

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

AAOS Meeting January 16, 2011

Our January 16th speaker is Harvey Divinagracia. He will give us a presentation about growing Cattleyas on windowsills.

Harvey is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society, and is the webmaster for their group. When he was growing up, his family grew orchids, and he learned to grow them by caring for their collection of phalaenopsis and dendrobium hybrids. He admired Cattleyas because of their large flowers, but they were rare and expensive in those years.

Harvey became reacquainted with orchids 8 years ago, and has focused on Cattleyas for the past 6+ years. He loves the challenges involved with growing his

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President's Message

Ah, the days are getting longer, the seed catalogs are arriving, the temperatures... well, eventually will be getting warmer. The sun has been out twice this month already - probably a record in Michigan in January. Time to think about getting what else? More orchids!

Yep, there's all sorts of New Year's resolutions about growing your orchids better, getting the bugs under control, watering and fertilizing more consistently, etc. But let's face it - obtaining more of them is half the fun (blooming them is the other). There's six orchid shows within a two hour drive in the next four months, plus several meetings of local societies, and a few local commercial growers - which means plenty of opportunity to get that one, two, or 20 orchids you have been craving all these years. Or even those you have seen for the first time.

As a Wise-Guy keeps saying:

- 1) There is always room for one more orchid
- 2) There is always room for two more orchids
- 2a) See Rule 1
- 3) When one has insufficient credit to purchase more orchids, obtain more credit

Alex - your Orchid-Pusher Man

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collection in the house, from deflasking cattleya seedlings to potting/adapting newly acquired bare root plants to home conditions.

Harvey is now growing compact and mini hybrid cattleyas and some of the unifoliate cattleya species. His talk will focus mainly on his current home setup for growing cattleyas. He will cover his growing practices, observations, and basic plant care and propagation.

Welcome Harvey!

Grand Valley OS Show

It's that time again, time for one of the best shows of the year, in Grand Rapids at Meijer Gardens. Yes, it snows. Yes, it's cold. And yes, it's a wonderful way to chase away those winter blues, having fun with friends, setting up or tearing down our orchid display (and shopping when no one is looking).

The set up will be on Friday, January 21 at approximately 1:00 p.m. The tear down will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 23. If you can't make it to help this time, we would appreciate you lending us your flowering orchids for the display. Please contact Harry and Dottie, or Denise if you have plants for the show.

Orchid Wiz Raffle!

As a fund-raiser for the AAOS, we will have a special raffle to be held at the February 13 meeting.

Orchid Wiz Raffle Plus!!

We still have tickets for our **OrchidWiz raffle**. If you are not familiar with the program we will have a brief demo each of the next 2 meetings.

First Prize: Current copy of the **OrchidWiz** computer program, and one year of updates.

Other prizes: Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice `Littlefrog Farm' HCC/AOS, division donated by LittleFrog Farm

Paphiopedilum Freckles, division donated by Taylor Orchids

Oncidium T-Shirt from Costa Rica

2 packs of Orchid Potting Supplies - each with 15 pots, orchid labels, 1 cubic foot of orchid mix & fertilizer

Winning tickets for these prizes will be re-entered for the **OrchidWiz** drawing!

Get your tickets soon! Only a total of 100 available!

AAOS Calendar



January 16 Harvey Divinigracia - Growing Cattleyas on Windowsills

February 13 -Jack Shumaker - Orchid Trip to Borneo

AAOS Festival - March 18, 19, 20

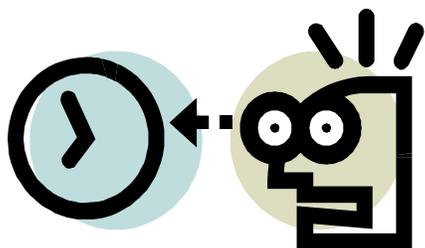
April 10 Ron Ciesinski, Taylor Orchids. Orchid repotting, Culture and a Few Stories

May 15 Leon Glicenstein - Some Native Orchids and Meat Eaters of Florida

September 18 Russ Vernon, Odontoglossums

October 9 - Alex Challis - The Slippers of Venus

November 20 - Ernie Gemeinhart - Growing Orchids The EnLightened Way: Gardening Under Fluorescent Lights



Newsletter Deadline

The next Newsletter deadline is February 5, 2011. Please contribute any orchid related articles to Denise Nash at djnash@comcast.net.

