

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

May Speaker

Dr Eduardo Sánchez , Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Cuenca-Ecuador, has been an international speaker on the orchids of Ecuador for over 10 years. He has been studying and growing orchids for over 35 years, and is considered one of the leading experts on Ecuadorian orchids.

He was Founder and Treasurer of the Azuay Orchid Association, along with being Secretary and President of the Cuenca [orchid] society. He is noted for discovering the species "Masdevallia sanchezii", "Telipogon sanchezii", and "Telipogon karsteae" amongst other noted species. Dr. Sanchez was Director of the research project "Reproduction of

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President's Message

Summer = Baseball, Hot Dogs, Hockey playoffs & growing orchids outside.

Fresh air, clean rainwater & better light. Many orchids do show a remarkable increase in growth & health when you get them outside.

Yes, we have 3 to 4 months of nice weather to put some of our plants outside - may as well put it to good use, right? But where? If you are in an apartment or condo you might have a balcony to put a few plants out on - even a north-facing one is better than nothing. With a yard you may have a number of spots - either under a tree or maybe you'll need to make your own shade/lath house. With trees it's fairly easy - you don't need to do much construction - set up some tables or benches and you're all set. You could also hang the orchids from branches. Most trees will provide enough shade to not burn the foliage - Maples may be too shady. Just remember to watch the area all day - as the sun moves you may get spots where the sunlight hits strongly, it won't take more than a few minutes to brown your plants. If you use shade cloth this will keep the light

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orchids from seeds" at the University of Cuenca-Ecuador from 1991 to 1995, and has been micropropagating Ecuadorean orchids in his private lab since 1993. He is the proprietor of Orquedeas de los Andes; selling orchids from propagated species and leading tour groups from the U.S., Japan and Europe.

Welcome Dr. Sanchez!

Successful AAOS Show!

This 2009 A2 orchid show was better for us by far over last year. And better than other bigger 2009 shows, Thanks. Kudos to Neal for the super promotion. Thanks a bunch. Please pass this on to the Society, and thank them for Marilyn & me.

-Bill Porter

July Picnic!

Delhi Metropark

North Picnic Shelter

Sunday July 19, 1 pm til 4 pm or later.

Take Miller Road to East Delhi Road, the new bridge to Delhi will not be completed. Bring food, drinks, orchids in bloom, friends, family, games etc.

There will be an auction and a raffle of orchids & supplies.

http://www.metroparks.com/global/delhi_map.php

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levels fairly constant. Rob & I have a few extra pieces - see me during the meeting.

Not all plants may do well outside. Phalaenopsis do tend to be more attractive to critters that like to eat leaves. Some of the cooler growers may not like the mid-summer heat.

Of course there's always the concern over pests. Add some copper tape to the legs to keep slugs away, a coyote or two might keep deer away. Or not.

And don't be surprised if you find some acorns buried in the mix. But overall it may be worth getting those plants out.

Check the web - you'll find all sorts of ideas on what you can do - from simple shade panels to geodesic lath structures.

Vote for AAOS Officers

Sunday is the time to vote on our slate for AAOS officers for the upcoming year. This is the slate agreed upon by the nominating committee:

President:	Alex Challis
Vice President:	Vivian Lin
Secretary:	Robin Johnson
Treasurer:	Linda Battison

Director:	April Pedit
Director:	Bob Desoff

AAOS Calendar



May 17: Oncidiums with speaker Eduardo Sanchez, from Cuenca, Ecuador

July AAOS Picnic: July 19—North Pavilion at Delhi Park! Great fun, please plan on attending!

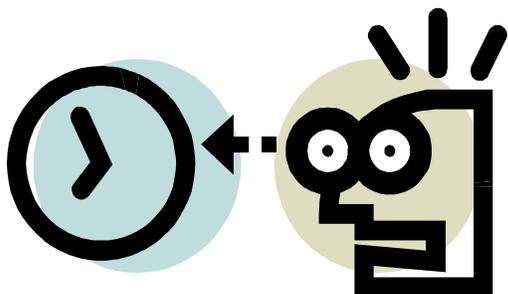
September 13: Ernie Gemeinhart: Cochlopetalum Paphs (sequential bloomers)

October: TBA

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

December: Holiday Party TBA

January 10, 2010: Russ Vernon, Lycastes



Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is Early August. Please contribute any orchid related articles to Denise Nash at djnash@comcast.net

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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.

Our Festival Display, April 18-19, 2009

The show season ended at our own AAOS Orchid Festival at MBG. As always, we put our grand 100 sq. ft. "Presque Isle" display, open on three sides. Neal Foster was in charge of the display, with the usual suspects doing their usual jobs (Paige Hartman, labels; Dottie Winter, staking and labeling; Harry Winter, names & registration) as well as the many members who were around to help, and who brought plants. The display had a rather more conventional look, with black background & covers, accents of lava rocks and foliage plants, and cypress mulch "pathway". We even revived Lynn O'Shaughnessey's multi-tiered stand, which we haven't used for several years. Unfortunately, some unavoidable delays occurred during set-up, so time prevented us from including all the finishing touches we had planned.

In all, 17 members exhibited 75 plants, most of which were registered for judging.

The display got the first place ribbon in its class. And one plant won a trophy, the fourth exhibit this year to get at least one:

Trophy – Best Phrag

Phragmipedium caudatum

Denise Nash

First

Display

Neal Foster et al.

