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**Please Welcome New Members**

- Joni Noble**
- Donna Montez**
- Soel Ortiz-Anaya**
- The Goedde Family**
- Nathasha Cherubin**
- Katherine Koppe**
- Mary Nguyen**
- Leanna Tran**

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# The Houston Happenings



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## July Program: Lisa Li - Travels to Madagascar By Bill Caldwell, VP Speakers

Lisa Li is back by popular demand to share her husband, Li's and her latest birding and nature photography travels to the incredible Island of Madagascar in a presentation at our July meeting.

Lisa is an orchid hobbyist who lives in Kingwood with her family. Her interest of orchids started with frequent stops at an orchid nursery called "Orchids and Ferns" located on Bellaire almost 20 years ago. After acquiring random orchids from big-box stores, local nurseries, and mail orders, most of her acquisitions have gone to a better place. But the experience pro-

vided much needed learning and discipline, and a few remaining orchids started to survive and bloom. Lisa's husband, Li, a hobbyist photographer, has photographed her blooming orchids, year after year.

Their first wild orchid encountered was a patch of *Cypripedium parviflorum* at Jasper National Park in 2010. The love of the outdoors has brought them to many places. "It has been a delight to see orchids growing in their native environment in Pacific NW, Canada, SW China, Malaysia, Costa Rica, Belize, Panama,

Jamaica, Ecuador, Peru and Colombia."

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn about the unique natural wonders of Madagascar on Thursday, July 5, 2018 @ 7:30 PM at the First Christian Church & School, 1601 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005.

Lisa's HOS friend, Jay Balchan, will be bringing plants for sale from his immense orchid collection. Jay will be donating half the proceeds to the HOS.

## Presidents Post By Don Ghiz

As the other President Donald does all the time, this Donald is taking it on himself to declare July, 'Bring a Friend Month.' And I'm going to pardon all those who haven't made many meetings so far this year. Ha!

Please make the opportunity to invite a friend to come to our meeting with you. It doesn't have to be in July. I remind once again about Bev Tall's great expression, 'I came for the orchids and stayed for the friendships.' (By the way, Bev Tall is a friend from AZ, who I see every time I attend an AOS Members' Meeting.) Our financial health is, in good part, a function of growing membership numbers. So I hope everyone will rally behind this program.

August will be here soon, and that means it's time to sign up for the Summer Workshop. What better way to spend a hot, sweaty August day than to be in air-conditioning and learning about orchids. This year's focus is on growing lower light orchids, *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilum*. It promises to be a rewarding and challenging learning opportunity.

I report to you that the HOS Board met on June 16, 2018 and voted to extend our current rental agreement with the First Christian Church for a 3-year period beginning 1/1/19. The cooperation of the Church, the central location, and the quality facilities all contributed to this decision. In addition, the Houston Judging Center voted on the

same day to move it's 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month location to the same FCC facility. We're one big family in the same location. It is felt that the stable, single location and better parking will be advantageous to those bringing plants in to be judged.

And lastly, on an orchid culture note, I hope everyone will look out for summer pests. Please remember to rotate your attack on them using a 3-prong approach where each prong is different. This is important to keep any pests from developing resistance to any of the approaches. For example, to treat scale of any type, I use Safari, Merit, and Orthene WP. These don't have to be your choice, but the idea is the same. I rotate their use, one

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## June Plant Table By Sarah Bentley

First, I need to apologize for an error in the identification of the owner of the May Hybrid, Blc Bryan Wheeler. That plant, pictured below, belongs to Yvonne & Fa Li.

I was pleased to see so many plants on display at the June 6, 2018 meeting! There were 27 Hybrid entries and 22 Species plants presented for the enjoyment of the meeting attendees. Ten members brought various numbers of Species plants and there were thirteen presenters of Hybrid plants.

The range of Hybrid plants was impressive too. Several Phals, a couple of Dendrobiums, an impressive selection of Slipper Orchids, lovely representatives of Cattleya (subject of the program) and many single representatives of little corners of the Orchid Kingdom...

Winner of the Hybrid plant display was hard-working Melissa Kwan who does such a great job with hospitality and refreshments every month. Her Phalaenopsis plant is named Chia-Shing Hot Kiss 'Liu's Best.' Parents of this specimen are Yu-Pin Fireworks and Chia-Shing Focus. This unique representative had two tall bloom spikes arising from a mass of healthy leaves. Remarkably, the

flowers presented on each spike had very different color patterns. An intense purple covered the majority of one set of blooms while the other spike held blossoms that were more striped with the purple on white petals. Could be called a hybrid-hybrid (just kidding.)