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Orchid Festival - *We **Need your help!!!!***

Orchid Shows - Alex Challis, Paige Hartman, Denise Nash

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Publicity - Neal Foster

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 November, 2010

Only 10 plants from four members were on our November plant table (another plant or two without a label may have been there, because it seems like there were a few more plants than that). We also included a plant from the Matthaei Gardens collection, a particularly nice blooming of an *Angraecum sesquipedale*, since the subject of our program this month was Angraecoids. We hope the rest of you were protecting your blooming plants for the display at the Saginaw Valley OS show in Midland the weekend following the meeting.

Paphiopedilum (Hsingying Citron x Emerald Sea)	Alex Challis
Paphiopedilum In-charm Grace [In-charm White x <i>niveum</i>]	G-O
Paphiopedilum Somers Phil [Somers Isle x <i>philippinense</i>]	
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsingying Greenworth (Rlc [Blc] Yen Surprise x Varut Greenworth)	Duane & Laura Duman G-O
Cattleya Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' HCC/AOS	Neal Foster
Hamiltonara Golden Harry 'Golden Anniversary' AM/AOS	G-O
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS	
<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	
Cymbidium Strawberry Hill 'Petite Surprise' W-O	Vivian Lin
Odontocidium [Colmanara] Wildcat 'Green Valley'	L
<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Matthaei Gardens G-O

Conditions: G, greenhouse; L, Lights; W, Windowsill; O, outdoors in summer; RP, recent purchase (in spike or flower). Names in brackets are the synonyms under which they were labeled. (?)*, Hybrid or species name not, or incorrectly, recorded; probable name based on web search of clonal name and/or appearance. Harry Winter

SVOS Show Report, November, 2010

We had a good crew to set up our tabletop display at the Saginaw Valley OS show at the Midland Resort & Convention Center. Denise Nash & Paige Hartman were in charge of the design; they came with most of the plants and the staging materials, with April Pedit along to help. Harry & Dottie Winter were also there with several more plants from some other members and other supplies. The table-top display was set up in record time by the ladies, while Harry saw to registering all the plants for judging. The display was different from others we've set up. It was awarded a First Place ribbon in its class, the first we've received in a long time, though was beat out by MOS's 50 sq. ft. display for the best overall society exhibit, the Don Garling Memorial trophy. No trophies this time; however, all but 4 of the 25 plants entered for judging received ribbons!

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First Place:

Cattleya Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' HCC/AOS	Neal Foster
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS	Neal Foster
Phalaenopsis hybrid	Paige Hartman
Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Denise Nash
Cymbidium hybrid	Denise Nash
Degamorrara Flying High 'Stars & Bars'	Denise Nash
<i>Phragmipedium schlimii</i>	Denise Nash

Second Place:

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsinying Greenworth	Duane & Laura Duman
Hamiltonara Golden Harry 'Golden Anniversary' AM/AOS	Neal Foster
Odontocidium Memoria Clarence Ching	Neal Foster
Doritaenopsis hybrid	Paige Hartman
<i>Phragmipedium schlimii</i>	Paige Hartman
Paphiopedilum Hsinying Magic x <i>fairrieatum</i>	Paige Hartman
Cattleya Katherine Clarkston	Denise Nash
Cattleya Katherine Clarkston (first bloom seedling)	Denise Nash
<i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Freckles	Denise Nash
<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Susan Tucker 'Yuletide'	Denise Nash
Vascostylis Thai Sky	Denise Nash
Cattleya Fire Lighter	Abby Skinner

Third Place:

Brassidium Shooting Star 'Meteor'	Denise Nash
Cattleya Fire Lighter (miniature Cattleya)	Abby Skinner
<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	Harry & Dottie Winter

Once again, Dottie prepared several cut flower arrangements, and won first, second & third place ribbons for her 3 arrangements. Of course, President Alex was there, and led a judging team on Saturday morning, while Harry helped with clerking a team, and Dottie at the head judging station, recording and distributing trophy ribbons.

Only April and her (fortunately) large SUV were able to return to help Harry & Dottie, who always enjoy staying the weekend. Nevertheless, the exhibit came down in record time, and we were packed up and on our way in less than an hour. Next will be the Grand Valley OS show at the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, January 21-23. Start grooming your plans now for this great show.

