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Den. Waianae Charisma 'Lovely' -D. Foster

LAST MONTH AT
PAOS

AOS CORNER

RIBBON WINNERS

Dear Members and Friends

The end of the year is upon us -and this is a *good thing!* It is not only for the nice, cooler and invigorating temperature, but this year we have two special treats: a joint PAOS/COS meeting at R.F. Orchids (check the section *This Month at PAOS to learn more*) and our traditional Holiday Party on December 14 (*check on the From The Board section to learn more*).

The cooler weather can be a threat to our tropical natives. Some prescribe watering them well before a cold front; others don't think it is necessary. Keep practicing what works for you and keeps your plants healthy and happy.

This is the time when many plants go dormant. They should be allowed to rest: no watering, no fertilizers. BUT your Vandas and Phals will be growing and looking for some extra support. The best thing for them is some bloom booster when you know a cold front is coming down. According to Dr. Motes, when buying fertilizers specifically for their phosphorus content (bloom boosters are high in phosphorous), make sure the middle number is high and the other two, lower. He also suggests looking for a "starter solution" at your garden center – another name for bloom boosters.

To help your orchids a bit more, check their magnesium level: a reddening in the foliage is a sure sign of Mg deficiency. Epsom salts may be your best – and most affordable – solution. For proper directions of use, refer to Dr. Motes newsletter or to the AOS website.

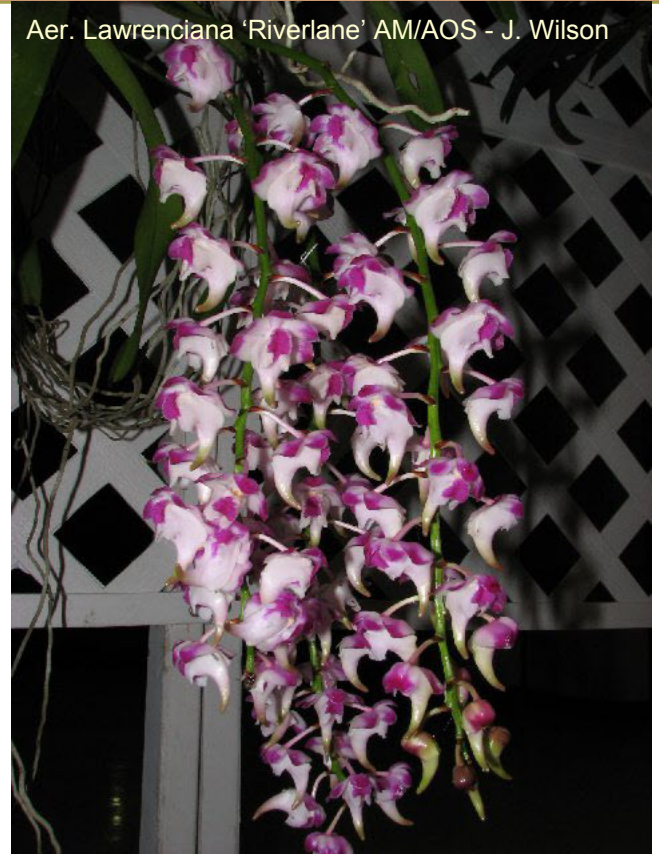
Enjoy your reading!

The Refreshments Team

There will be no Refreshments Team in November. All attending the meeting on the 14th should contact Carmen Segrera (305-282-5588) to coordinate food contribution to the lunch at R.F. Orchids.

And there will be no Refreshments Team in December either. Make sure to approach Georgia and Catherine if you have not signed up yet for the Holiday Party.

Aer. Lawrenciana 'Riverlane' AM/AOS - J. Wilson



Important Notices

PAOS Holiday Party

When: December 14, 2010

Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church

Every year we look forward to our Holiday Party; the camaraderie, the food, the beautiful arrangements, the friends, the food, the orchids, the fun... Have I said the food yet? Talking about that, you can still sign up with Shirley at the November meeting.

My family always looks forward to coming to our Holiday Party. It is so much fun, and the unstructured atmosphere lends to better interaction and we learn more about our fellow club members. As always guests are welcome. Members are free and guests, \$15.

The **Table Top Arrangement** contest and **Attendance Awards** are another reason for attending the party. Many members are in jeopardy of not making the number of meetings necessary to earn their Attendance Award this year. To earn two (2) orchids this year 11 attendances are required; the requirement for one (1) orchid is 5 meetings.

Just remember: we have one more meeting before the Holiday Party: November 14 at R.F. Orchids. Don't miss it and you will guarantee your extra orchid!