The Species end of the table held another wealth of varieties of Orchids. Similar to the Hybrids, Slipper Orchids, Cattleyas and many other kinds of plants were on display. Two plants were subject to a tie for "viewer's choice."

*Cattleya purpurata* var *carnea*, presented by Jay Balchan, sported two blooms which were large, mostly white, with pink stripes covering the ruffled lip. This unique combination was striking and impressive.

*Myrmecophila tibicinis*, presented by Marianne Canevaro, was a large, well-

groomed plant on a hanging display that showcased its healthy base and root system. The bloom spike held several interesting small blooms in a spray of curly yellow petals.

Thanks once again to the gentlemen who described the plants to the crowd, Jay Balchan and Bill Caldwell. It was enlightening to hear your descriptions and thank you for so graciously sharing your expertise.

### President's Message

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every couple of months or when I spot scale. Be sure to look on the underside of your leaves. Pests know where to hide.

That's it for this month. Happy Growing.

#### May Hybrid Winner

**Blc Bryan Wheeler 'Grandson'  
HCC/AOS**

Presented by Yvonne & Fa Li



#### ***Myrmecophila tibicinis***

Presented by  
Marianne Canevaro



**Phalaenopsis Chia-Shing Hot Kiss 'Liu's Best'  
Presented by Melissa Kwan**

***Cattleya purpurata*  
var *carnea***

Presented by  
Jay Balchan



## Houston Judging Center By Don Maples

The Houston Judging Center judges met in the UST Board Room on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Moffitt joined us for the day. It was a special day---his birthday and we celebrated with cake!

Six plants were brought in for judging. There were no awards.

Our meeting location is becoming rather fluid as St Thomas prepares to increase the size of their student body, which means more space is needed for classrooms and students. Father Ted even has a new office. He can explain it better than I can.

Don't forget that the HOS Workshop is coming up the first weekend in August. Orchids will be available for bidding as well as from vendors.



## CLOWN ALLEY ORCHIDS

WE ARE MOVING AND CLOSING CLOWN ALLEY ORCHIDS. We just listed the business and home with Regina Wilson, a long time orchid friend. We close on a house in Saddlebrooke, AZ June 12. So now, we will miss our friends in Chicago and Houston. Sandy has 'the Houston crud' which mostly goes away in the desert. Saddlebrooke is a retirement community 25 miles north of Tucson. We will be selling at the Baton Rouge Show July 13-15. The website will close soon thereafter or possibly before Baton Rouge. The shop will close in July or early August. We will host and attend the Houston OS Summer Workshop August 3rd and 4th. If interested in the business property or the orchids please contact Regina at 281-433-6710.

John and Sandy

## *Dieting Under Stress*

### BREAKFAST

1/2 Grapefruit

1 slice whole wheat toast

8 oz skim milk

### LUNCH

4 oz lean broiled chicken breast

1 cup steam spinach

1 cup herbal tea

1 Oreo cookie

### MID-AFTERNOON SNACK

Rest of Oreo's in package

2 pints Rocky Road ice cream

Nuts, cherries, whipped cream

### DINNER

2 loaves garlic bread with cheese

1 large sausage pizza

3 Milky Ways or Snickers

### LATE EVENING NEWS

Entire frozen cheesecake eaten directly from freezer

## *Rules for this Diet*

If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.

If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet soda.

When you eat with someone else, calories don't count, if you don't eat more than they do.

Food used for medicinal purposes, such as hot chocolate, toast, and Sara Lee cheesecake, never counts.

If you fatten up everyone around you, then you look thinner.

Movie-related foods, such as Milk Duds, buttered popcorn, and Coca-Cola, do not have additional calories, because they are part of the entire entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.

Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.

Things licked off of knives and spoons have no calories, if you are in the process of preparing something.

Foods that have the same color, have the same number of calories. Examples are: spinach and pistachio ice cream or mushrooms and white chocolate.

Note: Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.

*Author Unknown*

**HOS Annual Workshop**  
By John Stubbings

Houston Orchid Society  
**39th Consecutive Annual**  
Summer Workshop  
**NEW VENUE**

The HOS Board has arranged for us to hold this event at the following location:

**Link Lee Mansion 3800 Montrose Blvd. (on the corner of Montrose Boulevard and West Alabama).**

Again we have a one-plus day event. Come meet the speakers, sellers and judges Friday starting at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments and wine will be served. You can bring plants for AOS judging and you can purchase plants Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday, we start at 9:00 AM with a formal lecture from one of our three internationally known speakers (see schedule on the next page). We serve a light breakfast and a lunch. There are also three smaller breakout sessions on Saturday where the speakers share their valuable information on orchid culture. The day ends around 4:15 pm with a wrap-up panel discussion with all three speakers.

