

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

October Speaker

Connie Crancer will give a talk on the orchid collection at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens: Where did we get it? How it got to be what it is, and its future. The audience will get a tour of the collection and the display by the speaker and MBGNA orchid stewards and AAOS life members Dottie and Harry Winter.

The Orchid Sales table will be provided by John Curtin. Remember his wonderful divisions last fall? He has more! Plus, some choice Vanda alliance plants this time, too!

Hope to see you on Sunday!

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President's Message

Mmmmm, winter.....

The 2009 edition of the Farmer's Almanac predicts colder temperatures and above average snowfall for the Great Lakes region, especially in January and February.

So maybe we'll break last year's record for snowfall? It was around 8 feet! Maybe instead of 3 days of sunshine per month we'll see 2?? Maybe we'll all go to Chuck's place in San Diego???

For orchid growers, it does seem like a bleak time of year. At least around here we're fortunate to have a few local orchid emporiums. Taylor Orchids, Porter's Orchids, New World Orchids & Littlefrog Farm are all located within 90 minutes of Ann Arbor.

We also average almost one orchid show per month to satisfy our orchid shopping needs - if you can get there. Saginaw Valley's Show is coming up Thanksgiving weekend in Midland. Then there's Grand Rapids and
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Lansing in January & February. Sure, there's been a few snowstorms coinciding with these shows. Like the overnight 10" blizzard in Grand Rapids three years ago - two years ago a blizzard hit 30-60 miles south of GR, phew. Then there's the horizontal snow in Lansing on Saturday night before that - one unnamed grower from Chicago was seen running to the restaurant in his shorts. And about 10 years ago there was a fun ice storm during the MOS Palm Sunday Show. But so far (so far!) none were as bad as the one in Cleveland last year in March. Yep, March. 16"+ of snow fell in less than one day. I sold 3 plants at the show. One of our members even showed up - hearty or foolish I'm not sure. Interestingly the youth hockey arena next to my motel never closed.

At least our show will be in balmy April.

On the brighter side - there's all sorts of artificial lights to supplement your windowsills, or even entirely grow your plants under. We'll have a little article on these next month.

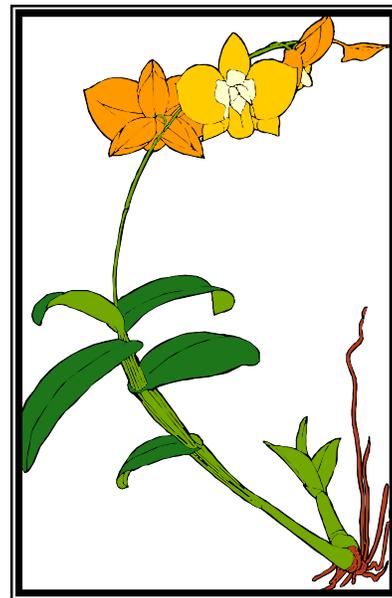
Got any funny, unusual or weird orchid stories to share? Send them to Denise.

~Alex



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. Please arrange your calendar to be available on one of these two dates to help with set up or tear down. Or both! It's always great fun!



Hospitality Chairperson Found

Thanks very much to the new Hospitality co-chairs: Vivian Lin, Riki Marquis, and Susan Haddock!

AAOS Calendar



October 12: Connie Crancer, MBG Orchid collection with John Curtin orchid sales

November 9: Tentative: Ed Hoyas, Growing Paphs under Lights

December: Holiday Party TBA

January 11, 2009: Lynn O'Shaughnessy: Warmth Tolerant Pleurothallids

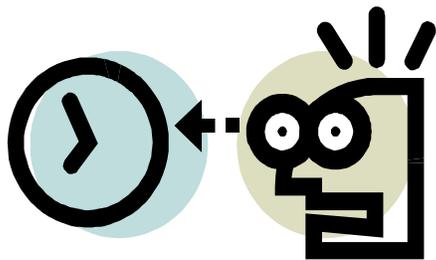
February 15, 2009: Alex Challis, Miniature Dendrobiums

March 2009: AAOS Festival, TBA

April 19, 2009: TBA

May 17, 2009: Judging Seminar--Oncidium. Eduardo Sanchez, from Cuenca, Ecuador

September 13, 2009: Ernie Ge-meinhart: Cochlopetalum Paphs



Newsletter Deadline

Please contribute to the AAOS Newsletter! The next deadline for contributions is October 31.

