



National Capital Orchid Society Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017

U.S. National Arboretum
Admin Bldg Auditorium
24th & R Streets NE
Washington, DC

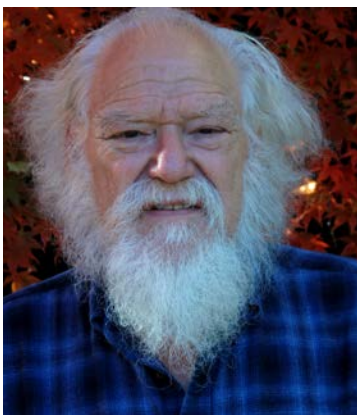
Arboretum gates are open at 6:30.
Show table set-up begins at **7:00 p.m.** and **Show Table judging** begins at **7:30**. Meeting: **8:00-10:00 p.m.** This **IS** a members' sales event.

Supper with the speaker: 5:00pm.

Location TBD. RSVP to jtullos@verizon.net .

Our speaker this month is Leon Glicenstein, Ph.D. He will cover some commonly grown *Habenaria* species, their culture, some closely related genera, and a few hybrids.

Leon began growing orchids in 1954, and became assistant to the curator of orchids at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, then Carl Withner, from 1957 to 1960. He has advanced degrees in Chemistry and Horticulture, with an emphasis on plant breeding, cytology, and cytogenetics. Working as a plant breeder for five years at Linda Vista S.A.



in Costa Rica, he photographed, in the wild, approximately 80% of the then known orchid species of Costa Rica. He also found new species such as *Telipogon glicensteinii*, *Macroclinium glicensteinii*, *Pterichis leo*, *Stenorrhynchos glicensteinii*, and

Lepanthes glicensteinii. He won the second American Orchid Society Dillon/Peterson Essay Contest using one of his Costa Rican experiences. Leon has been an invited guest speaker at both the Vancouver and Miami World Orchid Conferences. He has published numerous articles in the American Orchid Society magazine and some in the Orchid Digest.

Central Pennsylvania Orchid Show April 2017

On March 31st we traveled to the central plateau mountain redoubt wherein the University of Pennsylvania is located and participated in CPOS's annual show and sale program. The forward trip was accompanied by a steady drumbeat of rain that turned into nuisance snow squalls when we were within 30 miles of our destination. Fortunately the event is held within the University's Agricultural Arena and we could drive into the exhibit area without exposing the plant stocks.

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Upcoming Special Events

Jan. 14-May 14: The Smithsonian - U.S. Botanic Gardens Orchid Exhibit, at The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

June 25: Annual NCOS Picnic and June members meeting, North Chevy Chase Christian Church (see page 3)

Leon joined Hoosier Orchid Company in September 1998. As a breeder, as well as a grower of orchids Leon specialized in working with members of the Pleurothallidae, Zygopetalinae, Gongorinae, Angraecoid, Jewel and Painted-leaf orchids, as well as other groups. He has created numerous novel combinations not before known, thereby extending our knowledge of generic relationships within the orchid family. Leon was a past chairperson of the American Orchid Society's Conservation Committee, and has been a member of this committee for decades. He represented the AOS at the international conservation meeting in Costa Rica in 2007.

In 2013 Leon was elected to the position of "Fellow of the American Orchid Society" for "... outstanding contributions to conservation, hybridizing, and the educational advancement of the Orchidaceae" [AOS's words], an honor given to only nine other people since the inception of the American Orchid Society.

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The major commercial exhibitors set the bar mighty high with choice specimen sized plants rarely seen in the show circuit. The three competing societies produced stunning 50 sq ft exhibits; and the host society CPOS raced to the top with an exhibit that brought both the AOS Show trophy and a silver certificate for excellence - merited when the officiating judges' collective score average exceeds 85 points. There were a number of individual exhibits presented by experienced growers that contained a number of cattleya cultivars heralding from the 'cut flower' production days of the mid-century last.

As is their custom the host society provided home cooked meals for the three days with tempting sides of the renowned ice cream from the university's creamery. The hosts also provided assistance with initial installation and the exhibit removal on April 2nd.

