



## *The Cape and Islands Orchid Society*

*Affiliated with the American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest Corp.*

**Next meeting: Sunday November 13, 2011 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.)

### November Meeting:

Welcome to new member and grower ***Tim Culbertson***

## **“What is a Maudiae Paph. and why you should grow them.”**

" I will discuss historical Maudiaes and the incorporation of newly discovered species in Maudiae-type breeding, and will conclude with a quiz of sorts to help growers identify the most important traits passed on to Maudiae-type paphs from different species in the mix.

My name is Tim Culbertson, and I've been growing orchids since 1998. My collection has always been focused on Paphs., particularly species and hybrids of historical importance, and including many awarded complex hybrids from the early to mid-1900s. I also do some hybridization of my own. I grow my 1500 plants, including orchids, bromeliads, begonias, and aroids in a 40'x10' greenhouse I recently built at my home in East Falmouth, after growing in a number of rented spaces and under lights in California. I am an accredited AOS judge in the Northeast region."

Such a pleasing oversupply of delicious foods have been coming, we have decided to cut down on the number of cooks to members **A-G**.

A small raffle as at most meetings (but prepare for a mini-auction in December). Show & Tell **The Library** is being reorganized to keep how-to books and minimize older coffee table picture types. Thanks to Tim Culbertson for his input. The Awards Quarterly of the American Orchid Society is now entirely on computer so the paper copies are being tossed. The AQ was difficult to use but we are saving a notebook of interesting essays from their centerfolds and another notebook of the color photo pages. These are very pretty and varied.

**Our Last Gathering:** For the first of our two Part Auction of all budded of blooming plants we have to thank Tina Balog. She extracted dough from the populace and also ran some helpful workshops. We made a goodly amount (+ - \$ 1200) and bear in mind- the Dec. Winter Solstice event includes another Auction!

**Tower Hill Botanic Gardens in West Boylston, MA** hosted the Mass. Orchid Society Show this last weekend and CAIOS garnered a second for exhibits! Dark containers of plants surrounded a little forest scene of a pond bestrewn with autumn leaves and occupied with frogs, turtles and a lizard.

Three blue ribbons were earned for: Alison Arrouets Catt. *Portia coerulea* and Ed Bonacci's *Lctna*. ( *Lc Acker's Madison X Lctna Donovan Bennett*) and *Potinara Burana Beauty 'Burana'*. Red ribbons for Ed Bonacci; *Onc. Macmex* and *Mtssa Charles M. Fitch*, Tina Balog for *Phal. Fortune Salzman* and *Phal. Chi Yueh Peach*. Tim Culbertson for *Paph. charlesworthii* Cathy Fewore for *Dtps. Surf Song X Ox Gold Orange*. And T Gregg for *Onc. Catante*, *Phal Hybrid - Hilo lip type* and a yellow for *Lc Mari's Song*.

**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. Lunch is Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good cafe with view. XC ski the grounds? 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, just say "Orchid Judging" at gate. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111) Call Tom Gregg ? car pool.

**December meeting:** On December 11 -- behold! The CAIOS ANNUAL *SOLSTICE PARTY* shall be --AND A MINI AUCTION of many new plants. It's a fine food fest and a time to sit down and enjoy friends and deep orchid conversation. Bring your favorite dish and a hearty appetite. Think of a **12:30PM** start. Dec newsletter info soon.

**Finally**, the CAIOS SHOW. The Schedule; Set up venue --Wed Jan. 25, 2012, Stage exhibits --Thursday Jan 26., Judging and "Dinner among the Orchids" Friday Jan. 27, and open to the public Jan 28 and 29. Join the fun and work and be proud of your lovely result. Call heroic Show Chair Tina and sign up to help, 508 540-5006.

### **Great Location Show Promotions**

We are looking for people who know of a "Great Location" to place a 2012 CAIOS show promotional materials. Which include a small container with an orchid or two, a framed poster and postcards for people to take? A "Great Location" should have a high volume of people moving through most days and a prominent location for the small orchid display.

