

The Cape and Islands Orchid Society -- Newsletter

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest Corp.

**Next meeting: Sunday MARCH 11, 2012, at 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.)**

The topic will be: **Lessons from Mother Nature:** Tips and Tricks to Grow Better Orchids. *With:* **Tim Culbertson**

"Lessons From Nature: Tips and Tricks to Grow Better Orchids" aims to share some insights from observing orchids in nature on how to grow the standard genera and groups of plants. Topics discussed include water, humidity, media, light, temperature, blooming triggers, fertilizer, and the interactions between all these components. I try to approach orchid growing by mixing the advice of professionals with advice from nature. I believe this makes orchid growing easy, and makes plants healthy, which is what we all want! Let's see what nature has to say!"

There will be as ever, two Raffles and a Show Table. Anyone who brings in flowering plants receives a free ticket for each plant. For the second raffle, buy a \$1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$5 from the raffle master. Library books are expected and there will be refreshments and would members A --- G please bring in some goodies for everyone to enjoy.

LAST MEETING .At our last meeting, Tom Mirenda, the orchid curator at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, gave a detailed description of the terrestrial orchids of Australia.

He covered a wide variety of orchids with strange and interesting reproductive patterns, including one orchid (Drakea) whose flower resembles a lady wasp. The male tries to abduct her for nefarious purposes, but the flower is pivoted and swings him into the pollen packet which sticks to him and off he goes frustrated, presumably to try again and further the Orchid's Great Design. Names like Diuris, the mule-ear orchid and Corybas, the helmet orchid which is (along with Aporostylis) one of the southernmost orchids (Macquarie Island) The Greenhood orchid looks much like our Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

The area richest in natives is around Perth, in SW Australia. For the intrepid traveler, there is a major orchid meeting, The Australian Orchid Conference, **11th to 16th September 2012 "Wild About Orchids"**, held every three years. The 19th AOC event will be staged to ensure that all visitors;have the opportunity to experience these magnificent flowers and the habitats in which they grow.

http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/About_Us.htm

The Show Table was modest, as most plants were at our exhibit at the New Hampshire Society Show. The CAIOS exhibit at NHOS won very few ribbons but received the Orchid Digest Corporation Award for best non-vendor display. A large raffle of plants from the CAIOS Show remnants then took place followed by a lively Show & Tell.














Remember! 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 member presentations. Then Lunch by Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good cafe with view. Walk the grounds? Afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Learn to speak orchid! - Rt. 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) Call Tom Gregg ? car pool

2012 International Phalaenopsis Alliance Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to our 2011 back-to-back IPA meetings, NHOS is pleased to announce that the IPA Northeast Team will once again be co-hosted by them, on Saturday, September 8th, 2012, the annual "Focus on Phals Speakers' Day." Time: approx.- 8:30 to 3:30 at the Bedford Town Hall, Bedford, NH 03110

Dr. Ron McHatton will be the keynote speaker, giving his amazingly informative presentation on "New Approaches to Pest and Disease Control," a presentation that applies to every orchid grower. , Carlos Fighetti will be speaking on the newest advances in the improvement of Phal. species, and Carri Raven-Riemann will bring all up to speed on the newest and most unique directions in Phal breeding as seen at the Taiwan International Orchid Show in March 2012. Register (www.ipa.org), beginning in April and by Sept 1. Small fee, lunch, mini-auction. 8:30AM - 3:30PM approx, At: the Bedford Town Hall, Bedford, NH 03110

News! Yes, there is a fairy godmother to take CAIOS to exhibit at the **54th Annual Hyannis Rotary Club Home & Garden Show:** Saturday, March 24 - Sunday, March 25, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM At the Barnstable High School, 744 W. Main St, Hyannis. Tina will be setting up, and helpers and plant donors should call her at 508 540 5006 several days ahead.

CAIOS

Prez.		Gail Barnett	508 477-1394	gailbarnett@aol.com
Secretary:		Cathy Fewore	508 540-2600	capecodcathy@yahoo.com
Veep.		Tom Gregg	508 540-2054	tf.gregg@verizon.net
Publicity		Gail Again	508 477-1394	gailbarnett@aol.com
Director		Tina Balog	508 540-5006	tina@plaid.who.edu
Director		Valerie Knott	508 748-2675	vknot@verizon.net
Library		Denise Hedderig	508 428-7246	dhedderi@capecod.edu
Show Chair		Tina Balog	508 540-5006	tina@plaid.who.edu
Newsletter		Tom Gregg again	508 540-2054	tf.gregg@verizon.net
Treasurer		Jack Martinelli	781 452-2030	jemartin@gis.net
Webmeister		Nimtuk	508 888-4087	webmaster@caios.org
Membership		Jack Martinelli	7 Samoset Ave.	Duxbury, MA 02332 -5206
Correspondence		Tom Gregg	26 Pond Rd.	Falmouth, MA 02540

The CAIOS Display at the New Hampshire Orchid Society 2012 Show in Nashua, NH



For CAIOS MEMBERSHIP: New or renew --- \$20.00 annually from February; Each additional member at same address is \$10.00 more. Forms are also available at meetings, Dues are/were due by Feb. 2012. April is your last Newsletter otherwise!

Please mail this form along with a check made out to CAIOS to:

Jack Martinelli,
7 Samoset Ave.
Duxbury, MA 02332-5206

Or -- return to any CAIOS Officer at meetings

Name(s) _____ Home Phone* _____

_____ Cell Phone* _____

Mailing Address _____ (*Optional)

Cash _____ Check # _____

E-Mail Address _____ (needed for E-mail Newsletter and any
correspondence, late breaking news etc.)

Newsletter Preference: Please Check One: E-Mail _____ Snail Mail _____

(note: e-mail is faster, saves CAIOS postage & printing and color may look better)