Please join us at the August 2019 Houston Orchid Society meeting to hear a program by Fred Clarke, a well-known West Coast orchid grower and hybridizer who will also be speaking and selling at our annual Summer Workshop on Saturday, August 3rd. Fred is a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, and started the Sunset Valley Orchids nursery in 1995, in Vista, California, about 35 miles north of San Diego.

SVO occupies more than 45,000 sq. ft of greenhouse space and now produces all its electricity via 124 photo voltaic solar panels. All plant offerings are grown from seed in the Sunset Valley Orchids lab. Fred’s curiosity and expertise in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattle-ya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum and Australian Dendrobium hybrids. His work in Catasetum intergeneric breeding includes several new artificial genera, such as Fredclarkeara (produced by breeding Catasetum, Clowesia, and Mormodes) and many notable hybrids, such as the well-known grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark (Mormodia Painted Desert x Catasetum Donna Wise), with very dark, nearly black flowers and a spicy fragrance.

### August Program: Fred Clarke

Fred is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region and orchids from Sunset Valley Orchids have received hundreds of AOS awards.

---

**Presidents Post**

**By Rick Hepler**

August is already upon us which means the workshop is just around the corner on August 3rd. I hope all have sent in their registration for this annual event. Two great speakers will entertain us, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and our own Stephen Moffitt of Rare Earth Orchids covering the subtribe of Catasetinae and their hybrids. AOS judging will be held Friday evening before the workshop. This is a great opportunity to bring in plants that normally don’t make it for one of the local spring or fall shows. Another added plus for the month of August - there will be two AOS judging sessions – the first of the month workshop and the third Saturday of the month for the regular HJC sessions. So a great opportunity for your summer blooming orchids to get before a judging team.

After the workshop what do we as a society have left for the year? I can think of three events to look forward to; September brings us the Galveston Bay Orchid Society’s show and plant sale. That is one you don’t want to miss. Visit their web page at galvestonbayorchidsociety.org for the details. The HOS traditionally puts in a display at the GBOS shows and this year is no exception. Sarah Bentley will be actively recruiting people, plants and ideas for this event. I presented a challenge during our July meeting for individual HOS members to put in their own tabletop display and I’m happy to report that Lily and Philip Chang have taken on the challenge! Is there anyone else willing to take on the challenge? Later in the fall, we will have the annual HOS picnic, usually held at Laurie and Sheila Skov’s home in Santa Fe. We will keep you all posted for the place, date and time as that time approaches. Finally, our Christmas party in December, which is a treat I always look forward to. A time of informal conversing over our love for the hobby, sharing in a diverse selection of food brought in by the membership and a sometimes rowdy auction to finish out the night as we say goodbye to the old and welcome in the new, officers that is.

The August meeting will be Thursday, 8/1 and Fred Clarke will be the guest speaker. Not sure of the subject matter, but it should be surprisingly good. Until we meet, happy growing!
The 13 Steps of Orchid Addiction

Orchid Addiction

A Disease That Affects the Frontal Cortex Causing One to Spend Hours of Time:

(1) Researching every orchid on the planet
(2) Cataloging every single orchid you own in minute detail (name, synonym, genus abbreviation, hybrid parents, species section, where it’s from, flower size, when it blooms, pollinator, what color pot it’s in, media, who you convinced to give it to you, yada, yada, yada)
(3) Searching Ebay to find every single orchid auction
(4) Repeatedly convincing the kids you’re not selling them to buy your next orchid

Symptoms

(1) Buying your spouse an orchid for his/her birthday
(2) Promising your husband that the Goodyera you paid $500 for IS for the car
(3) Sleeping in your greenhouse “just in case”
(4) Scheduling your vacation around the nearest grower
(5) Hiring a hit man, so you can collect the insurance to.....

There is no known cure

It all begins innocently enough....

Step 1: Move to the neighborhood of an orchid addict. The contagion area is widespread, so regardless of your feeble attempts to ward off the disease, you cannot escape.

Step 2: Inexplicably agree to take care of your neighbor’s orchids when he/she goes out of town.

Step 3: Graciously accept your neighbor’s thank you gift of just one orchid (and so it starts.....).

Step 4: Visit the nearest box store and buy every orchid you see. If it is in your line of site, you MUST have it, because it is THE most beautiful orchid you have ever seen.

Step 5: Find eBay – OMG, so many orchids, so little money. Win an auction and formulate rationalization that buying more than one from the same grower will save you money on shipping. It’s “cheaper” to spend $100 on five orchids with $20 shipping than the $10 for the orchid you won with $9.75 in shipping.

