



The Cape and Islands Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest Corp.

Next meeting: Sunday February 12, 2012 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.)

Next Meeting: **Thomas Mirenda**

Our February speaker will be Thomas Mirenda, and he will be talking about the Smithsonian Orchid Collection, a survey of the history of the Smithsonian orchid collection, who started it, how it flourished, its ups and downs, exhibitions plans and goals for the future. He'll also be showing lots of pictures of pretty plants. An orchid grower since his childhood, Tom is a very enthusiastic orchid grower and promoter of the Orchid lifestyle i.e. lots of plants...old worn-out clothes and furniture and a diet with no protein...Even though he studied Marine Biology in college on the West Coast, he always returned to Horticulture as a hobby and eventually a career. He has worked at some of the East Coast's most cherished botanic gardens and private estates, and some West Coast places as well, including a brief stint in Hawaii.

Tom's interest in orchids has influenced him to travel extensively through Latin America and he is an expert on the orchids of Costa Rica and Panama. He's presented some of what he will say at one of the Scientific Conferences on Andean Orchids, as a keynote speaker. Tom is in his 10th year as the Museum Specialist for the Orchid Collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. The Smithsonian collection is an extremely diverse assemblage of species and hybrids from all over the world, collected for their educational, conservation and ornamental value. It includes some very famous collections, including the Pabst collection of Cattleyas, and has been supplemented by Tom's enthusiastic acquisition of cloud forest twig epiphytes – no easy task in balmy Washington D.C. He is also responsible for supplying blooming plants year-round for the many horticultural displays of the Smithsonian, including its annual five month long Orchid Exhibition.

CAIOS SHOW REPORT:

Judging Results: Awards

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| 1. E. & R. Phillips Award | Best Species (Hobby) | Marty Epstein, NHOS | Paraphalaenopsis laycockii |
| 2. Todd Drummey Award | Best Miniature(Hobby) | Marty Epstein, NHOS | Chilochista segawai |
| 3. Yvonne Arrouet Award | Best Vandaceous | Marlow Orchids | Neostylis Pinky 'Marlow Orchids' |
| 4. Mem. Edith Gregg Award | Best Cattleya | R. & E. Phillips | Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi', HCC/AOS |
| 5. President's Trophy | Best Plant in Show | J&L Orchids(Elle Ronis) | Masdevallia Ziegler's Love
'Empress', AM/CCM/AOS |
| 6. J. & K. Porteous Award | Best Dendrobium(Hobby) | Mike Lincoln | Dend. Mem. Margery Ummer 'Link' |
| 7. Mike Lincoln Award | Best Bulbo/Cirrhopedalum | “ “ | Bulbophyllum. phalaenopsis |
| 8. Balog Award | Best Paphiopedilum spec. | Piping Rock Orchids | Paph. sangii; Haley Suzanne',
HCC/AOS |
| 9. S. & P. Sethares Award | Best Phal Hybrid(Hobby) | Michael Remillard, OSOS | Phal. Candy Stripe |
| 10. Nancy Coutts Award | Best Cymbidium | TGrgg (Yr. Ed.) | Cym. traceyanum |
| 11. C & P Slavin Award | Best Oncid/Odont. | Robert Richter MOS | Tolumnia Magic 'Hildos' |
| 12. Orchid Digest Award(Also Slavin) | Best Hobby/Society Exh. And Most Creative | Tim Culbertson | 25 Sq. Ft. Display |
| 13. (The Smith Miltonia/-opsis Award -- not given this year) | | | |

Exhibit Ribbons in the grand CAIOS display:

1 st	Display by an Orchid Society, ANY size		CAIOS / Clay Trout
1	Oncidium hybrids, except Equitants,	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite	Tom Gregg
1	Cymbidium species - all types	Cym. traceyanum	Tom Gregg
3	Cym hybrids, Std. - Yellow/Red/Bronze	Cym. Massachusetts Sunset 'Massachusetts Sunset'	Tom Gregg
2	Cymbidium hybrids, Standard – Green	Cymbidium Hybrid	Tom Gregg
3	Epidendrum species (no pseudobulbs)	Ep. Savabrack	Monica Wildman
2	Dendrobium Hybrids	Den. Classic Dragon 'Kalapana'	Monica Wildman
2	Terrestrials not covered elsewhere	Stenorhynchus Speciosa	Monica Wildman
1	Paph Complex hybrid, BOTH parents hyb.	Paph. Oceans of Fire	Jo Mayzel
3	Phal/Dtps yellow, no marks	Phal. King Car Yellow Girl	Tina Balog
3	Phal/Dtps, art-shade/desert-tone/sunset	Phal. Surf Song OX 238	Tina Balog
3	Phal/Dtps other colors & harlequins	Dtps. Chiada Hebe 'Chocolate Drop'	Tina Balog
1,3	Dendrobium hybrids – Phal. & Antelope	2 Den. Lai Klang Oon	Tina Balog
2	Dendrobium hybrids - Phal. & Antelope	Dend. Cherry Sung	Tina Balog
3	Lycastinae - Zygopetalum & Allied	Ink.(New Genus) Cheyenne Marie	Tina Balog
2	Catasetum, Clowesia, Cycnoches,	Cycnoches 'Chloroge'	Alison Arrouet

