

Cape and Island Orchid Society
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December Newsletter



**CAIOS Annual Winter Solstice
Celebration and Auction**

**Sunday December 10, 2023
St David's Nelson Hall
205 Old Main St. So Yarmouth**

11:30am gathering and lunch -- 1:00pm auction begins

The December meeting begins with a sumptuous pot luck buffet lunch. This is the time to get out that favorite recipe that makes *way too much* for one or two and bring it to share with fellow orchid (and food!) enthusiasts.

Entree (turkey breast & pork loin) and beverages are provided. ***Your*** contribution is a dish that serves 12. In order to have a variety of foods, we ask that you bring a dish according to the following:

Last Names:	A-J	side (vegetable) or salad
	K-P	dessert
	Q-Z	carbs (potato, rice, bread)

The annual orchid auction will follow lunch and social time. Bidding begins at 1:00 pm with our fabulous auctioneers, Brian Leib and Tina Balog.

There is no show table at this meeting

Bring your smile, dish to share and checkbook or cash. The Board looks forward to seeing all of you at this festive year-end meeting!

Front page text by Marsha Fredericks

Announcements

It's time to renew your membership! Membership includes monthly meetings that offer abundant opportunities to see, learn about and acquire a variety of orchids, monthly newsletters email or snail mailed directly to you and free admission to our annual show. *You can now pay dues on line at <https://caios.org/join-caios/>.* If you wish you can do it the old-fashioned way (paper, pen, check, envelope, stamp) using this form:

Membership Form:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phones Home _____ Mobile _____

E-Mail _____

Newsletter will be emailed unless snail mail requested *Check here for snail mail* ___

DUES are \$25 for individuals, \$35 for households. Enclosed: \$ _____

Donations to help CAIOS run are always appreciated. Donation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Send to membership chair: Christine Hight, 46 Springline Dr., Wellfleet, MA 02667
508-662-3936 or 508-349-3225; christine.hight01@gmail.com

From Brian Leib

Orchiata Bark Fund Raiser

Hey folks!

So, as you likely know, and if you don't know about this, please pay attention, our annual show and sale is coming up soon! Setup is starting around January 16 with lots of opportunities for volunteering!

The show is a lot of things! It's a lot of fun, a lot of work, a lot of orchids, and a lot of opportunities to help before, during, and after the show.

One way you can help before the show is by helping bag media. Because we don't have a supply vendor coming this year and because CAIOS needs income to be able to keep bringing speakers, renting facilities, paying for insurance, and sundry other things, those of us on the Board thought a good fundraiser would be to buy Orchiata orchid bark in the larger 35 liter bags and break them down into the commonly-seen, smaller-sized 5 liter bags. Selling these at fair market prices would bring a profit for the society and we could add a couple bucks too because it is a fundraiser. We are also getting 150-gram bundles of New Zealand sphagnum moss to sell. We had hoped to get the sphagnum in larger quantities and break those down into smaller sizes, but currently, it is only available in the 150 g size and the price is good.

Oh, right, back to telling you, yes you, a member (or prospective member) of the Cape and Islands Orchid Society (CAIOS) how much I admire and appreciate you and that you're looking particularly healthy/lovely/handsome/smart/well-dressed/{insert your own custom phrase here}/none of the above/other you look/smell/seem/exude today?

Anyways, back to the Orchiata. As a wonderful, kind, smart, helpful, delightful member (or prospective member) of CAIOS, we need your help breaking down those big bags of Orchiata into smaller bags. We hope to have bagging "parties" (?) with beverages, snacks, and anything you care to bring and CAIOS would love it if you were there to help! Speaking of bringing things, if you have whole (no holes) paper bags that we could use so that we don't have to pay for bags.... See? That's the smart thing I was talking about before. You already knew that not having to buy bags helps us raise more funds for CAIOS! Plus, if you volunteer to help bag media, you'll be able to get Orchiata sooner and with a smaller fundraiser markup rather than a show and fundraiser markup....

There will soon be more info about where and when these super exciting opportunities to bag media will be held, so keep an eye out for an email soon with Orchiata in the subject line with all the pertinent info.