Step 6: Spend hundreds of dollars on seedlings you will kill.

Step 7: Join an orchid society and learn rule #1 for new orchid growers – never buy seedlings!

Step 8: Visit your local chapter of Orchids Anonymous who meets, oddly, at the same location as the orchid society. Learn you didn’t kill all those seedlings – they committed suicide. Confess your sins and begin the healing process.

Step 9: Visit an orchid show and buy that Miltoniopsis/Dracula/Disa because the grower says, “Absolutely, it will grow here!”

Step 10: Relapse to Step 4 when it dies.

Step 11: Visit a grower and fish all the half-dead orchids out of the trash, because YOU can bring it back to life.

Step 12: Become a species snob and donate all those orchids you bought in Step 4 (except those that committed suicide, of course 😞) to the Newcomer’s Group, because they are not worthy.

Step 13: Relent and admit it is terminal.
Our judges were scheduled to judge the Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show July 12th, but with the formation of Hurricane Barry, the show was sadly cancelled. We will inform you if they are able to reschedule.

Twenty-one people attended our regular meeting on July 20th. Eleven beautiful plants were entered for consideration, but were slightly less than AOS award quality. Sometimes orchids refuse to bloom at optimum timing that coincides with judging. Some nice flowers were moderately beyond their prime on the 20th. The heat may have taken a few days off their best showing. Possibly some of those plants will open in sync with a future judging and carry an award. A judging without awards might seem to be a wasted effort, but the judges’ deliberation and brainstorming on the 20th yielded a splendid training session that was beneficial to all in attendance.

Are you reminding your plants to bloom in sync with a judging? A few sweet words to those little rascals might help.

The next monthly meeting of the Houston Judging Center will be held on August 17th. The cutoff time for receiving plants is 11:30 a.m.

Please remember you have an additional opportunity in August to bring plants for judging on Friday evening, August 2, at the HOS Workshop judging. Plant entry is Friday, Aug. 2, until 5:30 PM with judging starting at 6:00 PM.

July brings Houston’s warmest weather so the orchids that care to bloom in these temperatures are quite hardy. In addition, as HOS members go on holiday trips, fewer plants appear for the ‘Show and Tell’ table. Thank you to all who voted for their favorite plants. Surprisingly, two plants received tie votes in the hybrid and the species categories.

Gracing the table dedicated to hybrid orchids were 17 plants grown by eight of our most talented growers. There were quite a number of vandaceous orchids on exhibit, including some stunning plants belonging to Dennis Tomjack. I noticed his plants were not identified early in the evening, so perhaps that explains why there were not many popular votes for his beauties.

Not to detract from the beauty of the two plants voted for most liked hybrid. Both plants were displayed by Sheila and Laurie Skov. Excellent examples of what are called “complex Cattleyas.” Their Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc) Waianae Leopard is a cross of Rlc. Peach Cobbler x C. Penny Kuroda. This mature plant had large healthy leaves supporting several bunches of fragrant vivid yellow petals with leopard spots in deep purple, which was echoed in the deep purple lip with a yellow glow from deep inside.

Moving to the species end of the plant display, six growers brought a total of nine plants for everyone’s enjoyment. Laurie Skov produced one of the tied vote getters, a Vanda miniatum. This graceful plant was indeed a small vandaceous plant sporting several bloom spikes covered with sunny yellow blooms.

The second species winner was grown by Kar Chong. His Cymbidium (Cym.) ensifolium is a species which was first described in 1799 by Linnaeus. Kar’s plant had the typical handsome foliage and several spikes of blooms in a greenish-white color. Also fragrant, this plant has been used in hybridization of cymbidium orchids for centuries.

One again, I am grateful to Father Ted Baenziger and Jay Balchan for so ably giving our group information and descriptions of the plants brought in by our members.
HOS Workshop
by Derek Lowenstein

The 2019 Houston Orchid Society 40th Consecutive Summer Workshop
August 2 and 3, 2019

The cost is ONLY $45 per person, including meals (light breakfast & lunch), all lectures, all sessions and all the fun.

Registration form (PDF file) and program are enclosed below.

LOCATION: First Christian Church, 1600 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77025

This workshop will address timely topics on Catasetinae in a series of lectures. Mark your calendar now and send your registration to attend this extraordinary weekend dedicated to your favorite plant, orchids. Church parking is free. Medical Clinic of Houston parking garage (1701 Sunset Blvd.) is an alternative.