WELL DONE, FOLKS! Note that CAIOS Members staged one Art and four separate plant exhibits on their own that also won many ribbons, too numerous to record here. Dick Phillips can send the complete list out if anyone needs it. Call Yr. Ed. for his e-mail address.



NEW HAMPSHIRE ORCHID SHOW: Yr Ed., (Tom Gregg, 508 540-2054) is collecting plants for the Show at the Radisson in Nashua. I will welcome any plants and helpers to go up and help me compete for the best little exhibit north of the (Mass.)Border. I need them by Wednesday Feb 8th at 26 Pond Rd., Falmouth 02540 for packing and frostproofing. Set up is Thursday, Feb. 9 & help always welcome but I am staying up to clerk on Friday and can't take others (1 seat)with unless they too wish to stay and clerk or have a ride home Thurs.

The theme is **"A Parade of Orchids"**. I might put a tuba in? On Friday evening there will be a special Awards Ceremony and Dessert Buffet with a cash bar.

Location: Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH Tel. 603-888-9970

Rt 3 N, to Exit 1, Left under Rt. 3 & Right to Hotel. (Big Castle West of Rt. 3)

Dates and Times: Feb 10: 1 pm to 5 pm and 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Feb 11: 9 am to 5 pm

Feb 12: 9 am to 4 pm

Price: Adults \$10 -- Seniors (65+) \$6 -- Children under 12 or over 100 Free, Friday Evening Preview Party \$25

NHOS, P.O. Box 5375 Manchester, NH 03108

Last Meeting: January 2012 - It was a blast! Such confusion and running about was never seen. Each member is there seen clutching an orchid as he/she wended through the line from plant beautification, to labeling, to judging entry to black pot socks and eventually to a very nice exhibit. An entirely pretty product emerged, included black backdrop, steep tier benches, dark pots and a nice color wheel flow of related flower shades. Even two of Peter Cochrane's new light towers lit the scene and enhanced the bold orchid tints. Many folk did tasks they've never done and new members even did a great preliminary set, avoiding the dull "square table" look. AOS judge Jean Stefanik came from Snow Country in New Hampshire to properly register the plants in their correct judging classes. Jean critiqued the display, liking the result. CAIOS hopes that everyone had a good/useful time and put their new skills to work at the Show.



Alison Robb

Remember! Got a good plant? **American Orchid Society** Judging on first Saturdays at the **TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN**, West Boylston, MA, near Worcester. 10:30 AM - student or member presentations. Then Lunch is Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good cafe with view. XC ski the grounds? Afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Learn to speak orchid! - Rt. 495N to 290W, off at Churchill St., Go Rt - 3.5 mi., nearly to end, Sign on Rt, Free, just say "Orchid Judging" at gate. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111) Call Tom Gregg ? car pool

HELEN M. FLEET In **Garden Poems & Verses** - BackyardGardener.com

Wild Orchid

*"The flower that walks", the Indian; said,
And walking spreads its crown-like roots
Through forest glades and upland dales.
Moccasin flower or Lady's Slipper,
It matters not the name
Or if it be fair white or rose or tiny yellow kind
T's ever rare and wondrous there
This woodland beauty Bequeathed us from another age.
A Heritage to guard with care
And cherish for posterity
That other eyes in future years
May see this Orchid walk the trails
As did our native Indian braves
And shy eyed maidens of the tribe*

Hear Ye! The Friends of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Presents **"Orchids of Cape Cod"**
with **Rich Eldred**, President of the Botanical Club of Cape Cod and the Islands.
Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:30pm Cape Cod Museum of Natural History 869 Rte 6A, Brewster, MA 02631
508-896-3867 x 133 www.ccmnh.org

Learn about the orchids on Cape Cod, their meticulous pollination methods and the threats to their fragile habitats. To quote Rich Eldred "You don't have to own a humid greenhouse to see orchids in bloom on Cape Cod. While all wildflower lovers are familiar with the beautiful Pink Lady's Slipper orchid there are actually more than 25 wild orchids that can be found on Cape and the Islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. However with the exception of the lady's slipper all are rare and mostly confined to specialized habitats. But within these habitats they may be abundant."

