



# Featuring~

Speaker: Alan Koch

Topic: The ABC's of Orchid Nutrition

Date: September 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

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

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

**\*\*\*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.**

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids.

He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.

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—Marion Israel, Vice President, Programs

**PLEASE NOTE: New BROS website is now active.**

Go to <https://www.brosonline.org/>

We hope you like it.

Thanks to Scott Joffe for designing it!

Alan Koch





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## A Message from Our President

I hope this letter finds you well. I know 2020 has not been a great year thus far. On a positive note, it has allowed us to spend extra time with our orchids, that we normally would not have been able to do.

We still have no update on when Safe Schools will allow us back on the premises. Again, on another positive note, Marion has been able to secure amazing speakers for our Society thru ZOOM, which have been wonderful. I would like to thank Veronica and Marion for their great teamwork on getting speakers and setting up our ZOOM meetings. If you haven't logged into our monthly meetings, you are missing out. Last month we had 34 members log onto our ZOOM meeting. I would encourage all of you to log on for our September meeting, it is going to be one you won't want to miss.

Our new website will be online shortly, and I would like to give a huge shout out to Scott Joffe for the outstanding work he has done with the layout and fresh new look.

Please see Alan Koch's orchid list in this issue for great prices and extraordinary plants that our September speaker is offering to us. Please Google the name of the plant if you want to see what it will look like.

Please remember to send photos of your blooming orchids, labeled with the name of the plant to Cheryl at [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com). We will publish as many of these pictures as possible.

I miss you all and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces soon.

Kathy

**NOTICE: All BROS members who paid for their membership for 2020 will get membership for 2021 FREE! Please pay your 2020 dues if you have not already done so.**

## Gold Country Orchids Limited Availability List

Email: gcorchids@aol.com

Our speakers usually bring orchids to sell at our in-person meetings. Since this is not possible right now, here is the list of orchids available from Gold Country Orchids, offered by our speaker Alan Koch. Please email your list to him and he will send you an invoice via Square including freight charges (and sales tax for those who live in California).  
NOTE: "BS" = Blooming size. "NBS" = "Not Blooming Size" (usually 1-2 years to reach blooming size).

*Aerangis kirkii* Seedlings of this wonderful species with crystalline soft brown flowers that resemble flying doves. Foliage has a bronze tint. BS on Mount \$45.00

*Aerangis hariotiana* 'Gold Country' African mini with orange flowers \$20.00 In spike net \$10

*Aerangis hildebrandtii* 'Gold Country' Similar to above but longer flower spike with slightly larger flowers. Great mini for the home 2" BS \$25.00

*Aerangis punctata* Mini species with large flowers on a tiny plant BS \$20.00

*Aerangis Valley Isle* (*somalensis* x *mystacidii*) Super easy to grow miniature with crystalline white flowers. 2" BS \$15.00

*Angraecum elephantinum* Miniature species with crystalline white 3 inch fragrant flowers NBS 2" \$25.00

*Angraecum didieri* Miniature species 2" BS \$20.00

*Ascocentrum ampulaceum* Orange form, India 2" BS \$20.00

*Ascocentrum aurantiacum* Mini plant with bright orange flowers BS \$15.00

*Bulb. carunculatum* 'Big Ben' Divisions of a very easy to flower species with bright green flowers and a plum lip. Large BS \$35.00

*Bulb companulatum* 'Rob' Miniature daisy type with yellow & plum flowers Blooming size divisions \$20.00

*Bulb Elizabeth Ann* 'Buckelberry' FCC/AOS Mother divisions \$25.00

*Bulb falcatum v. flavum* yellow rachis and flower 3" BS \$25.00 In spike net \$12.50

*Bulb falcatum* 'Standing Tall' AM/AOS 3" BS \$25.00 In spike net \$12.50

*Bulb falcatum v. velutina* 'GC' CCE/AOS \$20.00 In spike net \$10

*Bulb lasiochillum* Yellow form 3" BS \$15.00

*Bulb Lovely Elizabeth* Similar to Elizabeth Ann but with red flowers \$20.00

*Bulb. roxburghii* Mini daisy type with apricot flowers \$15.00

*Bulb vaginatum* 'Joyce' mini medusa 3" BS \$20.00

*Bulb. Wilbur Chang* Our favorite *Bulbophyllum* hybrid with 8" bronze flowers with a plum lip 4" BS \$25.00

*Cadetia potamorphila* 'Joyce Kelly' CHM/AOS Mini with red and green leaves with white flowers. BS \$35.00

*Cattleya Beaufort* x *cernua* Micro-miniature with bright orange to red flowers. Plants should bloom 2 to 3 times a year. NBS \$25.00

