



The Cape and Islands Orchid Society

Newsletter

December 2013

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest Corp.

CAIOS Annual Solstice Party and Auction

Sunday December 8 at 12:00 Noon

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE CAPE COD FAIRGROUNDS

formerly BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy, (Rt. 151) East Falmouth MA 02536 (White fences on North side of Hwy.)

Thank you to *Fred Clarke* for his presentation on Cattleyas latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful flowers. In addition, many of the members purchased some of the new Cattleyas Fred had available at our November meeting. We're looking forward to seeing the members accomplishments at growing these new Cattleyas.



December Meeting: *CAIOS Annual Solstice Party and Auction*

Come and share the season to be together. 'Tis the time to eat a bit too much once again. Come, bring and share your favorite dishes! The tables shall be lovely with members show plants and the enjoyment of each other's company. Bring that which you excel in cooking, - full dishes this, not mere finger foods. Store bought food also welcome if you don't wish to cook. Impress us, outdo the dish next to yours! It's a good time to just catch up and talk orchid, kids or grandchildren info with your friends. No show table, but bring anything boast-worthy for table decoration

Members **A to F** - Salads--, **G to O** - Main Dishes and **P to Z** - Desserts — BUT, feel free to bring what you do best. Stove, oven available at the Fairgrounds. The Society provides fixin's. Note -- the time shall be 12:00 **NOON!**

Bring lots of \$ for the CAIOS Orchid Auction. Win NEW Plants, support your habit and support CAIOS! We plan to have fewer plants than before and of premium quality, *many in bud or bloom*. Members are welcome to bring good gift plants and/or orchid related items such as art, for the Auction, but please call Tina or Tom(#s below) to get them listed and numbered if time permits. (Orchids List below)

Show News and Updates: *Kaleidoscope of Orchids*

We are looking for people who know of a "**Great Location**" to place a 2013 CAIOS show promotional Orchid Basket, which includes a waterproof basket with an orchid or two, a framed Show poster and packet of postcards for people to take. A "Great Location" should have a medium to high volume of people moving through most days and a prominent location for the small orchid display.

Locations needed mid-January for a two week period. The business does not need to be available for both sessions. If you think you know of a Dr, Dentist, hairdresser, barber, physical therapist, coffee shop, your bank, a favorite restaurant or small business that has a suitable location, please ask if they are interested before signing up. Also if you would obtain a contact persons name, address and telephone number so we can keep track of where we have advertising displays. If you have any questions please contact **Tina (the Show Chair) at 508 540-5006**

Will bring Orchid baskets to December meeting for those who sign up NOW!

CAIOS 25th Annual Orchid Show: *"Kaleidoscope of Orchids"* Jan. 25,26 2014

9AM – 5PM at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis 35 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis, MA

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Need Your Help: Don't forget to sign up to volunteer to help at the 2014 CAIOS Show – January 25 & 26 from 9-5 both Saturday & Sunday. If you can not attend a CAIOS meeting please feel free to call Tina or Email her at tina@plaid.whoj.edu. There are lots of different jobs for all abilities and talents.

Set-up: Volunteers needed to sign up for Thursday to help set up the show and display.

Clerks: More volunteers needed who are willing to Clerk at Judging on Friday morning - don't forget you are treated to the Judges lunch which is typically very good. I only have 7 people signed up we normally need about 15-20 people for that task.

Admission-Raffle-Membership: Time slots available to work at the Admissions table, Instant Raffle and Membership table for most time slots on Sat & Sunday, especially later in the day from 11-5 all shifts are two hours intervals

Hospitality Room

We are also looking for assistance in supplying the hospitality room with great homemade treats for Wed, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. We will have crock pots available to heat items and coolers to keep perishable items cold. The fantastic homemade food and great hospitality is what makes this show so special for the vendors and exhibitors. So let Tina know what you can help out with.

Breakdown

Tina really needs help with the END game – of cleaning out the venue. Everything must go somewhere on Sunday evening and not everything goes to the lock-up. Tina has been frustrated more than once about being one of two or three people left at the very end. Hoping desperately that they can fit it all of the stuff into the available vehicles so they don't have to make a 2nd trip back at 9:00 or 10:00 on Sunday night.

Please Sign up and stay to the end for Your Show Chair's sake!

Postcards & Posters: -- Don't forget to pick up your post cards for mailing to your local friends in your Christmas Cards. Lots of both are available to be picked up at the next meeting

Judging list, instructions and fillable forms will be available at the www.caio.org web site. If you have a problem with the web site forms please contact webmaster Nimituk, email her from our web page. Pre-registration for plant judging is available until 8:00PMon Jan 20, 2014. To pre-register plants for AOS judging send each form by email to Joanna Eckstrom at Jkeckstrom@comcast.net. If you want to fax forms call first at (603) 654-5070. As many of you know it is 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.

MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2014 at 8 p.m. – Deadline for Plant pre-registration

WEDNESDAY – JAN. 22, 2014

8:30 AM - meet at lockup and move props & lights to Hyannis set up venue

THURSDAY - JANUARY 23, 2014

8 A.M.-9 P.M.	Exhibit set up and Plant registration
3 P.M.- 6 P.M.	No Photography session this year
6:00 P.M.	Plant registration deadline

FRIDAY - JANUARY 24, 2014

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 25, 2014

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 & viewing
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Show and Sales area open to public

SUNDAY - JANUARY 26, 2014

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 & viewing
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Show and Sales area open to public
5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Breakdown and cleanup

Members admission will be by check off on the MEMBERSHIP List at the door, No tickets needed.

Banquet: Menu and Reservation form below. *Dine among the Orchids!*



Announcements:

CAIOS still needs a **new volunteer to act as treasurer**. Yr. Pres. has done it in years past and found it to be interesting and not too time consuming. Experience helps of course, but is not necessary. The "Quicken" software is straightforward and a recent computer comes with the job. The main duties are collecting and posting dues, paying bills and managing show funds in and out. Lots of helpers can be assigned especially at Show time. For the time being, bills and loot to VP Tina Balog, 64 Carol Ave. E. Falmouth, MA 02536 or Yr. CoEd/Pres, Tom Gregg at 26 Pond Rd. Falmouth, MA 02540

Annual Membership: New and Renewal

Looking for a gift suggestion? Why not give a year membership to CAIOS! Free Entry to our Show!

Membership dues annually starting in January 2014 - \$20.00

Each additional member at same address is only \$10.00 more.

Forms are also available at meetings

Please mail this form along with a check payable to CAIOS to:

Tom Gregg

26 Pond Road

Falmouth, MA 02332-5206

(Or -- return to any CAIOS Officer at meetings)

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone*: _____ Cellphone*: _____

Email**: _____

(**Use for Newsletter and any correspondence, late breaking news, faster, saves CAIOS postage and color will look better)

Newsletter preference: (Please check one) Email: _____ Snail Mail: _____

*Optional

From Tom our Senior (co)Editor: Please advise the senior editor of any e-mail and address changes so you don't miss your newsletter! Membership list available.

The Orchata Bark caper is still on. Those signed up are retrieving their bags and there is lots more bark available in the 2 middle sizes: Power 3/8" -1/2", suits young and mature orchids, AND Power+ =1/2"-3/4", suits mature orchids; \$25 a bag of 1.4 cu ft.; Tom at 508 540-2054 tf.gregg@verizon.net -Yr 1/2 ed. thanks the Westport members (Dick & Ellie Phillips, Jane & Bill Wisneski and John Miller) who stored the bark, cheered him on, coffeed him and helped schlep bags into his car.

Kelley's Korner, DarylYerdon: "We hope you've had an enjoyable summer. Now that the show season has ended, we are busy with all sorts of exciting changes on our website that we want to tell you about. This month we also reprint with permission a recent interview that was done for the readers of "[Orchids Made Easy](http://www.orchidsmadeeasy.com)" <http://www.orchidsmadeeasy.com/kelleys-korner-orchid-supplies/>

Orchids Questions – Answers – Helpful Hints

This month this section is taking a break to allow for all of the CAIOS Show news and growing hints which have been received. Please keep you questions and suggestions coming. I welcome your e-mails, snail mail or talking to you at the meetings. Members have expressed interest in learning more about the different ways to grow your orchids, i.e., under lights; mounted on bark, in addition to specific care for their new orchid. All of your questions will be answered in upcoming newsletters. Do you have a hint or experience you would like to share with the members? Please continue to

contact me via e-mail (OakH35@yahoo.com) (or see me at one of the monthly meetings) with your questions, hints or something you would like to share with the members. In the meantime, **HAPPY HOLIDAY'S** to everyone!

From Our Peripatetic Orchidist Jean Stefanik: now in New Zealand

While I'm not in the market for any orchid bark, I was informed here in NZ of an amazingly simple technique for potting that I had not heard before.

Some orchid growers here take 3 grades of bark, and when potting things like Masdevallias and others needing good drainage, put a 1/3 layer of coarse bark, then a layer of medium bark, then the plant, then fill in with med fine or fine bark. Seems simple enough, but ensures the right size around roots, especially small and young roots, while still keeping below the roots airy and good drainage.

