



APRIL EVENT

Monthly Meeting: 8 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2020

From the comfort of your living room via Zoom!

Fred Clarke on Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas

See below for discounts on orders from Fred's website

The details of the Zoom meeting will be emailed a few days before the meeting



C. Interglossa v. coerulea-aquinii 'SVO'



Slc Katherine Clarkson 'SVO' HCC AOS



C. bicolor v. coerulea 'SVO Blue Lip'

Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas

What a fascinating group of orchids! This talk is a detailed look at the latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful flowers.

Spotted and splashed cattleyas come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the important breeding plants and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. In conclusion we cover the 'best growing practices' for cultivation of these colorful and showy orchids.

The presenter will be Fred Clarke, of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, CA. Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he



is also actively creating new *Paphiopedilum* and Aussie *Dendrobium* hybrids, plus some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Order from Fred's website (www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com) and get 20% off the price of the plants; use the coupon code "ZOOM" (all upper-case) at checkout. Good until June 30

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Zoom Meetings of the Atlanta Orchid Society

Last month's AtlOS monthly meeting was masterfully organized by Danny Lentz, VP. It was obviously not quite the same as meeting in person, but we got to listen to a fascinating talk by Kevin Holcomb on growing Pleurothallids in small indoor enclosures, and we got to see what's blooming around town in the homes of our members.

We will try the same format for this month's meeting, with a talk by Fred Clarke, and hopefully another set of beautiful pictures of blooming orchids. Send your pictures to Danny; please include your name and the name of the plant in the file name to make Danny's life a little easier!



Mary Pat Holtshlag's *Paphiopedilum humboldtii* 'Fortuna'

EVENTS CALENDAR

May

9 – American Orchid Society monthly judging CANCELED
11 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, via Zoom: Fred Clarke (Sunset Valley Orchids), on Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas

June

8 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting; venue to be determined
13 – American Orchid Society monthly judging (maybe)

August

10 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting: Mark Reinke, probably on Cymbidiums

September

14 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting: Dave Sorokowsky (Paph Paradise), on Paphiopedilums
25-27 – Atlanta Orchid Society Show

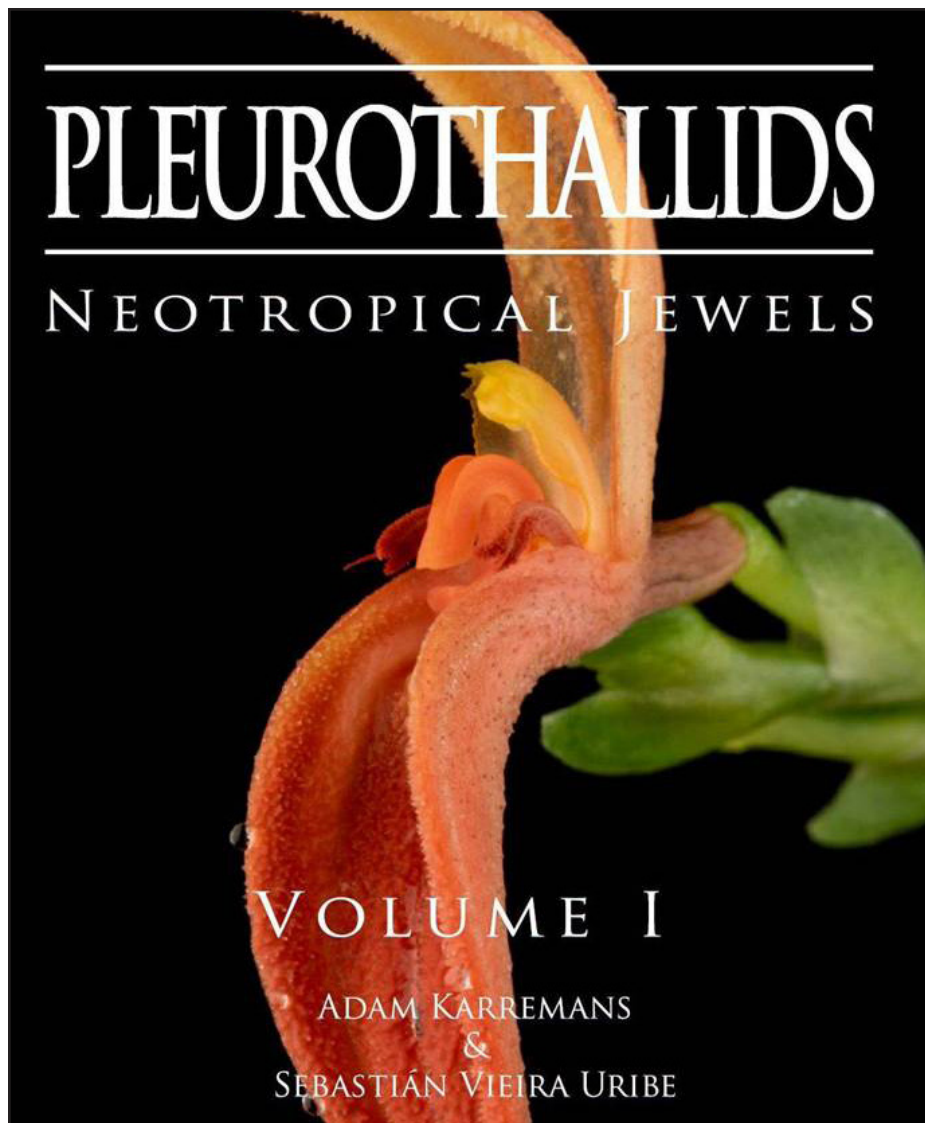
October

12 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting: Peter T. Lin (Diamond Orchids)

From David Mellard, Immediate Past President

This might be of interest to some society members, a new monograph on pleurothallids published in Switzerland. If you go to the link (orchilibra.com/posts/shop), you can view one of the chapters. Impressive photographs. Preorders will be available until printing is completed in August, thereafter the book can still be

ordered from this link but at the regular price. Unless there are issues with international shipping, you should get your book before the end of the year. There are different prices depending on distribution requirements. The cost of the book for US buyers is \$115.



New Members

Welcome to new members Wendell Bohannon from Cummings and Mary Henderson from Big Canoe.