*Cattleya briegeri* Better known as a yellow *laelia* from Brazil \$25.00

*Cattleya Christina Mendonza* (*Floralia's* *Azul* x *intermedia*) Remake of a fantastic blue with 5 inch flowers on compact plants, half splash 2" NBS \$12.50

*Cattleya Circle of Life* x *briegeri* Mini with bright yellow to orange flowers with a deep red lip. \$12.50

## Gold Country Orchids (*continued*)

Cattleya Circle of Life x Pole Star Miniature with bright red to orange flowers on upright inflorescence 2 ¼" BS \$15.00

Cattleya Floralia's Azul x Cattleya pumila coerulea Miniature fragrant blue with 4" flowers. 50% will be splash with an indigo lip. BS \$12.50

Cattleya Harem Girl (luteola 4N x schilleriana 4N) Miniature Cattleya with bright green flowers and a deep plum lip. 2" BS \$15.00

Cattleya Lake Tahoe v. coerulea Select divisions of our best blue \$45.00

Cattleya leopoldii coerulea x alba treated for tetraploids 3" BS \$20.00

Cattleya lueddemanniana very dark parents 2" \$12.50

Cattleya lueddemanniana v. alba 3" BS \$20.00

Cattleya lueddemanniana v. coerulea 2 1/2 inch \$12.50 4" BS \$25.00

Cattleya lueddemanniana v. delicata 2" \$15.00

Cattleya Melody Fair x Circle of Life 6" bright pink to garnet full round flowers on compact plants 3" BS \$25.00

Cattleya Melody Fair x Lc. Liptonii 6" bright white flowers with a plum lip. Great semi-albas! 3 ½" BS \$20.00

Cattleya Melody Fair x Walgery 5" semi alba flowers with brilliant deep plum lips. 3 ½" BS \$20.00

Cattleya Orpetii fma aurea x Laelia pumila alba Looking for miniature fragrant white flowers. NBS \$12.50

Cattleya Sierra Doll x Aloha Case 5" fragrant rose flowers with an amethyst lip on compact plants. BS \$12.50

Cattleya Sierra Doll x Kiritsubo Miniature with 4" fragrant pink flowers with a yellow throat. 2" BS \$12.50

Cattleya sincorana F8 sibling cross of 4" fragrant rose flowers on miniature plants. 2" seedlings about 2 years to flower. \$12.50

Cattleya sincorana fma. coerulea ('Lake Tahoe' x 'Crater Lake') Fifth generation line bred blue sincorana seedlings 2" \$12.50

Cattleya Tokyo Magic x Beaufort 4" bright yellow flowers with deep red lips on compact plants. New! 2" \$12.50

Ctt. Orchidglade 'Orange Sherbert' 4N x self (walkeriana x aurantiaca) long lasting fragrant orange flowers that will bloom 2 to 3 times a year NBS \$10.00

Ctt. Rojo x Rlc. Love Sound Clusters of 4" bright orange star shaped flowers. NBS 2" \$12.50

Cochleanthes discolor 'Lil' AM/ODC Smells like cloves BS \$45.00

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii 4N Does not need a cool greenhouse. We grow this in Sacramento in Cattleya conditions but good water. BS \$45.00

Dendrobium Green Flash Superb compact LaTouria den with green flowers and a plum lip that flower 4 to 7 months a year. 3" BS \$15.00

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Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy' 4" BS plants of what I think is the best kingianum hybrid of all times. Fragrant purple flowers! \$25.00

Dendrobium lichenastrum 'Gold Country' Maxi-mini on Mount \$25.00

Dendrobium loddigessii 'Rob' Mini nobile type and fragrant BS \$15.00

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## Gold Country Orchids (*continued*)

*Dendrobium pretecii* Miniature on mount BS \$20.00

*Dendrobium speciosum* v. *grandiflorum* Largest flowers for the Species with yellow fragrant flowers. 2" BS \$15.00

*Dendrobium trantuanii* Sibling cross of this miniature species from Vietnam. With soft rose fragrant flowers. 2" BS \$12.50

*Dendrobium trinervium* Miniature Den with white and green fragrant flowers. Plants grow like *Phalaenopsis* and are in flower most of the year. \$15.00

*Dendrobium unicum* Vietnam form with larger orange flowers \$15.00

*Dendrobium unicum* Thailand form with typical orange flowers \$10.00

*Dyakia hendersoniana* Fragrant mini Vanda 2" BS \$12.50

*Encyclia abeviata* 'Quincy' Smallest member of the *fragrans* type BS \$25.00

*Epidendrum magnolia* Seedlings on a North Carolina strain that should flower this winter. 2" BS \$15.00

