



The Cape and Islands Orchid Society
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February 2016 Newsletter

“Native Orchids of New England”
February 21, 2016 at 12:30 pm

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.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

February’s Meeting: *Native Orchids of New England* On Sunday **FEBRUARY 21 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)** CAIOS welcomes back our friend from the New Hampshire Orchid Society, Jean Stefanik. Jean will be presenting a program on native orchids—what’s out there, where they are, what’s being done to preserve and propagate these species that are native to New England. Don’t miss this! Also coming soon you will find information on Native Orchids on our website.

Last Month’s Meeting: We held CAIOS workshops where members learned safe methods to transport their orchids; grooming your orchids and the fine art of displaying orchids. All very useful information for shows and the grooming and display information is helpful any time.

Upcoming Meeting: March – Presentation by Joanna Eckstrom April – Presentation by Margarite Webb

Bus Trip: The Connecticut Orchid Society is planning a bus trip to SEPOS (South East Pennsylvania Orchid Society) show April 1-3, 2016 at the greater Philadelphia Expo Center. This will also include a private behind the scenes tour of Longwood Gardens on Sunday. They have extended the invitation to CAIOS members who may be interested. Departure is Friday April 1 from Waterbury around noon. 2 nights at the Homewood Suites Hotel near Kennett Square; April 2 spend the day at SEPOS with option to leave mid-afternoon for free time; Sunday morning at Longwood Gardens and leave Sunday afternoon back to CT. Cost: Single- \$421.00 includes bus, 2 nights hotel, breakfast and admission to SEPOS. Couple: \$608. 50% **deposit by Feb. 10** and **balance due Feb. 29, 2016**. For additional information see their website www.ctorchids.org or Cheryl Mizak by email cmizak@alcher.com or 203-264-6096.

Show News: *Winter Wonderland of Orchids*- Mother Nature’s appearance for our show weekend created a nice ambiance of a “winter wonderland”, while also creating last minute difficulties. A special “***Thank you***” to all of the members who came out to assist with the show, especially under the snowy weather conditions, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Did you attend the show and take pictures? Due to this year’s weather conditions I have very few pictures, and all are from set-up. (especially our CAIOS display) If you have any to share I would appreciate it if you would forward to either OakH35@yahoo.com or webmaster@caios.org. Thank you.

Congratulation to all of the CAIOS show winners! A list of all the winners can be found on our website www.caios.org

CAPE AND ISLANDS ORCHID SOCIETY
‘WINTER WONDERLAND OF ORCHIDS’ 2016 SHOW RESULTS

Category: *Coelogyne, Dendrochilum*
Coelogyne species, hybrids, and intergeneric hybrids other than above including Dendrochilum

1ST Place Kelly Grinnan for Coelogyne
unchained melody

Category: *Artwork*
Painting and drawings

1ST Place Kelly Grinnan for Painting 1

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'WINTER WONDERLAND OF ORCHIDS' 2016 SHOW RESULTS (cont)

Category : Fragrance

All Flower Classes may be judged on Fragrance. Must be registered in appropriate flower class

3rd Place: Kelly Grinnan for Bc Kosh Wallis 'Paradise' Little Stars x Penny Kuroda

Category: Epidendrum S & H NO INTERGENERICS

Epidendrum S (no pseudobulbs) & H - No Intergenerics

3rd Place Tom Gregg for Epidendrum Jubilee'

Category: Cattleya Alliance - MINIATURES
 MINI Catt S, H or I total height AT MATURITY 8" or less, excluding inflorescence

3rd Place Tom Gregg for Pot (Golden Circle 'OPRL' x Trudy Marsh 'SVO')

Category: Onc Odm Hybrids - No Intergeneric or no equitants includes Psychopsis Cuitlauzina, Lemboglossum, Osmoglossum

2nd Place Tom Gregg for Onc Tsiku Marguerite

Category: Cymbidium HYBRID STANDARD ANY COLOR

1st Place Tom Gregg for Cym Red Beauty 'Evening Star'

2nd Place Tom Gregg for Cym Massachusetts Sunset 'Massachusetts

Category: Dendrobium HYBRIDS

1st Place Tom Gregg for Dendrobium Kay's Choice

2nd Place Tom Gregg for Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'