We had plants from Jerry Rice, Jason Gebbia, Anne Hardmann, Zita Winzer, Gene Schurg and Joe Francis. Thanks to all for sharing your plant treasures throughout the six week show cycle. We gathered 28 ribbons about equally divided in the three classes. For those among us who have difficulty associating slipper orchids and Joe Francis in the same thought stream ~ Joe raised from a seedling Paph Umatilla and was awarded the glass trophy for best seedling in show. He raised it for 9 years with his beloved cattleya(s) and bloomed it with four flowers on a single spike.

--Joe Francis



Photo by Kathryn Hume

National Capital Orchid Society Annual Rain-or-Shine Regular June Meeting and PICNIC!!

Sunday, June 25, 2017 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Same venue as last year! North Chevy Chase Christian Church,
8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

The June meeting will again be combined with the picnic, at the same location as last year. Events will include the monthly show table, supervised by Gordon Slaymaker, and the traditional picnic auction in place of a speaker with Linus Chen as auctioneer.

How to get there: From I-495, take Exit 33 onto Connecticut Avenue, North (direction, Kensington). At the first traffic signal beyond I-495 (1 block), turn right onto Beach Drive. At the first 4-way stop sign, turn right onto Kensington Parkway. Pass under I-495 and continue several blocks to the Church (on right). Turn right just before the Church and follow signs to parking lot and from there to the Community Room.

Picnic, show table and auction will be in the AIR CONDITIONED Community Room and/or the adjacent patio.

Schedule of events: 2:00 - 3:00 PM room and show table set up (Come early - Help out!); 3:00 – 5:00 dinner, show table and swap table; 5:00 - 6:30 – auction; 6:30 – 7:00 clean up.

Auctions: Members’ Auction: NCOS Members can bring **awarded or in-bloom** plants to raise money for themselves and NCOS. Members receive 70% and NCOS receives 30% of the winning bid.
 NCOS Auction: NCOS will also have donated plant divisions to auction off, so bring your bidding spirit—and your checkbook! NCOS retains 100% of these bids, and it’s a great way to raise funds for the Society! Not to mention that the auction proceeds pay for the picnic!

Show table: Exactly as it would be set up at the Arboretum

Swap table: Have an out-of-bloom or non-awarded plant you’d like to swap for another?? Maybe some fertilizer, extra potting stakes, or other orchid paraphernalia? Bring it along too. We’ll have an “orchid swap” for those interested.

Food and drink: NCOS will supply beef hot dogs, bratwurst, pulled pork barbecue, hamburgers, soft drinks & bottled water, and dry goods. **Each member/family is asked to sign up to provide a dish to share: chicken, shrimp, fruit, green salad, a side dish, dessert, etc.**

To help plan and organize this event we’re asking everyone interested to RSVP and indicate the type of dish you plan to bring. Please fill out the form below or provide the requested information in a brief e-mail note and send it to Jerry Rice (jmricewas@aol.com) -- or leave a message at (301) 986-0659. RSVP is **not** necessary to attend, but it certainly helps us to plan.

Member name: _____

Number of family members that will be attending (including yourself): _____

Dish to share: _____

If you have special food requirements please let Jerry know.
Alcoholic beverages are allowed if you choose to bring your own to share.

-- 2017 Picnic Committee: Jerry Rice (Chair), Mary Rice, Linus Chen, Tatiana Tarasenko, Joe Francis, Chrissy Mavrides, Gordon Slaymaker (additional volunteers are very welcome!)

AOS Corner

As the Spring 2017 Members meeting draws near, we want to say thank you to all of our AOS Society Representatives. You are the link between Society Members and the AOS. Although we are always available to everyone, you are the best person to keep members updated and informed on what's going on and anything that's new and interesting. Right now we have many new Reps along with those of you who have been the perpetual patrons of the AOS. We want you to know that one of our committee goals is to be responsive to society needs and we encourage communication. Let us know how we can help and the AOS will be there at every turn. We ask that everyone take a few minutes to review the [AOS Rep Responsibilities](#) found on the website. Also, if they're not already receiving a copy, please provide us with the e-mail address of your Society President and Newsletter Editor so that we can include them on the distribution of this monthly newsletter. Remember that the most important aspect of your job is acting as the link between the AOS and your society members and we truly appreciate all that you do.

