



CAIOS December Newsletter

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Cape and Orchid Society Meeting
*Come one.
Come all.*

To The CAIOS Annual Solstice Party

Sunday, December 9, 2007
at 1:00 PM

at the Administration Building
of the Barnstable County Fairgrounds
on Rt. 151 in Falmouth
(1220 Nathan Ellis Highway)
East Falmouth, 02536).

As time has shown, the Annual Solstice Party is a fun chance to schmooze, compare grandchildren and eat heavily. "Join the fun, bring good cheer and good eats for a Warm and Tasty time. Lift your spirits with pleasure in our friendships and the beautiful flowers we all share. The Season to be jolly is here so let us prepare a feast as a gift to each other."

Members A to G -- desserts,
H to R --main dishes, finger foods
S to Z -- salads.

Ignore this list if you have a masterful specialty item you just must bring. Bring plates and tools for what you bring, please.

The meeting will again feature a MINI-AUCTION by master Auctioneer Todd Drummey. The plants are from various members and a few vendors, some are spectacular -- see list attached and final list there. Bring in a great show table, of course. Library books, sell, trade or give away plants or orchid related items.(or bring to add to auction) It's a good time to just catch up with friends and swap orchid or "fish I caught" stories with your friends. Go for a big ShowTable, but wrap plants for frost. No table raffle, too many goodies in CAIOS's selection.

Show Material Available at Meeting

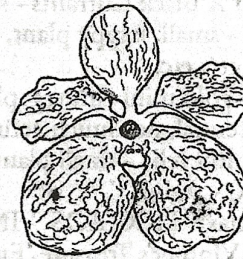
The December meeting is your last chance to volunteer to work at the show, and to pick up both Posters and Postcards. Circulate them to your Doctor's and Dentists office, your local library, book stores and garden centers before the Christmas holiday. Since the show is two weeks earlier we need to make a big effort to get the materials out there so people know it is earlier this year! Don't forget to take postcards and put them with your holiday greeting cards to all your friends who you think would be interested in.

How To Grow Orchids in Your Living Room

Maurice Sussman

So we sold our house in September of ought six and took up condominium living. No more greenhouse. No more orchid addiction and good riddance. Free at last. November arrived and the humidity in the condo dropped. A humidifier was needed. Being cheap, I took our old coffee table out of storage - made of wood, 2 by 4 ft. and 16" high. Bought two 2x2' trays from Mahoney Too, laid down beds of pea stone and filled them with water. Placed a small fan on a cement block at one end and measured rate of evaporation. Well over a gallon per day. But who

wants to look at naked pea stone? Saw a Phal in bloom and bought it. Bought a few more. Bought Jump Start light system from Charley's Greenhouse on sale at 60 bucks. Simple frame and adjustable 4' fluorescent fixture holding 2 bulbs. Only 31" high



(meant for growing seedlings) so frame rests on 6" of shelving screwed to the ends of the table.

Of my 13 orchids 11 are adults, and 2 adolescent, a Phal set to bloom next Spring and Angr. Longiscott a young bloomless thing and both growing vigorously. The other Phals (5) came with spikes, rebloomed vigorously after the first flower generation dropped off and each has set 2 - 3 new spikes over the past 7 months while adding several new leaves and losing none from drying. One Phrag is in bud. Of 3 Dendrobiums, 1 has been in continuous bloom, 1 bloomed once and the third is in spike as I write. A Degmorara and a Brassidium are in glorious bloom. A total census of 13 orchids plus 1 Bonsai Jade tree and a sweet basil plant. Can fit 18 orchids, and eventually 20 after I throw out Jade and basil. So I thought I was orchid - free and after 4 lousy months I felt off the wagon, main lining once more. One of my sons advised me to contact Orchids Anonymous.org but I think I'm a lost cause.

