

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

February Program

Our Program this month is: "Growing Jewel Orchids in Terrariums." Local orchid professional, AOS Judge, and AAOS President Alex Challis describes species and hybrids of jewel orchids, small plants with beautifully colored and patterned leaves that grow and bloom well in terrariums, even under artificial light.



The Ann Arbor Orchid Society will meet on Sunday, February 15th with set up at 1:30, and the meeting starting at 2 p.m. Alex will provide plants for sale. Hope to see you there!

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President's Message

Amazing - one January orchid show in the Snow Belt and whaddya know? No snowfall of any substance during the entire weekend! GLOS are you listening?

The AAOS did well with two Best of Class Trophies and a few other ribbons, but the exhibit needed some more oomph! And we have that oomph on our Show & Tell tables during our monthly meetings. Don't be afraid of exhibiting your orchids - even if you don't care about winning ribbons, it does help make the society display a little bit better. We have some good designers with good ideas. Those taking the plants do exercise great care in transporting and packing them up.

For shows during the cooler months cover the plants - frostbite on orchids doesn't take long. Use bamboo stakes taped into the box corners if you have tall plants and preferably cover with a clear or white plastic bag. And just as important - don't be afraid of helping with an exhibit! Yeah, I know, half our crew can usually be found orchid shopping during set-up. But that's one way of getting to the orchids before others, and maybe even buying an orchid destined for an AOS award.

~Alex

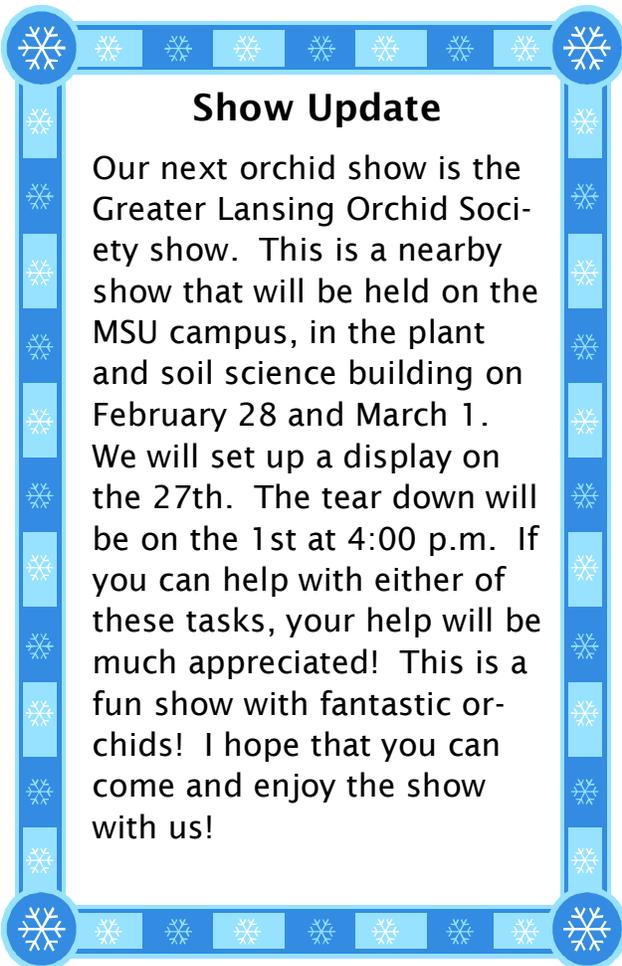
Dinner with Alex Challis

We will be taking Alex to dinner at the Smokehouse Blues BBQ restaurant.

<http://www.smokehouseblues.com/>

After the meeting we will all gather at the restaurant. The address is: 4855 Washtenaw, east of US 23.

If you would like to go, Denise is making reservations. Please email her at: djnash@comcast.net or call at: 248-231-2225 before Thursday February 12 if you would like to go.



Show Update

Our next orchid show is the Greater Lansing Orchid Society show. This is a nearby show that will be held on the MSU campus, in the plant and soil science building on February 28 and March 1. We will set up a display on the 27th. The tear down will be on the 1st at 4:00 p.m. If you can help with either of these tasks, your help will be much appreciated! This is a fun show with fantastic orchids! I hope that you can come and enjoy the show with us!

Volunteer Work Day at Matthaei

On Saturday, February 21, we are having another volunteer work day for the orchid collection at Matthaei Gardens, from 10 am - 1 pm. Members of AAOS are particularly invited to participate. Some of the projects to be undertaken are cleaning plants and staking spikes, putting up shade cloth (in anticipation of sunnier days ahead - hoorah!) and repotting of some orchids that are particularly in need.