Please remember: Registration is soon closing for the AOS Spring 2017 Members' Meeting being held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida, on May 17-21, 2017. Event and hotel reservation link [American Orchid Society Spring 2017 Members Meeting](#) and on the AOS website. Note that it's being held in conjunction with Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida, which is an event beloved by many orchid enthusiasts.

If you are planning to attend, check out this link: [Schedule of Events](#). Our Committee Meeting is being held Thursday morning at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida. We always value your opinions and welcome you to join us.

Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 3:30 PM EDT *Members only*

Join Daniel Geiger, Ph.D., Curator of Malacology at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, California as he presents a fascinating talk on raising orchids in confined spaces, terrariums and aquariums.

Register now using this link: <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/member-only/orchid-aquarium-terrarium-culture.aspx>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

A Special Price on *The Book of Orchids* for You and Your Members

“A luscious coffee-table tome.”—*Nature*

Just published, *The Book of Orchids* revels in the diversity and oddity of these beguiling plants. Six hundred of the world's most intriguing orchids are displayed with life-size photographs that capture botanical detail, as well as information about distribution, peak flowering period, and each species' unique attributes, both natural and cultural. Including the most up-to-date science and accessibly written by botanists Mark Chase, Maarten Christenhusz, and **Tom Mirenda (NCOS member)**, each entry in *The Book of Orchids* will entice any orchid enthusiast. “For pictures you could not do better than *The Book of Orchids*. . . . With a clear, informative text, it is a superb production, reminding us of the astonishing diversity of these plants.”—*Times Literary Supplement*

For a limited time, we are offering this lovely book to orchid society members for the **special price of \$39.**

We invite you to share this special discount with your membership via email or newsletter. You can use these simplified links:

Link to buy at \$39: <http://bit.ly/orchidbook1>

Link to book description

page: <http://bit.ly/orchidbook2>

Link to sample pages: <http://bit.ly/orchidbook3>

Or call 1-800-621-2736 and mention promo code AD1629

Sincerely, Dean Blobaum
University of Chicago Press
dblobaum@uchicago.edu

Show Table – April 17, 2017

(Photos by Barry Woolf. Species names are italicized)

SPECIES:

1. *Trichopilia coccinea* 'Black Canyon'
Dan Gillespie



2. *Myrmecophila tibicinis*
Barry Woolf

SMALL GREENHOUSE:

1. Paph. Olivia 'Lorelei' HCC/AOS
Dan Gillespie
2. *Phal. mannii*
Linda Browne
3. Paph. (glaucophyllum x victoria-mariae)
Sue Spicer

LARGE GREENHOUSE:

1. *Epi. parkinsonianum*
Joe Francis
ABBOTT AWARD



2. *Epi. Serena* Oneill
Barry Woolf

3. *Catasetum* Ten Dragons
Jerry Rice **Tie**
3. *Renantanda* Sunrise
Gene Schurg **Tie**

ONCIDIUM:

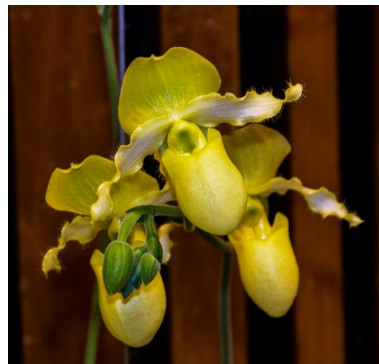
1. *Onc.* (Rdcdm.) (Orchidom Dancer x Orchidom Happy Choice)
Gene Schurg
2. *Ros.* Rawdon Jester 'Monte Vista'
Jerry Rice
3. *Brassia* Eternal Wind
Barry Woolf

PHALAENOPSIS:

1. *Phal.* hybrid 'Harlequin'
Barry Woolf
2. *V.* Kalapana Delight 'Sunrise'
Rebecca Waterworth
3. *Phal.* (javanica x heiroglyphica)
Sue Spicer **Tie**
3. *Phal.* hybrid 'Purple Spots'
Gabriel Roth **Tie**

PAPHIOPEDILUM:

1. *Paph.* Nike's Sunny Delight
Jerry Rice



2. *Phrag.* Jason Fischer
Barry Woolf
3. *Paph. venustum* 'measuresianum'
(syn. alba)
Gene Schurg