The workshop is a must whether you are a novice, intermediate or advanced grower. You will:

· Learn about catasetums and their allied genera
· Get the answers to orchid culture questions
· Have the opportunity to meet with top growers and purchase new plants

You will see orchids for sale in the vendor area, the auction tables and for judging. Everyone attending is invited to enter plants for AOS judging. Plant entry is Friday, Aug, 2, till 5:30 PM with judging starting at 6:00 PM.

Attend the Friday evening events to have the first opportunity to meet our speakers and to purchase plants. After judging, enjoy dinner at a nearby fine restaurant with the speakers (at your expense). A dinner reservation must be made via the registration form.

Come and hear the lectures on Saturday, Aug. 3 starting at 9:00 AM

· Fred Clarke - Fred Clarke, an accredited American Orchid Society Judge, has been growing orchids since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 39 of those years. Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum and Australian Dendrobium hybrids. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric breeding has led to the development of many notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced “the blackest flower ever witnessed”. The hybrid genus Fredclarkeara has received an amazing number of awards with a total of 17 FCC’s and 42 AM’s worldwide. He has received a total of 433 AOS awards to date.

· Fr. Ted Baenziger - Fr. Ted Baenziger has been an AOS judge for ten years, growing orchids seriously since 1991. He is training coordinator for the Houston Judging Center, past president of the Houston Orchid and the Galveston Bay Orchid Societies and writes articles for the “Happenings”. He earned a Doctorate in French from the Sorbonne, is Professor emeritus of French at the University of St. Thomas, pastor of the French-speaking parish of Saint-Basile at the University, and an active member of the Priests of St. Basil. He is presently leading a team of Univ. of Saint Thomas Biology Department researchers in studying the genetics of various orchid genera.

· Stephen Moffit - Stephen Moffit has been growing orchids in the Houston area for over forty-five years. He is a member of the Houston Orchid Society. He has grown just about every type of orchid at one time or the other. Catasetums and their hybrids have become his favorite orchids. Ninety percent of his collection is devoted to these fascinating plants. Their ease of culture and huge diversity is a big factor in his decision to concentrate on this group of orchids. His plants have received 36 AOS awards to date.
## HOS Workshop Schedule

**Friday, August 2nd**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2-5:00 pm</td>
<td>Vendor Setup - No sales before 5:00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5-5:30 pm</td>
<td>Plant registration for judging</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5-7:30 pm</td>
<td>Workshop Registration/Sales Open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:30 pm</td>
<td>AOS Judging, Marily Holloway, Chair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:30 pm</td>
<td>Sales end</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:00 pm</td>
<td>Dinner with the speakers (cost not included in registration)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Saturday, August 3rd**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8-9:00 am</td>
<td>Workshop registration open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8-9:00 am</td>
<td>Silent Auction starts (proceeds support HOS)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>Sales open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>Welcoming Comments: Rick Hepler, HOS President</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:10 am</td>
<td>Invocation: Father Ted Baenziger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:15 am</td>
<td>Fred Clarke: &quot;Cycnoches, Mormodes, Catasetums - Recent Trends - Part 1&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:15 am</td>
<td>Morning Break - Sales and Silent Auction open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:35 am</td>
<td>Father Ted Baenziger: &quot;What Does DNA Have To Do With Creating the Beauty of Catasetinae?&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:35 am</td>
<td>Luncheon - Sales and Silent Auction open</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Afternoon Sessions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>12:45 pm</td>
<td>Fred Clarke: &quot;Cycnoches, Mormodes, Catasetums - Recent Trends - Part 2&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:45 pm</td>
<td>Afternoon Break - Sales and Silent Auction open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:00 pm</td>
<td>Stephen Moffitt: &quot;Growing Catasetums in Southern Texas&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3:00 pm</td>
<td>Panel Discussion: Judging Catasetinae - Fr. Ted Baenziger, Fred Clarke, Marilyn Holloway, Stephen Moffitt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4:00 pm</td>
<td>Workshop ends</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Registration Form on Page 7
August 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 HOS Meeting</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17 HJC Judging</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Newcomer’s Meeting</td>
<td>19 Content Due Date</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Newcomer’s Group
By Tim and Stephen Gallagher

On July 20th, Denny Haase hosted 22 newcomers (and the Gallagher brothers) at his commercial nursery, Spring Orchids, on Gosling Road. In addition to providing a tour of his 2 large commercial greenhouses, Denny shared growing techniques and answered individual orchid growing questions. Many newcomers stayed the full 2 hours despite ominous storm clouds and thunder that finally turned to rain at the meeting’s prescribed close of 4:00.

