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**Orchids Month by Month in 2019**  
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Terry is always taking pictures of something, including the greenhouse. Sometimes it's frogs, lizards and snakes and sometimes it's some pest, disease or other problem, but the best pictures are the flowers. Every year he goes through and selects the best picture each month and compiles them into a calendar. This is the retrospective of 2019 in bloom.



**January - Lc Carolyn Reid 'Lynchburg'**  
 (Cattleya aurantiaca x Laeliocattleya Twinkle Star)  
 This aurantiaca hybrid was made by Gene Crocker and it inherited aurantiaca's floriferousness. It smells like the Tropicana roses my Mother used to grow, so it has a tremendous sentimental value.



**February – Cattleya Sue Bottom 'St. Augustine'**  
 (Cattleya Mrs. Mahler x Cattleya Fort Motte)  
 Courtney named this bifoliate cattleya made by John Stanton of the Orchid Trail for me. It was given an Award of Merit by the American Orchid Society at the Jacksonville show in 2016.



**March - Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'Buttercup'**  
 (Lc. Mari's Song x Blc. Orange Nuggett)  
 The white with pink and purple splash petalled Mari's Song combined with the Orange Nuggett results in a wide array of color variations in this hybrid grex; this plant from Roy Tokunaga of H&R.



**April – Lc. Luminosa 'St. Augustine'**  
 (Cattleya dowiana x Laelia tenebrosa)  
 This is a picture of a first bloom seedling from Ben Oliveros. When Ruben saw the picture of this primary hybrid, he suggested we take it to AOS judging and see if we come home with an FCC.


  
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**May - Cattleya maxima**

There is something about this species that makes it irresistible, it must be the striping in the lip. There are coerulea and alba color forms in addition to this tipo form, from Mike Blietz of Exotic Orchids of Maui.



**June – Laelia purpurata var. striata**

Another irresistible species; there is even a Brazilian orchid show featuring only purpuratas, with all their color forms. This first bloom seedling of the striata color form from H&R is from a colchicine treated flask.



**July – Blc. Serengeti Sands**  
(Blc. Teresa's Smile x *C. leopoldii*)

Vibrant colors are typical of this hybrid by Courtney Hackney, in which a dowiana dominated mostly unifoliate pod parent is paired with the bifoliate leopoldii pollen parent.



**August – Lc. Maui Plum 'Volcano Queen'**  
(*C. guttata* x Lc. Summerland Girl))

This mericlone is a beautiful summer blooming bifoliate cattleya that was awarded in the 1980's when shown by Akatsuka Orchids, who still offer it on their website.


  
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**September – Cattleya Terry Bottom**  
 (Cattleya Fort Motte x Cattleya Allen Condo)  
 Courtney made this bifoliate hybrid, which he named for his fishing buddy. Wonder what would happen if Terry and Sue Bottom got together?



**October – Paraphalaenopsis laycockii x Vascostylis Pine River**  
 The beautiful growth habit of the Paraphalaenopsis together with the nice colors in the Vascostylis, from Michael Ooi at one of the Redland festivals.



**November – Brassavola Little Stars**  
 (Brassavola nodosa x Brassavola subulifolia)  
 This floriferous primary hybrid is night fragrant and often blooms in the late summer or fall, everyone should have one!



**December – Blc. Memoria Jessie Davis**  
 (C. Mrs. Mahler x Blc. Chinese Bronze)  
 Keith Davis made this cross between two famed bifoliate parents, and named it in honor of his mother.