*Epidendrum polybulbon* 2" BS Cuban form and fragrant. \$15.00

*Epiphronitis Veitchii* FCC/RHS mini epi with bright red flowers. 2" BS \$20.00 Starting to bud net \$8

*Epiphronitis Veitchii* variegated form 2" BS \$45.00

*Eurychone rothschildiana* African angracoid with fragrant green and white flowers. \$35.00

*Gastrochilus obliquus* Miniature Vandaceous with green flowers \$35.00

*Laelia lundii* 'Laurelwood' Most vigorous mini I have 3" BS \$25.00

*Laelia lundii* 'Big Ben' v. *coerulea* super easy to flower 3" BS \$35.00

*Laelia pumila* 'Tamara' AM/AOS BS divisions \$75.00

*Laelia pumila* v. *coerulea* ('Donna Rosina' x 'Gold Country') mount \$35.00

*Laelia purpurata* v. *flamea* Super sibling cross out of Brazil 4" \$45.00

*Leptotes bohnkianum* Light pink flowers on this rare species BS \$20.00

*Leptotes pohlitinocoi* Mini from Brazil with rose flowers BS \$20.00

*Masdevallia minuta* 'Sharon Kay' HCC/AOS Mini with crystalline white Flowers 2" BS \$20.00

*Masdevallia Red Wing* Warm growing *infracta* hybrid with deep Fuchsia flowers 3" BS \$20.00

*Masdevallia wendlandianum* 'Abigail' JC/AOS Warm to hot growing miniature with bright white flowers with yellow tips and a purple center. BS \$15.00

*Meiracyllium trinasutum* Mini species with fragrant rose flowers \$35.00

*Mystacidium braybonae* Mini African with long lasting white Crystalline flowers. BS on mount \$25.00

*Mystacidium capense* Mini African species with clouds of flowers BS \$25.00

*Paph. helenae* Smallest member of the genus, a true mini. BS \$35.00

*Paph. Prime Child* 4N plants from OZ with great flowers BS \$35.00

*Phal. Anna Larati Soekardi* Mini phal with rose and lavender flowers that bloom 6 to 8 months a year BS \$25.00

*Phal. Formosa Dream 'Wilson'* Mini *lobbii* hybrid with white flowers and an amethyst *lobbii* lip. BS \$20.00

*Phal. Jia Ho Summer Love* Miniature *pulcherima* hybrid crossed with *bellina* to give fragrant rose and violet flowers. BS \$25.00

## Gold Country Orchids (*continued*)

Phal. Kuntrarti Rarashati 'Copperstate' HCC/AOS Mother divisions of this mini that flowers all year long BS \$20.00

In spike net \$10

Phal. Liu's Fantasy 'CP303' AM/AOS Mini white with a bright yellow lip. BS \$20.00

Phal. marriottiana Small Chinese species with clear brown over yellow flowers with a bright white center. BS \$45.00

Phal. Mei Dar Ruby 'MD' Multifloral harlequin with velvety bright deep garnet flowers. Compact branched inflorescences. BS \$20.00

Phal. Meiderland Cherry 'MD' Compact plants with 4" sulphur yellow flowers with a deep cherry red lip. BS \$20.00

Phal. Paradise Lost Multifloral miniature harlequin with black to deep rose spots on sparkling white flowers. BS \$20.00

Phal. speciosa Sibling cross yielding indigo to blue over white flowers. 3" BS \$25.00

Phal. Summer Rose 'Jongs' Almost indigo flowers on small plants with an indigo lip. Plants flower twice a year. 2 1/4" BS \$25.00

Phal. zebrina Very good sibling cross on this novelty species. 3" BS \$25.00

Pleurothallis grobyi Mini warmth tolerant 2" BS \$15.00

Pleurothallis leptotifloia 'GC' vigorous mini with yellow flowers \$15.00

Podangis dactyloceras Miniature African species with paper white flowers 3" BS \$20.00

Promanea xanthina Miniature fragrant yellow likes low light 2" BS \$20.00

Rlc. George King x C. Circle of Life 6" fragrant orange flowers on compact plants 2" \$12.50

Rlc. Little Toshie x Rth. Orchidglade 4" yellow to apricot flowers on compact plants that are fragrant 2" 4" BS \$18.00

Rlc. Love Sound 4N x C. Circle Spirit 4N First to flower was better than Martha Clarke with 5" orange to red flowers. NBS 2" \$12.50