Thank you for being such a fantastic, active member (or prospective member) of CAIOS, your friendly neighborhood orchid society.

Brian

From Tina Balog:

Show Time is almost here!

I hope you are looking forward to watching the event evolve and grow into a spectacular display created by many orchid lovers for all to enjoy. There are many things you can do to help us create a memorable and fun event. You do not need to be an orchid expert to help, just willing to learn new things and work together.

Please look at your calendar for January 16-21 to see if you can spend a couple of hours over a few days creating this beautiful unique event. You can sign up at the meetings or call me directly to see where helpers are needed to sign up 508 540 5006.

We may need to borrow your house plants/ferns again this year. Thus far we have been unable to find a source of 9"-10" ferns that are within our price range. Plant rentals are now the same price to purchase the plants outright.

If you have plants for the show but can't bring them please call Tina or Brian or Michelle so we can arrange for pick-up and return of your plants. We need all the orchids we can get our hands on to create the CAIOS Orchid Impressions display

Developing CAIOS Display Ideas: We are creating a central floor display this year using a metal lichen green bridge over a narrow dry stream. Think Claud Monet's green bridge at Giverny. Created with orchids and smaller scale. We will be using some existing CAIOS props the distressed beige Victorian patio furniture and plant containers. There is always room for new people to join us in creating this stunning display of orchids. If you have ideas or props you think might work well talk, call, email either Lee Drescher or Tina Balog. Always looking for new Display Team Members please feel free to join us. Many of you have quite unique and sometimes amazing items we have used to create Award winning displays with in years past (beat up wooden skiff, milk cart & Tom's retro car). If you have an item for this year or some idea for the future feel free to take a photo send it along or bring your idea to a meeting.

Show Awards 2024. It's not too late to sponsor a Show Award for the 2024 event. It is a great way to support excellence in Orchid, or to honor a person in your life. There are several categories you could consider sponsoring that are available. We currently give cash awards in the \$50-\$100 range as determined by the individual sponsor. Please Contact Tina if you want to discuss options.

Sign Up – Sign Up – Sign Up to Volunteer at the Show if you can't be at a meeting Call Tina 508 540-5006

Schedule of events for CAIOS 2024 show

Tuesday Jan.16 2024: Moving Day

Need folks mid-morning with trucks and larger vehicles at Falmouth storage.

- Weather dependent, move Show equipment from storage facility in Falmouth area to event venue,
- Set up lights, CAIOS display infrastructure, Judging Equipment, Hospitality Room.

Wednesday Jan 17, 2024

- Tuesday tasks if weather didn't cooperate
- Anyone with Orchid Plants should deliver their plants mid-morning to early afternoon so plant grooming and label making can be accomplished early as possible
- Mark all Plants with your Name and Phone # with marker & or tape
- Do you want to enter it for ribbon judging? If you do and can review the Judging Schedule on the caios.org website for what you believe is the correct category for each orchid you wish to register. These will be posted as soon as they arrive from judging team.
- Plant Registration forms will be available at caios.org Show page under Plant Registration tab; these will be posted as soon as they arrive from judging team. There will be people on site to help with this task as it can take some practice.

Thursday January 18, 2024: Create Displays & Data Entry for Plant Judging

- Plants for CAIOS display must be delivered by 10am on Thursday to guarantee inclusion in the display.
- Orchid plant entries for Judging close at 4:00pm Thursday. *Note – this may be moved forward to 5 PM Wednesday.*
- Insure your plant is registered for Plant Judging by 4pm – you should see a white tag attached to your plants in the display.
- There are lots of jobs for everyone during this daylong set-up.

- CAIOS will continue to have a Hospitality Room as we have in the past for lunch. Coffee & Tea service will be available in the main event room through the day.
- If you can, please bring hot, cold foods, deserts etc. to share in the hospitality room (This day plus Saturday and Sunday - We will have a Signup sheet for Saturday & Sunday at the next two meetings).
- This is the day that the other societies and the vendors arrive and set up their displays (and vendors their sales areas).