The Distinguished list of plants for our CAIOS Solstice Celebration Temptation Mini- Auction
 AT 1, YES! -- ONE PM DEC 9 SUNDAY

from Wendy Oliver + a few T Greggs

1. Odontoglossum Serendipity - in spike, lovely white star, maroon markings, golden crest on lip (everyone needs this!)
2. Paphiopedilum (Macabre X Ruby Peacock) - guess the color! small plant
3. Zygopetalum Artur Elle X sib- small
4. Paph. sukhakulii 'Dawn Marie' X Maudiae Coloratum - small plant
5. Oda. Mont Fyam - prob. white/raspberry - TLC
6. Otaara Hwa Yuan Bay 'She Shu', AM/OSROC (Orch. Soc. Republ.of China) 7 JEM
7. Oncidium unknownianum - bloom it and find out/enjoy!
8. Verrrrrry similar to 7.
9. Yamadara Kermit 'Ribbit' - Cattleya + Broughtonia + Brassavola nodosa, pale green, amethyst striped lip 15 9 JEM : 8
10. Wilsonara Spaceman 'Moonflight'. AM/AOS small plant \$ 9 JEM
11. Miltassia Charles M. Fitch 'Ixumi' - in spike, guaranteed bloom!
12. UnLabellia Oncidiorum mysterium - just try it! \$ 3 JEM
13. Miltonidium Bartley Schwartz 'Highland', AM/AOS - red/white
14. Brassavola (Little Stars X cordata) 'H & R' \$ 13 JEM
15. Paph. sukhakulii ('Montecito' X 'Star Wars') - a sib cross of 2 good cultivars 48
16. Oncidium (Pscopsis) Kalihi - spiked 24
17. Asconopsis Irene Dobkins 'Elmhurst' 72
18. Paph. (Raisin Jack X Blackhawk) X Black Currants - sm plant
19. Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni', HCC/AOS - small, happy plant, lav stars
20. Zygo. Artur Elle X as above etc. etc. etc.
21. Potinara Burana Beauty 'Beauty' gold mini eith res splashes - in bLoOm!
22. Oncidium "as is" - as is (has potential, not much actual)
23. Epidendrum lividum - species, ? Encyclia - small plant, prob yellow with brown overlay
24. Paph. (Macabre X Ruby Peacock) - Agin!
25. Beallara Marfitch 'Everglades Galaxy' HCC/AOS - IN BUD!
26. Paph. (wardii 'Krull-Smith' X P. Vintner's Treasure 'Eureka') small
27. Otaara Hwa ---see #6---

From Alison Arrouet

28. Catt. Lutiaca 'VI' (Lutara X aurantiaca)
- From TFGregg
29. Oncidium Aloha Iwanagara - Big Lip, yellow dancing Girl type, Your type? Bloomy
 30. Cymbidium traceyanum (TFGregg)- The Auction prize I/we think - green, tawny, Stripes, grand, fragrant, in FULL Bloom!!!!

31. Brassidium Shooting Star 'Black Gold', HCC/AOS - in Bloom
32. Mtssa Seattle Sunrise 'Yellu'. HCC/ AOS, (Br. verrucosa X Milt William Kirch) - clear yellow stars
33. Beallara Tahoma Glacier 'Sugar Sweet', AM/AOS - white, sl burgundy spots

From Mike Sheridan, Wickford Orchids

40. Sigmatostalix radicans - mini green & white
41. Aganisia Eva's Blue Amazon 'Mindi's First Love' 6 JEM
42. Cymbidium #1 in Bloom - yellow with red spots
43. Cym #2 - also ready to bloom
44. Doritaneopsis Chain (Sogo Davis X Rose Valentine) X Chair Xen Pearl prob will be in bloom fuscia, white picotee

From Todd's trusty custodianship:

45. Iwanagara Apple Blossom 'Fantastic' - a Catt hybr with Diacrium (properly Caularthron for you Botanists out there) tall apple flowery spray white & pink
46. Cuitlauzina pendula - an Oncid Alliance gem having 2 foot spike, pendulous, pale avender lovely flowers
52. Epidendrum aromaticum (Encyclia) cream to v. pale green finely amethyst veined lip
53. Odontonia (probably an Odontocidium) Bittersweet 'Cherry Chip', AM/AOS tall dark spike, strong red lip, cool grower
54. Slc Jewel Box "Dark Waters", AM/AOS super vigorous red
55. Same \$ 16 JEM
56. Laelia (Laeliocatt.) Pamela Muse, 'Corrie Elizabeth', HCC/AOS \$ 10 JEM