

SAOS HAPPENINGS

August 1, 2017 Monthly Meeting

ORCHID GROWING BASICS

George Hausermann, EFG Orchids, DeLand, FL



This is a must-take opportunity to talk orchids with one of the most-highly regarded orchid growers in the business. George Hausermann will be discussing the basics of orchid growing – the how-to basics (and beyond for you orchid pros) re: the right kind of water, light, air movement and roots. He'll also tell us how to avoid some of the most common cultural mistakes..

George is a fourth-generation orchid grower with 65 years of family history in the orchid industry. EFG Orchids in DeLand, has 20,000 sq.ft. of greenhouses housing orchids, tropical plants and landscape material. Many of us have enjoyed the Orchoberfest, a celebration of orchids, food and fun held every year in October.

Bring your flowering orchids to exhibit on the Show Table so Courtney can do his thing. And first-time exhibitors get THREE FREE raffle tickets. George will bring plants for the sales table. We'll also have time-release fertilizer, potting mix, baseball caps and T-shirts for sale... Plants will be available on the raffle and sales tables.


WHEN AND WHERE: SAOS will meet at its usual site, Watson Realty, 3505 US 1 South, St. Augustine. Come to the Conference Room via the REAR parking lot. Meetings start with a plant sale at 6:30 pm. A presentation by an orchid expert begins at 7:00 pm. Meetings close with a plant raffle and auction where members can expand their collections at reduced prices. Visitors and guests are always welcome.



Plant Clinic at ACE Hardware

Saturday, August 5 9am-1pm

WHAT, WHEN and WHERE: The first Saturday of the month, February through November, St. Augustine Orchid Society members are available to talk with you, answer questions and help you repot orchids at ACE Hardware on US1 S. Stop in ahead of time and ask SAOS member and ACE's Garden Manager Janet Skinner for details, or call Sue Bottom, 797-4360 with any questions.

Curious? Click  for a YouTube video of one of our plant clinics – shot by Terry Bottom.

Keiki Club monthly meetings are held during the Florida spring and fall growing seasons - when our orchids have come out of hibernation and when they're ready to go into a rest period for the winter. Now we're summer temps and Keiki Club is taking a break. We'll reconvene in September to handle fall and winter orchid needs and take in a few field trips.

Questions about your plants? --- Check our website for trouble shooting, ask an experienced member at our meetings, go to the Plant Clinic the first Saturday of each month at ACE Hardware on US1, drop into ACE during the week and talk with Janet Skinner, manager of the Garden Department and orchid grower.

We'll see you at the September Keiki Club meeting. Have a great growing and blooming summer.

The Keiki Club is a hands-on opportunity for beginner orchid growers. We meet at a member's home, usually on a Sunday, January through spring. Meetings start with a short, hands-on presentation on a timely orchid culture topic, and then it's open for discussion and questions. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

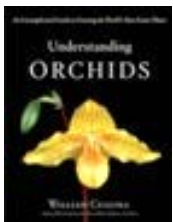
GROWING ORCHIDS IN ST. AUGUSTINE SHOW 'EM WHERE YOU GROW 'EM

We would like to put together a program in 2018 showing how different St. Augustine Orchid Society members grow their orchids. Start snapping pictures. [Email us](#) with your summer growing area pictures now, and if you have pic of the winter growing area, send them too.

IN the SAOS LIBRARY

For a listing of books and equipment available to SAOS members go to www.staugorchidsociety.org. If you find a book you would like to borrow, email Penny Halyburton at phalyburton@comcast.net. She'll bring it to the next meeting, and you may keep it for a month.

Penny Halyburton



Penny Recommends: Understanding Orchids by William Culina

Featuring more than two hundred color photos, Understanding Orchids covers everything you know to grow orchids successfully. Readers can quickly and easily find the orchids that are right for them – which ones will thrive on a windowsill, which prefer artificial lights, which need a greenhouse, which are for beginners, which for experts. And you'll learn how to keep them alive and healthy.

St. Augustine Month-By-Month: [August](#) General Orchid Growing Tips

Spring's mild days are gone. The late spring-early summer growing conditions induce vigorous vegetative activity. Orchids repotted earlier should be showing abundant root development and new growth. With the sun higher and more intense for more hours each day, higher day and night temps, excellent air circulation and a fresh growing medium, orchids will consume more food for high quality flowers next season. If you switched to nighttime watering during spring, it is time to resume morning watering so the leaves will be dry by evening. Click [Month-by-Month August](#) for detailed care info for all of your specific orchids as we move into summer.