



*The Cape and Islands Orchid Society*  
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February 2015 Newsletter

***New Zealand's native orchids 'beautiful, charming'***

***Speaker - Jean Stefanik***

***February 8 at 12:30***

**THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE CAPE COD FAIRGROUNDS**

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

**Last Month's Meeting:** Members learned the fine points of preparing and transporting their plants to shows, especially during the cold winter months. This was helpful advice which was put to good use for our show!

**February Meeting: *New Zealand's native orchids*** Jean Stefanik, grows orchids, is an American Orchid Society judge and is a specialist in native orchids. She recently spent time travelling in New Zealand looking at native New Zealand orchids. She will share her experience.

**Refreshments:** Goodies provided by **MEMBERS J-Z PLEASE!** Coffee and tea provided

**Raffle and Member Show Table:** Members should bring any plants they wish to show and have the best available expert discuss them with audience participation, all questions kindly answered. As an incentive, each plant shown will receive a Raffle ticket for orchid plants. Another raffle will be for purchased tickets only. The Society appreciates donated plants for raffles.

**Show News and Updates: *Orchid Bridges***

**If you have not already done so, please retrieve the Orchid baskets and promotional material and return them to Tina or to the February meeting.**

**CAIOS 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show:** "***Orchid Bridges***" January 24 & 25 from 9-5, both Saturday & Sunday.

**Show update from Tina- Thank you everyone for your assistance!!! Our show would not have been a success without you!!**

**'*Orchid Bridges*'!**



**Category Orchid Society Display**  
Display by an Orchid Society, ANY size

**1<sup>st</sup> Place CAIOS**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CONGRATULATIONS to our members who were winner!**

<b>CAPE AND ISLANDS ORCHID SOCIETY 'ORCHIDS BRIDGES' 2015 SHOW RESULTS</b>	
<b>Category Orchid Society Display</b> Display by an Orchid Society, ANY size <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place CAIOS</b>	
<p>Category: <b>Epidendrum S &amp; H NO INTERGENERIC</b> Epidendrum S (no pseudobulbs) &amp; H - No Intergenerics</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tom Gregg</b> for Epidendrum Jubilee melanoporphyreum x capricornu</p>	<p>Category: <b>Paph SPECIES</b> (1 - 2 flowers at maturity) Brachys &amp; Parvis</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tina Balog</b> for Paph spicerianum 'Fat Boy' x 'Taiwan Truffle'</p>
<p>Category : <b>Cattleya H &amp; I – GREEN</b> Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids other than above - GREEN</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kelly Grinnan</b> for Brassocattleya Kosh Wallis 'Paradise' Little Stars x Penny Kuroda</p>	<p>Category: <b>Dendrobium SPECIES - PHAL-ANTELOPE</b> Type</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Joyce Young</b> for Dend Wave King 'Akebono'</p>
<p>Category: <b>Oncidinae - Oncidium EQUITANT HYBRIDS</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Tina Balog</b> for Tolu Raspberry Swirl</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tom Gregg</b> for Wilsonara Tigersette</p>	<p>Category: <b>Paph Complex Hybrid - RED/PINK</b> Paphiopedilum Hybrids, Complex - Red/Pink</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kelly Grinnan</b> for Paph. Mustafa's Winter Rose Macabre 'Green Giant' HCC/AOS x Mustafa's Hot Pink 'DD'</p>
<p>Category: <b>Onc Odm Hybrids - No</b> Intergeneric or no equitants</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Tom Gregg</b> for Onc. Tsiku Marguerite Twinkle x sotoanum</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tina Balog</b> for Twinkle x sotoanum</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tina Balog</b> for Oncidium Twinkle (white)</p>	<p>Category: <b>Oncidinae - Oncidium EQUITANT HYBRIDS</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Tina Balog</b> for Tolu Raspberry Swirl</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tom Gregg</b> for Wilsonara Tigersette</p>
<p>Category: <b>Dendrobium SPECIES - OTHER TYPES</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tom Gregg</b> for Den. Kay's Choice Pinterry x Dot Sheen</p>	<p>Category: <b>Fragrance</b> All Flower Classes may be judged on Fragrance. Must be registered in appropriate flower class</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Kelly Grinnan</b> for Brassocattleya Kosh Wallis 'Paradise' Little Stars x Penny Kuroda</p>

Thank you also to ALL the members who contributed their plants. We wouldn't have a show without you! Here is just a small sample of your contributions.



Thanks to Joan Kozar for the show photos

Additional photos from the show will be posted on our website [www.caios.org](http://www.caios.org) and on Facebook.

Announcements: Please check the [caios.org](http://caios.org) website for last minute CAIOS news. Meeting cancellation due to weather will be posted if necessary. A monthly calendar of events and meetings can now be found on our website. Please e-mail [webmaster@caios.org](mailto:webmaster@caios.org) with any additions or corrections you may have.

