

The Cape and Islands Orchid Society
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Newsletter - December 2010

Next meeting: **Sunday December 12, 2010 at 12:30 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.)

☞ **Come** one, come all to the
**Jolly CAIOS Annual Solstice Party and Mini-
Auction ☺**

Come, bring and share your favorite dishes! Bring your smiling faces and tasty treats as gifts to each other and the Society. Lift your spirits with pleasure in our friendships and the beautiful flowers we all share. The Season to be jolly is here. Store bought food also welcome if you don't wish to cook. Impress us, outdo the dish next to yours! . Bring plates and tools for what you bring plz. Show table, books. It's a good time to just catch up and talk orchid or grandchildren info with your friends. Go for a big Show Table, but wrap plants for frost. Enjoy! --Show Table, Bring some \$ for the --Mini-Auction of mostly flowering plants. Members **A to G** -- main dish, **H to P** -- dessert, and **Q to Z** - salads s. **BUT**, feel free to bring what you do best. Note the time of 12:30

It is time to think about the CAIOS Show "**Orchid Odyssey**". We are very excited to be working with Walpole Woodworks this year. They will be building a fantastic wooden arbor with four columns for our CAIOS display. **See schedule** at the end of this newsletter.

So if you can help us during the event there are many jobs that require little expertise from Construction on Wed Jan 26th, Display set up and plant registration on Thursday Jan 27th. We need lots of clerks for Judging on Friday Jan 28th. The show is open to the public on Sat 29 & Sun 30th & we need people to work admissions, raffle, and membership table. So please sign up at the Nov. meeting or call me at 508 540-5006 if you can not attend but would like to sign up or have questions.

I also need help creating great breakfast muffins since Miss Monika will be decidedly out of the country this year for the 2011 Show. I will need all the help I can get to staff and provide goodies for the show. May of you make some very special dishes that everyone so looks forward to each year. Please let me know if you have some special dish or can make a mean breakfast muffin. Please contact your Show Chair - **Tina**

☞ The Preview Party ☞

Friday January 28th, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mediterranean Menu Offering a multiple station buffet

Garden Vegetable Soup with chick peas and orzo

Greek Salad with cherry tomatoes and feta cheese

Oregano Roast Chicken with artichoke and cured tomato stew

Baked Cod with Lemon and Dill

Rosemary Roast Lamb with red wine and baby onions

Lentil Pilaf

Green Beans with almonds

Water, Coffee and Tea Look for a Special Dessert!

A no host bar will be set up onsite for your convenience

Cattleya from the CAIOS 2011

Show Poster - Son Pho Embroidery

To make reservations please remit a check to: Joyce Kodis

P.O. Box 301

Dinner Questions phone (508) 758 2888

Mattapoisett, MA 02739-0301

Deadline is Friday - January 21st, 2011

No. of people _____ Total @ \$45 each _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____ Phone# _____

Your reservation will be held at the door for your party

More Show information & directions at www.CAIOS.org

Remember! American Orchid Society Judging is held Monthly, on first Saturdays at the TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN, BOYLSTON, MASS, NEAR WORCESTER. Come at 10:30 AM for presentations. Enjoy Noon lunch by brown bag or good deli sandwich from nearby farm stand or cafeteria at Tower Hill. In the afternoon, see/join AOS judging. See the beautiful arboretum grounds, gorgeous views & lovely greenhouse and garden/gift store also. You learn a lot by listening + seeing quality plants critiqued by judges. -- Rt 495N to Rt 290W, off at Center/Churchill St, go L or North, nearly to end, Tower Hill on Rt, Free Admission for Orchid Judging attendees, tell the gate guard. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111)

The NH Orchid Society is pleased to announce its 20th Annual Show and Sale will be on Valentine's Weekend, February 11 through 13th at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. In honor of its 20th orchid show, the Society has chosen the theme "Celebrate Orchids".

With over 2,000 orchids on display, both locally grown by hobbyists, and nationally recognized professionally cultured plants, there will be much to see. Exhibits will also include cut flower arrangements and orchid related artwork. Experts will be on-hand to present interesting workshops to beginners and

experts. Topics will include, How to Select the Proper Plant for the Home, Growing Plants in the Home, Re-potting, and many other topics to help the orchid enthusiast. Guided tours through the many displays will be available, also. Vendors will be selling over 3,000 plants, many suitable for windowsill growing and other orchid related materials. On Friday evening there will be a special Awards Ceremony and Dessert Buffet with a cash bar.

The show, being on Valentine's Weekend, has always enjoyed great attendance. Steve Tacopina, President of NHOS, says, "The show is the perfect Valentine's date. We see many couples come in to enjoy the beauty, escape the winter cold, and leave with a very unique Valentine's floral gift."

Location: Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH Tel. 603-888-9970 -- Exit 1 off Rt. 3 Northbound
Dates and Times February 11, 2011-- 1:00 to 5:00 and 7:30-9:30, Feb. 12 -- 9:00 to 5:00 & Feb 13. -- 9:00 to 4:00
Price: Adults - \$10, Seniors (65+) - \$6, Children under 12 or over 100 - Free
Contact Michael Mattozzi 603-659-4661 for further information. <http://www.nhorchids.org/>

CAIOS plans to go to NHOS; helpers and plant owners need to contact Tina 508 540-5006 or Tom G at 508 540-2054. Set up is on Thursday Feb. 10, Judging Feb 11 AM with AOS Judging in the PM.

Scale -- Part 2 (part 1 last month)

Insecticides Persistent or heavy scale infestations may require the use of synthetic insecticides. Few insecticides are tested on or specifically registered for use on orchids, but several common, inexpensive, home-and-garden chemicals are labeled for ornamental plants.

