

# Tucson Orchid Society Newsletter

January 2017

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**Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 PM**

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## **Featured Speaker: Terry Kennedy - Orchids in Our Tropics**

*"Dendrobiums - a Primer"*

The January program will feature Terry Kennedy. Her program will deal with a number of easily grown and commonly available groups of Dendrobiums. This covers a rather extensive array of types of growth habit, and flower shape and color.



Orchids in Our Tropics - a hobby gone wild!

Terry lives in Vandorf, Ontario, Canada. Contrary to some rumors, it is not adjacent to the Arctic Circle; it is just North of Toronto which is on the north shore of Lake Ontario. However, it is cold and snowy in winter so the greenhouse full of thousands of orchids offers Terry and her husband Doug a little bit of tropics in the midst of the frigid weather.

More than forty years ago Terry and Doug played hooky on a bright sunny spring day in early March to visit a botanical garden. There they stumbled onto an orchid society meeting. That was it. It started with some very enthusiastic, friendly, orchid enthusiasts, one Paphiopedilum, and a single light table. Over the years they have collected and grown pretty well every genus. There were so many orchids that eventually they had to move house to make room for their plants. Most of the genera are still well represented in their collection. Terry's website [Orchids in Our Tropics](#) will give you a flavor of what is in their greenhouse.



Terry and Doug have exhibited their plants in numerous shows from coast to coast including the 11th World Orchid Conference in Miami in 1984 and the 16<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference in Vancouver in 1999. Numerous AOS show trophies, AOS quality and cultural awards, and the countless other trophies document the success of their participation in these shows. Travel to exotic places like Hawaii, Thailand, Ecuador, Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil, Japan, Singapore and South Africa for shows and field expeditions has further expanded Terry's acquaintance with the incredible world of orchid species and hybrids as well as their intricate requirements.



Terry is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, immediate past chair of the Toronto Judging Center, the first AOS judging center outside of the USA. Terry has served on the executive board of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society as president and director for many years, as well as serving on the organizing committee for the society's annual show since its inception over 35 years ago..

Terry enjoys sharing her passion for orchids with both novice and experienced growers. Her presentations cover a variety of subjects including several genera, culture, and travelogues. The travelogues not only are exciting adventures to exotic places but also offer insights into native orchid habitats and thus help explain why particular species and their hybrids require specific conditions..

## Show and Tell

Please bring your orchids that are in bloom to show off! It's nice to share your pretties with everyone and talk about what works and doesn't work for you. Get tips from others to help your orchids grow better.



## President's Corner Dianne Turausky

There's nothing about growing orchids in the desert that's easy. In the summer, of course, it's hard to keep up with watering, as our plants are as thirsty as we are. In the winter, we go to sleep at night **hoping that our heaters won't have gone out** in the greenhouse! The craziness of the holiday season may keep us from spending much time in the greenhouse, and watering our orchids in the chilly, early morning is not much fun!

In my case, the **added stress of my husband's upcoming surgery** has meant that my orchids are experiencing benign neglect. I have some things automated, but that doesn't monitor orchid health. Fortunately, the mites aren't very active now, and with the exception of some cold hardy mealy bugs, the greenhouse is fairly calm. The days that I can spend time with my orchids, I'm struck by their resilience. I have had the joy of a few orchids in bloom, but mostly I see spikes, new roots, and lots of new leaves. Just as I'm looking forward to our beautiful spring weather, the orchids, in their own quiet way, are preparing themselves for the blooming season.



There are no **Outreach events** scheduled for January. Our next one will be February 7, at the Wheeler Library. That will take place from 6-7:30pm. Wes has graciously volunteered to be our master "repotter" for this event. You are all encouraged to attend and to bring your orchids. The library patrons love seeing the beautiful flowers and learning about the amazing variety of orchids that one can grow here.

**Thanks to Wes and Sue** for graciously hosting our Holiday potluck again. The society is lucky to have them! Thanks to last year's board members for doing such a great job keeping our club alive and having fun. Thanks also to members hosting greenhouse tours, bringing plants for show and tell, providing cookies, setting up and cleaning up and contributing to the newsletter.

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year brings you all the best.



## The November Auction

The 2016 auction was a huge success thanks to the many members donating and purchasing plants. **Over 114 plants were sold.** There was something for everyone including many cattleya and vanda types, dendrobiums, phals, and even some adeniums and tillandsias. This is where many of us round out our collections with plants that are sometimes hard to find. As you know the auction is our main fundraiser and - thanks to you - we added \$2279 to our future. Our next big event is the annual show in March!