Friday Jan 19th: Ribbon & American Orchid Society Judging

- **Ribbon Judging 8:30-12 noon**
 - **American Orchid Society Judging 1:30-5pm**
 - Need large number of people to sign up to clerk for Ribbon Judging 8:30-12noon.
 - Coffee & cold Danish and wonderful hot lunch* is provided for all volunteers who clerk that day.
 - Preview Banquet* & Awards 6pm – 10pm
 - Finalize set up Front Door, Membership Table, Education Area for Opening
- * For menus see below

* Lunch Menu

CHICKEN GUMBO SOUP

FRISÉE APPLE & DRIED CRANBERRY SALAD WITH A BALSAMIC GLAZE

TUSCAN CHICKEN

Chicken breast with spinach, tomato, and a garlic Parmesan cream sauce

PORK FLORENTINE

Stuffed with spinach, croutons, cheddar and pan gravy

RICE PILAF

SAUTEED JULIENNE VEGETABLES

DESSERT

CRÈME BRÛLÉE

With seasonal berries

*Dinner Menu

ITALIAN SAUSAGE LENTIL SOUP

GRILLED ROMAINE SALAD WITH SWEET POTATO AND PUMPKIN SEEDS

BAKED SOLE

With crab meat stuffed with kalamata olive and funnel beurre blanc sauce

SHORT RIBS

With a red wine demi glaze

CHICKEN BREAST

Stuffed with buffalo mozzarella, roasted red peppers & basil with a tarragon cream sauce

IRISH COLCANNON

ROASTED CARROTS WITH HONEY BUTTER GLAZE

DESSERT

BANOFFEE PIE

Saturday Jan 20th & Sunday Jan 21st: Show Opens to Public 9am-5pm

- Staff Front Door
- Staff Membership Table & Bark Bark Bark CAIOS Fundraiser sales
- Helpers for Hospitality Room
- Introduce Speakers throughout Day

Sunday Jan 22nd – Break down – 5pm until complete

- Kind of all hands-on deck is needed for this effort. It's really amazing it takes days to put together and a few hours to remove.
- Plants need to be carefully removed from the display and organized by owner and who is responsible for taking them offsite.
- If you cannot be there at the end of the day to pick up your orchids or house plants please let us know. We do not want your plants lost or damaged.
- Last, all the lighting equipment and other materials are returned to Storage Facility in Falmouth that evening if possible. Larger props may need to be removed then as well that evening.

*Tickets for lunch and dinner can be purchased on our website (caios.org) or by contacting our treasurer, Dayle Carrol-Teal, 433 Shorewood Dr., E. Falmouth. MA 02536
(purchase no later than Jan. 14, 2024)*

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

December 10th – Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party
January 14th – Mike Lincoln, Semi-hydroponic orchid culture
February 11th – TBD
March 10th – TBD
April 14th – TBD
May 19th – Annual Potting Workshop
June 9th – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids
September 13th – Society Cookout

Shows:

January 20-21, 2024, *Cape and Island Orchid Society's "Orchid Impressions"*. Location: Emerald Resort and Hyport Conference Center, 35 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis, MA 02601. Contact: Tina Balog, 508-540-5006, dglover@whoi.edu

Feb 24-25, 2024. *Amherst Orchid Society Show*. Location: Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locusts Street, Northampton, MA. Contact: show@amherstorchidsociety.org

March 01-03, 2024. *2024 New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show and Sale "Cosmic Colors"*. Location: Courtyard Marriott, Nashua, NH 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH

March 16-17, 2024. *Nutmeg Orchid Society Show "Come see our bloomers"* Location: West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center, West Hartford, CT

Judging:

Sat, December 2nd, 10am – 3pm - Northeast Judging Center - Boylston Site. Websites -<https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>, <https://www.nejcaos.org/home>; email - Robert Winkley northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com; phone 617.282.7351

Past events

November's meeting featured Cordelia Head of J & L Orchids. She discussed miniature and micro-miniature orchids from a variety of genera, and how to adapt to growing them in the home. Her presentation was loaded with great photos and specific information on each orchid discussed. She was quite optimistic that a wide number of miniature and micro-miniature orchids can be successfully grown and bloomed on the windowsill. J & L brought a wide variety of plants for sales and casual observation suggested that sales were brisk.

