Linda began growing orchids in graduate school with the purchase of a phalaenopsis-type Dendrobium from a Kroger in Bowling Green, OH. In 1993, she joined two orchid societies in the Washington, DC area, and joined the judging program the following year.

Linda is a geologist and science communications specialist at Rice University and is working part-time on her PhD at NASA on the next mission to Mars.

Linda’s program will be an overview of the Latouria Dendrobiums - where they come from, their growing conditions, history, use in hybridizing with recent awards, what judges like about them and what they don’t, and current breeding trends.

Please join us Thursday evening, January 3rd, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the First Christian Church, 1601 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005.

The Weird and Wonderful of the Dendrobium Complex: An Introduction to Latouria Dendrobiums

The August workshop requires many of the same activities to put a great learning experience together as well. So, I am expecting many busy orchid folks each month and for our big events in order to have a fruitful 2019 orchid season!

Two other events we as a group host, the Fall picnic and the Christmas Party, are two ways we give ourselves a big thank you and a pat on the back for a great job done in 2019.

All in all when you “lend a hand” or help out in some way and have fun doing so, it really doesn’t seem like you volunteered at all.

Paphiopedilum sukhakulii
Happy New Orchid Year! 2018 was a great year for me at the Plant Table, I hope it was entertaining and enlightening for you all. I am always pleased to have the participation of our faithful long time members as well as seeing the plants of newer orchid enthusiasts in our group. FYI, anyone is welcome to bring a blooming plant as long as you have owned it more than 6 months.

In addition to presiding over the “Show and Tell” Plant Table every month, this past year, my duties were extended to make the HOS floor exhibit at the April Show and Sale - under the direction and cooperation with many others. This crew also presented our entry into the Galveston Orchid Society Show last spring.

Thank you to all you mentors. I will not go into those details in this article - just suffice to say I enjoyed working with everyone to represent HOS and the orchid to the general public and all our sister Orchid Societies. I hope those who bring plants each month will be available and willing to share your plants and help out at the shows coming in the new year. It is so rewarding!

Now I will drone on with the statistics from Plant Table participation for 2018. I was snowed out of Houston for January so I do not have any numbers for that month. Over the remaining months, our members produced 298 blooming plants to grace the exhibit, so I can report there were more than 300 displayed over the year.

These people brought orchids in 2018:

Judith Neufeld: 39 orchids and one vote for favorite orchid (winner of a $50.00 check of appreciation!)
Rick Hepler: 37 orchids, including one of special notice from Dr. Harold Koo-powitz
Jay Balchan: 26 orchids and winner of popular vote twice
Kar Chong: 26 orchids and winner of popular vote once
Marianne Canevaro: 20 orchids and three times winner of popular votes
Sandra Higham: 14 orchids with one vote winner

Lily Chang: 14 lovely orchids
Stephen Moffitt: 13 orchids with one winner of popular vote
Fred Robinson: 12 orchids and one vote winner
Troy Merchant: 12 orchids
Fr. Ted Baenziger: 12 orchids
Bill Caldwell: 10 orchids including some that grow wild on his property
Steve Fox: 9 orchids
Melissa Dwan: 8 orchids, with two winning popular vote
Trey Hotalen: 8 orchids
Tan Tran: 6 orchids with THREE popular vote winners
Brad Miller: 6 orchids with one popular vote winner
Bill Bartlett: 5 orchids with one vote winner
Amy Colville: 5 orchids
Tim Gallagher: 4 orchids with one popular vote winner
Don Ghiz: 4 orchids with one popular vote winner
Steve Gallagher: 3 orchids with two popular vote winners
Luke and Stacey Pauley: 3 orchids with one vote winner
Nina Rach: 3 orchids with one vote winner
Ivan Bernal: 3 orchids
Ken Whitmire: 2 orchids
Jacob Smelz: 2 orchids
Sarah Bentley: 2 orchids (actually the same plant two months in a row)
Yvonne and Jay Li: 1 orchid which won the popular vote

The following HOS members brought one orchid each to display on the plant table during 2018:

Fredclarkeara Kelly Longley
Yvonne and Jay Li
Sandra Higham

Thank you again for your participation in this endeavor. I take responsibility for any errors in the above list. Please let me know if you want to help with the plant table in 2019.
January Tips
By Father Ted Baenziger