Mr. Eldred, is a reporter for the Cape Codder where he covers environmental issues and the town of Brewster, he is also currently President of the Botanical Club of Cape Cod and the Islands and a member of the New England Botanical Club. He has a degree in Botany from the University of New Hampshire and a master's in Plant Science from the University of Western Ontario). Contact: Gayle Kenerson 508-385-2192 or gck1@comcast.net Friends:-- free, guests:\$3

THE PREZ SEZ

Twenty-three shows later, the warm buzz of a job well-done lingers, along with the endless cleanup details.

What has struck me most for each of my thirteen shows are the hard-working, well-oiled social/business groups which achieve everything we do, beginning with our own CAIOS's year-round activities. We are the core, the heart. All else grows from us.

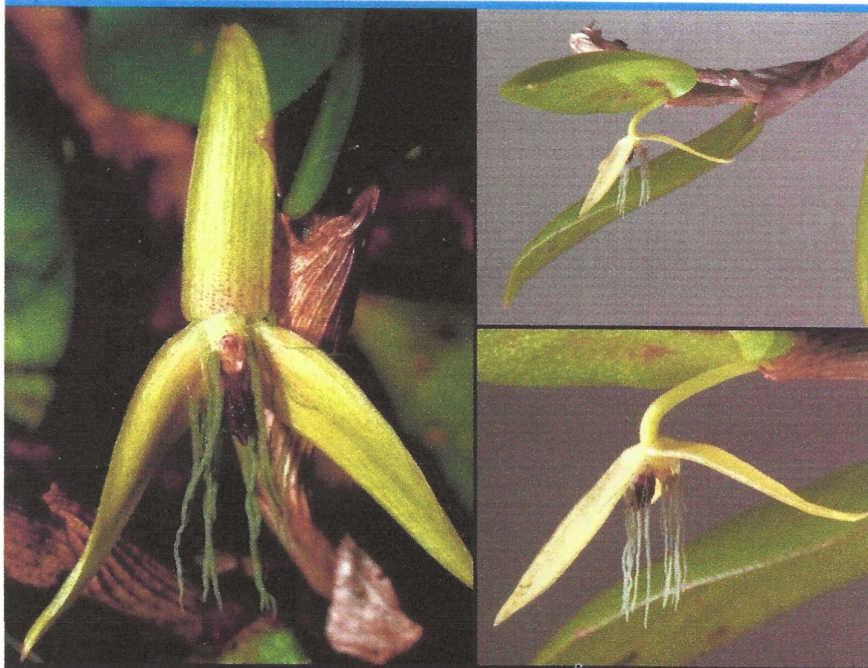
We talk, laugh, schlepp, organize, eat, set up, clean, etc, etc, etc. Together! Others join us to form our glorious show, creating some interesting situations!

I'm impressed, elated to have interacted with you wonderful CAIOTICS at the show, - every day for that matter. Thank you.

My office is a mess. I'm still paying show bills, yet looking forward to the next meeting. After all, an orchid fellow from the Smithsonian!!! Come on, you're curious, too. Admit it.

See you on Sunday.

Gail



First Night-Flowering Orchid Discovered

Orchid enthusiasts, rejoice: A new species has been discovered in the primeval tropical forest of the island of New Britain in Papua New Guinea—and this one blooms at night. *Bulbophyllum nocturnum* is the first known species of orchid that blooms after dark and closes in the morning, according to botanists at the United Kingdom's Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the Netherlands Centre for Biodiversity Naturalis, who describe the flower in the *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society*.

The orchid, which belongs to a group of orchids known for their often bizarre flowers, was discovered by Dutch botanist Ed de Vogel while on a trip to New Britain. After waiting unsuccessfully for the orchid to bloom in the lab, De Vogel brought it home to study it—and discovered that at 10 p.m., the bud finally opened up. It closed again at about 10 a.m. the next morning.

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