



National Capital Orchid Society Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Monday, September 21, 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.**

Our September speaker, Guillermo Salizar, will present "Epidendrum Species and Culture". He will have plants for sale. Preorders can be made by contacting Mr. Salizar at guillesala@hotmail.com.

This **IS NOT** a members' sales event.

68th NCOS Fall Show Exhibition and Sales

"During the weekend October 9 thru 12 – Columbus Day weekend — we will stage our 68th consecutive fall show at the Behnke Nurseries complex in Beltsville, MD. There will be several changes in the execution of the event.

"We will stage a Members Brunch from 12:30 until 2:30pm on Friday. This will replace our evening preview party. The exhibits will be opened about 2pm for a leisurely look at them under natural light. Member sales will begin at 3pm and end about 5:30pm. Members who work outside their homes are encouraged to plan for a half day absence in order to have an unhurried sales experience under natural light. This shift in Friday's activities will necessitate extra hands for ribbon placement duty and brunch clean up. Please come early enough to provide us with a helping hand.

"**Exhibit hours** will follow the daily Nursery business schedule. Sunday and Monday will begin with an opening period from 9am until 10am reserved for photographers. Monday the exhibits will close at 3pm.

"**Public Sales hours** will follow the daily Nursery business schedule with a wrap up beginning at 5:30pm. Monday sales will terminate at 3pm when the show closes. We have a special need for volunteers to help with the show removal process immediately following the closing.

"**Class lectures** and guided tours of the exhibits will take place in the classroom area or exhibit space. A published schedule will be posted in each area as well as on our web site www.ncos.us.

"Nancy Burns nburnsva@gmail.com will be reaching the membership to secure volunteer time and service pledges. Please be generous with your commitments. Remember a full day of service [may be spread over two days] will entitle you to offer your excess plant inventory for sale to the general public via the Member Sales table."

-- Joe Francis – Chair, jifran1@verizon.net

Lost and Found: the owner of a woman's jacket and an over-the-shoulder Igloo™ insulated bag that were left at the picnic can arrange to be reunited with your property by calling Jerry Rice at 301-986-0659.

Upcoming Special Events

**October 9-12 (Columbus Day Weekend):
Annual Show and Sale, Behnke
Nurseries, Beltsville, MD**

National Capital Orchid Society
68th Annual Orchid Show, Sale, and Free Workshops
Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD
Columbus Day Weekend, Friday October 9 – Monday October 12, 2015

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 9

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| 9:30 am – 12:30 pm | Orchid Exhibit Ribbon Judging |
| 1:00 pm | American Orchid Society Plant Judging |
| 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm | Judges and Members Brunch* |
| 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Advance Plant Sales – Judges and Members ONLY |

Saturday, October 10

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| 9:00 am – 5:30 pm | Sales Open to the Public |
| 9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Fabulous Orchid Show Exhibits |
- Educational Programs* throughout the day

Sunday, October 11

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| 9:00 am – 5:30 pm | Sales Open to the Public |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am | Exhibit Photography Period |
| 10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Orchid Show Exhibits Open to the Public |
- Educational Programs* throughout the day

Monday, October 12

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| 9:00 am – 10:00 am | Exhibit Photography Period |
| 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Show Exhibits and Sales Open to the Public |
| 12 Noon | <i>Educational Program</i> |
| 3:00 pm | Show Exhibits and Sales Close |

* **Members Brunch** replaces the traditional preview party

Picnic concludes year on a high note

--photos: Chrissy Mavrides and Linda Schroeder

The annual June meeting and picnic on Sunday afternoon, June 28, brought NCOS activities for the year to a jubilant close. Thirty-five adults and one infant enjoyed near-perfect picnic weather for our annual event at North Chevy Chase Christian Church, in Chevy Chase, MD. After the



Finishing dinner and preparing for the auction

buffet, President Nancy Mountford presided over a short business meeting, followed by an excellent Show Table (presented jointly by Gordon Slaymaker and Roger Cole; page 4.) Finally, everyone settled down with a drink and another



Gordon Slaymaker and Roger Cole present the Show Table

helping of dessert to enjoy the auction, which was as always both highly entertaining and a great source of bargains. (More picnic photos on supplemental page).

This year's auction featured 49 plants, many in flower and all contributed by NCOS members. Total auction sales exceeded \$900. Many thanks to plant donors/contributors Roger Cole, Joe Francis, Werner Linder, Chrissy Mavrides, Nancy Mountford, Jerry Rice, Gene Schurg, and Gordon Slaymaker, who contributed 40 of the 49 plants.

Somewhere out there are the donors of the final 9 plants. You know who you are; we don't.

