

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

September Speaker George Hatfield on Pendulous Cymbidiums

Hatfield Orchids is owned and operated by George Hatfield, who has over 15 years of experience in raising award quality Cymbidium orchids. Hatfield Orchids is fortunate enough to be located in Ventura County, California, which has an ideal climate for the propagation of Cymbidium orchids. The operation is run by family and friends. Orchids are their passion.

George is active in the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society, as well as several Southern California regional orchid organizations. George is an orchid judge for both the CSA and AOS, and is currently the Chairman of the Santa Barbara judging region for the CSA. George is also a past-president of the

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President's Message

As we begin our 17th year we have seen many changes in the orchid world, even here in the orchid hot-spot that is the midwest. One orchid grower retired last year, another is in the process, and now a third will be closing this fall. Economy? Too many cheap No-Name Orchids? Burn-out from traveling to orchid shows? Hmmm.....

Our own society has seen it's membership drop from over 150 ten years ago to around 80 the past few years. Fortunately we still have a solid core group of members. It sure would be nice if a few more lurkers got involved - even if just a little bit!

We can always use help at meetings with the Welcome Table, Hospitality & Food, Library (even helping Duane carry books) and clean-up.

It would be great if some of you could help with setting up the society display at one of our local orchid shows, or even contributing one or more orchids in flower (yes, you do get them back in one piece!) We always have a very nice show table at

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our meetings - don't be afraid of entering some at an orchid show.

The third area we could use help - your thoughts! Got an idea for an orchid display? Topics for our meetings? Articles or blurbs for our newsletter? Let's hear from you!

Alex

September Speaker, cont.

CSA and was the Chairman of the CSA Cymbidium Congress from 1998-2001 and president of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in 2002 & 2003. Hatfield Orchids is known for producing some of the top pendulous Cymbidiums in the country. In fact, the Grand Champion of the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in 2006 was a stunning plant from Hatfield Orchids.

Mr. Hatfield will bring plants to sell. To preorder, visit his website at:

<http://www.hatfieldorchids.com/estore/home.php>



Books, Books....

The AAOS has a nice lending library with orchid books on a wide range of subjects. Members can sign out books at no cost at every meeting.

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Show Update

Our next orchid show is the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society show Thanksgiving weekend in Midland. Set up is Friday, November 28 and tear down is Sunday November 30.

Hospitality Chairperson?

We need a hospitality chairperson. Responsibilities include providing snacks and drinks for each meeting, checking our cabinet to see we have enough spoons, plates, and coffee. Please contact Alex Challis if you can volunteer for this position.

WANT ADS



FOR SALE: Gro-Lite cart. Three plastic trays 20 x 48 on three-tiered stand. \$250 or best offer. Call Georgian at 810-231-2098 or email georgian@cac.net.

WANTED: A ride from the AOS trustees meeting at Longwood Gardens on Sunday, October 19. I have a ride there, but not back. Georgian Franczyk 810-231-2098 or georgian@cac.net. Thank you!

September 2008

AAOS Calendar



September 14: George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids will discuss Pendulous Cymbidiums.

www.hatfieldorchids.com/

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October 12: Gerardus Staal of Peninsula Hybrids will talk about Dendrobiums. www.peninsulahybrids.com

November 9: TBA

December: Holiday Party TBA

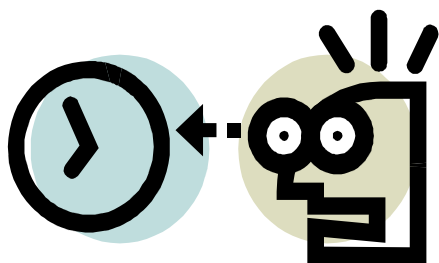
January 11, 2009: TBA

February 15, 2009: TBA

March 2009: AAOS Festival, TBA

April 19, 2009: TBA

May 17, 2009: TBA



Newsletter Deadline

Please contribute to the AAOS Newsletter! The next deadline for contributions is October 3.

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Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter - The AAOS meets monthly from September through May (excluding December) at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI. at 2:00 p.m., set up at 1:30. The AAOS Newsletter is published 8-9 times throughout the year, and is sent to all AAOS members. AAOS members and others are invited to submit articles or other information relating to orchids. The Ann Arbor Orchid Society is a 501(C)(3) educational and scientific organization, affiliated with the American Orchid Society, the Mid-America Orchid Congress, and with the Orchid Digest Corporation.