**The cost is ONLY \$60 per person, which includes all meals, lectures, breakout sessions and all the fun!**

Speakers and topics. Breakout sessions are to be announced later. A registration form is available at the end of this newsletter. Full details and registrations will also be available at the HOS meeting and on the HOS website.

**SPEAKER BIOS**

**Sam Tsui—'Paphiopedilum adductum: It's Most Advanced Breeding and Culture'.** Sam is from Illinois and has grown orchids for many years, giving lectures throughout the world. His business is The Orchid Inn. Sam has won many AOS awards, almost exclusively on Paphiopedilums, including a few FCCs. Sam will be selling orchids.

**Nile Dusdieker - 'Orchids over the Andes, Orchids in the Wild and the WOC in Ecuador'** Nile is a retired physician from Iowa and has been into orchids for many years. He is an AOS judge from the Chicago Center. He loves to travel and attends many orchid shows, including the most recent World Orchid Conference. Nile is a regular contributor to 'Orchids' magazine of the American Orchid Society.

**Harold Koopowitz - "Perfecting the Miniature Paphiopedilum Hybrids."** Harold has been into Paphiopedilums for decades. He was a partner in Paphanatics for many years. He also has been Editor or Editor Emeritus for The Orchid Digest Corporation for many years. He also writes frequently for 'Orchids'. Harold hales from Irvine, California and will be selling flasks and memberships in The Orchid Digest.

## HOS Annual Workshop Schedule

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD

<b>2 to 5 PM</b>	Vendor Set-up—Please <b>NO sales</b> before 5:00 PM
<b>5 to 5:30 PM</b>	Plant registration for judging
<b>5 to 8 PM</b>	Workshop Registration Open
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>AOS Judging - Don Maples Chair</b>
<b>5 PM</b>	<b>Preview Reception and Sales Open; Hors d'oeuvres wine, beer, soft drinks</b>
<b>5 PM</b>	Silent Auction: Proceeds Support Houston Judging Center
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Silent auction ends
<b>7:45 PM</b>	<b>Preview Reception and Sales END</b>
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Dinner with the speakers contact Don Ghiz (cost not included in registration)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH

<b>8 to 9 AM</b>	Event Registration Opens Silent Auction Starts: Proceeds Support Houston Orchid Society
<b>8 to 9 AM</b>	Sales open
<b>9 AM</b>	Welcoming Comments: Don Ghiz, HOS President
<b>9:10 AM</b>	Invocation: Fr. Ted Baenziger
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Sam Tsui</b>
<b>10:20 AM</b>	Morning Break; Sales and Silent Auction open
<b>10:35 AM</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>
<b>11:20 AM</b>	Luncheon; Sales and Silent Auction Open
<b>12:10 PM</b>	Nile Dusdieker
<b>1:15 PM</b>	Breakout Sessions
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Harold Koopowitz
<b>3:05 PM</b>	Panel Discussion: Speakers and Breakout Session Leaders
<b>3:50 PM</b>	Silent Auction Ends
<b>4:15 PM</b>	Wrap-Up

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 7:30 PM HOS Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Content Due Date	17	18	19	20	21 HJC Judging
22 2:00 PM Newcomers	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Newcomers Meeting By Steve Fox

The June 2018 HOS Newcomers Group meeting was held at the home of Steve and Marsha Fox on June 24th.

Steve led the group through his summer growing area and explained how he grows his orchids outdoors in summer and indoors in the winter.

The July meeting is scheduled to be held on July 22nd. Watch for the an-

nouncement of the July location.

If anyone else is interested in hosting upcoming meetings or has plants or supplies that can be used by the group, please let me know at the next HOS meeting. I still have one or two hosting opportunities available.

For those of you who offered to host for the remainder of the year, I appreciate you letting us visit your homes.

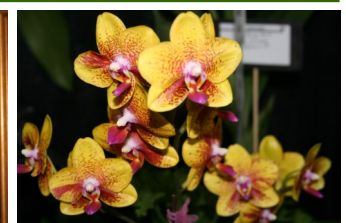
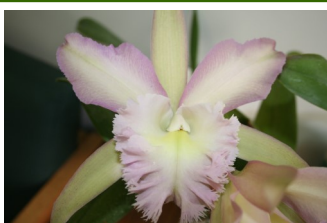
## Refreshments By Melissa Dwan

Refreshments for the June meeting were provided by the following: Pier Laird, Becky Sturnfield, Cherie Lee, Winnie Yap, Reva Raschke, Marsha & Steve Fox, Trish Hotalen and Fa Dwan.

