



The Cape and Islands Orchid Society

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**Next meeting: Sunday April 15, 2012 at 1:30 PM at
THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy, (Rt. 151) East Falmouth MA 02536 (White fences on North side of Hwy.)**

This Month: “Marvelous Miniatures, Gems of the Orchid World”

with

Harry Philips *of* Andy's Orchids

Harry 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 Phillips** (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 somehow 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 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 in 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 for 10 years, going full time around the end of 1998. His interest in miniature orchids began several years ago while constantly being exposed to Andy's minis. He decided he would try some for himself, and that was the way the story starts. Harry would like to share some of his thoughts on growing and choosing the right mini for your conditions, or creating a growing area with miniatures in mind. Once you get to know and appreciate them, miniatures will be a larger part of your collection.

To order plants from Andy's Orchids, go on line for the catalog. Preorders will be delivered at the meeting and probably have no shipping charge -- Andy's Orchids Toll Free Phone at (888) 514-2639 Toll Phone at (760) 436-4239 Toll Free Fax at (888) 632-8991 Toll Fax at (760) 632-8991 by email at Info@AndysOrchids.com by mail at Andy's Orchids / 734 Ocean View Ave. Encinitas, CA 92024

Show Table, Raffle, Books, friends, refreshments. (**Members H-R, its your turn** to amaze and add calories and flavors to our day) (There will be as ever, two Raffles and a Show Table. Every Show Table plant receives a free raffle ticket and for the second raffle, tickets are \$1 per or 6 tickets for \$5 from the raffle master. Growth problem plants are always welcome (if buggy, isolate please) and will be looked at as time permits.

Last Meeting: Tim Culberson was awesome! He gave a well presented rationale as to how orchids grow and how we can duplicate those conditions. Ranging from light to heat and humidity, he laid out the background of tropical epiphyte growth and replicating that at our homes. A great talk, thank you, Tim! The Show table impressed and we look forward to April Show & Tell to repeat the splendid display.

Upcoming: MAY Meeting(S) A Doubleheader of meetings, one week apart. May 13 we will

welcome Mike Sinn of Canaima Orchids, **Location to be announced** as the Fairgrounds is busy,

AND on May 20, the **GIANT Potting Workshop**, featuring free repotting and no shipping fee for supplies preordered from Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies. "Time to Repot? We have everything you need!" Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, PO Box 539, Milford, NH 03055-0539
Phone: (603) 673-9524 Fax: (603) 673-9524 kkorchid.com
See their online catalogue and preorder if you want anything orchidaceous. More in the May Newsletter.

Tina led a contingent of CAIOSers to the Hyannis Rotary Club Household Show at the Barnstable High School on March 24-25 to display the beauty of orchids. Marsha Fredericks, Joan Kozar and Steve Sethares helped fill up the same Walpole Woodworkers pavilion we used 2 years ago in our show. The exhibit was appreciated by all, thanks to the above orchid enthusiasts.

Note that **Tina** sells good annuals and orchids at the Waquoit Farmer's Market (at the **Waquoit Congregational Church**, Rt 28, East Falmouth) and welcomes members to buy plants or sell extra plants from her farmstand. - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays until the end of May.

Remember! Got a good plant? **American Orchid Society** Judging on first Saturdays at the **TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN**, West Boylston, MA, near Worcester. 10:30 AM - student or member presentations. Then have Lunch by Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good cafe with view. Afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Learn to speak orchid! - Walk the grounds in the merry month of May? -- Rt. 495N to 290W, off at Churchill St., Go Rt - 3.5 mi., nearly to end, Sign on Rt, Free, just say "Orchid Judging" at gate. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111) Call Tom Gregg ? car pool

AND THE BIG News is: Next years Show SHALL BE Jan 11- 13, 2013 as decreed by your Board. The Resort In Hyannis has no later openings, and the choice is to go for the better venue at an earlier date. than brave the wintery Sea Crest. Our 1st Show In North Falmouth was 21 degrees with a 40 knot North wind! Mark your calendars for Judging on Friday the 11th of January and the Show that weekend.

2012 International Phalaenopsis Alliance "Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to our 2011 back-to-back IPA meetings, The New Hampshire Orchid Society is pleased to announce that the IPA Northeast Team will once again be co-hosted by them, on Saturday, September 8th, 2012, the annual "Focus on Phals Speakers' Day." Time: approx. - 8:30 to 3:30 at the Bedford Town Hall, Bedford, NH 03110

Dr. Ron McHatton will be the keynote speaker, giving his amazingly informative presentation on "New Approaches to Pest and Disease Control," a presentation that applies to every orchid grower. , Carlos Fighetti will be speaking on the newest advances in the improvement of Phal. species, and Carri Raven-Riemann will bring all up to speed on the newest and most unique directions in Phal breeding as seen at the Taiwan International Orchid Show in March 2012. Register (**phal.org**) beginning in April and by Sept 1. Small fee, lunch, mini-auction. 8:30AM -3:30PM approx, At: the Bedford Town Hall, Bedford, NH 03110"

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Slate for vote in June, new Board for 2012-2013 Same as above except
Tom Gregg - Pres. Tina Balog - VP, Jo Mayzel Director AND Joan Kozar - Publicity
Ideas, Nominations, other interested people, feel free to let the Board know of your nominees, willingness to serve etc.

Dues: Last Newsletter unless dues paid

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