Plant Table, May 18, 2008

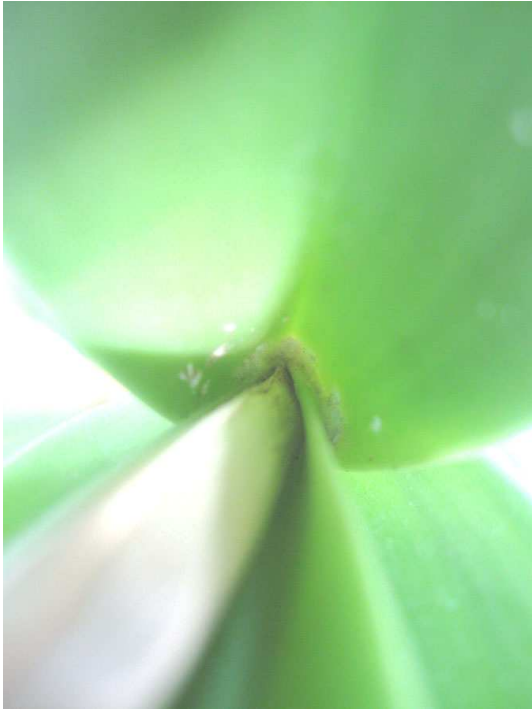
Although attendance at our May meeting was fairly low, as is often the case, we had a full plant table! Thirty-four plants were brought in by 8 (or maybe 9 - one was unidentified) members.

Oncidium aff. Macronyx	Laura & Duane Duman
Cattleya maxima	G-O
Vanda Mellow Days (merrilli x cristata)	
Phragmipedium Don Wimber	W-O
Vanda (Opha 'Fuchs Delight' x Doctor Anek '4n 2947')	
Ascocenda hyb. 'Ikea # 3'	
Ascocenda hyb. 'Sweet Bouquet' (V. Josephine van Brero x Ascda. Kenny gold)	
Odontonia Mem. Martin Orenstein 'Lulu' HCC/AOS	
<u>Vanda Pakchong Blue</u>	
Paphiopedilum Shireen	Judy Lobato
<u>Phalaenopsis species</u>	W
Angraecum didiori	Riki Marquis
Potinara (Cattleya?) Green Emerald	W-O
Rossioglossum (Odtgm) Rawdon Jester (grande x williamsianum)	
<u>Sophrocattleya (Lc) Tropical Pointer</u>	
Trichoglottis breviracema	Paige Hartman
Vanda Pakchong Blue	G
Paphiopedilum druryi	G-L
Rhytionanthos plumatus	G-L
<u>Ascocenda Fat Tuesday</u>	Denise Nash
Dendrobium trantuanii (tuananhii)	G
Epidendrum magdalenense	
Maxillaria variabilis 'Black-Eyen Susan'	
Paphiopedilum Toni Semple	
Paphiopedilum Ho Chi Minh	
Renantheera monachica	
Tolumnea hyb.	
Trichocentrum tigrinum	
<u>Cymbidiella rhodochila</u>	Don & Lee Meyer
Paphiopedilum Jamie Chantry	G
<u>Dendrobium thrysiflorum</u>	Dotti & Harry Winter
Phalaenopsis Brother Apollo	L-O
<u>Sophrocattleya (Lc) Crystelle Smith</u>	W Abby Skinner
Phalaenopsis Perfection Is 'Chen'	Whose??

Conditions: G, greenhouse; L, Lights; W, Windowsill; O, outdoors in summer. All plants from a member are under the same conditions, unless shown for each plant.
-Harry Winter

Pest Control

Those of you that know me know that I constantly complain about my problem with the dreaded boisduval scale on my Cattleyas and to a lesser extent on other orchids. I recently wrote a question to the AOS asking how to kill these horrible pests.



I received a very thoughtful reply from a knowledgeable scientist! I am going to try this method and will be able to report how successful it is in the coming months. In the meantime, I would like to share with the membership of the AAOS what I learned.

Q - Why is it that I spray, clean, and scrub my cattleyas if I see scale on them, yet it always comes back, year after year?

A. - Cattleyas can have scale living on their roots, in tiny cracks along the rhizome, and in nearly invisible scars anywhere on the plant. The only way to kill them is to use pesticides.

Q. - What chemicals should I use?

A. - Use three pesticides in rotation, and add a bit of dish soap to the spray. Spray cattleyas to the point of run off, to get the root scale. Commercial greenhouses start with Orthene, then 10 days to 2 weeks later, spray with Merit (available as Bayer Tree and Shrub Spray), and then again 10 days to 2 weeks later with Enstar.

I am planning on trying this technique before bringing my plants inside the greenhouse this fall. If you also decide to use these chemicals, be sure to follow all safety precautions!

~Denise Nash