



August

Orchid View

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING August 1st, 2016

Sarasota Garden Club

1131 Boulevard of the Arts

- 6:00 Door Opens
6:15 Culture class with Roy Krueger
7:00 Business Meeting
7:15 Speaker: Alan Koch
"UNUSUAL SPECIES THE CATTLEYA GROWER CAN GROW" featuring wired and unusual plants that grow in Cattleya-like growing conditions.
8:00 pm 'Members Only' Silent Auction
8:30 pm Members' Plant Table
A Plant Raffle completes our Meeting!

Guests are always welcome!

Club address; PO Box 19895, Sarasota, FL 34276-2895

NOTE ... Until further notice, beginning in August, 2016, the monthly meeting of the Sarasota Orchid Society will be held at the Sarasota Garden Club located at 1131 Boulevard of the Arts in Sarasota, Florida. Signs will point you to the meeting.

Welcome New Members:

Lois Carson and Jean Hoogacker

Attention members.....

Our September 5th (Labor Day) meeting will be a potluck dinner so plan on attending at the Sarasota Garden Club. Information will be in the September newsletter so watch for it.

Big Earth Landscape Supply, on Bee Ridge Road in Sarasota, **will be selling Orchid Products for potting and spraying**, including some items which Roy Krueger discusses during his monthly “Learn to Grow Orchids” sessions at 6:15 pm, prior to the Sarasota Orchid Monthly Meetings.



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June 2016 SOS Monthly meeting notes ...

- Invited Jo Davis up to introduce new members and June guests
- Reminder to our members There will be no SOS meeting in July – It would have been held on July 4th. Selby room will not be available to us.
- Big Earth to explain the on-line order form for supplies sales
- During 2016 a priority is to get as many position “helpers” that turn into replacements.
 - The next set of positions are
 - Meeting Plant Raffle
 - Scholarship Chair
 - Barbara Delgato and another SOS member volunteered to take over this job.
 - At the June meeting, will the second person that volunteered to work on the Scholarship Committee please come up and let Denny Pavlock know your name?
 - President
- I wanted to check ... How many members received an email from me (email comes from the SOS) announcing the meeting and the email had a link to the to the newsletter
- We had 2 lovely plants in the Silent Auction today.
- Please vote for the best species, hybrid, and novice plants on the display table.

- 15 minute break. (Give time to resume.)

After break:

- Introduce Roy to introduce Fred Clarke
 - Fred gave a wonderful presentation on "Breeding trends of Spotted Catts"
 - Fred chose a Speaker's Choice Award
- Roy went through the display table
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Speaker

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college, he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, and the American Orchid Society magazines. He has also been published in the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.

Pre orders for our August meeting by Alan Koch

Our August 2016 speaker is Alan Koch from [Gold Country Orchids](http://goldcountryorchids.com) in Lincoln, CA. Alan has sent along a document of pre-order plants you can choose from. There is a 20% discount and free S&H for anything in this document. <http://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Gold-Country.pdf>

All pre-orders must be called in or emailed (gcorchids@aol.com or call 916-645-8600) by Monday, **July 25, 2016**. All the ordering instructions can be found on the first page of the ordering document.

ORCHIDS WE SHOULD ALL GROW



CATTLEYTONIA WHY NOT

For those of you who love bright colors and Cattleyas, but don't have vast spaces to grow large specimen Catts, here's an idea; Why Not?

Cattleytonia (Ctna) Ctna. Why Not could be the answer to your quest. Ctna. Why Not is a cross made by Stewart Orchids and registered in 1979. A cross of *Broughtonia sanguinea* and *Cattleya aurantiaca*, Why Not is a small 8-12" n height, but robust plant and a prolific bloomer. Flowers are 1 1/2" across and borne in small clusters, similar to *auriantica*.

Like most Cattleytonia hybrids, *Broughtonia sanguinea* is the dominant parent, projecting both size and coloration to its hybrids. Why Not typically is a bright red or red-orange with a yellow throat and a predominantly yellow lip.