November Show Table

Thanks to everyone that brought in plants for the show table. Back to our usual three tables full with plants and we saw orchids displayed from several folks that don't often bring in plants. There were several real show stoppers exhibited. Most plants are listed below but I think a few are missing. Plants on the display table (the best I could discern) were:

Tina Balog	<i>Dendrobium eriaeflum</i> , Den Island Mist 1 & 2, <i>Dendrobium sanderae</i> (var luzonicum x var major), <i>Laelia alaorii</i> , <i>Masdevallia roseola</i> , Paph Ma Belle, Paph
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	QF Detective 1 & 2, Psychopsis Mariposa 'Peloric', Rth Princess Takamado
Larry Barry	Onc Guido Deburghgraeve, Paph Virginia Creeper
Dayle Carrol-Teal	Arthurara Haleakala Sunrise, Z Jumpin Jack
Bob Findlay	C Tropical Song x Rth Guess What, Mps QF Mauna, <i>Zygopetalum mackayi</i> 'Janet Findlay' AM/AOS
Larry Finley	Phal No ID
Bill Golden	Epi. Pacific Girl 'Primavera' AM/AOS x Epi Pacific Glory 'Spike' HCC/AOS, <i>Isochilus major</i> , <i>Neobenthamia gracilis</i> , Schomburgkia (now Laelia) Wellesley
Tom Gregg	<i>Coelogyne</i> (likely) <i>massangeana</i> , <i>Dendrochilum</i> (likely) <i>cobbianum</i>
Millard Hennessee	<i>Oeoniella polystachys</i> , Phrag richterii x Saint Ouen, <i>Trisetella hoeijeri</i>
Leslie James	Rlc George King AM/AOS x Golden Slippers
Brian Leib	Paph Wossner Ministar, Zcs Jumping U'1 (?), group of phals and zygos (with orchidPhile)
Mike Lincoln	Onc species

CAIOS display at MOS

Photo by Brian Leib



Tina Balog and Forest Henderson installed the society display at the Massachusetts Orchid Society annual show "Orchids of the World - India" on this past November 2nd in Winchester, MA. Tina collected plants, groomed them, arranged them in decorative baskets and entered those not entered by their owners. Members contributing plants were: Tina Balog,

Lee Drescher, Bob Findlay, Tom Gregg, Forest Henderson, Brian Leib, Mike Lincoln. Forest and Eilene Henderson, and Brian Leib took the display down and Forest (and maybe Eilene and Brian) returned plants to their owners.

Society Ribbons and Awards Amherst Orchid Society 2023 Annual Show

Plant	Owner	Place	Best of Class/Best of Show
Orchid Society Exhibit, any size	Tina/Forest	2 nd Place	
<i>Cattleya bowringiana</i>	Mike Lincoln	2 nd Place	
Catt hybrid NOID	Lee Drescher	2 nd Place	
Rth Princess Takamado	Tina Balog	3 rd Place	
Paph. Helen Milton	Tina Balog	2 nd Place	
Paph. Wossner Ministar	Brian Leib	3 rd Place	
Phrag. Ecugenera Dream	Bob Findlay	1 st Place	
Phal. Hybrid NOID	Mike Lincoln	1 st Place	
Arthurara Haleakala Sunrise	Tom Gregg	3 rd Place	
Gomesa radicans aka Ornithophora radicans	Keith Tibbetts	1 st Place	
Den. sanderae var. luzonicum x sib. var. major	Tina Balog	1 st Place	
Den. Mini Snowflake x Nano Chip	Brian Leib	2 nd Place	
Den. Island Mist	Tina Balog	2 nd Place	
Den. Island Mist	Brian Leib	3 rd Place	
Dendrochilum NOID	Tom Gregg	1 st Place	Best Large Specimen Best Fantasy Orchid
Dendrochilum magnum	Tom Gregg	2 nd Place	
Propetalum LaJolla Delight 'Hilo Orchid Farm'	Brian Leib	3 rd Place	

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