



# CAIOS April Newsletter

Newsletter Number 189 *Orchids Grow Wild Where CAIOS Reigns*

## April 9th Meeting

at the Administration Building  
of the Barnstable County Fair Grounds  
on Route 151 in Falmouth  
1220 Nathan Ellis Highway, E. Fal.  
02536

J-Z are responsible for munchies.

## Bill Bergstrom

of Bergstrom Orchids Keaau, HI

[www.berstromorchids.com](http://www.berstromorchids.com)

## Wild, Weird & Wonderful World of Orchids

Bill Bergstrom's program promises to be very interesting reflection on some of the strangest and the most stunning flowers in the orchid kingdom. It might change your view of orchids forever. Bill is originally from California. Born in LA, his first job was with the Atomic Energy Commission and later for Douglas Aircraft, ultimately working as an engineer on Space Shuttle Rockets. How did he get to Orchids? Well his chemist brother Douglas was a grower for George Kennedy, a famous orchidophile, collector and writer for Orchid Digest. They became friends, and he too began collecting part time until he found he was making more money selling Orchids than working in the Aerospace industry. As the years went along he spent more time and money collecting Orchids throughout the Americas. At one time he was the preeminent authority on the species *Phragmipedium* and sold the first *Besseae*s in the USA at the San Francisco Show in the early 80's. He got out of the collecting business and moved to Hawaii. He now concentrates on rare *Cattleya* species varieties, *Stanhopea*, *Bulbophyllum* and other weird to bizarre species. He is bringing a selection of his plants to sell.

## The 2006 New England Spring Flower Show

by Tina Balog

The Flower Show was "the best display we have done yet!" That is a direct quote from one of the Judges that stopped by the exhibit while I was staffing it one day. Of course he offered several additional pointers on how we could make it better... normal behavior for judges I have noticed. Another judge noted that the display had real color impact a "Wow" effect she said. In addition she really liked the fact you could get close to the flowers to really look at them. I must say Architect and designer Gerard Nadeau created a lovely integrated display and information pavilion for 2006 show. Many people entered the pavilion to read the information, see the small plants in the Wardian Case and obtain membership information in record numbers. The display was well staffed by members and friends of Mass. Orchid Society, New Hampshire Orchid Society (NHOS) and Cape & Islands Orchid Society (CAIOS). These individuals were ready and able to



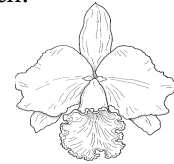
answer questions about orchids and which Orchid Society was closest to them. We are always looking for more orchid victims to join in our hobby.

I want to thank the three gentlemen from CAIOS who arrived on Wednesday to construct the orchid pavilion display many thanks to Mike Sullivan, Peter Cochrane and Bill Wildman. Plus the plant placement team of Elizabeth Wolff and Lisa Parenteau. Of course I thank all the growers who allowed us to use their plants in the exhibit. Thanks to all those who staffed the exhibit during the 10 days of the event. These events are a real team effort and are a lot of fun so next year plan on joining us if you can. If you can't join us you can always contribute a plant or ten for the 2007 event.

## Sat May 20, 2006

## The 2006 Spring Joint Regional Workshop of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.

Hosted by A & P Orchids Nursery located at 110 Peters Road, Swansea, MA 02777 on Saturday May 20, 2006 beginning at 9:30 am to 3:00 or so. Dr. Robert Greisbach is the Keynote Speaker on Blue Phalaenopsis Breeding at 10:00 am. Tina Balog will bring copies of the program registration flyer with all the detailed information to the next few meetings the fee is \$15 and covers morning refreshments and catered lunch.



## CAIOS Charter Bus Trip To The 26th New York International Orchid Show at Rockefeller Center in New York Friday April 21, 2006

by Tina Balog

CAIOS is chartering a bus to take us to this special show - with more than 60 international exhibitors from North and South America, Asia, Europe and the United Kingdom. With 25 major trophy awards, 30 American Orchid Society awards, 52 plaques and 600 ribbons will be presented. Special fragrance judges for the fragrance competition and display will be held as well. There are eight invited floral designers, daily tours with orchid experts and of course complimentary lectures and workshops each day.



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CAIOS Bus Trip To NY Orchid Show

More than 40 vendors including several international commercial orchid growers will offer between 50,000 and 75,000 orchid plants for sale. There will also be orchid books, botanical prints, jewelry, gifts and orchid supplies for you to purchase. There is a complete list of vendors and display participants listed on The Greater New York Orchid Society web page: [www.gnyos.org](http://www.gnyos.org).

**Date:** Friday April 21, 2006

**Time:** Leave at 6:00 am.

**Return** to bus in NY at 5:00 pm, to arrive at approximately 11:00 pm on Cape Cod

**Where:** 1st pickup location at the Barnstable Fairground Parking Lot

We have now secured a better off Cape pickup location for those of you planning on attending this excellent event with CAIOS. Pickup will be at 6:45 at White's Restaurant in Westport, MA, right next to the Hampton Inn which is part of their complex (handy for those of you who may want to spend the night before the trip). White's Restaurant is located just east of the intersection of Route 24 and Route 195. The street address is 66 State Road Westport, MA phone #508 675-7185 should you need further driving directions. You must park in the overflow parking lot across from the restaurant.

