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RIBBON WINNERS

Dear Members and Friends

End of September was a watery mess! And that can spell trouble. The humidity creates a propitious environment for the propagation of diseases and pests. It is time to be consistent with control measures: fungicides, pesticides, snail bait, proper aeration and healthy growing conditions.

Fall is here and winter will soon follow. The days are already growing shorter with later sunrises and early sunsets. Many plants have ended their growth period and are getting ready to bloom in the spring. Deciduous plants should be placed in brightly lighted areas and receive no more water than nature provides, nor fertilization.

It is always a good idea to read up on orchid care or maybe attend a class on the subject. We are lucky to live in an area with good orchid growers who are also involved with the amateur orchid growing community. For learning opportunities, visit the growers' community website at www.orchidworks.com. There you will find a calendar of activities involving our four main local growers – Carib, Motes, Soroa and Whimsy.

See you at the next meeting!

Next Meeting

Date: 10-19-2010

Time: 7:30

Location:

Christ The King Lutheran Church,
11295 SW 57th Avenue (Red Road)

The Refreshments Team

Last month's Refreshments Team did a great job! Thank you for your contributions and commitment to PAOS.

This month's volunteers are: Shirley Berckmans, Joanne Brown, Joan Gerber, Janet McGuire, and Brenda Martinez.



From the Board

This month the AOS newsletter touches on a very sensitive subject: the value of volunteer work and its use. Specifically, it describes the difficulties the Society has encountered in dealing with a business that is using the product of AOS volunteer work to earn funds without benefit for the Society or its volunteers.

Without going into the merit of the issue between AOS and the vendor, it is important for us to recognize that the effort we put forth as volunteers has an intrinsic value and to show respect for it by doing our part.

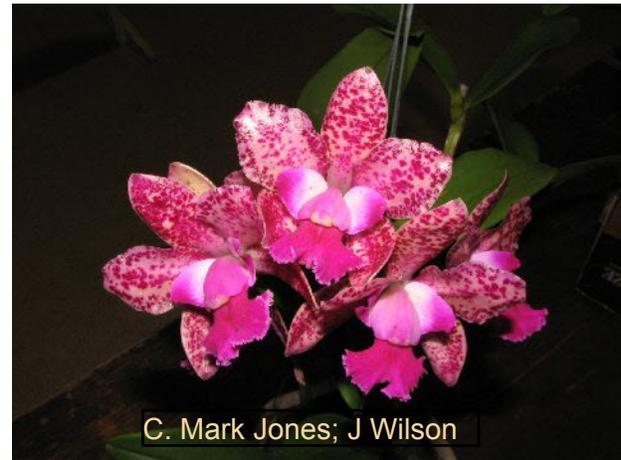
For example, how many hours of negotiations does it take for a PAOS volunteer to reach an agreement with a presenter, make arrangements for a "plants table" for the raffle, arrange transportation for those plants, deliver and arrange them on the table? That is done every month. All we who do not participate in the negotiations know is that the plant table is "beautiful" or "not so good," and that presenter is "good" or "not so good." Well, for the Board they are always "outstanding" because they are the result of someone's dedication and commitment to the group.

The same goes for our Refreshments Team volunteer efforts: we all appreciate them, even when the food runs out before we get there. And the same goes for all those who help keep PAOS running smoothly and without a hitch.

To all of our volunteers, Thank You!

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Last Month at PAOS

By Gio Lester & JeanTress

Our meeting next month will be a joint event with COS at R.F. Orchids. It will be a beautiful, pleasant and educational experience.

Bring a snack to share.

PAOS Conservation Committee is one of our silent forces: it is steadfast in its work here at the church, planting more orchids around the property and assisting Pinecrest Gardens in adding more vegetation to the grounds.

Pinecrest Gardens Horticulturist Craig Morell spoke to the group on Diseases, Pests and How to Prevent Them. A very timely presentation when we take into consideration that the current high humidity levels and excess water create the perfect environment for the development of fungal and bacterial diseases, and favor the growth of all those pesky critters who love to feed on our beautiful orchids.

Hope you brought a notepad, if not, here is what we can recall: To control spider mites, scale and mealy bugs Mr. Morell recommends

"Merit." Use it with water and thoroughly drench the roots, instead of spraying.

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Just like in real estate, the number one rule is "Location, location, location": it is very important to meet the light requirements of your plants if you want them to bloom. The same is true for water and air flow.

It helps if you cluster plants with similar needs together. Many different epiphytes can be clustered provided they all have the same growing requirements. As an example: Bromeliads, Staghorn Ferns and Orchids can be mounted on wood, and co-exist in the same environment as they all have similar growing requirements.

It is important to understand your plants to nurture them and enjoy their beautiful blooms.



Angonn dialeri; M Heineman

PAOS & COS Joint Meeting

Date: Sunday, Nov 14

Time: 10 AM

Location: R.F. Orchids, Inc. ,
28100 S.W. 182nd Avenue
Homestead, FL. 33030
Tel. 305-245-4570

Potluck style event, bring a dish or drinks to share.

Mark your calendar!