At the end of the meeting, Denny graciously donated Encyclias for all of the newcomers and presented an orchid growing challenge. At the 2020 HOS Orchid Show, Denny will judge all of the donated Encyclias that newcomers bring to the show and present a prize to the best grown plant. Any newcomer that was not able to attend the July Newcomers meeting or left early because of the storm can pick up a plant from Stephen Gallagher at the August HOS meeting or August Newcomers meeting (while supplies last).

As a reminder to all HOS members, the newcomers are always looking for hosts for monthly meetings that occur on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 2:00PM to 4:00PM and we are very grateful of all plant donations. Please feel free to reach out to either of the Gallagher brothers if you would like to host a meeting or if you have plants to share.
2019 Houston Orchid Society 40th Consecutive Workshop

August 2 and 3, 2019

Registration Form

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Street:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City, State, Zip:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AOS Judge Status:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I will judge Friday:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Friday dinner RSVP (after judging)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Registration @ $45.00</th>
<th># Attending</th>
<th>$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Late Registration after July 26 @ $50.00</td>
<td># Attending</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td># Attending</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*Includes light breakfast and a lunch</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Make checks payable to: Houston Orchid Society

Please mail check and this form to: Sarah Bentley
5905 Jason St.
Houston, TX 77074-7741

email: sewing.sis.bentley@gmail.com
Stay-At-Home Orchids
From Steven Fox

Encyclia alata

Epicatarthron Hilo Adventure

Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum

Bulbophyllum Great Googa
Mooga Max

Habaneria erichmichelli

Phragmipedium QF
Naukana Kealoha

Cattleya luteola

Refreshments
By Lily Chang

Many thanks to the HOS members who brought refreshments to the July meeting: Fa and Melissa Dawn, Sandra Higham, Cherie & Frank Lee, Robert & Reva Raschke, Sheila & Laurie Skov, Kar Cheng, Winnie Yap, and Phillip & Lily Chang.
The Houston Happenings

Upcoming Events

**August 2-3, 2019**

**Houston Orchid Society Workshop**
First Christian Church
1601 Sunset Blvd
Houston, TX

**August 2-3, 2019**

**9th Annual Cattleya Symposium**
IFAS Lecture Hall
Indian River Research & Education Center
2199 South Rock Road
Ft. Pierce, FL

**September 14-15, 2019**

**Galveston Bay Orchid Society/SWROGA Show**
Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake
3000 E. NASA Parkway
Houston, TX

**December 7, 2019**

**59th Acadian Orchid Society Short Course**
Hilton Garden Inn
2350 W. Congress St.
Lafayette, LA

**March 14-15, 2020**

**Calcasieu Orchid Society Show**
1911 Historic City Hall Arts & Cultural Center
1001 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA

HOS Officers and Committee Chairs

**Officers**

- President: Rick Hepler
- VP - Speakers: Nina Rach
- VP - Shows: Sarah Bentley
- VP - Membership: Stacey Pauley
- Treasurer: Winnie Yap
- Recording Secretary: Sheila Skov
- Past President: Don Ghiz

**Chairs**

- Conservation: Nina Rach
- Display Table: Sarah Bentley
- Exhibits: Loren Neufeld
- Guest Hospitality: Father Ted Baenziger
- Happenings Editor: Marianne Canevaro
- Intermediate Group: Jay Balchan
- Newcomers Group: Stephen and Tim Gallagher
- Parliamentarian: Don Ghiz
- Photography: Malcolm McCorquodale
- Plant Raffle: Brad Miller
- Refreshments: Lily Chang
- Silent Auction: Frank & Cherie Lee
- Spring Show: Jay Balchan
- Summer Workshop: Derek Lowenstein
- Webmaster: Tom Durrett

**Directors - One Year Term**

- Holly Miller
- Calvin Starr
- Susan Dally
- Ft. Ted Baenziger

**Directors - Two Year Term**

- Steve Fox
- Marianne Canevaro
- Stephen Moffitt
- Jay Balchan

**Representatives**

- AOS Representative: Jay Balchan
- IPA Representative: Father Ted Baenziger
- ODC Representative: Father Ted Baenziger
- SWROGA Directors: Laurie Skov, Don Maples
AOS WEBINARS

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.tgcfernsoc.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

Greenhouse Chat
Ron McHatton
Thursday, August 8, 2019
7:30-8:30pm CT

Register

Judging Vandas with Robert Fuchs
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
7:30-8:30pm CT

Member Only

Register