



National Capital Orchid Society Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2015

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.

PARTY TIME!!

Join us on Monday, December 14, at the
Arboretum for our Annual Holiday Party.

We will have a short Business Meeting and
the Show Table during the festivities. Gordon
Slaymaker will give his usual presentation on
"AOS Awards to NCOS Members and Friends."

For that portion of the evening before and
after the meeting, we ask that members bring
finger foods to share.

The Society will supply napkins, plates,
forks, etc., as well as the drinks.

Membership Renewal Information

Now is the time to renew your
membership for 2016. Thanks to everyone
who has already done so. Don't wait till the
last minute to re-up. A Renewal Application
is on page 8. If you had any changes to
your address, phone no., or e-mail address,
please fill out the form. If there are no
changes, just send a check, made out to
"NCOS," to the address listed on the form.
You may also pay at the Holiday Party in
December.

--Mary Rice, Membership Chair

To all Members:

This new feature (see page 2) is for
any member who wants to proudly show a
plant that you believe to be exceptional and
to give a little background.

Also, if you have an unneeded item
that you would like to offer to our members
and is related to or useful for growing
orchids in the home or greenhouse, please
communicate to mjriceis@aol.com for
consideration for publication.
(No plants please – save those for the
auctions and member sales at the Show).

Upcoming Special Events

Dec. 14: Annual Holiday Party, National
Arboretum, Washington, DC

Jan. 15-17, 2016: North Jersey Orchid Society
49th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Rutgers
University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Feb. 7, 2016 (Sunday): Annual Auction, Behnkes,
Beltsville, MD (see p. 3)

Feb. 13, 2016 (Saturday): Paph Forum, USNA (see
p. 3)

Feb. 19-21, 2016: Virginia Orchid Society Show,
Strange's Garden Center, Richmond, VA

Members Corner

From Joyce Gibson,

I am a former NCOS member and home orchid grower and have a custom-made orchid case (see photos) that I would like to give to a good home. The case is pine with three tiers — two tall tiers for larger orchids, and one short tier for smaller orchids. The back is mirrored to reflect light, although one of the mirrors is cracked. The case is equipped with humidity trays, fluorescent lights, and bulbs. If interested, contact me and make arrangements to pick it up at my home. Please call me at (703) 759-5363 for directions.



If you plan to travel next March, there are two major flower shows that month.

In Philadelphia, PA, the Philadelphia Flower Show, occurring Saturday, March 5 - Sunday, March 13, will celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service with the theme "Explore America." You can get further information at theflowershow.com or visit on facebook at The Philadelphia Flower Show.

In Santa Barbara, CA, the 71st Santa Barbara International Orchid Show celebrates the "Wild World of Orchids" from March 4-6. More information is available at SBOrchidShow.com.

--Mary Rice

2016 Away Show Schedule

Dates have been set by the respective Societies who conduct combined orchid shows and plant sales within the tristate area for 2016. You will recall the support given to our recently completed fall show from seven visiting societies and their spectacularly well grown and exhibited plant stocks. Their collective contributions made our exhibit hall a sight to behold.

The away show effort for each venue follows a familiar format. The team leader coordinates or has a selected team-mate handle the pre-departure details, which consists mainly of gathering plants from our Society members, arranging for plant registration and gathering the props and transport vehicle. Generally there is a team of 3-5 who depart laden with the tools of the exhibit and when on location installs the exhibit.

A second part of the team is the return team that usually departs mid-day on Sunday and when the show closes removes the exhibit, returning plants to their owners, props to the storage area and rented vehicle to its venue. Both days are relatively long, filled with volunteer service.

The Virginia Orchid Society has scheduled their event at Stranges Greenhouse complex in Short Pump, Virginia, to begin on February 18th with setup from 10am until 6pm. The VOS show closes at 5pm on Sunday February 21st. Jerry Rice has agreed to be the team leader and welcomes all interested parties to reach him at jmricewas@aol.com.

