

THE CAPE & ISLANDS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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IT WAS A Great Show!

Next Meeting: Sunday February 14, 2010

1:30 PM, Sunday February 14, 2010 - 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.)

AN ORCHID DIGEST CORPORATION PRODUCTION:

“Orchids of Guatemala”

A SLIDE SHOW (by Dr. Carl Withner of Brooklyn Botanic Garden fame)
presented by our esteemed Pres: Tina Balog

Raffle, show table, warmth and cheer! Members **M-Z** please bring a food item for us all. Welcome to new members.

The 2010 CAIOS Show! - What a grand time we had at the show. In a bright, roomy hall, free of icy blasts from Buzzards Bay, the flowers were never better. About 3000 folks came and ogled the incredible variety of orchids, from the micro flowers of *Dendrochilum tenellum* to giant pure white Catt. Bob Betts, the variety was astounding. All sharers loved the 40 foot ceilings, the easy loading doors, the helpful staff and each others joy in staging a great event. Next Year, keep tuned. The Society thanks all who helped haul stuff, primp plants, feed folks, computerize plants, aim lamps, sell raffles, man the gates, give tours, floralize docks and do all the minutiae for a successful show. Kudos to Show Chair Tina and all her minions! Liz & Jo say it so well:

“Our display this year was very beautiful and we were rewarded with some wonderful awards. We would like to thank everyone who brought their beautiful orchids for us to work with without which there would be no CAIOS display.

We would also like to thank the legions of people who helped us get it all together. Hopefully, we don't forget anyone. This year we were blessed with Valerie Knott and her husband Dave who provided us with the boat, the dock and the moorings to name a few. It was one of the easiest years for us. Valerie and Dave, we can't thank you enough. Mike Sullivan who went out in awful weather to gather the wooden lobster pots for us. Mike a big thank you to you. Your the best! We would also like to thank Lucille Pavel, Joanna Wahl and Jean Cochrane for helping us until the bitter end when every orchid was perfectly placed in the display. We can't forget all the members who worked in the background grooming the orchids. Thank you. Great job!”
Jo Mayzel and Liz Wolff

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to staff the various jobs at the show. You all did a fantastic job at our new site. I especially want to thank the “Rookie of the Year” Nancy Burtis for her help every day in the hospitality room and hosting people at her house. Thanks to Joyce Kodis, Del Thurston and Monika Wildman for many good things. We also need to thank Tom & Ginny Gregg, Todd Drummey, and Gail Barnett for hosting numerous people at their houses.

The banquet was a huge success at the new venue – the food was excellent! We had the largest attendance at the banquet ever, **92 people!** So if you could not attend this year make plans for the 2011

show it was really worth it! ---- Tina

And – Yes, we have a show date of January 22 & 23, 2011 at the Hyannis Conference Center once again.

Awards:

CAIOS Exhibit: TA-DA!

The Laura C. Slavin Award for Most Creative Display, AND

1st. for Orchid Society Displays, AND:

The Orchid Digest Trophy* for Best Non Commercial Exhibit

Alison Arrouet

1st. *Coelogyne cristata*, 2nd. *Cym. Peepers 'Jeepers'* and 2nd. *Colmanara Wildcat*.

Tina Balog

2nd. *Phalaenopsis Sogo David*, 3rd. *Phal. (Brother Peptide X Brother Nobel Star)*, 3rd.

Phal. (Golden Peoker "Es" X Dtps. Brother Victoria 'B#1') and 2nd. *Zygonisea. (Zygo*

Artur Elle X Aganisea cyanea)

Gail Barnnett

2nd. *Blc. Husky 'Romeo'*, HCC/AOS

Ed. Bonacci

1st. *Lycaste Aquila*, 1st. *Stenosarcos Vanguard* and 1st. AND Best Cymbidium in Show!!! *Cym. Sweetheart*

Cathy Fewore

3rd. *Paph. appletonianum* and 3rd. *Epilaeliocattleya Volcano Trick 'Orange Delight'*

Tom Gregg

1st. *Epidendrum Jubilee*, 1st. *Oncidium Tsiku Margaretta*, 2nd. *Epidendrum Lilac Queen* and

3rd. *Dendrochilum cootesii*

Valerie Knott

1st. *Iwanagara Apple Blossom*, and 3rd. *Phal. Brother Passat 'Brother'*

R. Joyce Kodis

3rd. *Watercolor of - Phal. Golden Peoker X Taisuco Glory*

Lucille Pavel

3rd. *Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Red'*

Neil Scholl

3rd. *Vascostylis Prapawan 'Tanzanite'*

Ron Stewart

1st. *Blc. Edgard Stars 'Yen'* and 3rd. *Paph. Luther Mass*

Monika Wildman

1st. *Oerstedella centradenia*, 2nd. *Angraecum sesquipedale*, 2nd. *Onc. Gold Dust*, 2nd. *Dendrobium kingianum 'Albert West'*, 3rd. AND!!! Best Mini Orchid - Dend. aberrans X sib, 2nd. *Clowesia Jumbo Grace*, 3rd. *Dendrochilum javereii*, 2nd. *Den. Tenellum* and 2nd. *Cryptocentrum species* –(an obscure genus of some 17 species known from Bolivia to Nicaragua, ed.)