Ascocenda Fat Tuesday

Duane & Laura Duman

Cymbidium California

Duane & Laura Duman

Cymbidium Jill

Duane & Laura Duman

Darwinara Walnut Valley

Duane & Laura Duman

Stenosarcos hyb. (*Sarcoglottis speciosa* x *Stenorhychos speciosum*) Duane & Laura Duman

Phalaenopsis Malibu Lagoon

Marilyn Finkbeiner

Caulaelia Mizoguchi 'Cloud Cover' HCC/AOS

Susan Haddock

Renanthera Bill Crocker

Susan Haddock

Pleurothallis gheisbrechtiana

Paige Hartman

Phalaenopsis Coral Mask

Janet Hinshaw

Phalaenopsis Sogo Grape

Riki Marquis

Zygolum Louisendorf 'Rhein Moonlight'

Riki Marquis

Maxillaria variabilis

Denise Nash

Phragmipedium caudatum

Denise Nash

Phragmipedium Jason Fischer

Denise Nash

Second

Phalaenopsis Little Emperor 'M' AM/AOS

Emma Edge

Phalaenopsis hybrid

Jack Edge

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Festival Display, continued from page 4.

Second, cont.

Enanthleya (Eplc) Pixie Charm	Neal Foster
Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow 'Pink'	Neal Foster
Rhynchostylis gigantea alba	Susan Haddock
Angraecum Andromeda	Paige Hartman
Paphiopedilum (Genevieve Booth x adductum var. anitum)	Paige Hartman
<i>Sarcoglottis metallica</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Sophronitis coccinea</i>	Glenn Lehr
Laeliocattleya (Lc Angel Love x <i>C. skinneri</i>)	Riki Marquis
<i>Maxillaria variabilis</i>	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Ma Belle	Denise Nash
<i>Schoenorchis gemmata</i>	Denise Nash
Vuylstekeara Purple People Eater	Denise Nash
Phalaenopsis hybrid	Larry Nisson
Paphiopedilum (Dragon Knife x Black Rook)	John Olszewski

Third

Phalaenopsis Stripes & More 'Torrence'	Jim Cather
Odontonia yellow Parade 'Alpine'	Duane & Laura Duman
<i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i>	Duane & Laura Duman
Phalaenopsis hybrid 'Vivian'	Emma Edge
Ascocenda Princess Mikasa	Neal Foster
<i>Maxillaria picta</i>	Susan Haddock
Paphiopedilum Rosy Dawn	Janet hinshaw
Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Vivian Lin
Paphiopedilum Berenice	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Hsinying Viny	Denise Nash
<i>Dendrobium eximium</i>	John Olszewski

Marilyn Lee and Cynthia Yao also contributed plants to the display. As usual, we had lots of help for takedown which is good, because we not only had to take down our display, but all of the other things set up for the show as well as cleaning up all areas we used, and MBG. But it was all done in reasonable time, and we were out by about 6:30. Another show season is over – 'til next Fall. Thanks to all who contributed plants as well as their time and effort to putting up all of the wonderful displays we did this season!

- Harry Winter



Neal Foster did a great job with the Festival display design!

Hanging Reg Tags is Harry's specialty. Dottie attends to last minute details.

Nice job on the display, everyone!





A Terrific Looking Display!

Thank you, Merci, Muchas Gracias!

Once again the AAOS did a fantastic job of volunteering for food during the festival. We feed the vendors and helpers so well! Everyone seemed to have plenty to eat and whenever they were hungry. The Friday helpers were wonderful: Lee and Don Meyer, and Jane and Jim Cather. So many wonderful dishes arrived for dinner. We had excellent choices! Saturday morning Judy Lobato handled the early breakfast for the judges and clerks all by herself. Saturday lunch went well with Judy's and Nancy Bennett's help. Nancy also helped all of Sunday. Putting out all the needed meals and snacks has become an easy job, all because so many help. Thank you all so very much!

Here is Denise's recipe for the "Make Ahead" coffee cake. It was pretty yummy, I must admit. Recipe is courtesy of Chef's Illustrated "Make Ahead Recipes Magazine", page 47. I highly recommend all of the Chef's illustrated books and magazines.

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Streusel

2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
2/3 cup granulated sugar
2/3 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
1 ½ Tablespoons ground cinnamon
8 Tablespoons (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into ½ inch pieces
½ cut chopped pecans

Cake

3 ½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon table salt
12 Tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3 large eggs
1 ¾ cups sour cream

1. For the streusel: Pulse sugars, flour, cinnamon, and butter in food processor until mixture resembles coarse meal. Divide streusel in half. Stir pecans into one half and reserve separately.
2. For the cake: grease two 9-inch cake pans. With electric mixer on medium low speed, mix flour, sugars, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. Beat in butter, 1 Tablespoon at the time, until mixture is crumbly, with pea-sized pieces, 1 to 2 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, until combined. Add sour cream in 3 additions, scraping down bowl as necessary. Increase speed to medium-high and beat until batter is light and fluffy, about 2 minutes.
3. Divide half the batter between prepared pans. Sprinkle streusel without nuts evenly over each pan. Divide remaining batter evenly between pans and top with nutty streusel.
4. To store: Wrap pans with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours or freeze for 1 month.
5. To serve: Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Unwrap cakes and bake until golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out with a few dry crumbs attached, about 45 minutes (about 55 minutes if frozen). Cool at least 15 minutes (or on the way to the AAOS Judges

Breakfast ) Serve.

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Membership Form

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City/State/Zip:

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_____ Household (\$25)

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