The Maryland Orchid Society has scheduled their event at the Timonium, MD, fairgrounds beginning with exhibit setups between 9am and 6pm on March 9th, a Wednesday. Plant and prop removal takes place on Sunday March 13th at 5pm. The position of team leader is vacant and interested volunteers should reach Nancy Mountford at nancymountford@orchidom.com.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society has scheduled its event at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pennsylvania, to begin with exhibits setup on March 31st from 9am until 7pm. This show closes at 5pm on April 3rd. This is a 208 mile drive each way, much like our journey to the Longwood Gardens venue previously used by this Society. Oaks, PA, is just north of the state capital, Harrisburg. We need a team leader for this show and she or he ought to reach Nancy Mountford at nancymountford@orchidom.com.

The Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society will stage their exhibition and sales beginning on Saturday April 9th. Exhibit installation will take place between 10am and 6pm on Friday April 8th. The show closes on Sunday at 5pm. Joe Francis has agreed to be the team leader, will use the host society volunteers to help with the install and removal, and remain on location for that weekend. Society member's plants to be used on this show are most welcome and Joe can be reached at jjfran1@verizon.net for arrangements.

--Joe Francis

**38TH NCOS ORCHID AUCTION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016
BEHNKE NURSERIES (BELTSVILLE, MD)**

CALLING ALL ORCHID LOVERS

The National Capital Orchid Society will hold its annual Orchid Auction on Sunday, February 7, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Behnke Nurseries in Beltsville MD (behnkes.com/website/about-us/hours-a-directions/directions.html).

Free admission - open to the public, so grab a friend interested in Orchids and join us in the fun. Preview from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. This live auction will offer over 300 blooming or near-blooming size orchids, from well-known growers coast to coast, Hawaii and private collections. There will be lots of very rare and unusual orchids. This is one of the largest Orchid Auctions in the country.

Checks / Visa / Mastercard / Discover welcome.

Plants are provided from the stocks of leading vendors. Other offered plants in the auction will be donated by NCOS members.

For further information contact auction chair Dan Gillespie at: danmgillespie@AOL.com or go to our website at ncos.us

**The 36th Annual NCOS Paph Forum
Saturday, February 13, 2016
U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC**

The 36th annual NCOS Paph Forum will feature internationally-renowned speakers, an unparalleled selection of Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium plants for sale by leading vendors, a show table featuring hundreds of slippers in bloom, ribbons and trophies for outstanding show plants, door prizes, a silent drawing to benefit the Slipper Orchid Alliance (SOA) and American Orchid Society judging.

Sales begin at 8:00 am, the program begins at 9:45 am, and the event concludes at 4:30 pm.

Pre-registration is required.

Entry Fee is \$50

The entry fee of includes lunch and a door prize.

2016 PAPH FORUM SPEAKERS

Dr. Olaf Gruss– Germany

The New Paphiopedilum Species

Hadley Cash – Marriott Orchids, North Carolina

“Amazing New Paphiopedilum Hybrids”

David Sorokowsky, Paph Paradise

"Multiflora Paphiopedilum Hybrids"

National Capital AOS Judging Center

“Overview of Recent Slipper Awards”

More information available at ncos.us

THE DECEMBER, 2015 AOS CORNER – *From the desk of Gayle Brodie, Vice-Chair American Orchid Society Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee (gbrodieaosmembership@gmail.com)*

UPCOMING WEBINARS :

NORTH AMERICAN CYPRIPEDIUMS with Nile Dusdieker—December 9, 2015 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. EDT. Learn how to appreciate and grow this most captivating group of native north American orchids! *Members only*. Registration will be available at www.aos.org shortly after the December 2 Greenhouse Chat has aired.



Cypripedium candidum 'Mt. Cuba'
HCC/AOS
Photographer: Maurice Marietti

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES:

Affiliated societies can now earn a one month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that you refer (membership renewals don't count). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the **AOS Membership Application Form**, check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, mostly importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156. *With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS membership!* Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name filled in and available at your club meetings!