We will be boarding the Bus at Rockefeller Center at 5:00 p.m. for the return trip

Cost: \$30.00 per person round trip not including tip for bus driver. There is a \$5.00 fee to enter the display area the sales area is free

Please indicate on note with your check if you will be departing from 1st or 2nd or Off-Cape pickup location; and if you have a cell phone, please plan on bringing it on the trip and provide me with the number in case we are looking for you in NY City. We would hate to leave anyone behind. Tina Balog's cell phone # in case you need to contact me on the day of the trip is 508 564 8031.

Send your check to Tina Balog 64 Carol Ave. E. Falmouth, MA 02536. Receipt of your check is your official reservation for the trip. No refunds will be available unless I can fill your seat. After April 1,



## Report

### on the Connecticut Show

by Tom Gregg

The Connecticut Show theme was "Orchids Around the World", so, for fun, a team of CAIOSers placed the plants "around" an inflated globe. Ron Stewart and I left Falmouth in the dark at 6 AM on Friday and arrived to set up by 9:30. We were soon joined by very capable and energetic Lisa Parenteau, and we scrambled to place plants, labels and judging tickets, barely making the 1 PM Judging start. The Show was small, but exquisite in plant quality and pretty displays, so we were pleased to get a third for Society exhibits. Steve Sethares' big Aliceara Sunday's Best received a Best Brassia prize while Mike Lincoln's huge white Phal Sogo Yukidian got Best Phal in the show!! COS had asked for more plants, so I readied too many, and "Dale", a COS member made a pretty hall entry display of 4 extra cymbidiums. I even donated one huge Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' to the COS World. Even so, I brought home 6 that never found a place, and also sent 5 with Tina to be in



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2006 all remaining seats will be offered to other Orchid Society members in our region and interested parties on a first come first serve basis. If you have questions, please call Tina Balog at 508 540 5006.

There are still plenty of seats available on the Bus for all who want to attend. It is the cheapest trip (\$30.00 + \$5.00 entry fee into Exhibition area) you can find to New York City for this event. Please send me your check made out to CAIOS, your pickup location (White's Restaurant or Barnstable Fairground) and a cell phone if you have one. Tina Balog 64 Carol Ave East Falmouth, MA 02536 or contact me at 508 540-5006 cell phone contact for day of the event 508 564-8031. Please feel free to pass the information on to your friends and local garden club or anyone you think might want to join us on this excursion.

the Boston Show. On Sunday, through faint snow flurries, I went back and returned the somewhat battered plants home, adorned under their load of ribbons. Plants came from myself, Tina Balog, Mike Lincoln, Lisa Parenteau, Steve Sethares and Ron Stewart.

#### Medallions:

*Best Phal. in Show* – Phal Sogo Yukidian  
Mike Lincoln

#### Blue Ribbons

*Sarcochilus hartmannii*

*Best Vandaceous allied, windowsill/lights and miniature* – Tina!

Aliceara Sunday's Best 'Pink Skirt'

*Best Brassia alliance hybrid* – Steve

*Odontoglossum Serendipity*

*Best Odontoglossum hybrid* – Tom G

*Dendrochilum tenellum CCE/AOS*

*Best Coelogyne alliance species* – Tom

*Odontocidium Cherry Fudge*

*Best Odont. intergeneric hybrid*

**Red Ribbons** (all Tom G. unless otherwise noted)

*Catt. Irene Finney 'Z'*

*Lav. Catt. hybrid*

*Odm. Margaret Holmes 'Alpine'*

*Odontoglossum hybrid*

*Brassada Orange Delight 'Starbeck'*

*Brassia Sp., hybrids & Intergenerics*

*Odontioda Aissa MacLaughlin 'Hof'*

*Odont. intergenerics*

*Potinara Flameout 'Cherry'*

*Catt. Hybrids -- Red/ Red shades*

*Paph. Spokane x Winston Churchill*

*Paph. complex hybrids, green/yellow--Ron*

#### Yellow Ribbons

*Slc. hybrid lost label*

*Catt. Hybrids --yellow/orange*

*Oda. George McMahon*

*Odont. intergenerics*

*Oda. (Topa X St. Clements)*

*Blc. Spring Dawn*

*Lav. Catt. Hybrids* – Ron

*Phal. Taisuco Snow*

*Phal. Hybrids white -- Ron*

*Phrag. besseae flavum* ('Windy Hill X 'Sunbeam')

*Phrags. windowsill/lights* -- Tina

*Phal. Nobby's Amy*

*Phal. windowsill/lights* -- Tina

*Anacheilium*(*Encyclia*) *sceptrum*

*Encyclia species* -- Lisa Parenteau!

