

The Cape And Islands Orchid Society

Next Meeting: Sunday March 14,
2010

1:30 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.)

Joanna Ekstrom ☞ **“What’s my orchid telling me?”**

Our esteemed fairy Godmother of the Orchid Judging Classification List will join the Society to tell of what our plants are saying us about their lives and ills.

Joanna began her obsession 20 years ago largely via the New Hampshire Orchid Society of which she is a life member, past President and Show Chair. Joanna has also been associated with CAIOS, Ocean State OS, Mass. OS. and Central New England OS, as well as involved with Windward OS(Honolulu) and AOS. To add to this she is an AOS judge and past Chair of the MOS Show at Tower Hill, in Boylston Mass. Do come and hear how plants talk.

Husband Bob and Joanna have a small greenhouse in Wilton, NH and prefer vandaceous plants, but as official Orchoholics they like all orchids.

At this meeting we will be celebrating several March Birthdays in our group. Our guest speaker Joanna Eckstrom, and Tina Balog and Elizabeth Wolff were all born on March 13th, so we will have a spectacular cake created by Delicious Desserts and famous chef Lisa Raffael, a three-time “Food Network Cake Challenge” medalist. Would Members **A-L please please our palates by other tasty confections.** Raffle, Show & Tell Table, Books on Orchids, friends, talktime ??

Last Meeting: At the February meeting we had a great turnout of new members who joined at our Orchid Show where we looked at a slide presentation on the Orchids of Guatemala! We had a lovely but modest show table since many of the clubs blooming orchids were in New Hampshire at their annual show plus the following week we participated in the Amherst Orchid Society Show held at the Smith Vocational High School in Northampton, Ma.

New Hampshire Orchid Society Show: The weather smiled and CAIOS staged a “Rapture of Orchids” display of pre-loaded baskets for ease of handling and won our share of ribbons. Thanks to Jack Martinelli and Nancy Coutes and some other heroes for returning the plants to the Cape.

Amherst –By Pres. Tina: “The 32 s.f. table top display had a Cape Cod beach theme and received a 3rd place ribbon. Tom Gregg won the Best Oncidium Alliance in Show – Sponsored by Bill Hutchinson- Awarded to Oda. Aissa McLaughlin ‘HOF #10’ (HOF=Hawaiian Orchid Farm). It had three huge flower sprays – a truly impressive red! Tina thanks Cathy Fewore and Nancy Burtis for help grooming, labeling and setting up the display at Amherst. I want to thank Tom Gregg, Eleanor and Richard Phillips for display plants, and again Jack & Nancy for tear down help. It is a really nice show put on by some very good orchid growers!”

Boston: Just one more orchid event to go for the winter-spring season. **The** reincarnated Boston Flower & Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston!

We need your Help & Plants! For this **All New England Orchid Societies** Exhibit- setup on **Sunday March 21st & Monday March 22nd** with tear down on **March 28th**

- you can help us set up the exhibit (will try to arrange carpools to Boston)
- Have plants for the exhibit “A Feast for the Senses”
- Can Staff the exhibit between March 24th & 28th between the hours of 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

- **Please call Tina at 508 540-5006 - AND Liz Wolff (S. Yarmouth, 508 760-2987) will be the Lower Cape PLANT COLLECTING AGENT FOR THIS LARGE BUT UNJUDGED DISPLAY.**

The Seaport World Trade Center is located at: 200 Seaport Blvd. Boston, MA 02210

Driving Directions

FROM Points West via I-90: Follow the Massachusetts Turnpike/Interstate 90 East to Exit 25 - South Boston. At the top of the ramp, bear left towards Seaport Boulevard. At the first set of lights, proceed straight onto East Service Road. At the next set of lights, take a right onto Seaport Boulevard. The Seaport Boulevard entrance to the Seaport Garage is located ahead on the right.

FROM Points South via I-93: Heading northbound on I-93 towards Boston, take Exit 20, which will be immediately after Exit 18. Follow the signs to "I-90 East." Take the first tunnel exit to "South Boston." At the first set of lights at the top of the ramp, proceed straight onto East Service Road. At the next set of lights, take a right onto Seaport Boulevard. The Seaport Boulevard entrance to the Seaport Garage will be ahead on the right.

FROM Logan International Airport and Route 1A South: Follow the signs towards I-90 West - Ted Williams Tunnel. Take the Ted Williams Tunnel to Exit 25. At the top of the ramp proceed straight onto B Street. Follow B Street to the end and take a right onto Seaport Boulevard. The Seaport Boulevard entrance to the Seaport Garage will be on your right.