Resolved for the year 2019

- To observe my plants carefully for critters so I can stop them before they spread;
- To check for flower spikes and stake them before they get out of hand;
- To clean and bring flowering plants to monthly meetings;
- To repot on time to avoid too much shock;
- To water regularly, not too much, not too little;
- To fertilize weakly, weekly, when new growth begins;
- To turn plants to get more even growth;
- To clean up under the growing areas and check for snails and slugs;
- To plan ahead for helping out at meetings and shows on a regular basis;
- To take photos of my flowers to share with others;
- To donate money to worthy causes, especially the HOS and the AOS;
- To compliment others, being generous with time, advice, and extra plants;
- To be curious and do research, regularly;
- To take time to give thanks.

And here is a practical tip for all of us that I recommend. Save some of those plastic containers that are not colored (i.e., clear), in any size from 4 ounce to a half-gallon, very well-rinsed. Soaking in hot water is usually all I need to remove the label; and it is OK if it’s not entirely clean on the outside.

I have a small knife with a sharp point and a slightly serrated edge. I punch into the plastic below the top (well before it curves in to form a dome or neck) and saw all around, making sure that the edge is clean and even. I can save the top to cover delicate seedlings from drying out. I then punch three or four holes around the side, from 1/2” to 3/4” from the bottom, for drainage, rounding them out so they are about 1/8 to 1/4 inch across. In the bottom of the new orchid pot, I place pebbles or small rocks above the holes. This forms a reservoir of water and humidity that permeates the medium above, and provides stability to the arrangement. (Some people call this semi-hydroponics.) I then use fine bark mix to plant youngsters for a three-year stay, and in the big pots, I have some of my larger Dendrobium, Paphiopedilum and even a Chysis bractescens, a giant plant, which are all thriving in a courser medium. I can check the roots quite easily, and when I want to transport them, I use a cache-pot to avoid spillage or tumbling them over. Phalaenopsis do OK in this type of environment, but I found that Bulbophyllum and other shallow rooted wandering orchid plants prefer shorter and wider receptacles.

Another method you can use for “twig epiphytes”, like Tolumnia or Rodrumnia, uses metal Chinese noodle strainers, with or without medium (like coi, which is coconut fiber and must be rinsed thoroughly to rid it of salt, or sphagnum moss, both of which dry out rather quickly). Of course, watering must be frequent with this arrangement. The handle of the strainer can then be bent upwards to provide a ready-made hanger. See the December 2018 Orchids Magazine for some illustrations.

And a happy New Year from Fr. Ted.
A big THANKS to each of you for bringing such delicious and wonderful homemade food and refreshments to our HOS annual holiday party. I hope everyone had a good time! The Refreshments Chair for 2019 will be Lily Chang. I hope that you will support her as you did me this past year.
## The Houston Happenings

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**AOS Webinars**

**Cattleya Species Culture, Bill Rogerson**

*For Members Only*

Thursday, January 10, 2019 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

**Greenhouse Chat, Ron McHatton**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

**Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society**

Meets the Third Sunday of each month
2:00pm, Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive

Visitors Welcome
www.tgcfernsc.org

**Bromeliad Society Houston**

Meets Monthly on the Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm
West Gray Multi-Service Center

Visitors Welcome
www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org
### Upcoming Events

**January 11-13, 2019**
- **Miami Orchid Society**
- Tamiami International Orchid Festival
- Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center
- 10901 Coral Way
- Miami, FL

**January 25-27, 2019**
- **Orchid Paradise**
- Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show
- War Memorial Auditorium
- 800 N. 8th Street
- Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**February 9-10, 2019**
- **Boca Raton Orchid Society Show**
- Safe Schools Institute
- 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd
- Boca Raton, FL

**March 22-24, 2019**
- **Alama Orchid Society Show**
- San Antonio Garden Center
- 3310 North New Braunfels Ave
- San Antonio, TX

**April 6-7, 2019**
- **Houston Orchid Society Show**
- Memorial City Mall
- Dillard's Court

**April 12-14, 2019**
- **Acadian Orchid Society Show**
- Ira Nelson Horticultural Center
- 2206 Johnston Street
- Lafayette, LA 70503

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