## Member Profile

by Eleanor Phillips

*This is a new feature, which will run more or less monthly in the CAIOS newsletter. The purpose is to introduce members to each other, and to open the way for members to contact other members who might have similar growing conditions or types of orchids. The selection of who will be featured is solely at the whim of the author, though I do intend to try to highlight a variety of members – long time members, new members, greenhouse growers, window sill growers – you get the idea. I take sole responsibility for doing my best to represent the member featured. I will appreciate feedback to tell me if you like the idea and the article. Yours truly, Eleanor Phillips*

**Member:** Tom Gregg

**Lives in:** Falmouth

**Growing orchids for:** xx years  
– all his life!

**Became interested in orchids:**

as a child. Mother was a noted horticulturist. When, as a young teen, Tom was ill for several months, an uncle gave him a book on orchids to study – and that hooked him! His great aunt raised orchids, and paid teenaged Tom 25 cents/hour to scrub pots for her plants.

**Grows orchids in:** two growing areas: A warm and a cold one. The warm greenhouse is attached to the south side of the house just off the kitchen; the cold one is a screened porch which he wraps in plastic in the wintertime, on the northwest side of the house.

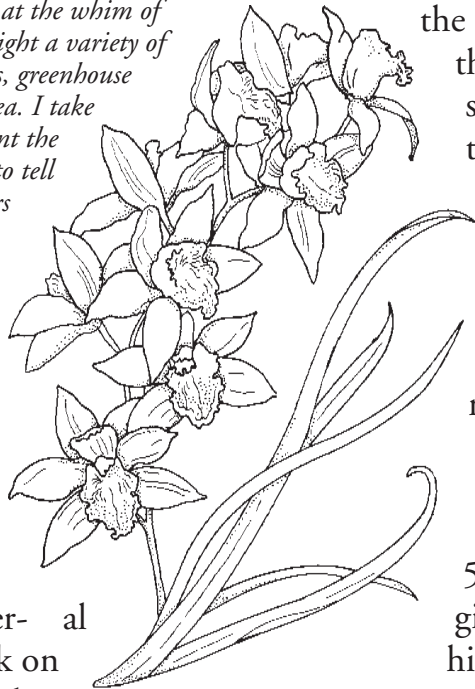
**How many orchid plants:** Has about 600 orchid plants:

**And varieties:** Cattleya and Cattleya alliance (the favorites!) and also any bright-colored odont or cymbidium

**Favorite orchid:** bright red, orange, or yellow cattleyas

**Favorite potting media:** 50% fir bark, 30% perlite, 10% charcoal. Varies size of fir bark for plant and/or root size, also may “throw in” some peat moss for some plants

**Happiest orchid moment:** when a perfect red flower opens. Has two that just came into bloom



as of this writing: an Slc. Jewel Box “Dark Waters”, and an Slc. Vallezac “Evelyn”. (We might see them at the April CAIOS meeting).

**Anything else?** Tom is a founder of the CAIOS, and loves to develop enthusiasm for orchids in others. He supports virtually every display that CAIOS does for other orchid societies by bringing plants, helping design and setting up the display, and doing that all important tear down. Tom loves giving talks on orchids to non-orchid growers, like garden clubs. Think of him for a club you know of.

**Contact information:** phone 508-540-2054. He will gladly give advice to or exchange helpful hints with other orchid growers.

### Election of officers

**A nominating committee Gail Barnett and Bill Wildman has been formed to develop a list of new nominees for the position of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and one Director to be voted on at the annual May meeting.**

#### CAIOS OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

President	Tina Balog	540-5006
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## May 14th Meeting

May 14th, 2006 meeting is to be held at the Barnstable County Fairground beginning at 1:00 p.m. for the Annual Potting Workshop and the new exciting Division of community pots aka compot.

We will have the general Potting Workshop beginning at 1:00 p.m. for beginners who can bring a few (less than five please) orchids to be repotted. We supply the potting media. Please bring a selection of clean or new pots for your plants since it is difficult to predict what size plants people will bring, though we always bring a few pots. The point is to teach you, not do all of it for you so be prepared to get your hands into it. Please wear warm clothing in layers since we typically try to perform this outside due to mess.

There will be a general business meeting inside to vote on new officers and of course refreshments.

In addition we wanted to entice the more advanced growers to the meeting with the opportunity to divide up community pots of various orchid hybrids and or species. We will be dividing them into individual plantlets and potting them up so you can try to grow them into big blooming plants. We will be trying to obtain some interesting plants and there will likely be a small fee to cover the cost of the potting media and small pots. So all plan on coming to the annual potting Workshop May 14th 2006 - yes it is Mother's Day and no we could not move it to another date due to the fact that the Fairground is booked on all other weekends in May. Normally Kelly's Korner attends but will be unavailable this year due to previous travel arrangements. So we plan on having some bark supplies for sale will up date you in the May Newsletter.