



*The Cape and Islands Orchid Society*  
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June 2013 Newsletter

**Dendrobium Culture with Monika Wildman  
&  
Native Lady Slipper Orchids with Mike Sullivan  
Annual Meeting**

**Sunday June 9, 2013 at 1:30 PM**

**THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**(Soon to be renamed the Cape Cod fairgrounds)**  
(1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy, (Rt. 151) East Falmouth MA 02536 (White fences on North side of Hwy.)

Thank you to **Kelley's Korner** for once again providing their time and the necessary supplies members needed to repot their orchids at last month's Giant Orchid Potting Workshop. Thanks to Tom, Tina and Alison for their time and devotion to teaching us how to repot correctly!

**June Meeting:**

Several members have inquired about advice on growing their Dendrobium kingianums and others have been interested in knowing where to find Lady Slippers growing here on the Cape. You will find the answers to your questions at this month's meeting when two of our esteemed members will share their experience and knowledge.

*CAIOS member, Monika Wildman* has generously agreed to share her culture magic. Grower of orchid show blue ribbon Dendrobium kingianums specimens, Monica's talk will no doubt help the many of us who own kingianums but "just can't get the darn things to flower."

Described by Bill Wildman as "weeds" kingianum is & continues to be a cultural challenge to



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**D. kingianum**

many CAIOS members who whisper to each other with "growing" dread of the latest demise of said "weeds". Too bad garden weeds do not shrivel with the same enthusiasm!

Monica will also share growing tips for other Dendrobium species she has had luck with, and enlighten those of us who know little about Pleurothallis culture.

The Wildmans have generously donated many kingianums & Pleurothallis to our monthly raffle table. We look forward to hearing how not to murder them.

*CAIOS member, Mike Sullivan* is CAIOS' resident Lady Slipper naturalist & knows the best locations to find L. S. in abundance from Cape Cod to Maine.

Accompanied by an amazing photographic portfolio, Mike will share his enthusiasm for these beautiful native orchids.

Mike treks all over New England to find hidden treasure troves with many flowered "clumps", bearing a range of pinks from soft to dark.

Mike has also found & photographed the rare white lady slipper, purportedly & mistakenly described as," no longer growing on Cape Cod." Bring a notepad to jot down some of the many locations one can still see these beautiful native flowers.

### Annual Meeting:

The Annual meeting of CAIOS will be held at this month's meeting. The following members have been nominated to fill the corresponding positions for CAIOS 2013-2014 year.

Nominations:

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| President (2nd year):     | Tom Gregg    | Director  | Jo Mayzel           |
| Vice President (2nd year) | Tina Balog   | Director  | Marsha Frederickson |
| Secretary                 | Cathy Fewore | Treasurer | Jack Martinelli     |

Refreshments: Goodies provided by **MEMBERS H - R PLEASE!**

**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.

### Members Corner:

Members may also bring in plants and plant-related items to sell or trade at the meetings.

**Tina's Terrific Plants** are ready. A list of available plants is available on the CAIOS website. It's recommended you call ahead if you are interested in specific plants. Tomatoes sell for \$5. each/5 for \$20. Herbs/Vegetables \$4 each 3/\$10, with a few exceptions, please check the list for prices. Please place your order by phone (508-540-5006) as I can be bad about checking my email at this time of year. I am at the Falmouth Farmer's Market every Thursday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Barnstable Fairground Farmer's Market, every Tuesday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. until mid-July. No credit cards. Cash or check only.

I also have 1 pound packages of Nutricote for \$4.

Looking for more information on your plants?

You may find what you need in the [CAIOS Library](#), contact: Denise Hedderig, 508 428-7246, [dhedderi@capecod.edu](mailto:dhedderi@capecod.edu).

Old issues of [American Orchid Society Magazine](#) are available from Lewis Klebanoff, call Tom Gregg 508 540-2054.

### Announcements:

From *Nimtuk*, our webmaster:

This coming January, **The Cape & Islands Orchid Society Celebrates 25 Years, A Silver Anniversary.**

To commemorate the occasion, CAIOS is putting together a favorite recipes cookbook "Cooking CAIOS". We would like to include all our "Solstice Party Favorites". For example; Gini's Amazing Carrot Soup, Tina's Ultimate Macaroni & Cheese, Gail's Curry Rice Abodanza. Joyce's Perfect Smoked Pork & Ultimate Sauce, Monica's Smokin Blue Fish, Mikes Quahog Chowda. Oooh, have I named names? Let's not forget the monthly extravaganza of delectable's. You know who you are -if we eat it -we want the recipe!!! Won't this be fun? Thank you to those of you that have already supplied us with your recipes. We are off to a great start, but we need MORE and need to have them as soon as possible.