Please, if you gave a plant to the auction and your name isn't listed above, contact Treasurer Mike Bongiovanni for credit

(mike_bongiovanni@verizon.net) .



President Nancy Mountford assists veteran auctioneer Eric Butler to whip the crowd into a bidding frenzy

The Picnic Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed food to the buffet, which was a gourmet delight as usual. We also especially thank two young men who, although not NCOS members, cheerfully did the bulk of the heavy lifting involved in furniture rearrangements before and after the meeting: Sarah Hurdel's son Owen Humphrey and Mary and Jerry Rice's son Stephen. We really appreciate your help!

Have a great summer, everyone!

--Jerry Rice

Show Table – June 28, 2015

(Species names are italicized; Photos by Jerry Rice and Linda Schroeder)

NO GREENHOUSE:

1. Lc. Tokyo Magic x Slc. Fire Fantasy
Anne Hardman
2. Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'
Linus Chen
3. Ctsm. Ten Dragons
Chrissy Mavrides

SMALL GREENHOUSE:

1. Miltassia hybrid
Jay Tullos



--Photo by Linda Schroeder

2. *Enc. polybulbon*
Adele Fein
3. *Catasetum* species
Werner Linder

LARGE GREENHOUSE:

1. Angraecum Lemforde White Beauty
Jerry Rice
ABBOTT AWARD



-Photo by Jerry Rice

2. Grammatocyidium Lovely Melody 'Select'
Joe Francis

3. Bulb. A-dorible Upwind
Gene Schurg

DENDROBIUM:

1. Dendrobium hybrid
Gabriel Roth

ONCIDIUM :

1. Brassia Rex 'Tahoma' AM/AOS
Jerry Rice



--Photo by Jerry Rice

2. Onc. Sugar Babies 'Anna Borlack'
Werner Linder
- 3.. Mtssa Pelican Lake 'Evergreen' AM/AOS
Gene Schurg **Tie**
3. Brassia (Datacosa x longissima)
Adele Fein **Tie**

PHALAENOPSIS:

1. *Phal. cornu-cervi*
Sarah & Gary Smith



--Photo by Linda Schroeder

2. *Phal. bellina*
Gene Schurg

PAPHIOPEDILUM:

1. Paph. Deperle 'Sweetheart' AM/AOS
Sarah & Gary Smith
2. Phrag. Wossner Super Grande
Jay Tullos
3. Paph. Shireen
Adele Fein

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:

1. C. Rubens-Verde 'Fernando'
Werner Linder



--Photo by Linda Schroeder

SPECIES:

1. *Gram. scriptum* v. *citrinum* 'Hihimanu'
Gene Schurg
2. *C. gaskelliana*
Joe Francis
3. *Cym. dayanum*
Jay Tullos

MINIATURE:

1. *Den. laevifolium*
Sarah & Gary Smith
2. Paph.(Pinocchio x helenae)
Adele Fein
3. *Habenaria rhodocheila* (pink form)
Gene Schurg

Our thanks to this month's judging team, Roger Cole, Sarah Hurdel, Gordon Slaymaker. There were 37 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 - Catocin Orchid Society
www.catocinorchidsociety.org

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

Alexandria - Hollin Hills Orchid Society
www.hollinhillsorchidsociety.org

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

Richmond - Virginia Orchid Society
www.vaorchidsociety.org

Richmond - Richmond Orchid Alliance
www.richmondorchidalliance.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

NCOS Events 2015 (updated 1 July) (dates firm unless otherwise noted)

Future CY 2015 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.

September 21: Guillermo Salizar will present "Epidendrum Species and Culture"

October 10-12: NCOS Annual Show

November 16: Jay Tullos, NCOS member, will speak on the 2015 Native Orchid Conference meeting and field trips held June 1-3, 2015 at Gorham, NH

December 14: Holiday Party

CY 2015 Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held on January 5, March 2, May 4, September 14, and November 2 at USNA from 6:30 to 9:30.

CY 2015 NCOS Special Events

February 8, **Sunday**: Annual Orchid Auction. Behnke's, Beltsville, MD.
Note change in day of week

February 14, Saturday: Paph Forum. All day event at the USNA.

February 20-22: VOS Show. Strange's, Richmond, VA.

March 6-8: MOS Show. Timonium, MD.

March 28-29: LFOS Show. Winchester, VA.

April 10-12: CPOS Show. State College, PA.

May 16: Orchid Walk. Thompson Preserve, VA.

June 6, Saturday: Behnke Garden Party.

June 28, **Sunday**: Annual Picnic and monthly Meeting. North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD.

October 9-12: Annual Fall Show, Columbus Day Weekend, at Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD

December 14: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/ Business Meeting.