DON'T MISS THE NEW ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE: See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Recent Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. *Free to members and nonmembers.*

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on



- » All About Orchid Viruses
- » Large-Flowered *Coelogyne* » *Chaubardiella*
- » North to Alaska! » *Miltonia*

Chaubardiella tigrina 'Gail's Delight' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Larry Johnson

Let's grow together, Gayle Brodie

Show Table – November 16, 2015

(Photos by Barry Woolf; Species names are italicized)

SPECIES:

1. *Cynorkis gibbosa*
Bill Elbert



2. *Den. platycaulon*
Jay Tullos
3. *Dendrochilum wenzelii* 'Fishing Creek'
Zita Winzer

NO GREENHOUSE:

1. Gct. Morse Code
Marc Levenson
2. Paph. Maudiae hybrid
Suzette Agans

SMALL GREENHOUSE:

1. Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'
FCC/AOS
Jay Tullos
2. Rlc. Chia Lin x Rth. Coral Gold
Jeff Johnson



3. *Paph. spicerianum*
Sue Spicer Tie
3. C. Moon Festival
Zita Winzer Tie

LARGE GREENHOUSE:

1. Angraecum Mem. George Kennedy
Jerry Rice



2. *Max. picta*
Barry Woolf



ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE:

1. Brsdm. Nittany Gold 'Dr. John'
AM/AOS
Kathleen Snyder



MINIATURE:

1. *Pleuro. allenii*
Roddy Gabel

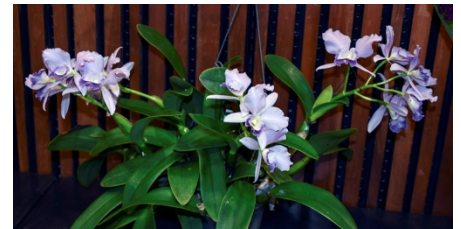
PHALAEOPSISIS:

1. Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'
Marc Levenson

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:

1. C. Blue Kauai
Nancy K. Mountford

ABBOTT AWARD



2. Rlc. Sanyung Ruby 'Kuang Lung'
AM/AOS
Marc Levenson



3. Rlc. Kaahumanu 'Volcano Queen'
Kathleen Snyder

PAPHIOPEDILUM:

1. *Paph. spicerianum*
Nancy K. Mountford
2. Paph. Mem. Joe Koss 'Brier Hill'
HCC/AOS
Roddy Gabel Tie
2. *Paph. insignis* 'Variegata'
Bill Goldner Tie
3. Paph. Trail of Tears
Kathleen Snyder

Our thanks to this month's judging team: Tom Mirenda, Barry Woolf, Gordon Slaymaker. There were 29 plants on the show table. Special thanks to everyone who brought in plants.

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 - Catoctin Orchid Society
www.catoctinorchidsociety.org

Montgomery County -
Rock Creek Orchid Club
Chryss Mavrides (240-432-9248)
JoBeth Roberson (240-385-6608)

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

Richmond - Richmond Orchid Alliance
www.richmondorchidalliance.com

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

NCOS Events 2016 (updated 1 Dec. 2015) (dates firm unless otherwise noted)

Future CY 2016 Member Meetings

Members' meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month (except for June, July, August, October and December) at USNA. Gate opens at 6:30.

- January 18: NCOS Member Grower Panel: Comparison and Contrast of 3 Different Environments: Large Greenhouse, Small Greenhouse and No Greenhouse.
- February 15: Dr. Olaf Gruss, Germany (Subject to be determined).
- March 21: David Lambert will speak about Orchid Photography – SLR to Cellphone.
- April 18: Dr. Daniel L. Geiger (Subject to be determined).
- May 16: Speaker to be determined.
- June 26: Annual Picnic and Meeting, North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD.
- September 19: Mary Jo Gilsdorf (Subject to be determined).
- November 21: Roddy Gabel will speak about Orchids of Australia.
- December 12: Annual Holiday Party and Business Meeting

CY 2016 Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held on January 4, March 7, May 2, September 12, and November 7 at USNA from 6:30 to 9:30.

