

# *The Cape And Islands Orchid Society*

## **Newsletter - November**

**NEXT meeting: Sunday, November 8, 2009, 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.)

### **John Miller "*Odontoglossums*"**

For November, the Society welcomes John Miller. Many of us have seen his *Odontoglossums* at shows but not many have been to see his spectacular cool greenhouse in Westport Point, Mass. He is well respected editor of the *Odontoglossum Alliance Newsletter* and has promoted the love and lore of these cool growers. Editing historical documentation of the *Odontoglossums* is another of his talents including Leon Duval's 1900 "*Odontoglossums, Their History, Description and Culture*".

John's professional career includes Air Force work on fighter plane gun control and early computer work at Mass Inst. of Technology (MIT). This led him into the most exciting phase of his life, the hardware and software of the Apollo Moon Landing program at MIT. His team, at the Draper Lab, was responsible for the computer guidance of the Apollo Moon Rocket: "The highlight of my career". He now has an extensive group of species *Cattleyas* growing along with his own hybrid *Odontoglossums*. Come and hear about his world of these lovely Andean descended plants.

Ongoing   Show and Tell Table, refreshments, books, friends, swaps, raffles : even sell your plants. And --don't forget that Marty Tulloch can test water for pH, total solids etc., but call him ahead. details. Members **A-F** please bring goodies.

### **Nov. CAIOS Newsletter info:**

#### **Auction**

The CAIOS Auction was a blustery event you may recall we had 30 mph wind and horizontal heavy rain. It did not seem to deter people - lots of plants zoomed out the door to be whisked away to new homes. We made about two thousand dollars from the event which helps us pay for great speakers. We thank all our great Vendors

List them with address and web page if you have the will.

We also receive some fantastic donated plants from members Tom Gregg, the Wildman, Nimituk, Liz Wolff & Mike Lincoln. If I missed acknowledging your donation please accept my apology. Special Thank-you to Todd our great Auctioneer! Thank-you Marty Tulloch for running plants and being our great Raffle King and Librarian. Gail & Robin for doing refreshments and lots more. Thank-you Joyce for standing in as treasurer.

### **MOS Show**

*The Four Queens* (Jo Mayzel, Cathy Fewore, Liz Wolff & Tina Balog) put together a Bewitched fifty square foot display at the lovely Tower Hill Botanic Garden. We used one of Mike Lincoln's wet suits amended with a green glittering skull and purple wings. We also used some great plants from members Steve Setharas, Dick & Eleanor Phillips, Dave Nicholson, Alison Arrouet, Tina Balog and Tom Gregg. Thank-you for letting us use your plants it made for a fantastic Halloween display!

### **Ocean State Orchid Society is holding the 2nd Orchid Show of the Year 'An Ocean of Orchids' - November 20-22, 2009**

To be held at the Garden City Shopping Center - 180 Hillside Road, Cranston, RI 02920  
Next to Borders Books - Open to the Public Friday Nov. 20th 1:00 -5:00 P.M., Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 P.M., Sunday 10:00 - 4:00 P.M. General Admission \$5.00  
Visit [www.oceanstateorchidsociety.org](http://www.oceanstateorchidsociety.org) web page for updates.

CAIOS will be preparing a 25 square foot display for this rekindled event at their new location. Therefore we need to collect your flowering orchid plants on the week beginning **Nov 16th** so we can primp, stake and label them for the big event ahead of time. We also love to train new helpers, so if you are interested in spending the Thursday Nov 19th at the Garden City Shopping Center give Tina a call if you want to volunteer or if have orchid plants for the display (508) 540-5006 or email me at [tina@plaid.who.edu](mailto:tina@plaid.who.edu).

### **December Meeting**

December 13th Meeting we will have Fred Clark from Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista California back for our annual Solstice Party. He will be giving his new program on **Mini and Midi Cattleya Breeding**

A detailed look at the latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful flowers, A PowerPoint presentation.

The Mini to Mid-sized Cattleya's now come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the small growing Cattleya species, the important breeding plants and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. In conclusion we cover the 'best practices' for growing these little gems. This is a PowerPoint presentation. Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 20 of those years. With over 23 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids,

most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced “the **blackest** flower ever witnessed”. This grex has received seven FCC's and four AM's on the first flowers shown for judging! Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region

### **CAIOS Show**

We will have Posters and Postcards for you to pick up at this meeting. Please feel free to include the postcards with your annual holiday cards to friends and family who might attend the Show in Hyannis.

There will be sign up sheets for the CAIOS Show Orchid Harbor - at the next meeting so check or bring your calendar to sign up to work. It is a lot of fun and we hope that none of you will be thinking that it is too far to drive to Hyannis to volunteer. Just think of all our Off Cape & Down Cape members who have significant drive times to monthly meetings. I know it takes extra time and effort to volunteer but your individual participation at the event is what really makes it special for our vendors, other societies and the general public who attends. So please sign up and find a friend to join you for the day.

**Orchid Harbor - January 23 & 24 2010 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily**

**At the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis located at 35 Scudder Avenue at the West End Rotary behind the Melody Tent in downtown Hyannis.**

This facility was recently renovated and the rooms are really very, very nice plus there is a pool and many other amenities on site. If you are considering spending the Friday evening of the banquet or the entire weekend, below is the information you will need to make reservations.

#### **RATES**

We are pleased to extend to you our group rate of \$85.00 plus tax per night, for single or double occupancy accommodations. For triple occupancy, please add \$20.00 per room per night, quad occupancy \$40.00 per room/per night to the above rate. Please note that current MA occupancy tax will apply. Children under the age of 16 stay free in the same room with parents utilizing the existing bedding; cots are available at \$15.00 plus tax per night.

Based on availability, we will honor the group rate for three days before and three days after the scheduled dates of your meeting.

Please note that check-in time is after 3:00 PM and check-out time is prior to 11:00 AM

#### **RESERVATIONS INDIVIDUAL CALL IN**

**In order to ensure the group rate all reservations must be called in.**

All individuals are responsible for making their own reservations **by calling the group reservations office at (866) 828-9111**. Individuals must state they are attending **Cape Cod Orchid Society**. All reservations must be secured by a one night deposit, plus room tax, per room via a valid American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diners Card or Carte Blanche card number with an expiration date, or a check is acceptable.

The block of rooms will be held until **December 20, 2009**, 30 days prior to arrival, at which time the unused portion will be released and subsequent reservations and your special rates become subject to availability.

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*Motto: Orchids Grow Wild Where CAIOS Reigns!*

