

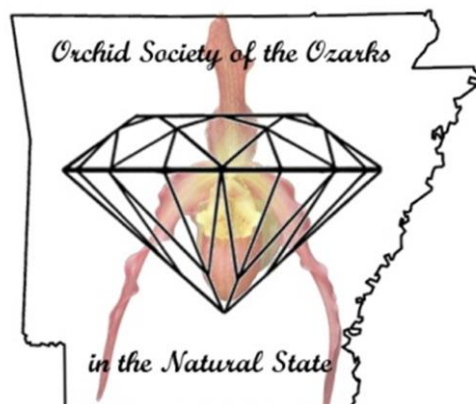
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A Communications Instrument for Society Members and Other Interested Parties

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Stimulating interest in Orchids and their culture as a nonprofit, educational organization ...

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks meets the 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for joint membership.

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July News

Our July program is an OSO favorite, **Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids**. Fred will have plants for sale and has also offered OSO members who **pre-order a 10% discount**. Combined with no shipping costs, this is a really good deal! To order contact Fred at (760) 310-0778 or by email at fred.clarke@att.net and check out his available plants at: www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com.



Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 35 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 28 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, 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 *Bulbophyllum* and *Paphiopedilum* hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara* After Dark, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's and six AM's on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Orchid Trip Bucket List

Cathy Marak

If you are on Facebook you may have seen some pictures from our trip to the Redlands Orchid Festival in May. We bought a lot of orchids, saw old friends, met people in real life that were previously only digital contacts,



Cathy with orchid legend Claude Hamilton at the Redland Orchid Festival in May

met some legends in the orchid world, and ate some of the best food vender food ever! It was really hot and really fun. We worked in a side trip to the Everglades National Park, had a fresh fruit shake at *Robert is Here* and bought fresh lychees from a roadside orchard. Redlands was on our “orchid trip bucket list” (see the full list below) along with a World



At the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008

Orchid Conference. We attended the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008 and had a great time there too. We worked in a visit to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival on the same visit. We have not been to a “WOC” outside the US as member Sarah Waddoups has. Sarah not only attended the 21st World Orchid Conference in South Africa in 2014 but was an invited speaker! She was able to add on time in Madagascar during her trip and gave a great presentation about Madagascar orchids in their natural habitat to OSO. What else is on our “bucket list”?

- 22nd WOC in Ecuador 2017
- Pacific Orchid Exhibition
- Andy’s Orchids
- Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
- Thailand (Especially Phrao Orchids)
- Hengduan Mountains “Plant Watching” tour
- Costa Rica
- Australia
- Taiwan International Orchid Show
- Japan Grand Prix



Your editor with one of his favorite orchids, *Rhycholaelia digbyana*, at the RF Orchids booth at Redland

What orchid shows or trips would you have added?

June meeting pictures from Shari ...



More June meeting pictures



Upcoming Shows & Judgings Around Our Region

August 7-9, 2015

Houston Orchid Society's Annual Summer Workshop, Jerabeck Center, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas

August 8, 2015

Monthly Mid-America Judging Center meeting, Room 175, Commerce Bank Education Building, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri

August 15, 2015

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas

September 12, 2015

Monthly Mid-America Judging Center meeting, Room 175, Commerce Bank Education Building, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri

September 19, 2015

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas

September 25-27, 2015

Greater North Texas Orchid Society fall show and sale, Southfork Hotel, Plano, Texas

September 26, 2015

Mid-America Orchid Congress Outreach Judging, Chicago Marriott, Naperville, Illinois

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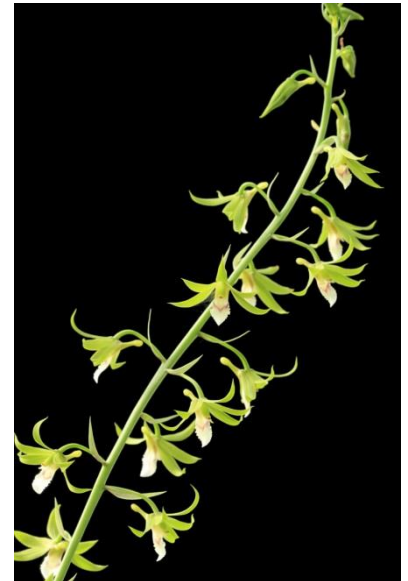


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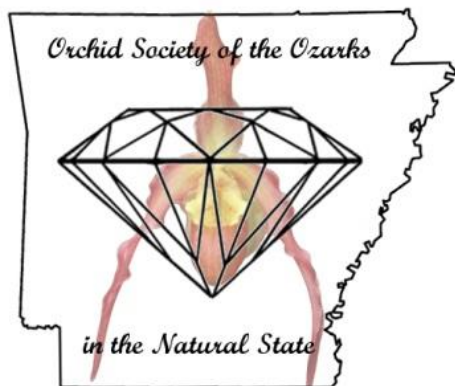
We're on the Web: <http://www.oso-web.org/>

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Orchid Web Site of the Month: <http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>

Our web site this month is that of our speaker, Fred Clarke. Check out the photo gallery to whet your appetite before shopping.



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Lois's Musings!

The big news this month is that the tax exempt 501(3)(c) certification has finally come though!! Steve and Sarah have fought that battle for years, and some new rules discovered by Sarah have allowed a closure to that application. Super many thanks to Steve and Sarah!!

SLUGS and BUGS! I hate slugs and bugs! Every morning Collis and I do a slug search with our hemostats in hand. (It's easier to grab hold of the little ones with the long hemostats) Maybe we're finally getting the population down, since we've only found tiny ones this month. I'm not declaring victory though; I don't think that will ever happen. Those beautiful buds and flowers are just too enticing for the varmints to stay away permanently. And don't get me started about the bugs. So far the new screens on the greenhouse windows have thwarted the grasshoppers, but the outside plants are still vulnerable. It's the mealy bugs that are the bane of my existence right now. I spray, and two weeks later, I need to spray again, and again. I never seem to completely win that war, and constant surveillance is the only option. After growing up surrounded by lead and zinc mines with their toxic chat piles and 300 foot deep open mine shafts, and then forty years as a chemist messing around with concentrated acids and bases, benzene, acrylamide, cyanide, lead, mercury, arsenic, high pressure gas tanks, high intensity lasers, and high voltage power sources for various pieces of equipment, it's going to be my flowers that kill me with their bug poison addictions!

Lois



What's Ahead

July 26, 2015

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR
Meeting: 1:30

Program: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, an OSO favorite, returns!

July 23, 2015

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR
Meeting: 1:30

Program: TBA

