

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

Meeting November 8 "MOUNTED ORCHIDS FACT AND FANTASY"

Harry Phillips was born in San Diego, California on July 9, 1953. His Father taught him to appreciate plants at an early age. In January of 1963 Harry's brother Andy (of Andy's Orchids fame) was born, and six years later is when it all started. They were both exposed to exotic plants and flowers at an early age, but when Andy became interested and later obsessed with orchids, Harry some how resisted becoming involved with them for as long as he could. He assisted Andy in his passion by building his first two green houses, and Andy would reward him with a hybrid that was in bloom, tell him to bring it

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President's Message

Just got back from the Annual Michiana Halloween Orchid Show. Not too many people got dressed up - for better or worse.

The judges gave several AOS awards - and none to any really large & showy plants!

Paph charlesworthii album, one flower, 6" tall plant - a rare color form. Phalaenopsis violacea - 3 flowers, but they were an amazing solid magenta color. Tolumnia hawkesiana - flowers about a half-inch in size, there were a couple hundred on a 10" wide plant. Zelemnia Teipel's Gold-bar - yellow with darker spots. What's a Zelemnia? It's a cross of a Zelenkoa (which used to be an Oncidium) with a Tolumnia (which used to be a different Oncidium). Here's a picture of it just a couple years ago (it's much bigger now):



So while selling at the show, I had a customer looking over some Oncidium intergenicis on Sunday afternoon. Nice healthy plants, most with one or two tall spikes. She asked if I

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back when it goes out of bloom, and exchange it for one in bloom. Well this would only last about a year until he decided that he wanted to keep one and get it to re-bloom, the beginning of the end.

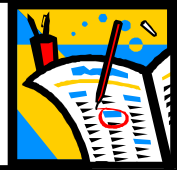
In 1986 Harry, with his soon to be wife Leslie moved with Andy and his orchid collection to Encinitas, California. Being constantly exposed to all of Andy's orchids was beginning to have an effect on Harry. Shortly after, Andy left for four months for Costa Rica, and placed Harry in charge of the collection. When Andy returned he found that Harry had not killed too many plants and managed to become even more addicted. Andy now, feeling more confident about leaving his orchid collection under Harry's care, began to plan a cycling trip through South America which ended up lasting two years. After that it was all over for Harry, he was completely addicted to orchids.

Harry assisted Andy part time, with the beginnings of Andy's Orchids, for 10 years while holding a full time job to pay the mortgage, going full time about 10 years ago. His passion in orchids are in the genera *Sobralia* and *Elleanthus*, but you ask him at any particular time of the year which is his favorite orchid, it will most likely be the one or ones in bloom at that time. He has traveled in Mexico the Caribbean and Ecuador viewing orchids in the wild. Harry believes that growing epiphytic orchids the way they grow in nature is best and the orchids seem to agree. He

will share with you his experiences with growing mounted orchids, and would like to dispel the fantasy that growing mounted orchids is difficult.

Welcome, Harry!

WANT ADS



Jim Cather has some various sized remnants from his Lexan greenhouse roof which have never been used. There are a couple of pieces about 1x10 ,a 2x4 and various others, none are large. They could make a good cold frame or plant starting area. He would like to give them to anyone who could use them. They are double layers of plastic connected with tube-like partitions. If you are interested, please contact Jim via email: catherj@umich.edu or call: 734-761-7472.



AAOS Calendar



November 8: Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids -

December 13: Holiday Party at Vivian Lin's house from 1—4 p.m.