If you'd like to participate or have further questions, contact Connie Crancer (ccrancer@umich.edu) or Harry/Dottie Winter (harwin@umich.edu; 734-761-5859). It's a great opportunity to get more hands-on experience with orchids, and get tips from your fellow orchid growers in a real-time situation. We'll also have a tea & snack break.

Note that this is also the day that the Great Lakes Judging Center holds its monthly judging session at Matthaei, and members are welcome to bring blooming orchids for judging, and/or to sit in on the judging process, which starts about 1 pm.

Volunteers

It is never too soon to ask. Please keep in mind that volunteers are needed for the upcoming AAOS festival. Sign up lists will be available Sunday at the meeting. Please help! We can't have the festival without you!

AAOS Calendar



February 15: Alex Challis,
Jewel Orchids

March 8: Orchid Travels
with AAOS Members

April 17-19: AAOS FESTIVAL!

May 17: Tentative: Judging Seminar-
-Oncidiums with speaker
Eduardo Sanchez, from Cuenca,
Ecuador

July AAOS Picnic: Date TBA

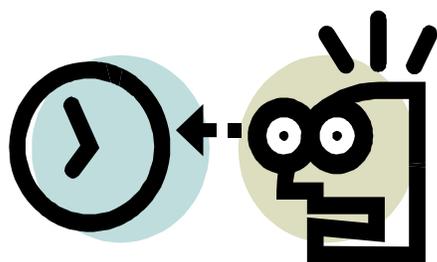
September 13: Ernie Gemeinhart:
Cochlopetalum Paphs (sequential
bloomers)

October: TBA

November: Harry Phillips of Andy's
Orchids - Subject to be announced

December: Holiday Party TBA

January 10, 2010: Russ Vernon, Ly-
castes



Newsletter Deadline

Please contribute to the AAOS News-
letter! The next deadline for contri-
butions is February 28, 2009!

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Plant Table January 11, 2009

Largely because of a 10"+ snowfall the day before, attendance at the January meeting was rather light. Nevertheless, a nice assortment of plants from 6 members appeared on the plant table, listed below.

Cymbidium Featherhill 'Heritage' AM/AOS SC/CSA	Laura & Duane Duman	
<i>Oncidium ornithorhynchum</i>		G-O
Paphiopedilum Sue Franz		
Miltonidium Bartley Schwartz 'Highland' AM/AOS*	Neal & Merideth Foster	
Hamiltonara Golden Harry 'Golden Anniversary' AM/AOS		G-O
Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Blc) Port Royal Sound 'Newberry' HCC/AOS		
Masdevallia Hoosier Angel (ex Lynn O'Shaughnessy, G)	Judy Lobato	
Phalaenopsis Timothy Christopher		W
Paphiopedilum Hyb (?). (like callosum)	Riki Marquis	W
Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa		L-O
Rossioglossum (Odontoglossum) Rawdon Jester		W-O
Thwaitesara (Potinara) Haw Yuan Glory		W-O
Epicyclia [Mabel Kanda 'Miyou' x <i>Encyclia cordigera</i>]	John Olszewski	
Paphiopedilum A. Dimmock		W-L
Paphiopedilum Rosy Dawn		
Paphiopedilum Sioux [Winston Churchill x Gigi]		
<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i>		
Phragmipedium [Cape Sunset x Eric Young ?]		
Doritaenopsis Beauty Sheena	Abby Skinner	
Phalaenopsis Bright Peacock		W-O

*Mtdm Red Pali x Onc Honolulu (Beall, 1986), not Mtdm Bartley Schwarz (Staal, 1985), which was originally registered as *Odontocidium* Bartley Schwarz.

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

HCC? Explanation Required GVOS Show

Okay, before everyone gets excited about my plant receiving an HCC, let me tell you a little story.

Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn was at the show. I saw him sell a plant that I just loved...so I asked if he had another one like it. He said he didn't, but handed me a different paph, that was lovely also. He knows I love *Brachypetalum* paphs. Sold! The cross is Paph. Memoria Larry Heuer x *bellatulum*.

Our display looked like it could use a few plants, so I put the plants I bought from Sam into the display and asked Harry to register them. The paph in question was selected to be judged, and it was awarded an HCC. I did not grow this plant!