Members with 10 attendances – one more required to earn 2 orchids

Marion Beveridge - Ketty Bougouignan - Maria Cerna - Pat Chen Yin - Arturo & Cecilia DeCastro - Ned Feenane - Joan Gerber - Ghislaine Greene - Mirta Heineman - Brenda Martinez - Candy McDonald - Haydee Navas - Milton & Eva Pikarsky - Sharon Pross - Jorge Rodriguez - Joan Schmidt

Members with 4 attendances (includes volunteering)- one more required to earn 1 orchid:

Rolando Armentero - Gio Lester - Janet McGuire - Cathy Pariser



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By: Lynn Fuller

By the time you read this, the AOS Meeting being held in conjunction with the Merritt Huntington Symposium the end of October will be over. The Affiliated Societies Committee will be meeting and discussing methods to increase communications with our affiliated societies, as well as possible ways we can offer more value to the societies' AOS membership. In addition, the Affiliated Societies Committee also will be hosting our traditional Affiliated Societies Breakfast. Hopefully some of you attended some of those meetings. The breakfast is held to provide the societies an opportunity to mingle with fellow society members and some members of the AOS Board of Trustees and other national volunteers. Next month's AOS Corner will be a brief report on the AOS meetings.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank those Societies who have returned their 'AOS Cares' surveys. Responses are still coming in and I hope that your Society will be among those who have responded. There was no deadline for the responses, but it would be helpful to the Membership and Affiliated Societies Committees if we got them before the end of November. During the upcoming AOS meeting, the two committees will hold a joint meeting during part of their schedule to discuss, in part, the preliminary results of those surveys.

The next meeting of the AOS will be held in Shreveport, LA on April 27 - May 1, 2011. As plans for those meeting solidify, I will pass them along to you or you can follow their progress at www.shreveportorchidsociety.com.

Last Month at PAOS

By Gio Lester & JeanTress

She had been scheduled to address our membership last June, but the blackout preempted her presentation.

We were happy to bring Ms. DeBiase back to talk about miniature orchids. According to Carol most species are found in Latin America, but they can thrive as far away as Japan. The plants are unusual, with bright and richly colored blooms.



B. Cuculata - M. Cerna

On November 14 PAOS and COS will hold a joint meeting at R.F. Orchids. The meeting is scheduled for 11 AM, please allow plenty of time for parking, greeting your friends and delivering your food parcel. We will have lunch on the grounds, surrounded by beautiful orchids. And Carmen has organized a raffle for those attending.

Michael will be the lecturer and our guide through the gardens. It is a delightful way to spend the afternoon, and the weather is very favorable at this time of the year. Don't forget: you can earn one more attendance point to guarantee that extra orchid at the Holiday Party!

October Ribbon Winners

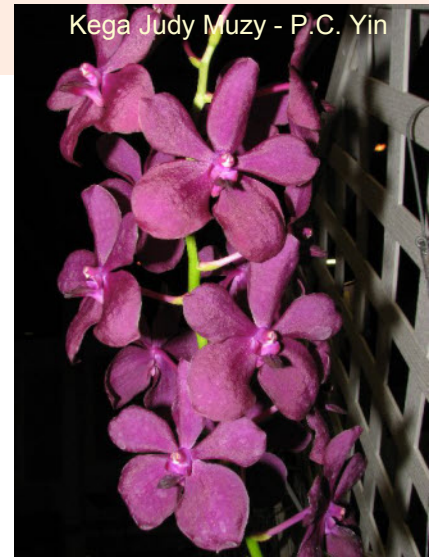
Thanks to Jean Wilson, we have some of our October Ribbon Winners gracing this issue.

First Place

Phal. Cornu-Cervi Alba	Maria Cerna
B. Cuculata	Maria Cerna
Kega. Judy Muzy	Pat Chen Yin
Cyc. Pentaclactylan Jumbo	
Best x Morm Sinuata FireBall	Pat Chen Yin
Den. Waianae	
Charisma 'Lovely'	David Foster
C. Ciaesiana	Mirta Heineman
C. Labiata	Mirta heineman
V. Amy Glynn Creekmur	Javier Morejon
Ctna. Starlyn	Jean Wilson
Ctna. Why Not	Jean Wilson
Aer. Lawrenceana	
'Riverlane' AM/AOS	Jean Wilson

Second Place

Cycd. Jumbo Mickey	Maria Cerna
Pot. King's Jewel	Maria Cerna
Blc. Hilary Clinton 'First Lady'	
HCC/AOS	Mirta Heineman



Kega Judy Muzy - P.C. Yin



Cyc. Pentaclactylan Jumbo Best x
Morn. Sinuata FireBall - P.C. Yin

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