 noon. That will be in only 20 days from the meeting. I will discuss what's happening on what days**

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President's Message

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and hopefully, we can get enough help to cover all the work that needs to get done. Thank you to all of you who distributed flyers.

I will be asking for suggestions for future talks/demonstrations. Let me know if you have suggestions. See you Saturday 9:30 AM at the Zoo.

Theo

From Gisela Ferolito:



C harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen'
mutant x Lc Pink Treasure 'Circle of
Life' (Ctt. Gorgeous Becky)

Editor's Notes



This newsletter may look a little different... I had a computer crash, am waiting for a new one, and so doing this on an underpowered laptop without my usual software, on a tiny screen. Think I'm figuring it out, though.

Looking forward to seeing you at Fascination of Orchids! We need lots of help, so fill up Theo's schedule sheets!

Here is one parent of Gisela's plant – *Cattleya harrisoniana* 'Volcano Queen'. You can certainly see its contribution to the hybrid.



Cattleya harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen'



A closely related species is *Cattleya loddigesii*. Note the difference in the lip. This one is *C. loddigesii* 'Blue Sky', a *coerulea* form that has been used in many hybrids. The flower was photographed in daylight, so the color is pretty accurate. The color is really "coerulea", more violet than the usual orchid color, not truly "blue".

Anguloa brevibras



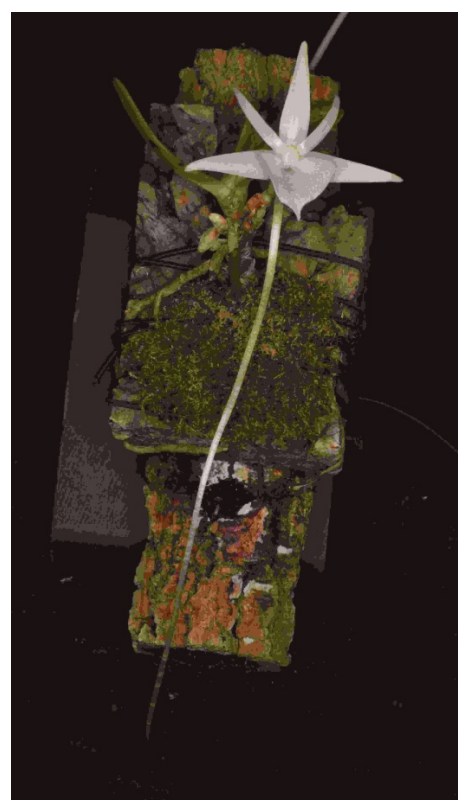
Anguloas are sometimes called the "tulip orchid". This is as open as they get. This one is *Anguloa brevibras*. It has pseudobulbs that are more than 3 inches tall. My plant seems to mature the new growth after blooming, lose its leaves, then wait a year before starting another growth and blooming. Each new growth can produce 2 groups of 3 flowers. It is very fragrant.



Den. papilio
(small flower form)

"Papilio" means "butterfly" and the flowers of *Den. Papilio* emerge on thin, leafless canes. They must look like butterflies in the forest with the plant barely visible. There are two forms, large-flowered (which bloomed a couple of months ago) and this small-flowered form. While both are floriferous, the small-flowered form is more so, and this one opened nearly all the flowers at once.

The *Angraecum breve* flower is much larger than the plant, which has 3/8 inch leaves. The flower is about an inch wide, the spur is about 5 inches (longer than the mount). This Madagascar native grows mounted, has no problem with winter chill. Just keep damp





Vanda (Aerides) flabellata is native to a wide area of southeast Asia, into Yunnan province of southwest China. In China, it grows at elevations up to 1700 m. so it is very cold-tolerant. I got this one about 2 years ago at Fascination of Orchids. It's mounted on a piece of molded black plastic with ridges for the roots to grab.

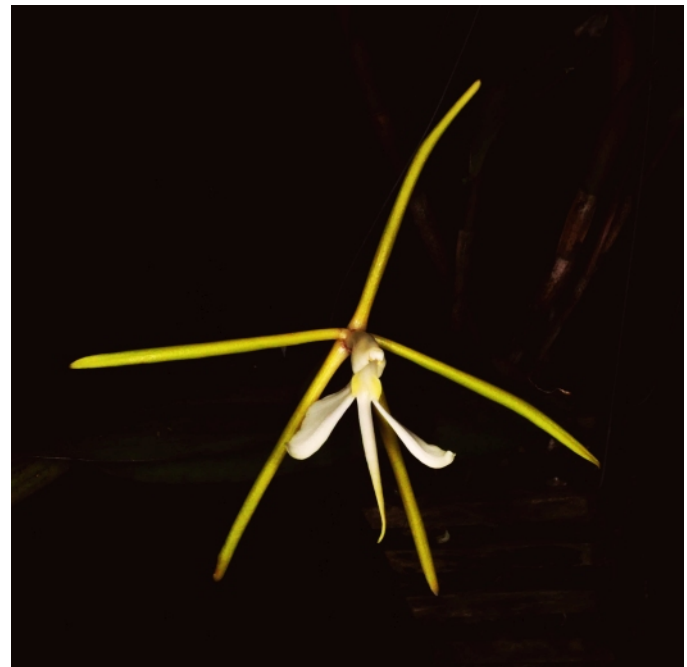
Stanhopea jenischiana



Having several Stanhopea species that bloom at somewhat different times, the season is extended. Blooms only last for 3 days or so. They tease for several weeks, buds getting bigger, then they burst open with lovely perfume. This year, there were two inflorescences, so that extended the blooming some more.



Here's an odd one. Plant is Neocogniauxia monophylla. Genus is pronounced *neo-ko-nee-o-ia*, named for a Belgian botanist. The flower looks very much like a mini-Cattleya, and for years was classified as a member of the Cattleya tribe. However, DNA analysis showed it to be related to Pleurothallids! The plant has no pseudobulbs, and one leaf per growth. It is native to the Blue Mountains of Jamaica (the same region as the gourmet coffee) so it likes cool weather.



Epidendrum nocturnum grows on both sides of the Andes, over a range of elevations. I saw it in Ecuador at medium elevation, and also saw it in Brazil in the tropical forests of the Rio Negro in the Amazon region. It also has adapted well to my backyard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the [Events page](#) for further details

- Andy's Orchids Fall Open House**
 September 5-7, 2005; 10 AM—4 PM
 734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas
 Info: www.andysorchids.com
- South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale**
 September 20—21; 10 AM—4 PM
 Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes
 Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com
- Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids & Exotic Plants**
 September 26—28, 2025; 10 AM—4 PM
 Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana
 Info: <https://fascinationoforchids.com/>
- Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society's "2025 Morongo Basin Orchid Festival"**
 October 4—5, 2025
 Gubler Orchids, 2200 Belfield Blvd, Landers, CA 92285
- Huntington International Orchid Show and Sale**
 October 17—19, 2025; 10 AM—5 PM
 Huntington Library, Art Galleries, and Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA.
 Info: www.huntington.org/orchid-show

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