De. Genting Frangrance; J Wilson

By Lynn Fuller

The Affiliated Society Committee will have its semiannual breakfast on Friday morning, October 29, 2010 during the AOS Fall Members Meeting being held in conjunction with the Sixth Annual Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium in Virginia Beach, October 27 – 31, 2010. World-class speakers include Philippe Lecoufle of Orchidees Vacherot & Lecoufle, Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids, John Salventi of Parkside Orchid Nursery; Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited, Olaf Gruss from Grassau, Germany, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids and Carlos Fighetti from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

The symposium will also feature approximately twenty excellent vendors (including most of the speakers) plus several interesting tours showcasing the maritime flavor of the area. For more information and to register, visit www.mhsymposium.org. Hope you will join us.

We appreciate the effort many of you have already put toward the distribution of the AOS Cares! Survey in your newsletters, on your web sites and at your meetings. The results so far have been fascinating and helpful for future planning.. For those societies that have not yet had the opportunity to take advantage of this important outreach, please do so soon. This feedback will be invaluable in guiding the AOS to better serve orchidists everywhere.

There are two attractive tri-fold printable AOS membership information brochures now available for use at your meetings, shows and other orchid events. These are well designed and include helpful cultural information for the most common genera and work well printed in either B & W or beautiful color. One has our popular Orchid Basics-FAQ's on the back; the other has Orchids in the Home on the reverse side. You can find them at http://www.aosforum.org/pdf/Mem.Flier_3-fold.v1.pdf and http://www.aosforum.org/pdf/Mem.Flier_3-fold.v2.pdf, respectively.

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More from AOS

2010 Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Contest Reminder

Deadline November 30, 2010

This year's theme: Going Green: Conserving Resources and Still Growing Healthy Orchids

Submitted essays must be original, unpublished articles. Membership in the American Orchid Society is NOT required. The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families. Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words in length. Manuscripts must be submitted in English, typewritten and double-spaced. Artwork is not required for submission. Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld. The winning entry, if any, will be published in the May 2011 issue of Orchids Magazine.

Those entries not chosen will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. Such entries will also be considered by the editor of Orchids Magazine for publication and may be used in Orchids or other AOS publications with the written permission of the author. Published entries will not be eligible for consideration in subsequent contests.

Submit all entries to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize, American Orchid Society, Attn. James B. Watson, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446 (tel 561-404-2040; e-mail jwatson@aos.org).

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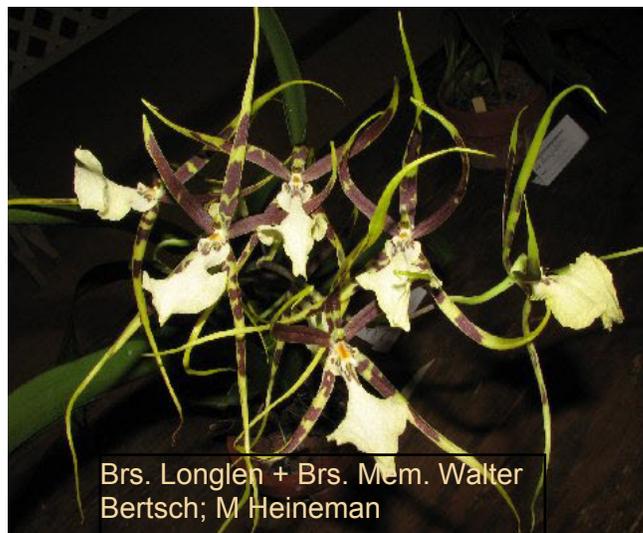
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We are lucky to have back Ms. Carol De Biase, the Curator of Orchids at Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami, Florida for the last 10 years. Carol has been growing orchids for over thirty-two years starting out in Tulsa, Oklahoma where her husband John was practicing medicine. Carol has been an American Orchid Society Judge for the last thirty years traveling extensively to the Peru, Borneo, South Africa, Malaysia, Columbia, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and the Caribbean, as well as all over the United States. Carol has served on many Committees of the American Orchid Society and is currently on the Membership Committee. Carol is also a member of the South Florida Leadership Council, member of many orchid societies and has been the show chairman of the East Everglades Orchid Society for the last five years and for the last six years has been the Editor of the South Florida Orchid Society "The Orchidist" Magazine/Newsletter and is currently the 1st Vice-President of the South Florida Orchid Society. When Carol is not growing or judging orchids, she is heavily involved in volunteering especially with Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Carol has been a member for the past 15 years.



Eria javanica; M Heineman

September Ribbon Winners

Thanks to Jean Wilson, we have some of our September Ribbon Winners gracing this issue.

First Place & Honorable Mention

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First Place

Angonn dialeri	Mirta Heineman
Den. Pegasus	Mirta Heineman
Dimeranda marginata	Mirta Heineman
Eria javanica	Mirta Heineman
V. Brunnea	Mirta Heineman
Brassavola Nodosa	Renate Van Kempema
C. Lulu	Jean Wilson
C. Mark Jones	Jean Wilson
Den. Genting	
Frangrance	Jean Wilson
Enc. tampense	Jean Wilson

Second Place

Brs Longlen + Brs.	
Mem. Walter Bertsch	Mirta Heineman
B. Cordata	Jean Wilson



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