Category: Brassavola/Rhyncholaelia S & H - NO INTERGENERICS

2nd Place Ed Bonacci for B Little Stars

Category: Cattleya H & I - YELLOW/BRONZE/ORANGE

1st Place Don Anderson for Epicatैया Volcano Trick 'Fireball

Category: Cattleya H & I - Lavender/Mauve/Purple NO PINK

3rd Place Ron Stewart for Lc Puppy Love

Category: Artwork
 Sculpture and Glass

1st Place Stephen Lynch for Artwork

2nd Place Stephen Lynch for Artwork

3rd Place Stephen Lynch for Artwork

Category: Cymbidium HYBRID STANDARD ANY COLOR

3rd Place Peter Smith for Cymbidium Noname

Category: Epidendrum S & H NO INTERGENERICS

2nd Place William Golden for Epi Ice Castle

Category: Miscellaneous - Jewel Orchids
 (recognized for colorful foliage rather than flower)

3rd Place William Golden for Ludisia discolor

Category: Paph HYBRIDS - Multifloral, Any Color
 One or Both Parents must be MULTIFLORAL

2nd Place Tina Balog for Paph. Judge Phillip (philippense 'Yellowstone' x Pinoccio flavum 'Yellowtail')

3rd Place Tina Balog for Paph. Yellow Fantasy (Nikes Sunny Delight Tall and Triumphant x hanaldianum fma album 'Flirtatious')

Category: Phal/Dtps H, S or M, WHITE w/colored lip, no marks

Category: Oncidium Alliance -Intergenerics- Red/Bronze

Phalaenopsis hybrids and Doritaenopsis, White with coloured lip, no markings; standard or miniature

2nd Place Tina Balog for Dtps. Mount Lip 'Chou'



Intergenerics including 078, 079, 080 - RED/BRONZE Background with or without spots

2nd Place Tina Balog for Oncda Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'



Raffle and Member Show Table: Members should bring any plants they wish to show at the February meeting 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, we just request that your donations are healthy and pest free.

Refreshments: For the February meeting would **Members A-M** please bring a plate, or bowl of munchies to share. Beverages will be provided!

Orchids Questions – Answers – Helpful Hints

Aerides lawrenceae: There was a request for growing information for *Aerides lawrenceae* this month which required me to reach out to other sources for the information. I want to thank Monty Sabolcik for responding and providing insight into his growing experience. His *Aerides lawrenceae* received an AM award.



“I grow mine in a large basket, under the overhang of my east facing garage, in full sun until 11 a.m. all summer, once the temperatures are above 55 degrees at night, with no media except for a little bit of coco fiber around the roots to help maintain some moisture. I have found that it flowers better when given really bright light, almost full sun. In September, I moved the plant closer to the house and the air movement wasn't enough to cool down the foliage during some 80 degree days in fall causing the foliage to burn. If pushing the plant to the limits of what it can take for light, err on the side of caution to avoid seriously burning the foliage.”

“The roots will adhere to the basket quickly if culture is right. They like to stay warm all year round, (between 60 and 85 or 90 at the high end.” They prefer 60% humidity.

“I fertilize mine regularly, 2-4 times a month- vandae really like fertilizer, but water it constantly. I do stress the importance of watering, especially if there is no media in the basket or pot. I find all my aerides and vandae like if I water them well once, then hit the vandaceous again to make sure that those roots have turned totally green. I only fertilize after giving an initial watering to make sure the roots are ready to absorb the fertilizer. During the winter and fall they are in a warm greenhouse, enabling me to really soak the plant at least once a day. In the late spring and summer I will water twice a day.” It is very important you keep water out of the growing crown where new leaves emerge from.

“If someone is trying to grow this plant in the house, I would suggest a basket or pot with wide openings to allow air to penetrate to the roots with Coco fiber, or a thin layer of sphagnum. Window screening (like for your sliding door) is good to retain media in either an open slatted basket or a plastic type basket. (I also like those black plastic "ultimate orchid baskets") If using bark, use large chunks to accentuate the air to the roots. I like to use coco fiber, as I have a super heavy hand with the watering, and so guard against drowning the roots. It really depends on the individual and what conditions they are growing under.”

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:

Yearly membership dues for 2016 – 2017 (new or renewal) were due January 1, 2016. Please see the form at the end of the newsletter.

Pre-Show plant orders. orchidPhile's February plant list is posted on our website. If you plan to attend one of the area shows they participate in you may pre-order plants to pick up at the respective show. Just make sure you indicate which show you will be attending.

