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# Orchid Education Classes

## July–September 2008

Become a Better Orchid Grower by Taking Orchid Classes at the American Orchid Society

### JULY

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#### **5 Orchid Potting Workshop** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Greg Alikas, chair of the AOS Publications Committee, professional photographer widely published in magazines and books, including World's Most Beautiful Orchids, West Palm Beach, Florida (www.orchidworks.com)*

If you've just received your first orchid or have been growing them for years, this class is for you. During this class, Greg will explain when and how to repot an orchid and will demonstrate skills to master this process as well as explain what supplies are necessary to make your repotting adventures a success. Students may bring one plant from home to repot during the class. Get hands-on help! Repotting materials will be available for a nominal fee.

#### **12 Orchid Installation in Trees and Misting Systems** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Patrick Jennings, head horticulturist, American Orchid Society Botanical Garden*

Here you'll learn everything you need to know about installing orchids on trees and proper misting system setups for naturalizing orchids outdoors. Patrick will provide tools to help you determine the water needs and basic design principles for your home landscape.

#### **19 The Art of Mounting Orchids** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Sandi Jones and Tom Wells, co-owners of Broward Orchid Supply, Hollywood, Florida (www.browardorchidsupply.com)*

Here's a great opportunity to learn about mounting orchids. Several methods will be demonstrated, making for a wonderful interactive experience where students can learn a tremendous amount, including how to mount orchids on tree fern, cork and grape vine.

#### **26 All About Cattleyas** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Axel Cahiz, owner, Amazonia Orchids, Inc., Homestead, Florida (sales@amazoniaorchids.com)*

Cattleyas have been called the queens of the orchids. With their bold colors and classic shapes, these flowers have captivated imaginations of growers, artists and writers for decades. Join Amazonia Orchids owner Axel as he discusses the care of cattleyas. Students will learn what goes into growing and blooming one of the orchid family's most marvelous flower groups.

### AUGUST

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#### **2 How to Grow Phalaenopsis** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Ron McHatton, PhD, director of education and regional operations, American Orchid Society Botanical Garden*

Come learn from this master grower how to flower the best phalaenopsis (moth orchids). Ron is well-versed in knowing what's necessary to nurture plants into robust specimens that put forth dazzling floral displays.

#### **9 Orchids for Beginners** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Arlene Maguire, American Orchid Society accredited judge, Palm Springs, Florida*

This class is for gardeners and homeowners who have just bought or received their first orchid. Come learn about temperatures, light, fertilizer, watering and more so your plant will flower again. Bring your questions and enjoy a morning of orchid fun and knowledge.

#### **16 Infectious Diseases and Noninfectious Diseases Commonly Found in Orchids** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Robert T. McMillan Jr., PhD, director of research and development, Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery, Inc., Homestead, Florida, with 42 years' experience in plant pathology (plant diseases and their control)*

This class is designed to assist in the diagnosis of orchid diseases, whether in the field, laboratory or diagnostic clinic and to provide recommendations for their control. The class will cover infectious diseases caused by fungi, bacteria and viruses and noninfectious diseases caused by abiotic factors, such as moisture stress, temperature stress, pesticides, and mineral deficiencies and toxicities. (It will not deal with insects except to the extent that they are involved in the diseases discussed, for example, as vectors of viruses.) Students may bring in orchids or an orchid leaf from home that may have a disease. Please be sure to bring the plant or plant part in a plastic bag to prevent the spread of disease.

#### **23 Hurricanes, Black Rot and Other Calamities of Summer** *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Martin Motes, owner, Motes Orchids, Homestead, Florida (vandas@mindspring.com), author of two books, including Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month*

Before disaster strikes this summer, take precautions to keep danger away from your orchids. With 50 years of experience raising orchids, Martin will share his tips and advice for keeping your orchids safe from hurricanes, diseases and other disasters that could plague your favorite plants as well as answer questions about summer orchid care.

## 30 Orchid ABCs *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Mirta Heineman, retired teacher, devoted orchid grower and enthusiast for 20 years, Miami, Florida*

This class is the perfect opportunity for beginner orchidists to learn basic orchid growing tips and techniques. Mirta will discuss the basics of culture, such as watering, fertilizing and light as well as how to nurture your orchids to keep them healthy, strong and beautiful. Remember to bring questions.