Some of the more effective insecticides available to home growers are Orthene (wetable powder), Malathion (liquid), Diazinon (liquid) and Carbaryl (water-based emulsifiable concentrate). Always follow label directions and never exceed the minimum recommended concentration given in mixing directions. Orchids are tough, but sensitive to many chemicals. While certain species may not react to a given formulation, others might, so advance testing is advised. In the home, growers who must apply insecticides during inclement weather need special care for applications. If outdoor spraying is not an option, spray plant(s) inside a large plastic bag, remove the bag after the spray has settled, and let the plant(s) ventilate where fumes will not invade the home or work area.

Never apply any liquid pest treatment in direct sunlight or high heat. To prevent burning of tissues, always shade plants until the solution dries.

Growth Regulators and Chitin Inhibitors Insect-growth regulators, such as Enstar II, are synthetic forms of insect hormones that interrupt normal development in insects, including scale. While there is little reliable information on their use on orchids, there have been no plant health problems noted thus far. An increasing number of growers are reporting satisfactory results with Enstar II.

Azadirachtin (Azatin and Neemazad) is a plant-derived (neem tree) chemical or botanical insecticide. It inhibits development of chitin, a primary component in insects' exoskeletons, causing mortality. There is little information available on its use on orchids, but it is approved for a wide variety of ornamentals and is labeled for greenhouse applications.









Final Considerations: Heavy infestations of scale may require other control methods. In such situations, a synthetic insecticide may be useful. On the extreme side, for a plant showing signs of decline from scale, consider whether the low likelihood of rejuvenating the plant justifies the expense and effort of continued treatments. After all, the destruction of a sick plant can be used to justify the purchase of a new and healthier one.

To minimize risks of developing a treatment-resistant pest population, change methods and chemicals occasionally; do not use the same chemical mix more than three to four times sequentially. For example, if an insecticide was used for previous treatments, switch to an oil, soap or different insecticide.

Never use an insecticide not labeled for ornamental plants, and do not use less than the minimum concentration of a mixture. Too little of a chemical enhances resistance, while too great a concentration may damage plants. Never use chemicals as a routine preventative; this wastes chemicals (and money), and allows resistant pests to develop. Continue manual removal of scales during treatment - removing egg-laying adults is as important as killing nymphs. Finally, always monitor the cycling of the scale population to optimize spray effect and minimize total number of sprays.

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I wanted to remind everyone that we have a website: www.caios.org.

Information about upcoming events, newsletters, meeting dates, show information, plant registration forms, and etc. is posted frequently.

The webmaster would LOVE to incorporate member orchid photos! Digital images can be sent to: webmaster@caios.org Please include a brief description of your picture. For example, type of orchid, name if you have it,

your name, how you grow it ... If you've been on a trip & have orchid photos to share, send them in. It would be great fun for us all.

Also, we are on facebook. Find us there as "Cape & Islands Orchid Society".

Feel free to "share" & "like" us, thereby spreading the word about our upcoming show in January.

Thank you, -- Nimtuk webmaster@caios.org

Looking for HELP : Last year we set up 6 or so mini displays at Rockland Trust banks. They have a Business Table in the lobby that one can reserve for use. We are looking for more people to help us set up similar displays at their local branch or their bank. I understand this Business Table is a common practice in the banking industry. What does it involve? - a visit or call to the Bank branch manager to reserve your date (Recommend Jan 20 - Feb 1) and review the site. Last year I used a small table cloth, a framed copy of the poster, 100 postcards, and a basket with a Phal. or other blooming orchid. We will supply each helper with the necessary items including the orchid. So please call Tina to reserve your orchid & informational packet.

I imagine there are other spots or programs in businesses that may be available to us. If you know of one or have a similar opportunity please contact me at 508 540-5006. Tina

The schedule:

Orchid Odyssey

January 27 - 30, 2011

Pre-registration for plant judging is available until 10 p.m. Sunday, January 23th, 2011. To pre-register plants for AOS judging by email to Joanna Eckstrom JKEckstrom@comcast.net all lists and forms will be available at the www.caios.org web site. If you have a problem with the web site forms please call web master Nimtuk at 508 888-4087 or email her from our web page. As many of you know it is MUCH easier remove a plant from registration than to add an additional group on set-up day. Please take the time pre-register, as many plants as you possibly can it will save all of us time.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 23, 2011 10:00 p.m. DEADLINE for plant pre-registration

THURSDAY - JANUARY 27, 2011

8 A.M.-9 P.M.

Exhibit set up and Plant registration

3 P.M.- 6 P.M.

Photography session

6:00 P.M.

Plant registration deadline

FRIDAY - JANUARY 28, 2011

8:30 A.M.

Clerk orientation, judging team formation

9:00 A.M.

Deadline for exhibit set up

9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.

Vendor set-up in sales area

9:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

Ribbon judging followed by AOS judging

6:00 P.M.

Preview party begins

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Dinner; Awards

After dinner

Sales area open

SATURDAY - JANUARY 29, 2011

8:00 A.M.

Exhibit areas open for grooming

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Show and Sales areas open to members and press for photos and viewing

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Show and Sales area open to public

SUNDAY - JANUARY 30, 2011

8:00 A.M.	Exhibit areas open for grooming
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Show and Sales areas open to members and press for photos and viewing
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Show and Sales area open to public
4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Breakdown and cleanup

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at 508 540-5006 or tina@plaid.who.edu

Thank-you, Tina Balog
Show Chair

(Venue/lights set up on Wednesday Jan. 26, also on that Tuesday if needed)

Motto: **Orchids Grow WILD Where CAIOS Reigns and Dines at 12:30 PM !**