Vendors occasionally have last minute specials which we don't know about in time to put into the newsletter. I encourage you to periodically check our vendor spotlight area on our website, and/or follow us on Facebook for updated information. We also maintain an event calendar on our website where you will find up to date event information.

A plea from your current VP in charge of programs... I have approached several of you over the past year looking for ideas for programs and speakers. I now appeal to the entire membership---if there is a topic you would like to see presented at a meeting, if you have experienced a presenter we have not seen and think they would good for us, OR if you have a topic YOU would be willing to present to the group (There are a lot of expert growers in this society---don't be shy) please contact me at busywomanc@comcast.net or call my home phone 508-694-6279. This is your society---help make our monthly meetings informative and interesting! Thank you. Marsha Fredericks



Upcoming Events:

CAIOS participates in several shows throughout the year. Our displays at these shows are a whole lot smaller than what we do in January for our show, and are easily managed by one or two people. The more members we have who are comfortable with setting up a display, the better. Anyone with the basic knowledge, sufficient transportation, and a free Thursday can help set up a display at any one of the smaller regional shows. If you are interested in helping at any of the regional shows please contact Tina or Tom.

February 12-14, 2016: Blizzard of Orchids New Hampshire Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Courtyard Marriott Nashua, off Everett Turnpike Exit 8. Friday -1p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and; Sunday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please see their website for additional information www.nhorchids.org. CAIOS will have a display at this show and will be looking forward to you providing your blooming orchids. If you are interested in helping please contact Tina (508-540-5006) or Tom (508-540-2054).

February 11-14, 2016: Deep Cut Orchid Society, Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35 South, Holmdel, NJ, Thursday – Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free Admission. Additional information available on their website <https://sites.google.com/site/deepcutorchids>

February 20-21, 2016: Amherst Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St, Northampton, MA. Friday -1p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and; Sunday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please see their website for additional information www.amherstorchidsociety.org. CAIOS will have a display at this show and will be looking forward to you providing your blooming orchids. If you are interested in helping please contact Tina (508-540-5006) or Tom (508-540-2054). If you live in the lower Cape you may contact Marsha (508-694-6279).

March 19- 20, 2016: Nutmeg State Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show and Sale, West Hartford Meeting and Conference Center, 50 Main St., West Hartford, CT. Saturday 12 noon – 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission \$10

April 1-3, 2016 Connecticut Orchid Society SEPOS bus trip. See first page of newsletter for information.

April 1-3, 2016 SEPOS Show and Sale, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks, Friday 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission \$7, pre-purchase online \$5.00. Additional information available on their website www.sepos.org

American Orchid Society Webinars: (some require AOS membership)

February 2, 2016. 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Greenhouse Chat.** Presenter Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, and accredited AOS judge, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. Advanced Registration (space is limited) required. The webinar is free for everyone. Please see the website for additional information and registration. www.aos.org.

February 16, 2016. 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **How do I say that?** Laura Newton, AOS Awards Registrar, will answer questions about how to write award descriptions. This is the second in a monthly series on AOS judging and will qualify to fulfill one hour of the requirement of 12 education hours required annually for AOS judges. This webinar is for AOS members only. Advanced Registration (space is limited) required. Please see the website for additional information and registration. www.aos.org.

February 23, 2016. 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Orchids of Mexico** Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society, will discuss the orchids of Mexico. This will be an informative look at some of the attractive orchid species to be found in Mexico, both the well-known and the lesser-known, with comments on their habitats and cultural needs.. This webinar is for AOS members only. Advanced Registration (space is limited) required. Please see the website for additional information and registration. www.aos.org

Do you have 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 on the first Saturday of the month. Monthly program is at 11AM, plants for judging must be in place by noon. 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 Right,. Approx.90 min. from Cape Cod Canal.

Announcements: **Please check the caios.org website for last minute CAIOS news.** Unexpected meeting cancellation will be posted if necessary. A monthly calendar of events and meetings can now be found on our website in addition to culture sheets; last minute orchid sales and helpful hints to assist your growing. We also post information on our Facebook page, stop by and “like” us and become our “friend”, then post pictures of your amazing plants!

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Motto: Orchids grow *Wild* where CAIOS reigns

Annual Membership: New and Renewal

Looking for a gift suggestion? Why not give a year membership to CAIOS!

Dues were due in January!

Membership dues annually starting in January 2016 - \$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)



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