Other awards were won in their own exhibits by members Mike Lincoln, Dick & Ellie Phillips and the Miller – Moran – Wisneski team. Well done! (if interested, Yr ed has list)

*(FYI - (PURPOSE: The Trophy shall be given to encourage the growing of better quality hybrids and species and to encourage their culture.

RULES: The Trophy may be given at any show at which its issuance is authorized by the Orchid Digest.

The Orchid Digest Trophy shall be given to only one exhibit at each show. _

The Orchid Digest Show Trophy may be awarded by a team consisting of a minimum of five judges, accredited when possible, to one noncommercial (as defined by the show schedule) orchid exhibit displaying the highest levels of: 1. Artistry, taste and innovation in design and presentation 2. Flower quality 3. cultural excellence.

Judges may also consider the exhibit's educational value and the rarity of the plant materials. The definition of "high flower quality" is to be taken from the American Orchid Society judging forms for hybrids and species. It shall not be presumed that this trophy will be awarded at every show at which it is available, but that it will be awarded only to exhibits of outstanding high quality.)

Marty Tulloch was given the Orchid Digest Diamond Award* as a very long time member, judging enterer, faithful librarian, rafflemeister and contributor to this and many past shows. Hail!

*^----a glass paperweight in the shape of a diamond, and inscribed "Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence". Your orchid society can choose the reason for the award: excellent work as the newsletter or webpage editor; bringing in the most show-and-tell plants to monthly meetings; signing up the most new members, for example."

Members; please be aware you can not enter the same plant for judging in multiple shows, though it can be used in the display it just can not be judged. So it is important to send the plant to an event when it is in optimal bloom (like that is possible).

New Hampshire Orchid Show: Plants for the New Hampshire Show need to get to Tom's house (508 540-2054) by Wed. Feb. 10 if going to the North Woods with us. Jack Martinelli (781 934-0964) is helping and probably will accept plants in his Duxbury area. We are planning mostly baskets to simplify the takedown, so focus on smaller size please.

At the Radisson Hotel, Nashua, NH, just off US Rt. 3 at exit 1, Friday February 12 - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Saturday February 13 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday February 14 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Open for picture taking only 8am - 9am Saturday and Sunday (photographers only please)

Amherst Show is one week later, Feb 20-21, 2010 at the Smith Vocation High School in Northampton, MA. Cathy, Tina and Nancy are planning on setting up a table top exhibit. So if you have any plants that you would like to include in that display Please BRING THEM TO THE FEB 14th Meeting. Tina will be sure they are well cared for primped, groomed and tagged for this event. If you can not attend the Feb. 14th meeting and have plants for the display please call Tina at 508 540-5006 so we can arrange for plant transfers.

Boston Flower & Garden Show A Feast for the Senses March 24-28, 2010 @ Seaport World Trade Center. Tina is again organizing the All New England Orchid Societies exhibit for this event. Note that the event is only 4 Days now ! Move in for set up is Saturday March 20 – Tues March 23. So I will have sign up sheets for workers at the next meeting. There is also the opportunity to staff the exhibit during the event.

March 14th 2010 Meeting “What’s My Orchid Saying Now?” presented by Joanna Eckstrom & the Big birthday bash for Joanna Eckstrom, Elizabeth Wolff & Tina all share the same birthday! So join us in celebrating our day!

April 11th, 2010 Meeting – Greg from Oak Hill Orchids will be speaking and bring orchids for sale

May 16th, 2010 Meeting – Annual Potting Workshop outside – order your supplies from Kelly’s Korner!
<http://www.kkorchid.com/>

Peter Cochrane weighs in again: **Muse #3**

“In my ongoing quest to get some kind of a handle on this business of growing orchids, I find I am often left wondering about the life cycle of the genera that I have in my collection. Some grow then bloom; others will wait a season and bloom and others will bloom twice in one year, etc. A very confusing growing pattern but my understanding is that we don’t really need to know unless we want to grow flowers for Christmas for example. What I find is essential is to know when to water and when not to, and also when to fertilize them.

My basic parameter is that all new growth begins in the spring. Then the question is, in its natural habitat, will it be a wet or dry period. Likewise, what will the weather be in the following seasons? To get some particular information on that point, I went on line as a tourist would looking for a vacation in the two orchid growing areas of interest. Botanica and Growing Orchids, Book 2 by J.N.Rentoul gave me this information on Cattleyas and Coelogyne. The tourist offices in both cases provide temp. and rainfall all through a typical year, in graphical form. It turns out in both cases the summers are hot and wet, and the winters cold and dry for both of these genera. So, I may proceed with confidence----for now.”

Peter C.

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Newsletter articles and questions welcome anytime!

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