Alex called to tell me the good news. Sam said I could name the cross, and I decided I would name it after my mother, who suddenly died 13 years ago. She grew orchids in her basement under lights, and when she died, I knew I had to keep her plants alive, which led me into growing orchids as a hobby.

So yes, this was indeed very welcome news, but I did not grow this plant! What if it never flowers again?? I don't want to even think about that! On the other hand, the cymbidium and dendrobium that each won a trophy are my plants that I grew and flowered. I have had these plants for many years, since they were small.

In the meantime, you can now call Memoria Larry Heuer x *bellatulum* by a new name, Memoria Margarite Ringler 'Valentine' (pending approval by the RHS). I think if you look closely, you will see why I chose Valentine for the clone. ~Denise

Paph. Memoria Margarite Ringler 'Valentine'



Dendrobium Oriental Smile



Cymbidium Red Baker



GVOS Show January 24-25, 2009

The show season continued with the Grand Valley show at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, always a great venue. We went back to a 50 sq. ft. display. We had a good crew for set-up: Denise Nash and Randy Long did the actual arrangement, staking and labeling by Dottie Winter, Paige Hartman, and Ann Bommarito, and Harry Winter did the Registration. We got started about 1, and were finished just after the great buffet supper. In all, seven members exhibited 33 plants, 30 of which were registered for judging.

The competition among society displays was tough, as four displays were in the 50' class. Two were elaborate displays crammed full of specimen-type plants, and another, like ours, had a more modest array of nice, though generally smaller plants. Unfortunately, we got edged out for the third ribbon. But that hardly mattered. since Denise, the largest contributor of plants, won TWO trophies, AND, had a nice paph hybrid awarded an HCC in the AOS judging. Congratulations, Denise! Award winners were:

AOS Award

Paphiopedilum (Memoria Larry Heuer 'Green Hornet' x bellatulum 'Red on Red') HCC/AOS

Denise Nash

Trophy

Cymbidium Red Baker

Denise Nash

Dendrobium Oriental Smile

Denise Nash

First

Cymbidium Red Baker

Denise Nash

Dendrobium Oriental Smile

Denise Nash

Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy 'Vulcano Queen'

Paige Hartman

Paphiopedilum Angela

Paige Hartman

Cymbidium Featherhill 'Heritage' AM/AOS SC/CSA

Duane & Laura Duman

Second

Paphiopedilum (Memoria Larry Heuer x *bellatulum*)

Denise Nash

Renanthera Tom Thumb

Denise Nash

Scaphosepalum Segundo

Paige Hartman

Rhynchosophtrocaqtleya (Blc) George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS

Neal Foster

Third

Dendrobium aggregatum

Denise Nash

Paphiopedilum Sugar Suite

Denise Nash

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Third:

Vanda Golamo's Blue Magic
Scaphosepalum Segundo (Miniature)
Phragmipedium Fedora Brochu

Denise Nash
Paige Hartman
Paige Hartman

John Olszewski, Ann Bommarito, and Dottie Winter also each had a plant or two in the display. Although it was c-c-c-cold on Sunday, for a change no new snow was flying. So a good crew for take-down arrived; April Pedit, Denise & son Jeff, Paige, and Dottie & Harry (who stayed the weekend at the new Country Inn & Suites just across the expressway from the Gardens - it's really a nice place) got the display down and everything packed up in near record time, and we were on our way by 5:45. Many thanks to those who came to help, and to all those who contributed plants for the display. Next up is the Greater Lansing OS show, Feb. 28-March 1. Since it's considerably closer, and hopefully won't be as cold or snowy by then, we hope more members will come and bring more plants - even more trophy winners would be welcome..

**Message from
Connie Crancer**

I would like input from the AA Orchid Society membership as to the most "green" orchid media ingredients that also give good results. We at MBGNA would not only like to have horticultural practices be environmentally friendly for our immediate location and ecosystem, we also wish to use ingredients that are manufactured, produced, or harvested in a green way as well.

Fertilization practices are also of concern. Some medias would take more fertilization than others and we would like to factor that in as well. What fertilizers are the most environmentally friendly - how are they manufactured or produced, can organic fertilizers be used effectively with all media choices? I would like to hear from any and all regarding these issues.

Connie Crancer

Please Contact Connie on (734-647-8084) or via email at ccrancer@umich.edu

Virus Testing

Is anyone interested in Virus Testing? Please contact Harry Winter (harwin@umich.edu) If there is enough interest he will order some testing solution.

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Membership Form

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