Alison in Orchidland: Reviewing what I learned about growing orchids in the 2013 growing season:
Ya Live Ya Learn, as my friend Ace Grower, Elle Ronis always reminds me.

For me, the most important aspect of growing this year was to pack all my orchids with lots of peanuts in a pot so tight that it looked like it was in need of repotting, right after I had done so! Harry Epstein, of the NH. Orchid Soc. told us to repot our orchids every year-"they love it" he said. With that in mind I decided to try it but pack tight tight tight.

Every plant with the exception of Miltoniopsis responded well- no deaths in any plants, a victory. As far as the milts go... if I cannot figure them out soon, I may abandon them.-Alison Arrouet

Upcoming Events:

December 7-8, 2013 J&L Orchids, 20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT. Phone: (203) 261-3772. jlorchids.com **Holiday Open House.** An abundance of budded and blooming plants for gifts or to decorate your home. There will be delicious homemade treats to enjoy while you shop. Come share some holiday cheer with us at the greenhouse

Saturday, December 14 Tired of those monotonous greens and reds? Bring some radiant colors this Holiday season with a living gift that keeps giving. **A&P Orchids invites you to our open house on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 10:00AM-4:00PM.**



110 Peters Rd, Swansea,
MA 02777
(508) 675-1717
www.aandporchids.com

For the second year in a row, we will be offering an [*Angraecum sesquipedale*](#), also called Darwin's Orchid, in spike. Don't miss your chance to own this majestic, snow-colored flower. Also being offered is [*Habenaria ericmichaelii*](#), a deciduous orchid from South America with tantalizing [cherry blossom pink flowers](#).

We are excited to offer *Cymbidiums* in bud and flower. Along with our flagship hybrid [*Massachusetts Sunset*](#), we are offering some of the best named seedlings and clones from around the globe.

Looking for that classic orchid? Try one of our large flowered [*Cattleyas*](#) or the timeless elegance of a [*complex Paphiopedilum*](#). Our [vini-colored Paphs](#) are the perfect shade of burgundy for the holiday season.

A&P Orchids proudly presents FCC/AOS award-winning [*Monnierara Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft'*](#) as well as other *Catasetinae*. The [*Millennium Magic's velvety black flowers*](#) and woody fragrance make it perfect for turning heads and refreshing your room. Looking for small plants with big appeal? Try a [*Dendrobium oligophyllum*](#) or *Dendrobium bellatulum*. These compact growers are perfect for a window sill.

We will be pre-selling our *hardy orchid* offerings. These will be available for pickup/shipping in the spring. Whether grown outside in full sun or in heavy shade, there is a *hardy orchid* just for you! Set your love of orchids free into your garden! Flowering *Phalaenopsis* and *Oncidium* alliance will be available

January 4, 2014 Harwich Conservation Trust Rich Eldred, noted Cape writer, and botanist, to give a talk on the Orchids of Cape Cod.

February 14-16, 2014: New Hampshire Orchid Society 23rd Annual Orchid Show and Sale - "Orchid Love Affair" Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH, Speaker program and free guided tours daily Exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork, and more More information on their website www.nhordhics.org

AOS JUDGING - NOT at Tower Hill THIS MONTH, the Judging is going to the New Hampshire Orchid Society's Monthly Meeting and Holiday Party & AOS Judging on Dec 7, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford NH Visitors and plants welcome as at any AOS Judging event.

CAIOS Show Banquet Menu

Friday January 24th, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. Buffet
Deadline for Reservations, Tuesday -January 1st 2013

BUFFET CHOICES:

Watercress salad with Pears & Blue Cheese
Dijon mustard-Maple Glazed Chicken with bacon and baby onions
Green peppercorn Roast Beef Sirloin with Guinness Mushroom Jus
Poached Salmon with double Licorice Butter and Fennel Pollen
Vegetable Green Beans with Chestnuts
Warm Cranberry Walnut Souffle Cake with brown sugar -Bourbon Glaze & Cheese plate
Coffee, Tea and Water

A No Host Bar will be set up onsite for your convenience by 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is to begin at 7:00 P.M.

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 for Reservations, Tuesday -January 1st 2013

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

January 12, 2014 -- A & P Orchids will present their World of Waphioepidiums

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CAIOS:

www.caios.org

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Motto: Orchids grow **WILD** where CAIOS reigns!

Note well the time -  **Noon**, to share and enjoy each others' company, outbid each other and out eat each other! (Auction list separately sent to E-mailers, enclosed over for snailers)