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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.

September Presentation: Hatfield Orchids

George Hatfield began his cymbidium presentation with a joke: How can you tell a good orchid grower from a bad orchid grower? The good grower gets rid of the evidence faster than the bad grower.



Do we kill them? Yes. I feel this is one of the best things about the AAOS, the sharing of death stories. We are all in this together.

George's first slide was of a beautiful 275 foot display from the Santa Barbara Orchid Show. His display held the grand champion of the show, a huge cymbidium that he referred to as a "duck blind". That is how he referred to the full sized standard cymbidiums throughout his entertaining presentation.

George is a cymbidium breeder and he has been working on spotted cymbidium breeding with Australian cymbidiums.

Cymbidiums flower best when they are pot bound. Let the plants break the pot open with their strong roots!

Cymbidiums are in three sizes, Standard, Intermediate, and Miniature. The sizes refer to the flower size, not the plant size.

The pendulous cymbidium madidum has huge foliage, and tiny flowers. It is native to Queensland, Australia.

The small cymbidium goeringii is a favorite in Asia. It only has 1 or 2 flowers on a 12 inch inflorescence. There are some plants of this species that have been maintained over generations in the same family. Including one that is 150 years old!

Cymbidium sinense flowers in April or May with very fragrant flowers.

George thinks that the most expensive cymbidiums come from Japan, the cheapest from China and the nicest from Korea.

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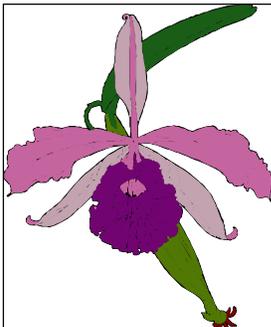
Cymbidium insigne is a terrestrial orchid, with a five to six foot flower spike. When used in breeding, it allowed the flowers to be held above the foliage.

Cymbidium culture: Grow in Bark or coconut husks mixed with perlite and charcoal with a little dolomite lime. *Cymbidiums* like Calcium and Magnesium. These are tough plants, use high nitrogen fertilizer when they are in active growth. Water heavier in summer, less in winter, fertilizing with an MSU type fertilizer once per week in summer, and once per month in winter.

Sluggo takes care of slugs using a method that is not hazardous to other creatures. For insects, George recommends using horticultural oil and spraying or dunking the plant. Triazicide is also a spray he recommends. Both these products can be purchased at Home Depot.

George Hatfield brought some spectacular plants for the sales table! Thank you very much, George, for a wonderful presentation!

Bring a Friend --- Get a Free Orchid



Your AAOS needs to build the membership. A group always needs to grow. If you bring a friend to a meeting and they become a member of AAOS, both you and your friend will get a free plant. This is a great opportunity to increase our friendships and build our society. Imagine if you bring 50 friends and they become members, you'll get 50 new orchids. What a great way to build your collection!!

Bug Patrol Update

I really tried to follow the advice given last month on spraying for bugs. I moved all of my hanging plants outdoors for spraying. I sprayed 3 times, weekly, rather than 10 days apart.

My findings are that this spray seems to have killed almost all of the nasty white scale insects that I have the most trouble with. The soft scale that I have on my paphs seems also to have died. I am still finding the hard oyster-shell adult scale alive, but I have been crushing it as I find it, and spraying with alcohol to kill any tiny immature crawlers.

This has been a success. The scale problem is now under control – not eliminated 100%, but under control! Next spring, I plan on spraying everything once, to keep the white scale under control. There is finally hope for a bug-free collection!

- Denise Nash

Orchidwiz Offer!



Fellow AAOS members: I use and have a quarterly subscription for Orchidwiz software. This software has a lot of data about orchids, including the awards they receive, the time they bloom, pictures, the recorded progeny of each orchid, some cultural suggestions, etc. I love this software!

Orchidwiz is offering a volume discount at this time, and I thought I'd ask if anyone is interested in the offer, which is as follows.

5 licenses: 30% off; \$181.30 per license
10 licenses: 40% off; \$155.40 per license
20 licenses: 50% off; \$129.50 per license

Licenses come with one free data update valued at \$30 if the group order is placed before December 31, 2008. The update is shipped directly to the user. After receiving their free update the user has the option to purchase the Annual Plan at \$80 per year (4 quarterly updates).