Sarcochilus Hot Santa x fitzgeraldii NBS White with red center \$12.50

Sarcochilus Hot Santa x Burgundy on Ice NBS round reds \$12.50

Sarcochilus Hot Santa x Walnut Valley Sunset NBS round garnet \$12.50

Sobennikoffia robusta Afraican species 2" NBS \$15.00

Tolumnia sylvestre 'Gold Country' Divisions of this mini pink oncidium relative that is easy to grow and flower. 3" BS \$20.00

Vanda cristata Compact green with plum lip and fragrant 2" NBS \$15.00

Vanda Green Light Mini fragrant green Vanda for the home 2" BS \$15.00

Vanda vietnamica Mini green for the home 2" BS \$15.00

Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows Bright lime green flowers with a deep Indigo lip. Fragrant too! 2" NBS \$12.50

## MERICLONES

Cattleya Cardid's Mini Quinee 'Angel Kiss' AM/AOS Compact fragrant white and lavender splash petal. 3" BS \$25.00

Cattleya Gratrixiae 'Rotors' HCC/AOS Miniature red cattleya that flowers 2 to 3 times a year. Mother division \$45.00

C. Lake Tahoe 'Blue Sky' Long lasting 5" blues with an indigo lip and intense fragrance. NBS 2" \$12.50

Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'NN' Compact lavender den-phal with 2" flowers on an arched inflorescence. 3" BS \$12.50

Dendrobium Starburst 'Firebird' Compact nobile den with bright orange 3" fragrant flowers. Plants are easy to bloom. BS \$15

## Gold Country Orchids (*continued*)

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Dendrobium White Grace 'Sato' HCC/AOS (Fiftieth State x speciosum) Sparkling 2" white flowers on a graceful arched inflorescence. 4" BS \$25.00

Prosavola Moon Mist 'John Ward' (nodosa x radiata) Super fragrant miniature with light green flowers. Plants bloom 2 to 3 times a year. 3" BS \$20.00

Rlc. Little Toshie 'Gold Country' This is the best compact growing Cattleya ever with 5" bright yellow flowers and deep red lip. BS 3" \$25.00

Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' AM/AOS (California Girl x Beaufort) Easy to grow compact cat with 5" full blush rose flowers with a plum lip. 4" BS \$25.00

Renenetia Sunrise 'Praysong' AM/AOS Miniature Neofinetia hybrid with bright orange flowers. Mature plants will flower all year long. 2" BS \$18.00

## USPS Issues Wild Orchid Stamps

The U.S. Postal Service has issued ten new wild orchid stamps in booklets of 20 and coils of 3,000 and 10,000. The orchids that all grow in the U.S. are *Cypripedium californicum*, *Hexaletris spicata*, *Cypripedium reginae*, *Spiranthes odorata*, *Triphora trianthophoros*, *Platanthera grandiflora*, *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, *Calopogon tuberosus*, and *Platanthera leucophaea*. The names of the orchids do not appear on the stamps. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs taken by Jim Fowler.

Many of the orchids native to North America are endangered or threatened. Numerous organizations across the country work to preserve these wildflowers and their habitats.

The Wild Orchid stamp is being issued as a "Forever" stamp. This Forever stamp will always be equal in value to the current First Class Mail one-ounce price.



## *Members' Orchid Photos*



**Blvd Chong Guu "Linnet" - Janice Larit**



**Brassavola nodosa - Susan Barbuty**



**Blc Hippodamia - Barbara Barrie**



**Gram. Scriptum "Citron" - Barbara Barrie**



## *Members' Orchid Photos*



**Blc Goldenzelle x C. forbesii - Cheryl Dodes**



**Vanda Somsri Gold - Cheryl Dodes**



**Rlc Hsinying Aloha - Cheryl Dodes**



**Mokara Madame Panni - Barbara Barrie**

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## Tasks for September

by **Dr. Martin Motes**

Coming at the end of the rainy season when disease pressure has been building, September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids. Hopefully careful watering practices and the judicious use of fungicides (as recommended last month) will have diminished the potential for disease in our collections. But even in the best managed collection, September calls for extra vigilance.

Keep a close eye out for problems and remove immediately any plant that shows the first sign of fungus to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing rain drops. Good hygiene is particularly important this month. Clean up growing areas and remove any dead leaves, twigs or other organic debris from the plants and the ground. In September numerous diseases that linger in decaying plant material find the ideal conditions that allow them to jump to the living tissue of our prize orchids. Such problems can develop more quickly in September than in any other month. September is a month to stay home and be there for your orchids. Look at every plant, every day.

### **Read this month's complete article at:**

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>

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Meeting each month via Zoom**

**Next Board Meeting: September 3 at 7 PM**

**October 1 at 7 PM**

**November 5 at 7 PM**