CY 2016 NCOS Special Events

- February 7, Sunday: Annual Orchid Auction. Behnke's, Beltsville, MD.
- February 13, Saturday: Paph Forum. All day event at the USNA.
- February 19-21: VOS Show. Strange's, Richmond, VA.
- March 11-13: MOS Show. Timonium, MD.
- April 1-3: SEPOS Show, Oaks, PA
- April 9-10: CPOS Show. State College, PA.
- Spring, TBD. Orchid Walk.
- June, Saturday TBD: Behnke Garden Party.
- June 26, Sunday: Annual Picnic and Meeting. North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD.
- October 8-10: Annual Fall Show, Columbus Day Weekend
- December 12: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/ Business Meeting.

Cattlianthe Portia 'Edward Wood's Coerulea', HCC-CCM/AOS

By Tina Wood/Pictures by James Osen

IN 1998, HURRICANE Georges slammed into Big Pine Key, Florida, home of a passionate orchid grower and all-around naturalist, Edward Parker Wood, my dad. His home seemed to be in the bull's-eye of the storm, and it left a 4-foot (1.2-m) water line in the house, fish on the floor and a yard of fallen and badly damaged native trees. The many orchid plants that lived among those trees were ripped from their pots and scattered hither and yon.

I immediately headed down from our original home in Maryland to help. Recovery required grit and we had it, as did the orchids and the trees in their own way. The fallen buttonwoods, home to many of the orchids, were raised with come-along tools, and eventually stood strong again. Many of the orchids responded well to early triage.

Resurrection from such a storm is gradual and constituted by myriad changes at many levels. Eventually the trees heal and leaf out, and the orchids root and flower. People rediscover long-untapped potential and grow stronger. And sometimes there are new discoveries, such as mine of the beauty and allure of orchids. It took a hurricane to open my eyes and heart. I simply hadn't noticed orchids all those years growing up just upstairs from Dad's greenhouse in Maryland.

My own love of orchids took root in a disaster zone. In the storm-compromised minimal shade of a sapodilla tree, using a bench put together from what flotsam we could find, side-by-side Dad and I rinsed and potted the salt-drenched survivors. Our dad-and-daughter orchid team took some of the strongest to the meetings and shows of the Key West Orchid Society. There were show and show table awards, and trips up to Redlands in Homestead (a place every orchid lover should experience at least once).

Four years passed, and it was time for me to head back to Maryland. Dad and his orchids were now enjoying the dappled shade of the buttonwoods, sapodillas, almond trees and sea grapes. Before leaving, one day looking up high in the trees, I noticed an exquisite light blue cattleya. I exclaimed that it was too high for me to take in its beauty. Dad moved it lower and offered me a division to take back with me to Maryland — to his greenhouse that I was to resurrect, the orchid's original home.



That plant became a star in my newly formed collection and took honors at AOS judging. It is *Cattlianthe* Portia 'Edward Wood's Coerulea', HCC-CCM/AOS. Many good growers and orchid lovers now have divisions in their collections. Dad turned 100 on June 18, 2015. A month later he passed away. His was a life full

of childlike wonder about the natural world. He leaves this legacy in all of us whom he touched with this wonder. His life has come full circle. — Tina Wood, 9066 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, Maryland (email: orchidlogic@verizon.net).

NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY



2016 Membership Renewal Form for members whose contact details have changed

[Please print clearly]

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Name: _____
First Name, Last Name

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ ext # _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail address*:

*Required: All NCOS communications are sent via email

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 Membership Dues

- Category (check one): **\$30 Single**
 \$30 Joint (2+ at the same address)

Please make checks payable to **NCOS**.

Mail to:

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NCOS Communications Chair
3213 Coquelin Terrace
Chevy Chase, MD 20815