

# SAOS HAPPENINGS

**Tuesday, October 2 Monthly Meeting**

**Unusual Species for the Cattleya Grower**

**Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, CA**

Let's think out of the box. Push boundaries. Go a little wild. There are many weird and unusual species that grow with Cattleya culture that could add new interest to your orchid collection. And if you can grow a Cattleya, you can grow any of these. And if you can't grow a Cattleya, Alan will show you how.



Alan's program starts off with a well-known Cattleya species and then includes some surprises as he includes those plants that grow just like it. Alan is always entertaining and educational. Don't miss this meeting.



Alan will be bringing plants for sale at the meeting. He also offers a 10% discount on preorders. Sue has already sent out his advance list (but here it is again) so you can [pre-order plants from this link](#) for delivery at the meeting. Email your order or call the nursery 916-645-8600. Just a couple days left - **deadline for preorders is September 27.**

And, as always, bring your flowering orchids to exhibit on the Show Table. We will have our normal raffle at the end of the meeting. Friends and guests are always welcome.

**Where: Watson Realty, Conference Room by Back Parking Lot 3505 US 1 South, St. Augustine**  
**When:** We normally meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The meeting begins with a plant sale and closes with a plant raffle where members can expand their collections. It's fun and informative for beginners and experienced growers. Join us, visitors and guests are always welcome.



## **Plant Clinic** LAST PLANT CLINIC UNTIL SPRING

The first Saturday of the month from **February through October**, SAOS members will be at Ace Hardware on US 1 South to talk with you, answer questions and help you repot orchids.

 [Here's a video of a repotting clinic!](#)

**Date and Time: Saturday, September 1, 2018 9am-noon**

**Where: Ace Hardware, 3050 US 1 South St. Augustine 32086**



**KEIKI CLUB** Sunday, October 21 1-3pm

## GETTING READY FOR WINTER

Summer is over, fall is here, and while it may not feel like it, winter is just around the corner. We'll be talking about fall preparations and the minimum night time temperatures your plants can tolerate in winter. We'll also talk about those orchids that require special winter care – like the deciduous dendrobiums and the catasetinae.

**Moderator: Bob Schimmel**

**Where: Bob and Yvonne Schimmel's Home [702 Wilkes Court](#), St. Aug 32086**

**When: October 21, 1-3 pm.**

Keiki Club is for our beginning orchid growers. Meetings start with a short presentation on a timely orchid culture topic and then it's open for discussion on any and all thoughts and questions. Lots of hands-on experience under the watchful eyes of more experienced growers. Check our website for more Keiki Club information.



Here's a [video](#) of one of our get togethers.

## KEIKI KORNER - from Orchid Mentor Suzanne Susko

I've always been a planner. This year went so fast and suddenly we are creeping up on Halloween, then Thanksgiving, then Christmas. Are you ready to repot all those orchids? NO, NOT NOW, but when February and March rolls around are you prepared? It's time to do an inventory of your repotting needs. Inspect your plants now while they are still growing. Which ones need to be repotted? Do you have enough of the right kind of media? How about pots? Do you have enough of the right size? Are the pots clean? While the weather is still warm clean those pots and purchase the media you will need so when spring comes you will be ready to tackle all those plants that need repotting care. Happy Growing!



## In the SAOS Library

SAOS members have access to orchid books, videos and equipment to help inform and educate. Select your desired material from the [current library list](#) and let SAOS librarian Penny Halyburton know. She'll bring your selection to the next meeting. [librarian@staugorchidsociety.org](mailto:librarian@staugorchidsociety.org)



## Florida Orchid Growing – Month by Month by Dr. Martin Motes

A wonderful guide to what to expect as we move into fall and winter. Motes is from South Florida, so know that his excellent information will apply a little later to St. Augustine as we're in North Florida. Monthly guides lead the aspiring orchidist through the intricacies of the changing climate and growing conditions of the Florida year, its benefits and its dangers. Practical solutions to problems and to control pests and prevent diseases are offered. Growing materials and tools are suggested.

## St. Augustine Month by Month [October in St. Augustine](#)

We usually receive our first cold snap around Halloween, so if you are growing outdoors, this is the time for you to make your winter preparations. Check your winter structure, test fire your heaters and start cleaning your plants. The shortening day length and cooler nights initiate all sorts of changes in your orchids. Your plants require less water and fertilizer now. Observe the rate at which your plants dry out after watering and make adjustments, gradually adding days in between your normally watering cycle. ...[continue reading](#)