# SEPTEMBER

## 6 South Florida Gardening Basics *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Nick Ewy, director of gardens and greenhouse, American Orchid Society Botanical Garden*

This class will be in two parts; the first part of the class will include an overview of basic techniques for gardening successfully in South Florida. After going over the fundamentals, in the second part Nick will highlight some of his favorite orchids, plants and trees and talk about how they can fit into the landscape.

## 13 Beginners Start Here *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Sherwyn Klein, orchid doctor and garden tour guide, American Orchid Society Botanical Garden, Boynton Beach, Florida*

Newcomers to orchids will value their time spent with Sherwyn, who makes it easy to grasp the basics of orchid care. Discover how to choose plants, what plants need — water, light, fertilizer, temperatures — and how to grow them beautifully.

## 20 Orchids A to Z *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Dot Henley, avid orchid grower since 1976, volunteer at the American Orchid Society Botanical Garden, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*

Join Dot on this journey into the fascinating world of orchids. This enthusiastic teacher whose passion for orchids is truly contagious will present the diverse groups that make up the orchid family. From *Angraecum* to *Zygopetalum* — students will find out what makes each unique and what they need to grow and flower. Here's a great opportunity to learn about a wide variety of orchids.

## 27 How to grow Cattleyas in Florida *(limit: 20 people)*

*Instructor: Michael Sinn, Canaima Orchids, Ellenton, Florida ([www.canaimaorchids.com](http://www.canaimaorchids.com))*

Many wonderful things have been discovered by accident, and it was an accident that introduced the first cattleya plants to European botanists. Cattleyas are native to low to middle elevations throughout Central and South America, and Florida is the perfect place to grow these beauties. Michael's philosophy: no special conditions required — everybody can have these beauties in their own back yard.

### Each Student Receives

- ❖ A **FREE** orchid plant. Take home an orchid to enjoy
- ❖ Free admission to the gardens on the day of the class. Following the class, stroll through the botanical garden and the greenhouse
- ❖ 10 percent discount on all purchases — including plants — made in the Orchid Emporium Gift Shop on the day of the class
- ❖ Free copy of *Orchids* magazine and informational brochure

### Registration

- ❖ Advance registration required
- ❖ Payment: Cash, check drawn on a US bank in US funds, or MasterCard, Visa or American Express
- ❖ Refunds will be given up to seven days prior to class
- ❖ Cost unless stated otherwise:  
AOS Member — \$20  
Member Walk-ins — \$25  
Nonmember — \$30  
Nonmember Walk-ins — \$35
- ❖ **SPECIAL OFFER — Sign up for 4 classes within 12 months and get the 5th class FREE.**

### To Register

- ❖ Tel 561-404-2031
- ❖ Fax 561-404-2034
- ❖ E-mail [swayman@aos.org](mailto:swayman@aos.org)
- ❖ Web site [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)
- ❖ Classes are subject to change. Classes with less than two registrants may be cancelled.

### Directions

The American Orchid Society Visitors Center and Botanical Garden is located south of Linton Blvd., west of Jog Road, adjacent to the Morikami Museum and Gardens. There is free parking and access for people with disabilities. The garden is open daily, 10 am–4:30 pm.

**American Orchid Society Visitors Center and Botanical Garden  
16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446**

### WHEN CLASSES MEET

**Orchid Education Classes meet Saturdays — 10 am–12:30 pm**

### THANK YOU, TEACHERS

The AOS would like to thank the instructors, who donate their time and talent to develop and present classes at the AOS. Their generosity and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

### AOS Open House for South Florida Residents

August 2–8  
All Palm Beach County residents enjoy the AOS garden free of charge.  
  
August 9–15  
All Broward County residents enjoy the AOS garden free of charge.

August 16–22  
All Miami-Dade County residents enjoy the AOS garden free of charge.  
  
August 23–29  
All Martin County, St. Lucie County, and Indian River County residents enjoy the AOS garden free of charge.

### REGISTER TODAY

Registration is required for taking classes at the AOS. Call 561-404-2011 for more information. Let orchids spice up your summer.

**SAVE — Sign Up for 4 Classes and Get a 5th Class FREE**