Please continue to send your digital recipes to: [webmaster@caios.org](mailto:webmaster@caios.org) Or make a copy, add your name to the page & mail to: Tina Balog, 64 Carol Ave., E. Falmouth MA, 02536

*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!

## Orchids Questions – Answers – Helpful Hints

This month's meeting should answer some of your questions members have sent in. Although this is the last newsletter until September, please continue to send your questions and helpful hints to [OakH35@yahoo.com](mailto:OakH35@yahoo.com). They will be answered either in upcoming newsletters or in the absence of a newsletter, checkout our website at [www.caios.org](http://www.caios.org). Have a wonderful summer!

**July and August**, here are the things to do to care for your orchids from AOS:

**Cattleyas:** Require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

**Paphiopedilum:** Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

**Phalaenopsis:** Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

**Cymbidium:** Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growth should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

**High-elevation Plants:** For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

**Oncidium intergenerics:** Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara* and *Colmanara*, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

**Vandaceous:** Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later

## Upcoming Events

**Silva Orchids** is the home of the Shore Orchid Festival held annually in June (7, 8, 9) The festival boasts 20 vendors from around the world with AOS Judging, free lecture and workshops. For more info visit their website at [silvaorchids.com](http://silvaorchids.com)

**J&L ORCHIDS' ANNUAL Summer Sale, June 28th thru July 7th.** All J & L Stock is 15 % off, plus we will have a large bargain bench! We have been busy dividing many of our stock plants and have recently received exciting shipments...

The first weekend, June 28, 29, and 30, we have GUEST VENDORS, special workshops and great food. The workshops are Sunday, June 30, and include the following topics - Phalaenopsis Culture and West Coast Orchids for East Coast Growers. In addition the Connecticut Orchid Society will be sponsoring a repotting clinic Sunday morning. Please check our website for more details.

Carrie of The Orchidphile, will be bringing a variety of blooming novelty Phalaenopsis including many miniature multifloral types, rare species, and lots of fragrant selections. She will be releasing, for the first time, some of the unique Phalaenopsis purchased during her March trip to Taiwan. Carrie will give a Phalaenopsis culture workshop particularly addressing plants potted in sphagnum moss, Taiwan style.

Lauris from Cal-Orchid will have a wide range of species and hybrids, many in bloom and spike, and she always brings more plants than will fit her tables, so there will be lots of great choices. This is a super opportunity to buy plants from this popular west coast company and to get first hand cultural advice about growing their orchids. Lauris' culture workshop is always humorous and very informative.

As usual we will provide a delicious picnic lunch of fried chicken, veggies and dip, chips, watermelon and lemonade. Come and spend the day with us! There is ample room to sit outside and picnic or just relax. We look forward to seeing you! J&L Orchids, 20 Sherwood Rd., Easton, CT 06612. (203) 261-3772, [www.jlorchids.com](http://www.jlorchids.com)

### **INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE -"FOCUS ON PHALS" DAY**

Co-hosted by the New Hampshire Orchid Society, Saturday, **September 14, 2013**

Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH

Early registration by August 30, 2013 Check our website for additional details. [www.caios.org](http://www.caios.org) or:

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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 judges' presentations. Serious but often a lot of laughs. Lunch is Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good cafe with view. May Showers bring June flowers season! Afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Learn to speak orchid! - 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) <90 min. from CC Canal, Easy drive.

**CAIOS** notes with sadness the passing of **Nelda DeRosa**, Victor's wife and long time partner at the shop on Central St. in Natick. Vic was the last local supplier of cut flower orchids to the Boston Flower market and friend of countless orchid hobbyists. Nelda was a constant valued presence in his store and companion in his move to Florida. Goodby, Nelda.

**CAIOS 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show:** Mark your calendars the show dates are **January 25 – 26, 2014.**

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

*Thanks in advance to Monika, Nimtuk, and Mike for organizing this program.*

*Thanks also to new co-editor Lynne Schaffer who really did most of the work.*

*Summertime vacation -- SEE you all in September!*