

SAOS HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 Monthly Meeting

BASIC ORCHID CULTURE

Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids, Homestead

This is a something-for-everyone presentation from beginners to advanced growers. Jose, a walking orchid encyclopedia, will talk about general orchid culture and is well-qualified to address questions relating to all orchid species. He is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society and travels around the world selling orchids and lecturing about orchid breeding and culture.

LC C.G. Roebling 'Sentinel' HCC/AOS



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 and Program - 7 pm.

KEIKI CLUB: Sunday, September 21, 1 - 3 pm

Problem Plant Clinic – Is there a fungus among us?

**Crown rot, soft spot. Should I throw out the whole pot?
Spider mites? Oh, my! Will my phalaenopsis die?
Leaf miners, thrips, scale. Why'd I'd buy that plant on sale?
Green bug, brown slug. I'd better get to Keiki Club!**

Any of the above sound familiar? If so, we're calling your name. Join us for a show & tell on orchid pests and diseases, their identification, control and prevention. Bring any plants you have questions about. We'll meet at Sue and Terry Bottom's home at [6916 Cypress Lake Ct., St. Aug 32086](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests.htm). Seating is limited, so bring a folding chair. Call 797-4360 with any questions. Meanwhile, for great info with pictures on Pests, Diseases and Treatments check out the SAOS site - <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests.htm>.



Mealy bug (close up)



Slug



Scale insect (close up)



Fungal rot

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.

Plant Clinic at Ace Hardware

Saturday, September 4 9 am – 1 pm



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.

Botrytis damage on a Cattleya – the same little brown-black spots that show up on poinsettias. Very contagious. Phals get it big time.

IN THE LIBRARY: <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/library.htm>

Follow up the Keiki Club meeting with reference material on orchid pests and diseases from the SAOS Library.

Handbook on Orchid Pests and Diseases Dr. O. Wesley

**The Orchid Doctor - Remedies, Recipes, Recommendations and References
American Orchid Society**

Visit the complete SAOS Library: <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org>
and click on the SAOS Library directory links for a complete listing of the books, DVDs and equipment available to members.

Email SAOS Librarian [Wendy Thomas](mailto:wendysthomas1@bellsouth.net) with your request, and she will bring it to the next meeting. wendysthomas1@bellsouth.net.



Wendy Thomas

More SAOS and orchid info: www.staugorchidsociety.org