We could really use more participation, so please consider bringing snacks to the July meeting.

## Raffle Table By Loren & Judith Neufeld

The vendor for the July raffle plant table was unknown at the time of publication.



## Upcoming Events

**July 14-15, 2018**

**Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show & Sale**  
**Burden Museum & Gardens**  
 4560 Essen Lane  
 Baton Rouge, LA

**July 20-21, 2018**

**International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium**  
**The Huntington Botanical Garden**  
 San Marino, CA

**August 3-4, 2018**

**HOS Annual Workshop**  
**St Thomas University**

Stay tuned for more details!

**October 26-28, 2018**

**Calcasieu Orchid Society Show**  
**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**  
 715 Kirkman Street  
 Lake Charles, LA

**November 2-3, 2018**

**12th Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium**  
**Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center**  
 2800 Shore Drive  
 Virginia Beach, VA

## HOS Officers and Committee Chairs

### Officers

President	Don Ghiz
VP - Speakers	Bill Caldwell
VP - Shows	Rick Hepler
VP - Membership	Becky Sturnfield
Treasurer	Winnie Yap
Recording Secretary	Sheila Skov
Past President	Derek Lowenstein

### Chairs

Conservation	Nina Rach
Display Table	Sarah Bentley
Exhibits	Rick Hepler
Guest Hospitality	Amy Colville
Happenings Editor	Marianne Canevaro
Intermediate Group	Jay Balchan
Newcomers Group	Steve Fox
Parliamentarian	Marvin Gerber
Photography	Malcolm McCorquodale
Plant Raffle	Judith Neufeld, Loren Neufeld
Refreshments	Melissa Dwan
Silent Auction	Frank & Cherie Lee
Spring Show	Jay Balchan
Summer Workshop	John Stubbings
Webmaster	Tom Durrett

### Directors - Two Year Term

Holly Miller	Steve Fox
Calvin Starr	Marianne Canevaro
Susan Dally	Stephen Moffitt
Ft. Ted Baenziger	

### Directors - One Year Term

Marvin Gerber	Tom Durrett
Jay Balchan	

### Representatives

AOS Representative	Jay Balchan
IPA Representative	Fr. Ted Baenziger
ODC Representative	Fr. Ted Baenziger
SWROGA Directors	Sandy Stubbings and Laurie Skov



**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.tgcfersoc.org](http://www.tgcfersoc.org)



**Bromeliad Society Houston**  
Meets Monthly on the Third Tuesday of the month,  
7:30 pm  
West Gray Multi-Service Center  
Visitors Welcome  
[www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org)

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## AOS WEBINARS



Thursday, July 12, 2018  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST  
Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

[Register](#)



Tuesday, July 19, 2018  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST  
The Ghost Orchid Demystified  
Dr. Lawrence Zettler

This is a member's only webinar.

[Register](#)

# Stay-At-Home Orchids

**Enantheleya Charlie Brown  
'Red Star' Steve Fox**



**Stanhope Assidensis  
Judith Neufeld  
Buds & Flowers**



**Bulbophyllum trigonosepalum  
'D & B Red' Steve Fox**



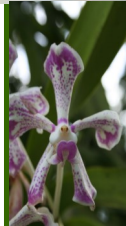
**Cattleya Sea Breeze 'Falrath's Pride' Steve Fox**



**Paphiopedilum  
niveum  
Judith Neufeld**



**Lc. Ann Akashi  
'Hihimanu' HCC  
Steve Fox**



**Dendrobium  
amabile  
Judith Neufeld**



**Encyclia tampensis Steve Fox**



**Grammatophyllum  
Broga Tiger  
Steve Fox**



**Psychopsis Kalihi  
'GV' alba  
Judith Neufeld**

## The 2018 Houston Orchid Society 39<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Summer Workshop August 3 and 4, 2018 Registration Form

Name:	
Street:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	
Phone:	
AOS Judge Status:	
I will judge Friday	

Name:	
Street:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email:	
Phone:	
AOS Judge Status:	
I will judge Friday	

Full Registration @ \$60.00	# Attending	\$
Friday Only @ \$15.00	# Attending	\$
Saturday Only @ \$50.00	# Attending	\$
Late Registration <i>after July 30 Saturday only</i> @\$55.00	# Attending	\$
Late Registration <i>after July 30 Full</i> @\$65.00	# Attending	\$
<b>Total</b>	# Attending	\$

Make Checks Payable to:

Houston Orchid Society

Please Mail check and this form to:

Winnie Yap

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Sugar Land, TX 77479