We plan on two sessions one in early December & again in mid January each for a two week period. The business does not need to be available for both sessions. If you think you know of a Dr, Dentist, coffee shop, your bank, a favorite restaurant or small business that has a suitable location please ask if they are interested before signing up. Also if you would obtain a contact persons name, address and telephone number so we can keep track of where we have advertising displays. If you have any questions please contact Tina (the Show Chair) at 508 540-5006. There will be a sign up sheet at the November and December meetings.

### **Need Volunteers**

Don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the 2012 CAIOS Show Orchid Vessels – Great Containers – January 28 & 29 from 9-5 both Saturday & Sunday. If you can not attend a CAIOS meeting please feel free to call Tina or Email her at [tina@plaid.whoj.edu](mailto:tina@plaid.whoj.edu). There are lots of different jobs for all abilities and talents.

We are also looking for assistance in supplying the hospitality room with great homemade treats for Wed, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. We will have crock pots available to heat items and coolers to keep perishable items cold. The fantastic homemade food and great hospitality is what makes this show so special for the vendors and exhibitors.

### **Children's Corner**

We are looking to add something new to the 2012 CAIOS Show a children's corner. We are planning on a few different activities, coloring your favorite orchid, a scavenger hunt, or I spy game. I am looking for helpers to staff the "Corner" for a few hours at a time. I am interested in any ideas you may have. I know many of you have children and grandchildren and have experience which could be very valuable.

### **Of Historical Interest:** From 1875 comes this—"The Orchid Hunter in Burmah No. 1

"So much has been written, and well written, about Orchids that it seems difficult to break fresh ground and note anything new about them, useful and instructive to the horticulturalist, to the Lover of Orchids. And to all interested in this charming tribe of plants.

The observations of the Orchid-Hunter made at their places of growth may, however, prove to be of considerable use both to the professional cultivator and the amateur.....

....The special home of *Dendrobium formosum* on the hills to the south of the road running from Moulmein to Amherst(Burma)....

All these varieties of *formosum* grow on the branches of trees in the west exposed situations, subject to the influences of a blazing sun in the summer and to a continual downpour of rain during the rainy season; the rainfall in this part of Burmah averaging 200 inches, during the season,

Were it not for the dews at night during the summer months the plants would undoubtedly die. Thousands of the small seedlings, and some of the larger plants, as it is, die every season. This shows that,

although this, like other Orchids, requires a season of rest, it is necessary for the cultivator to imitate the nightly dews during the resting season, which is best done by giving a very slight watering at the roots in the early morning; by this means the horticulturalist can not only insure the plant keeping in a robust and healthy condition, but he can improve on the circumstances of nature by supplying during the scorching months that shelter which the plant does not have in its jungles. During the season of growth it is unnecessary to say that plenty of water is essential.- E. S. B." The Journal of horticulture, cottage gardener and country gentlemen, London, 1875, p 248-9  
<http://www.archive.org/stream/journalofhorticu1875lond#page/248/mode/2up>

Yr. Ed. enjoys the prolix language and notes a small nugget of possibly very good advice. (should we all get up at 5 AM and spritz our dendrobiums?)

## **Orchid Vessels-Great Containers French Soirée Award Party Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.**

- Onion, Fennel and Wild Mushroom Soup with crusty French Bread
- Endive salad with tart Apple, Chestnuts and Blue Cheese
- Roast Chicken with a double Mustard & Tarragon crust
- Braised short Ribs in Cognac Peppercorns and roasted Shallots
- Stew of local Cod, Mussels, Salmon, with a Tomato-Saffron broth
- Gratin of Potatoes Dauphinoise
- Asparagus & Green Beans with toasted Garlic and Lemon zest
- Raspberry Almond Tart & Tray of Selected Cheeses
- Coffee, Tea and Water

A No Host Bar will be set up onsite for your convenience

To make reservations please remit a check to: Joyce Kodis, P.O. 301  
Dinner Questions phone (508) 758 2888 Mattapoissett, MA 02739-0301

**Deadline is Friday -January 21<sup>st</sup> 2012**

No. of people \_\_\_\_ Total @ \$45 each \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Your reservation will be held at the door for your party

More Show information & directions at [www.CAIOS.org](http://www.CAIOS.org)

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*Paph. Maudiae* 'The Queen'

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**Orchids Grow Wild where CAIOS reigns!**