During the 1980's, at the height of Cattleytonia popularity, Why Not was a very popular parent with over 150 registered crosses. In fact, it was crossed with almost anything that would hold a seed pod. Some were very good crosses, some, not so good. Most however, carried the bright red-orange color and small size to the next generation.

Ctna Why Not is an easy plant to grow if you remember its family history. Broughtonias are island plants many from Cuba and Jamaica. Hence, warm temperatures, high moisture and relatively low elevations (translate- usually warm evenings and not too cold tolerant in winter).

Why Not grows well in a fairly coarse (for its size) well drained mixture. It adapts well to pot or basket culture and does well mounted on a wood slab. It should be fed regularly with a half strength low phosphorus fertilizer. Grow it in relatively high light, brighter than most other Cattleyas, and let it dry hard between watering.

A mature well grown plant will flower several times a year with the primary and heaviest blooming cycle in spring.

If repotting or splitting the plant, remember that one parent is a bifoliate *Cattleya* and should only be disturbed when very short new root tips are emerging. If you wait too long, you risk breaking off the tender roots and either loosing a years growth or possibly, the whole plant.

Finally, a word to those purists who insist on proper nomenclature. Like many *Cattleya* hybrids, Why Not has been renamed. Since *C. auriantica* is now *Guaritanthe aurantiaca*, Ctna Why Not has been reclassified *Guaritonnia Why Not*.

While the name may change, the brilliant red-orange remain

Hi SOS members,

I'm Kathy Naylor. My parents, E.C. 'Ted' and Gwen Naylor, raised thousands of orchids as a hobby. When they needed a greenhouse sitter or someone to wrap wires for a SOS show and as they got older and needed help, they called me and my sister. I learned how much work your orchids demand.

My job is finding part time jobs for persons with disabilities. Some of them love gardening and could help you care for your orchids. Individuals need to work at least 4-5 hours one morning a week, but they can work up to 20 hours a week if they receive SSI (usually \$750/mo.). Pay is at least minimum wage (\$8.05/hr), a bargain considering the living wage in Sarasota is \$15/hr. They can help you with those chores that need to be done, but you never seem to have time to do them yourself. Helping you would provide purposeful work for them and you could enjoy good company while you work with them. You do not have to provide care for them. They have a variety of disabilities including Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Autism, Mental Retardation and other physical disabilities. I will not place someone in a job the person cannot do. If an individual with TBI requires assistance, someone comes with them to provide that care. Please consider hiring someone to help you in the greenhouse. Learn more about the nonprofit company I work for <http://boleycenters.org/>.

Call me for more information: 941-685-5686.

I was an Alzheimer's nurse. I changed careers due to physical disability. Persons with disabilities find different ways to do the same things you do. <https://www.facebook.com/boleycenters/>

Kathy Naylor RN, BSW

Employment Counselor, Sarasota Office

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941-685-5686

We received an email from Guillermo A. Salazar, who has spoken to the SOS in the past. He is organize a trip that we thought you might be interested in.

Here is a [link](#) to the full itinerary created for Peru tour Fall 2016.

Please contact Guillermo directly at (754)234-1024 or via email (guillesala@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Silent Auction Guidelines

◆ □ We will limit the total number of plants to 5 or 6 per month.

◆ □ By the 20th of the month, prior to the upcoming meeting, **a member will email a request** to Denny Pavlock (dpavlock@gmail.com) with the number of plants they wish to bring.

◆ □ Include the name of the plant, the approximate number of pseudo bulbs, size of the pot, basket or mount or that it is a bare root.

◆ □ If you have a jpeg picture of the flower, please include with your form.

◆ □ Plants must be clean with no scale, thrips, etc.

◆ □ If desired, specify the minimum price you will accept for each plant.

◆ □ If desired, specify an “eBay type Buy-It-Now” amount for each plant so that a member may instantly purchase the plant.

◆ □ Note: The plant will then immediately be removed from the Silent Auction Table

◆ □ The seller will receive 75% and the SOS will receive 25% of the sale’s price.

To confirm your inclusion in the Silent Auction, Denny will send you, the member, a **Silent Auction Form**.