

The Cape and Islands Orchid Society

Newsletter - September 2010

**Next meeting: Sunday September 12, 2010 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.)**


Welcome Back, All you Orchoholics and friends!

CAIOS starts off this "School" Year with - *Cordelia Head*

of J & L Orchids

Her topic will be: "GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES"

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The Annual Pep talk –  - What we do: The Society exists to popularize orchids and educate about their botany, culture, beauty and occurrence. CAIOS helps growers get greener thumbs through demonstrations, lectures, show exhibits, potting workshops and our orchid library. By sharing ideas we raise and bloom better orchids better. Dues, the orchid plant auction, raffles, and the Great Annual CAIOS Show provide enough dough to sponsor speakers, events, library items and this newsletter. It's a forum for articles, orchid news, related items for sale or trade, want ads, show announcements and anything else that you think you can sneak past the editor, contributions welcome!(E-mail address below) 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 (call the Pres. 477-1394), but buys some also.

Members may bring in plants and plant-related items to sell or trade at the meetings. Refreshments: Members (as indicated in the Newsletter)bring their choice of foods while coffee/decaf/tea/juices are provided by CAIOS Denmother Monika Wildman and helpers. The Society depends on volunteers for just about everything, so, if you care to help, please join in, contribute expertise and time to the various doings. Our Fearless Librarian, Marty Tulloch brings some selected orchid books to meetings.

This meeting – Sales with Cordelia Head, raffles, books, food, flowers and - Members **M Thru Z**, please to bring a delicacy to share.

THE CAIOS GIANT AUCTION on October 17 at 1:00 PM. Note that it is the THIRD Sunday in October. Please donate extra plants so that Todd Drummey, the faithful Auctioneer can help CAIOS finances grow. Come one and all and bid, bid bid. The Society purse needs you! If you can donate, please call Todd (508 548-2344 or 457-0669) or Tom Gregg at 508 540-2054

Remember! American Orchid Society Judging is held Monthly, on first Saturdays at the TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN, BOYLSTON, MASS, NEAR WORCESTER. Come at 10:15 AM for presentations. Enjoy Noon lunch by brown bag or good deli sandwich from nearby farm stand or cafeteria at Tower Hill. In the afternoon, see/join AOS judging. See the beautiful arboretum grounds, gorgeous views & lovely greenhouse and store also. You learn a lot by listening + seeing quality plants critiqued by judges.-- Rt 495N to Rt 290W, off at

Center/Churchill St, go L or North, nearly to end, Tower Hill on Rt, Free Admission for Orchid Judging attendees, tell the guard. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111)

The Massachusetts Orchid Society Show is coming -- "Trident's Treasures" - Show & Sale in memory of Dr. Wilford Neptune -- Set up Thurs Nov 4, Judging Fri Nov 5 -- Open to public Fri 1-5 pm and Sat & Sun Nov 6,7 -- 10 am - 5 pm
And we need a fearless leader to dragoon the troops to concoct and take a display to Tower Hill Botanical Garden (Same location as the AOS Judging). Discuss at the Meeting.

CAIOS thanks Marni Turkel for a fine June talk about little orchids and her sale of many of the plants shown in her presentation.

CAIOS is very pleased to thank **Peter Cochrane** for creation of all new much easier-to-use light towers for our show. We get many compliments on our bright shows. His easy to aim 4 bulb units replace the clumsy 6 bulb hand burners of yore. 3 cheers!

The Oncidium Alliance Hybrids – Confusion to the People revisited!

5 Genera have made most of the commonly available named hybrids. The **big 5** are: 1. **Brassia** – the big spidery flowers, usually pale yellow, green, some spots 2. **Cochlioda** – small, bright red, cool grower. 3. **Miltonia** (purple, (Brazil) and **Miltoniopsis** -the Pansy Orchids (Columbia, Panama). 4. **Odontoglossum** - Andean, cool. And 5. **Oncidium** -Usually warm growers, many yellow sprays

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| Bigeneric hybrids: | Brassia X Cochlioda | = | <u>Brassioda</u> | (Broda) |
| | Brassia X Miltonia | = | <u>Miltassia</u> | (Mtssa) |
| | Brassia X Odontoglossum | = | <u>Odontobrassia</u> | (Odbrs) |
| | Brassia X Oncidium | = | <u>Brassidium</u> | (Brsdm) |
| | Cochlioda X Miltonia | = | <u>Miltonioda</u> | (Mtda) |
| | Cochlioda X Odontoglossum | = | <u>Odontioda</u> | (Oda) |
| | Cochlioda X Oncidium | = | <u>Oncioda</u> | (Oncda) |
| | Miltonia X Odontoglossum | = | <u>Odontonia</u> | (Odnna) |
| | Miltonia X Oncidium | = | <u>Miltonidium</u> | (Mtdtm) |
| | Odontoglossum X Oncidium | = | <u>Odontocidium</u> | (Odcdm) |
| Trigenerics | | | | |
| | Brassia X Cochlioda X Miltonia | = | ?? (not on existing lists) | |
| | Brassia X Cochlioda X Odontoglossum | = | <u>Sanderara</u> | (Sand) |
| | Brassia X Cochlioda X Oncidium | = | ?? (not on existing lists) | |
| | Brs X Milt X Odm | = | <u>Degarmoara</u> | (Dgmra) |
| | Brs X Milt X Onc | = | <u>Aliceara</u> | (Alcra) |
| | Brs X Odm X Onc | = | <u>Maclellanara</u> | (Mclra) |
| | Cda X Milt X Odm | = | <u>Vuylstekeara</u> | (Vuyl) |
| | Cda X Milt X Onc | = | <u>Charlesworthara</u> | (Cha) |
| | Cda X Odm X Onc | = | <u>Wilsonara</u> | (Wils) |
| | Milt X Odm X Onc | = | <u>Colmanara</u> | (Colm) |
| 4 parents: | | | | |
| | Brs X Cda X Milt X Odm | = | <u>Beallara</u> | (Blra) |
| | Brs X Cda X Odm X Onc | = | <u>Alexanderara</u> | (Alxra) |
| | Brs X Milt X Odm X Onc | = | <u>Bakerara</u> | (Bak) |
| | Cda X Milt X Odm X Onc | = | <u>Burrageara</u> | (Burr) |

All 5 as Parents: Brs X Cda X Milt X Odm X Onc = Goodaleara (Gdlra)

Miltoniopsis vs Miltonia will eventually add some new genera, although there is a move in commercial growers to keep old, heavily used and familiar names rather than use the new ones. **ALSO in this Alliance**—but considered as minor genera are: Ada, Aspasia, Baptistonia, Cischweinfia, Comparettia, Cuitlauzina, Erycina, Gomesa, Ionopsis, Leochilus, Lockhartia, Macredenia, Notylia, Ornithophora, Rodriguezia, Rhynchostele, Seelochilus, Sigmayostylis(Ornithophora), Trichocentrum, Trichonidium, Trichopilia and Zelenco. And new named Oncids like Brachtia, Psychopsis and Tulumnia keep coming along.

New popular combinations will doubtless appear over time like these three, often seen in cultivation:

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| Baptistonia X Odontoglossum X Oncidium | = | Carpenterara | (Cpra) |
| Leochilus X Rodrigueza X Onc | = | <u>Howeara</u> | (Hwra) |
| Aspasia X Cochlioda X Odontoglossum | = | <u>Lagerara</u> | (Lag) |

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Motto: **Orchids Grow Wild Where CAIOS Reigns!**
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