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:

1. *Guar. skinneri* 'Casa Luna'
AM/AOS
Gene Schurg
MEMBERS' CHOICE



2. *Epi. pseudepidendrum* hybrid
Barry Woolf

MINIATURE:

1. *Aerangis* (fastuosa x citrata)
Barry Woolf
2. *Sarcochilus* hybrid
Suzette Agans
3. *Phal.* mini hybrid
Sue Spicer

FIRST BLOOM SEEDLING:

1. *Paph. delatanii*
Barry Woolf

NOVICE:

1. *Vanda* 'blue hybrid'
Myra Specht



Our thanks to this month's judging team, Tom Miranda, Gordon Slaymaker, and Barry Woolf . There were 35 plants on the show table. Special thanks to everyone who brought in plants.

Needed: New Blood - Someone to take over running the Show Table. Contact Gordon Slaymaker for duties and details at gordon.slaymaker@mac.com .

Societies and AOS

Pennsylvania - Southeastern
Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.sepos.org

Pennsylvania - Susquehanna Orchid
Society
www.susquehanna-orchid.org

Baltimore - Maryland Orchid Society
www.marylandorchids.org

Frederick - Catocin Orchid Society
www.catocinorchidsociety.org

Montgomery County -
Rock Creek Orchid Club
Chrissy Mavrides (240-432-9248)

Alexandria - Hollin Hills Orchid Society
www.hollinhillsorchidsociety.com

Winchester - Lord Fairfax Orchid
Society – Zita Winzer
zitawinzer@me.com

Richmond - Virginia Orchid Society
www.vaorchidsociety.org

Delmarva - Orchid Hobbyists of
Delmarva: DE- Mary Sherwood (302-
628-3416); MD- Lois (410-228-3804);
VA- Bill (757-665-4108)
www.easternshoreorchidlovers.org

National - American Orchid Society
www.aos.org

Upcoming NCOS Events:

The Annual Orchid Walk will take place May 13. Details will be given in an e-blast to members.

The Annual NCOS Picnic will be held on June 25, 2017. Open to members and guests only. Location: North Chevy Chase Community Room, from 3 pm to 7 pm.

NCOS Events 2017 (updated 1 May 2017)

Future CY 2017 Member Meetings

June 25: **NCOS Annual Picnic** and June members' meeting will be held Sunday, June 25, at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church.
September 18: Kim Feddersen. Topic: TBD
November 20: Jay Tullos, NCOS. Topic: Native Orchids of the Canadian Prairie
December 11: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/Business Meeting, US National Arboretum

NCOS Events 2017

CY 2017 Member Meetings

Regular monthly meetings: Third Mondays (usually), 6:30-10:00 pm at the USNA Administration Building Auditorium. Meeting Dates: January 30, February 27, March 20, April 17, May 15, September 18, November 20, and December 11. **Note: January and February meetings are on the last Monday. The Arboretum has informed us that we can no longer meet there on a Holiday weekend.**

Board meetings: 6:30-10:00 pm at the USNA Administration Building. Meeting Dates: January 9, March 6, May 1, September 11, and November 6. Members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

Special Events scheduled in 2017:

Jan. 28: The **Paph Forum**, set-up afternoon of January 27, in the Administration Building Auditorium and Administration Building Lobby.

Feb. 3-5: The **Susquehanna Orchid Society Show** – “For the Love of Orchids” at the Hershey Conservatory, Hershey Gardens in Hershey, PA. **Team Lead: Joe Francis**

Feb. 12: The **Annual Auction** at Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD.

Feb. 17-19: The **Virginia Orchid Society Show** – “Orchids in Wonderland”, set-up on February 16, in Richmond, VA. **Team Lead: Jerry Rice**

Mar. 10-12: The **Maryland Orchid Society Show**, set-up March 8 and judging March 9, in Timonium, MD. **Team Lead: Joe Francis**

Mar. 24-26: The **SEPOS (Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society) Show**, at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks, PA. **Team Lead: Jay Tullos**

Apr. 1-2: The **CPOS (Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society)** spring show and plant sale, at State College, PA. **Team lead: Joe Francis**

June 4-8: **The Native Orchid Conference**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Contact Jay Tullos for details.