Parking: There are a lot of options available in the area in the \$9 – \$12 range. For more info. try paragonexpo.com

Our April 11, 2010 meeting will be from Greg Butler - Oak Hill Gardens

“Beyond the Flower: Appreciating the Idiosyncrasies of Orchid Species”

Oak Hill has a great selection of plants available for purchase, so please place your order directly from their great web page www.oakhillgardens.com

Ordering plants directly saves you a lot of money on shipping and handling and you usually receive the best plant available on the bench. Deadline for pre-ordering plants is April 6th at 3:00 p.m. Don't forget to note that you want any plants you ordered brought to CAIOS meeting on 4.11.2010.

AOS Judging Monthly as ever at the TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN, WEST BOYLSTON, MASS, NEAR WORCESTER. On First Saturdays of the month, at 10:30 AM for presentations. Noon lunch by brown bag or good deli in nearby farmstand or cafeteria at Tower Hill. Afternoon, AOS Judging. Lovely Greenhouse and store also. You learn a lot by listening + seeing quality plants critiqued by judges. Churchill St., N. off Rt. 290 nearly to end, on Rt, Free Admission for OrchId Judging attendees.

For Sale: Wardian Case* – 4 ft cube. Sides and bottom are made of acrylic and top is made of tempered glass. Includes, 2 sliding glass doors in front, external 400 watt high intensity grow light, 3 gal. reservoir for watering, overhead spray, automatic timer system for turning lights, fan, humidifier, and spray on/off. Includes 2 ft high 4 ft x 4 ft oak table with formica top. Shelf under tabletop to hold supplies. Fertilizer, insecticide, or fungicide can be added to the spray water. Excess water drains into a 5 gal bucket. If interested call Dick Phillips 508 525-2709 (*19th Century invention to transport delicate orchids from Tropics to Europe + keep high humidity plants happy, Nathaniel Ward 1829, England)

American Orchid Society News! From the desk of Ron McHatton - Director of Education and Chief Operating Officer

Oncidium ornithorhynchum Kunth – a case of mistaken identity The orchid horticultural world has many examples of plants that end up widespread in cultivation under one or more misnomers. This usually comes about because a species is described independently by two different taxonomists without knowledge of the other. Such is the case with Cattleya tigrina, known most commonly in cultivation under the newer name Cattleya leopoldii or Cattleya guttata var. leopoldii. However, once in a while, we find familiar species that are victims of completely mistaken identity. So it appears is the case with that plant most of us have either grown or currently grow – Oncidium ornithorhynchum. This plant figures prominently in hybridizing in the oncidium alliance with some 80 primary hybrids including the popular Oncidium Twinkle as well as provides the source of the fragrance in the chocolate-scented, ever popular, Oncidium Sharry Baby.

While it's true that what we grow with the name Oncidium ornithorhynchum is from Mexico and Central America, pink and, to most people, wonderfully fragrant – it isn't Oncidium ornithorhynchum. Jimenez and Hagsater,

working in Central American orchidaceae have determined that the taxon described as *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* is actually a South American species distributed from Ecuador, Colombia and Peru, and synonymous with *Oncidium pyramidale* Lindl.; a typically yellow and brown-flowered species. The pink-flowered species we all grow is formally undescribed. In Lankesteriana 9(3) (January 2010), they formally describe this species from Mexico and Central America as *Oncidium sotoanum* R. Jimenez & Hagsater and an additional subspecies *Oncidium sotoanum* ssp. *papalosmum* R. Jimenez, known only from the Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas, is described. The specific epithet (pronounced soe-toe-ANN-uhm) honors the recently deceased Miguel Angel Soto Arenas, respected around the world for his work in orchids of Mexico.

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Membership renewals for the Feb 2010 - Jan 2011 CAIOS Member fiscal year are due. All members who have not renewed since Oct 1, 2009, are requested to send \$20.00,

The benefits of membership include:

- A Monthly Newsletter
- Members receive free admission to the annual CAIOS Show
- Monthly meetings from September – June provide an opportunity to learn about orchids, their care and culture. Topics are varied, and guest speakers sometimes investigate a particular orchid in remote area of the world or a particular method of culture. Most of us are Beginners!
- Meet second Sunday of each month – see www.CAIOS.org for Specific date and meeting topic
- Second Sundays @ 1:30 p.m. @ the Administration Building of the Barnstable County Fairground (1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy.) on Route 151 in East Falmouth, MA 02536
- Questions about CAIOS call Tina @ 508 540-5006 or Tom 508 540-2054

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Membership is \$20 per year

Name _____

Address _____

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Please send Form and Check for \$20 payable to CAIOS to treasurer

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The NHOS Theme: The Rapture of Orchids

To enrapture:

THE RAPTURE OF ORCHIDS: ecstasy: a state of being carried away
by overwhelming emotional ATTACHMENT TO

ORCHIDS,

*“LOOKING AT SWEET ORCHIDS IN A PERFECT
RAPTURE”.*

-after Charles Dickens