What is OrchidWiz



OrchidWiz is an easy-to-use software application for orchid research, discovery and to help growers keep track of their orchids. It was designed with three primary goals in mind: (1) Ease-of-use; (2) Accuracy; and (3) Completeness.

OrchidWiz is so intuitive that anyone who can use a computer mouse can benefit from it. There are thousands of OrchidWiz aficionados around the world. Many world-class institutions use OrchidWiz for their basic research needs, i.e., Selby Gardens, the Smithsonian Greenhouse and the Singapore Botanic Gardens. More than 200 orchid nurseries and 330 Orchid Society judges have licensed OrchidWiz, another testimony to its breadth and accuracy.

Discover Orchids



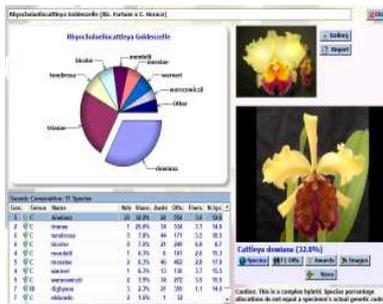
- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal

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- Add your own photographs into the Journal.
- Almost 40,000 color photographs of orchids.

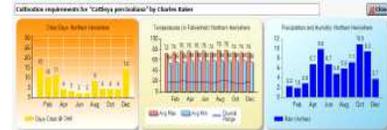


- Photographic references for almost 16,000 species.
- Look-up orchids by new taxonomic names or by older more familiar Sander's names
- Information on more than 29,000 species.
- Genealogy charts for more than 127,000 hybrids.



- 16 distinct breeding groups provided for ease of search and analysis.

- Geographical distributions of over 26,000 species.
- Month-by-month flowering times for more than 5,300 species.
- Data from 2,649 Charles Baker cultivation sheets displayed in graphical form.



- Light intensity and night temperature recommendations for 4,100 species.

Awards

Flwr Qual: 2
 Culture: 2
 Other: 2

FQ High: 83
 Cult High: 83

FCC's: 1
 AM's: 1
 HCC's: 1

Averages

Flowers Per Stem: 1.0
 Natural Spread: 8.9 cm.
 Nat Spread Vert: 8.9 cm.
 Dorsal Sepal W: 2.4 cm.
 Dorsal Sepal L: 4.9 cm.
 Petal Width: 4.3 cm.
 Petal Length: 4.8 cm.
 Lat/Syn Sepal W: 2.3 cm.
 Lat/Syn Sepal L: 4.7 cm.
 Lip or Pouch W: 4.3 cm.
 Lip/Pouch L: 3.7 cm.

- Award data from the AOS, CSA, AOC, and the OCNZ, a total of more than 73,000 awards.

Excited about Orchids

"I have observed an interesting reaction in myself since I started using OrchidWiz to inventory my collection. . . I am actually getting EXCITED again about my orchids in a way I haven't felt in awhile." –Cynthia Hill

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WANT ADS



Free To a Good Home

I'm re-arranging furniture and plants so I have 2 that are seeking a new home.

Norfolk Pine: the 5 ½ foot stem is bare and at the top are the fronds. I've kept them trimmed back so the spread is about 3 ½ feet.

Dracaena: this plant has lived much of its life near a north window so it's a little spindly at 4 feet tall. The top is a bit ragged because my calico likes to sit on the dresser next to it and graze but it's in good health.

If interested in adopting, contact: Judy Lobato, 734-662-5823 or lobato@umich.edu.

SVOS Display November 2010



Thanks to everyone for lending us your plants after Thanksgiving for the Saginaw Valley Show! Our display did well! I hope that you can join us in Grand Rapids on the 21st or 23rd to join in the fun!

More on the Orchid Wiz Raffle!

I will bring my laptop and the Orchid Wiz package to the meeting this Sunday so you can all see how the package works and why it is indispensable to orchid growing and buying. I use Orchid Wiz nearly every day! I hope that everyone that is interested in improving their orchid growing buys a few tickets for this raffle. It's a wonderful opportunity to win a fine plant or even the GRAND PRIZE - ORCHID WIZ! .

These are pictures of the raffle plants - many thanks to Ron Ciesinski and Rob Halgren for their donations!



Paph Freckles



Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice