



APRIL EVENT

Monthly Meeting: 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023

Ron Kaufmann on Orchid Conservation

Day Hall at the ABG, and in simulcast by Zoom

Bring your blooming plants for our monthly ribbon judging

Ron Kaufmann: Conserving Orchids with the American Orchid Society

Our speaker in April will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for more than 25 years and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. His talk titled “Conserving Orchids with the American Orchid Society” will describe the work that the AOS Conservation Committee is doing to support orchid conservation, highlighting examples of recent AOS-funded projects and future opportunities for collaboration in this important work.

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a reedstem Epidendrum and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the AOS Conservation Committee since 2016 and chair since 2022. The AOS Conservation Committee supports conservation through grants that fund conservation-centered projects and awards that recognize those whose work advances the conservation of orchids. Ron began working on orchid conservation with the SDCOS Conservation Committee 25 years ago and became chair in 2004. Since 1991, the SDCOS Conservation Committee has awarded over \$285,000 to support projects in 24 different coun-



tries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, Orchid Digest, and Fundación EcoMinga (an Ecuadorian conservation organization).

Most of Ron’s orchids are grown in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn’t been followed, although the temptation is always there.

Ron will speak to us from San Diego via Zoom.

A Note from the Editors

The ribbon judging notes for the March meeting will appear in the May newsletter, along with the notes for the April meeting. Fortunately, our esteemed Prez has sent some pretty pictures to supply the eye candy you have come to expect from this newsletter.

Mark and Véronique

Save the date! The AtIOS auction will take place on 17 June. Details forthcoming.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

April

8 – AOS monthly judging

10 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting (Day Hall): Ron Kaufmann on AOS orchid conservation program

15 – South Metro Orchid Society Auction (see last month's newsletter for details)

May

8 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting (Mershon Hall): Charles Wilson on growing Bulbophyllums

13 – AOS monthly judging

June

10 – AOS monthly judging

12 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

17 – Atlanta Orchid Society Auction (details forthcoming)

July

10 – AOS monthly judging

12 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting (Day Hall): ABG tour & ice cream social

From the Deep South Orchid Show



AtLOS exhibit (with ribbons!) at the the Deep South Orchid Show, Savannah, 31 March–2 April 2023.

From Carson's Greenhouse



Caularthron bicornutum



Cattleya intermedia aquinii coerulea