January 10, 2010: Russ Vernon, Lycastes

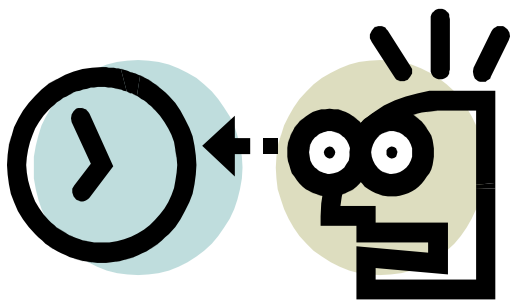
February 14, 2010: Orchids You Love

March 14, 2010: Alex Challis, Dendrobiums

April 16-18, 2010, AAOS FESTIVAL

May, 2010: TBA

June: Judging Seminar



Newsletter Deadline

There is no newsletter in December, so the next deadline is January 1, 2010.

Please contribute any orchid related articles to Denise Nash at djnash@comcast.net

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President's message, continued.

had any that had more than one or two spikes? I told her we sold one with 6 spikes and one with 10 spikes on Saturday - they sold right away.

Moral #1 - shop early for best selection. How? Get there on Friday and help the society with it's display. We have our own experts in this field.

Moral # 2 - I need to get me one of those fiber-optic pumpkins.

PS - Please remember to get me information on "Your Favorite Orchid" for the February meeting!



Plant Table, May 17, 2009

Since orchids aren't tops on our agenda for the summer, we neglected to get this list ready in time for the September newsletter – but if you're still interested, here it is now. The May meeting had a fairly small plant table, 25 plants from 10 members, still some very nice ones.

<i>Chysis bractescens</i>	L-O	Linda Battison
<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	L	
Phragmipedium Apple Pie	L	
[Magdalene Rose 'Mother' x <i>besseae</i> v. <i>pante</i>]		
Ascocenda Princess Mikasa var Pink	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Beallara Diana Dunn 'Newberry'		
BC [Sc Mem. Dorothy Worden x B Nodosa]		
Cattleya (Slc) Fire Lighter		
SLC (Lc Calypso '#1' x [Sc Orpetii x C Penny Kuroda])		
Paph. (Hellas 'Sunset' x Brunswick 'Antique Gold')	W-L-O	Emma Edge
Paphiopedilum Mem. Joe Ozzela		
Vuylstekeara Melissa Brianne 'Shady Lady'		
Epidendrum Pretty Lady	G	Neal & Meredith Foster
<i>Ludisia discolor</i>		
Paph. (Colorado 'I-89' x liemianum 'Orchid Loft')	W-O	Janet Hinshaw
Caulaelia (Dialaelia) Mizoguchi		Riki Marquis
<i>Coelogyne flaccida</i>	W-L-O	
Cymbidium Strathdon	W-O	
Unknown, Yellow with Red Spots	G	Don & Lee Meyer
<i>Ludisia discolor</i> 'Black Jewel'	W	John Olszewski
Paph. Trail of Tears [Hellas 'Westonbirt' x Sheila Hanes]		
Paph. (Hsinying Lajo x Red Shift '#2')		
Paph. (<i>spicerianum</i> hyb)		
Onc. Sharry Baby	W	Anne Puvalowski
Blc Mem. Dorothy Bertsch		
Phalaenopsis hyb. (purple spotted)	W-O	Abby Skinner

Conditions: G, greenhouse; L, Lights; W, Windowsill; O, outdoors in summer; RP, recent purchase (in spike or flower).

- Harry Winter

Plant Table, September 13, 2009

A nice complement of 25 plants from 10 members kicked off our plant table for the '09-'10 season. We hope to see even more plants from more members when we really get into the blooming season for our orchids.

Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	L	Linda Battison
Ascocenda (V. Jose Coronado x Ascda Truman Motes) <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> Paphiopedilum King Arthur 'Burgoyne'	G-O	Alex Challis
<i>Eria lamonganensis</i> Cattleya 'Glenn's What is it?'	G-O	Laura & Duane Duman
Oncidium Mendenhall	W	Vivian Lin
Brassolaeliocattleya Rosebud 'NN' (nr) Phalaenopsis unknown pink	W	Judy Lobato
Blc [Makoha Gold x His Light] Sc [Beaufort Gold x Susan Fender]	G	Don & Lee Meyer
<i>Aeranthes grandiflora</i>	G	Kathy Mykolajenko
<i>Anguloa clowesii</i> Brassocattleya Star Ruby <i>Lycaste schilleriana</i> <i>Paphiopedilum charlesworthii</i> 'Little Bit' <i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i> Phragmipedium Lutz Rölke	G	Denise Nash
Doritaenopsis Newberry Parfait 'Picotee' Epidendrum Hokula 'Super Red' <i>Max. sanguinea</i> 'Mercedes Marca Rabago' Paphiopedilum Larry Heuer Prosthechea (Epi) Green Hornet	G-W G G-L G-W G-L	John Olszewski
Doritaenopsis Beauty Sheena 'Rin Rin' Phalaenopsis Bright Peacock	W-O	Abby Skinner

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Plant Table, October 11, 2009

For the third meeting in a row, we had 25 plants on the plant table, from 8 members, who had some interesting stories for us. A couple of other things were shown; Heidi Jacobus showed an unusual variegated leaf Epidendrum (not in flower) and a leafless saphrophyte (not *Polyradicon*) on an interesting ceramic slab, acquired on her recent trip to Hawaii. Abby Skinner showed a small Dendrobium neatly mounted on a tree fern-sphagnum slab.

Spiranthes cernua (cut flowers) O Jim Cather

Cattleya (Slc) Fire Lighter G-O Laura & Duane Duman

Cattleyanthe Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen'

Miltonia clowesii

Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Hamana'

Paphiopedilum [Pine Glow x vietnamense 'October Bride']

Phragmipedium Don Wimber W-O

Vanda Lumpini Red

Vascostylis [Rhynchostylis coelestis x Ascda Frances Grimshaw]

Paphiopedilum Pinocchio W Vivian Lin

Paphiopedilum rothschildianum L-O

Cattlianthe (C) Bactia 'Grape Wax' L-O Riki Marquis

Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa L-O

Paph, [Pine Glow x vietnamense] L

Cattleya bowringiana G Denise Nash

Paphiopedilum Snow Dove

Phrag. Albopurpureum 'Sir Arthur'

Sobralia crocea

Oncidium Charles M. Fitch G-W John Olszewski

Spiranthes cernua O

Cattleya (Lc) Crystelle Smith W-O Abby Skinner

Cochleanthes aromatica L-O Dottie & Harry Winter

Cnths. aromatica v. *santafense*

Howeara Lava Burst L

Paphiopedilum primulinum W

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COME PLAY WITH ORCHIDS!

November 27 is the set up day for the Saginaw Valley Orchid show. AAOS is going to set up a 50 sq. ft. display and have the best fun of any group there. Wouldn't you love to have a day of laughter and orchids? Its great fun!!

We can never have too much help and this is one way you can volunteer. Of course adding your blooming plants to the display is the first way you can help. Please let Denise, Paige or Alex know that you have plants for the show. (Their phone numbers and email addresses are listed in this newsletter.) Send your plant name(s) to Harry and Paige so tags and labels can be made. Also contact one of us to arrange getting your plants to a driver.

You could help drive staging and plants to Midland. Its an easy drive and the hotel, Holiday Inn Express, is right beside the expressway. As we create our display, plants need labeling, blossoms facing the correct direction, cloth bags around the pots, placing plants in the display and lots of little creative touches that you can add.

On Sunday, November 29, the display has to be taken apart and brought home. That is a very fast process, hardly an hour. Please offer to help. We need you!!! The more the merrier. The more that help, the faster it goes, the more fun we'll have, and you will feel so good that you helped!! We need you!!

From Paige's Greenhouse:

This is Cyc. Golden Showers and it has 7 blossoms. I got it from Fred Clarke when he was our speaker last year. It likes being on the edge of 4 florescent bulbs in the greenhouse. It gets lots of light and is growing semi-hydroponic.



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