

SAOS HAPPENINGS

June 6, 2017 Monthly Meeting

DENDROBIUMS

Mark Reinke, Marble Branch Farms, Walhalla, SC



It's time to revisit dendrobiums and explore them from new and different angles. Dendrobiums offer a wide variety of colors and types, some easier to grow than others, but many without the need for high heat, high light or demands of annual starving or chilling. Mark Reinke of Marble Branch Farms in South Carolina will discuss the cultural needs of the different dendrobium types, stressing the native climates and how they relate to getting the best growth and bloom from your plants. He'll also show how well the dens mix and match with your other orchids.

As always, we look forward to challenging Courtney with another fabulous show table. (And we all know he's up to it.) So bring your plants for show and tell, and remember, first time exhibitors get free raffle tickets. First timers: your plant doesn't have to be an exotic – just something that makes you proud.

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, June 3 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

On Summer Hiatus

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 moving into summer temps and Keiki Club is taking a break. Meanwhile, keep watering and fertilizing your plants and be on the lookout for pests and diseases. We'll reconvene in September to handle fall and winter orchid needs and take in a few field trips.

Any 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. 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.

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: Dendrobium and its Relatives

by Bill Lavarack, Wayne Harris and Geoff Stocker



In this lavishly illustrated guide, gardeners at all levels who wish to successfully grow dendrobiums and related plants will be pleased to find information on more than 400 species. The book's contributors offer valuable background by pointing out threatened and widespread species, discussing nomenclature and pondering the origins of plants and their uses.

St. Augustine Month-By-Month: June 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 June](#) for detailed care info for all of your specific orchids as we move into summer.