## Orchids Questions – Answers – Helpful Hints

Several of our members acquired new plants at the show and have asked for care information. Below is some general information.

### “Zygopetalum Growing tips:

**Temperature:** Zygopetalum orchids will tolerate considerable summer heat as long as they have mild nighttime temperatures between 50-65 degrees F. Exposure to cold temperatures (down to 28 degrees F) for a few hours each night will not damage an acclimatized plant, but once the plant spikes or flowers, it should be protected from temperatures below 35 degrees F. Always keep these plants free from frost.

**Light:** Your Zygopetalum enjoys the morning and afternoon sun but should be protected from hot midday sunlight. A light green leaf with just a hint of yellow indicates that the plant is receiving the maximum amount of sun it can take; a dark green leaf indicates that it needs more sunlight.

**Water:** Watering of Zygopetalum is a delicate balancing act. They should not be allowed to go dry, yet they don't care for a soggy environment either. Watering once every seven to ten days is about right. As with everything else, special consideration must be given for the drying effects of varying ambient air temperature and humidity.

**Feeding:** High nitrogen fertilizers (25-9-9) should be used from February until July, while low nitrogen fertilizers (6-25-25) should be used from August until January. Feed one teaspoon to a gallon of water once a month.

**Repot:** Repot every two to three years from February to June with a well-draining medium.

### Mounted Orchids:

Keeping adequate humidity is very important to all orchids, but even more so with mounted plants. There is very little material surrounding the roots to provide lasting moisture and you will notice even the moss you placed around the roots will dry after only a day or so. In the average home your plant will need to be watered 3-5 times per week. The best way is to take your orchid to a sink or faucet and drench the entire plant and mount. If your plant is unhappy due to low humidity a suggestion is to try a cool mist humidifier and a small fan in your growing space. Fertilizer can be applied about every 2-3 weeks, after a thorough watering.

Temperatures and light will depend on the species or hybrid you are growing. Most plants will appreciate lower light and moderate temperatures for the first few weeks after mounting to avoid stress. After that, you will need to adjust for the culture of specific plants.

**Reminder:** Keep watching your plants for any unwelcomed visitors and show them the door as quickly as possible! Check the CAIOS website or previous newsletters on how to rid your plants of pests.

Do you have a hint or experience you would like to share with the members? Have you acquired a new plant and you need some advice? 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. All of your questions answered in upcoming newsletters.

### Members Corner:

Do you have something to sell or trade or of interested to share with other members? Let us know and we will add it to the next newsletter. (Pres Tom or Ed. Lynn Schaeffer, e-mails below)

**Editor's Note:** There seems to have been a problem with the delivery of the newsletter by the postal service the past 2 months. We have been trying to determine the cause in order to remedy the situation. If you or someone you know does not received the newsletter via regular mail, please contact us.

A few e-mail recipients have also had a problem. We will be sending this newsletter from [webmaster@caios.org](mailto:webmaster@caios.org) this month. Hopefully we will not receive any “undeliverable” notices. You should also check your SPAM folder and make sure you have added CAIOS to your list of allowable addresses.

## Annual Membership: New and Renewal

### REMINDER – Did you forget?

**Membership dues were payable in January 2015** - \$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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\*Optional

Please advise the senior editor of any e-mail and address changes so you don't miss your newsletter and late breaking news!

### Upcoming Events:

**January 31 – February 8, 2015: J and L Orchids January Thaw Sale**, 20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT. Phone: (203) 261-3772. [jlorchids.com](http://jlorchids.com)

**February 13-15, 2015: New Hampshire Orchid Society-Annual Orchid Show and Sale** - Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH, Speaker program and free guided tours daily Exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork, and more Additional information on their website [www.nhordhics.org](http://www.nhordhics.org).

**February 21-22, 2015: The Amherst Orchid Society Show** – Saturday 9 am – 5 pm & Sunday 10 am – 4 pm  
At Smith Vocational High School, Northampton, MA

**March 28-29, 2015: The Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show and Sale** is scheduled for Saturday from 12 noon - 5 PM and Sunday from 10 AM - 4 PM at the West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center in West Hartford, CT

**GOT a good plant? American Orchid Society Judging:** Judging takes place at the **Tower Hill Botanic Gardens of Worcester**, 11 French Dr., Classroom C, Boylston, MA at 1:00PM on the first Saturday of the month. Free, just say "Orchid Judging" at gate. Take I-495 N to Church St in Northborough. Take exit 24 from I-290 W, Church St Go Rt 3.5 mi. Central St, nearly to end, Sign on Rt., <90 min. from CC Canal, Easy drive.

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

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