

# SAOS HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 Monthly Meeting

## Water Quality and Orchids

Courtney Hackney, Ph.D.



There's no question that water quality affects orchids, and unfortunately much of Northeast Florida's water has extremely high alkalinity and dissolved salt content. Our own SAOS Go-To Guy, Dr. Courtney Hackney, will discuss what we can do to make sure our orchids are drinking the right stuff as well as when and how often to water, water testing, flushing, which orchids are more sensitive to water quality than others and more. Courtney authored *American Cattleyas* which describes cattleya hybridizing in the United States as well as an *Orchid Digest* article about cattleya hybrids and hybridizers. He also writes the monthly 'Growing Tips' column that appears in the SAOS and other orchid society newsletters around the Southeast. [www.staugorchidsociety.org](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org),

**WHEN AND WHERE:** SAOS meets at Watson Realty, 3505 US 1 South, St. Augustine. Come to the Conference Room via the REAR parking lot. Plant sale, Meeting, Raffle and Program - 7 pm.

## KEIKI CLUB: August - On Hiatus

Keiki Club is taking the month off due to the high summer temps. See you in September.



**Beginners: A Reminder:** To keep up with what you'll need to be doing for your plants during the oppressive summer months, check the SAOS site, [www.staugorchidsociety.org](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org), homepage, left side, running vertically. You'll find a column put together by Sue Bottom that offers hints for each month.

**V. Robert's Delight 'Goodwin's Spotted Rubies'**

**The Keiki Club** is a hands-on opportunity for beginner orchid growers. We meet at a member's home on a weekend afternoon to allow you to view how other members grow their orchids and to ask questions in an informal environment. While designed to meet the needs of our beginner growers, all members, visitors and guests are always welcome. ALL QUESTIONS WELCOME. FEEL FREE TO BRING PROBLEM PLANTS FOR DISCUSSION.

## Orchids Around Town: Saturday, August 7 9 am – 1 pm

### SAOS & Master Gardeners at ACE Hardware

The first Saturday of the month, Master Gardeners and St. Augustine Orchid Society members will be available to talk with you, answer questions and help you repot orchids. We will be at the Ace Hardware on US 1 S. from 9 am until 1 pm. Stop in ahead of time and ask SAOS member and ACE's gardening and orchid guru Janet Skinner for details or call 797-4360 with any questions.

**BEGINNERS: Bring problem plants for discussion.**



**C. dowiana aurea**

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