## Fiesta de las Flores

Our **annual orchid show** at Mesquite Valley Growers on March 4-5 is rapidly approaching! Please mark your calendars for that weekend. We will have displays, an education table, plants for sale, and orchid judging. Lots of your orchid growing friends will gather to share their love of orchids with visitors and hopefully enroll some new members. Putting in a display is always fun and sometimes challenging. If you are new or don't think that you have enough blooming plants **consider teaming up with another member** to create one. Baskets are another wonderful way to display orchids. We also have a society display for blooming plants. For details please see Wes, our show chairman.



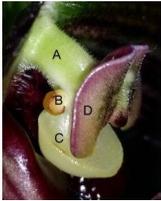
## Education Corner by Marie Hirsch and Doug Forester

What Does That Orchid Word Mean?

**Aeranthes** (ay-er-AN-theez)

A genus of about 40 species of sarcanthine orchids. They are mainly from shady, tropical forest of Zimbabwe, Madagascar, and islands in the western Indian Ocean and are known for their complex flowers. Lindley described the genus in 1824.





### Coalescence (koh-a-LESS-ents)

The union of similar parts or organs, or of those in the same series such as stamens with stamens or petals with petals. The column (A in photo, left), which is unique in orchids, is a coalescence of male and female parts.

### Jumellea (joo-MELL-ee-a)

A sizable genus of epiphytic orchids from Madagascar and tropical Africa, closely related to Angraecums. In 1914, Schlechter named and dedicated it to Professor Henry Jumelle, a French botanist from Marseilles who investigated the flora of Madagascar in the late nineteenth century.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

Reminder: the 2017 dues are due this month! They remain the same at \$12 per year. All members with email should have gotten a reminder recently. If you have not already paid for this new year you can bring cash or **check to our next meeting**. For those folks who cannot attend the meeting, you may mail your check to the Treasurer, Jim Wilcoxon, 9662 E Hickory Tree Place, Tucson, AZ 85749.

In the coming weeks we will be updating the club roster making corrections and deletions. If you do not attend meetings but still wish to get our newsletters and notifications of special events, you will have to remain current with your dues. If you have any questions regarding your current standing please e-mail Doug Forester, [dougf.ccn@comcast.net](mailto:dougf.ccn@comcast.net).

## Cookie List

Be sure to **sign up** at the meeting to bring cookies to a monthly meeting. Pick a month, sign your name, and plan to bring something nice to share. including something to quench the thirst!

January 18 Judy Forester

## Calendar of Events

**February 7 6:00-7:30PM-** Wheeler Library Outreach event

**February 15 monthly meeting** - Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids

**March 4-5** - TOS annual orchid show - Fiesta de las Flores

**March 15 monthly meeting** - Nancy Mountford of Orchids Dominicana. Group order in February for tolumias from Dominican Republic

**Future Greenhouse Open Houses** There are no greenhouse open houses currently scheduled. Please **let the President know** if you are interested in showing off your orchids and how you grow them to members of the Society. Traditionally, tours run from April through September. Whether you grow on a windowsill, patio, yard, or greenhouse, other growers can discover new ideas and suggestions for improving their growing.

## General Meeting Information

The Tucson Orchid Society regularly meets on the **third Wednesday** in January through October. Members are encouraged to bring orchids in bloom for **show and tell**. In November, the Society holds a fundraising **auction** of plants donated for that purpose. In December, we have a wonderful, relaxing **potluck** with a greenhouse tour, combined with a short business meeting and election of officers.

The monthly meetings are held at the [Gem & Mineral Society Building](#) (side entrance), 3727 E. Blacklidge Dr., Tucson, AZ 85716 at 7:30 PM. From the intersection of East Ft. Lowell and North Dodge, go two blocks south on Dodge, turn left on Blacklidge. The building is on the north side of the street.

**The Newsletter** The newsletter is published every month of the year. If you have something you would like to have published in the newsletter that is of general interest, don't hesitate to contact the newsletter editor, Doug Forester. The deadline is two weeks prior to the monthly meeting.

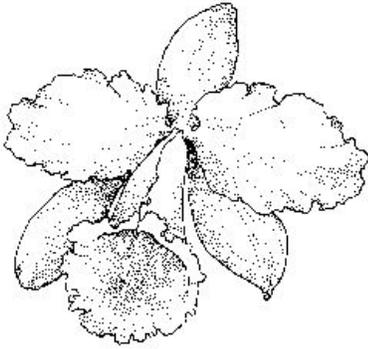
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## Social Media

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Website: [www.orchidsocietytucson.org](http://www.orchidsocietytucson.org)



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Gem & Mineral Society Building (Adobe Bridge Club entrance)  
3727 E. Blacklidge Rd.

**Visitors and new members are always welcome**

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Yes, I would like to join the Tucson Orchid Society. Yearly membership dues are \$12.00

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