Each license allows one user to install the software in two computers (presumably a desktop and a laptop for mobility). A license cannot be split between two users. OrchidWiz only recognizes one user per license.

Shipping costs will be reasonable, averaging about \$2 to \$3 per license depending on how many licenses.

If you have any more questions about this software, see this link:

<http://www.orchidwiz.com/servlet/StoreFront>

If you are interested in purchasing this software, let me know and if we have enough interest, you can get a good deal!

~Denise Nash

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AAOS 2008-2009 Budget

						ACTUAL Aug 10, '07 - Aug 10, 08	BUDGET Sept 1 '07 - Aug 31, '08	PROPOSED BUDGET Sept 1 '08 - Aug 31, '09
					Income			
					Dues for Membership	1,385.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,500.00
					Total Festival Income	2,078.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
					Total Ways and Means	2,054.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,900.00
					Total Income	5,517.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,500.00
					Expense			
					Total Administration	564.85	\$360.00	\$600.00
					Total Cost of Goods Sold	619.18	\$800.00	\$500.00
					Total Festival Expenses	1,567.07	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
					Total Member Services	462.05	\$500.00	\$500.00
					Total Programs	1,509.32	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
					Total Shows	233.47	\$700.00	\$600.00
					Total Expense	4,955.94	\$5,960.00	\$5,500.00
					Net Income	561.06	-\$60.00	\$0.00

	August 10, 2007	August 10, 2008
Checking Account Balance	\$7,257.38	\$7,866.44
Cash	79.20	76.20
Total	\$7,336.58	\$7,942.64

Plant Table, September 15, 2008

Good attendance kicked off our new season, with a nice variety on the plant table, even for late summer. Twenty-nine plants were brought in by 12 members, not counting Alex's 7-foot dried Schomburgkia spike.

Schomburgkia, old dried spike, 7+ ft.		Alex Challis
Ascocenda Princess Mikasa var Pink		Laura & Duane Duman
Degarmoara Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'	G-O	
Soprocattleya Precious Katie		
Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance(?)'	G	Neal Foster
<i>Bulbophyllum carunculatum</i>		Susan Haddock
Bishopara (Hawkinsara) Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii'	W-O	
Phalaenopsis Laura Galto 'Beauty' (Lipperflair x Radiant Rose)		
Odontocidium Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'	W-O	Heidi Jacobus
Phragmipedium Don Wimber (Eric Young x <i>besseae</i>)	W	Christa Janecke
<i>Angraecum didieri</i>	W-L	Marilyn Lee
<i>Sigmatostalix</i> sp. (?)	G	
Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern	G	
Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'	W	Vivian Lin
Paphiopedilum Temptation	G	Kevin March
<i>Aerangis verdickii</i>	G	Denise Nash
Rsc (Blc) Spirit Creek Queen		
<i>Catasetum expansum</i>	G-O	
<i>Cattleya maxima</i>		
<i>Stanhopea wardii</i> (?)		
<i>Stenocoryne aureofulva</i>		
Paphiopedilum (<i>charlesworthii</i> x Maude Raven)		John Olszewski
Paphiopedilum Lathamianum (<i>spicerianum</i> x <i>villosum</i>)	W	
Phragmipedium Young Lindley		
Prosclycia (Epidendrum) Green Hornet		
Psychopsis (Oncidium) Mendenhall 'Hildos'		
Soprocattleya (Slc) Final Touch 'Golden Fleece'	W-L-O	Abby Skinner
<i>Phalaenopsis (Doritis) pulcherrima</i>	W	Dottie & Harry Winter
<i>Kefersteinia tolimensis</i>	L-O	
Prosclycia Green Hornet		

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

October 2008

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Membership Form

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Work):

E-mail:

_____ Individual (\$20)

_____ Senior Individual (\$15)

_____ Household (\$25)

_____ Senior Household (\$20) Senior rates apply for those 70 and over.

New Membership

Renewal

New Address

Beginner

Advanced Grower

Commercial Grower

What is your growing environment?

Greenhouse

Artificial lights

Windowsill

Other _____

Would you like to receive you newsletter via email only? Yes No

Member of the American Orchid Society? Yes No

Member of the Orchid Digest Corporation? Yes No

Please make checks payable to the Ann Arbor Orchid Society. You may bring this application to any meeting, or mail it to: AAOS Membership, P.O. Box 3006, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3006