



All in-person meetings and BROS activities are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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## Featuring~

Speaker: Dr. Harry Gallis

Topic: Dendrobium Antelope Orchids

Date: October 8, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom



**\*\*\*This meeting will be held online via Zoom. There will be no in-person meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic abates and it becomes safe to have regular meetings. Watch your email for a link to the meeting.**

Dr. Harry Gallis a native of Athens, GA, and graduate of Princeton and Duke University Medical School. He divided his medical career between Duke and Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte and retired from the latter in 2008.

His orchid obsession began with Cattleyas about 40 years ago, and he has been involved in NC and Sc orchid shows for more than 35 years. Dr. Gallis was asked to join the Education Task Force of AOS in the late 1990's which led to more and more trouble: Chair of the committee, Chair of Judging in the Carolinas Center, National Judging Training Coordinator, AOS Trustee, Vice President and now Honorary Vice President and Emeritus Judge.

Although his first love was Cattleyas, Dr. Gallis has graduated recently to a wide variety of dendrobiums, especially the spatulata or antelope group, the bigger and taller the better.

His plants have received 54 AOS awards and recently three of his own hybrids received AOS awards: Den Alex Gallis, Den Sara Gallis and Rct Savannah Hope Gallis. He registered three other hybrids by others that have received AOS awards: Rlc Lisa Taylor Gallis and C Susie's Valentine and Den Susie Gallis (currently offered in the H&R Catalogue).

His major interests have been medical and orchid education, leading to several articles in *Orchids*, a judging webinar and travel around the US speaking to societies like ours through which he has met and re-met many orchid friends.



Den antennatum x Den Burana Charming- Kathy Kersey

—Marion Israel, Vice President, Programs

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## A Message from Our President

I hope all is well with you and your family. I know all of you are tired of the extreme heat that this summer has brought us, but the rain has been well appreciated. October is on the way, with that, hopefully cooler days and nights will follow.

For those of you that joined us for our September speaker, Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids, he was great. Thank you, Marion for continuing to provide us with wonderful and informative speakers.

Our October speaker will be Dr. Harry Gallis, speaking on Antelope orchids. It should be another great presentation.

Update for our February 2021 show: Unfortunately, during our Board Meeting we had to make a tough decision and CANCEL the show. The following week I heard back from Safe Schools and they will not be signing any leases for the 2020/2021 school year. This means we will be virtual until August, unless something drastically changes.

I hope all of you have taken the opportunity to look over our new website that Scott Joffe designed for us. It looks great, thank you Scott for doing an amazing job.

On a personal note, I have not returned to work thus far. I have had a lot of time to spend on my orchids. My goal during this time off was to repot as many orchids as I could as well as do more mounting and less repotting. Further down in the newsletter you will see some samples of what I have been using to mount my orchids.

Again, please join us for our October meeting via ZOOM. Veronica is doing an amazing job coordinating these meetings with our speakers and I hope they have been informative and that you have learned something from each of our presenters.

Stay safe,

Kathy Kersey

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## Tasks for October

by Dr. Martin Motes

October is a month of change in South Florida. Cooler weather calls our attention to our plants' needs for trace elements. Chief among these is magnesium, often described as the 'major' minor element. Magnesium deficiency shows up in orchids as a reddening of the foliage particularly when the plant is stressed. This color change is frequently attributed to cold as it occurs following spells of cooler weather. This observation is the fallacy of post hoc, ergo propter hoc; cold is merely the efficient cause: the material cause is lack of magnesium. Hopefully the new fertilizer regimen outlined in the July chapter will minimize or eliminate the reddening by keeping the magnesium level up in the plants. But... Epsom salts (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) is the best and most readily available source of magnesium. This can be applied with Potassium Nitrate (KNO<sub>3</sub>) at the rate of one tablespoon each per gallon. Potassium Nitrate has the formula 14-0-44. The missing number in the middle is Phosphorus. In combination with our highly alkaline water phosphorus tends to react with magnesium and the other metals of the trace element group. Goodbye red, Hello green!



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## Ideas for Mounting Orchids

Many of us grow orchids in pots with various organic (bark, coconut fiber, charcoal) and inorganic (expanded clay pebbles, stalite, small quartz pebbles) media. Many orchids will grow fine in pots. In nature, however, most orchids are epiphytic, meaning that they grow attached to trees. Advantages of mounting include that the orchid will not outgrow its situation as quickly. If an orchid gets too big for its mount, most of the time you can just attach that mount to a larger one. Some disadvantages of mounting orchids include needing to water much more frequently. We can mimic how many orchids grow in nature by mounting them on various materials. Our President, Kathy Kersey has shared photos of some of her mounted orchids to give us some ideas. Thanks, Kathy!



## Members' Plants

All of us have orchids that we are proud of. Please share your good growing by emailing photos of your blooming orchids to Cheryl Dodes at [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com). Please include the plant's official name, and make sure that your photos are right-side-up. Thank you!



*Mcy Lanny Morry Cagiz Yrygoyen* - Teresa O'Neil



*NOID Vanda* - Mary Waggoner



*Paph Spicerianum* - Janice Larit



*Rhyncholaelia digbyana* - Cheryl Dodes

## Members' Plants



Cyc Maren Gleason - Marion Israel

## Members' Plants



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**Ascda Crownfox Golden Dawn, HCC/AOS  
Kathy Kersey**



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**Next Board Meetings:**

**October 1 at 7 PM**

**November 5 at 7 PM**

