

TRIAD ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2007 edition



Preview February 2007 Speaker: Wendy Griffin, Indian River Orchids

To all you helped and came to the show, thanks for a truly fantastic event. The next meeting for the Triad Orchid Society will be on February 11th, 2007 when we will be hosting Wendy Griffin of Indian River Orchids. Wendy and her husband Jason began growing orchids as a hobby many years ago, but quickly discovered the orchid's capacity to completely conquer one's life. It got to the point that as she says, "when you are looking at hundreds of plants that need repotted it begins to be more than just a hobby." Their obsession led to the purchase of an old greenhouse and relocation to Vero Beach, Florida where as she says, "It took us exactly one year to fill 4,250sq. ft of greenhouse." Like most of us, they soon began selling plants to support their orchid habit. Starting with a small cardboard sign and opening their greenhouse on weekends this soon evolved to Wendy manning their greenhouse operations full time. Their success snowballed as they were invited to their first show in 2004. And not just any show but The Miami International Orchid Show or as Wendy wrote, "...WOW... Was that ever great!"

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Triad Orchid Society

Meets the Second Sunday of Every Month

Location: The Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs,
Inc., 4301 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC. , 27455
Setup at noon / Potluck Lunch at 1:00 pm / Meeting at
2:00pm.

New members always welcome!

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However, Florida comes with its own horrible risks, and in 2004 Hurricane Frances destroyed their home and their greenhouse. Driven by determination and a love of orchids Wendy and Jason rebuilt their life and business bigger and better, and now have their dream greenhouse in which they grow Vandas, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and Phalaenopsis. And last year they established their own lab for seed and tissue culture propagation.

They lots of plant but limited lists. Below is a partial list (~2 of 30 benches) of the plants they offer for sale and they have no problem with people calling to ask about items. Also they recently purchased Stewart's Orchids from Mississippi so they have a lot of Cattleyas available. **ALL PREORDERS 10% off and they can be reached at 1-772-563-0070 or IRORCHIDS@AOL.COM.** Pricing, **Blooming:** Blooming Phal's: \$30.00 Blooming, Dendrobiums: \$22.00, Blooming Cat's (limited): \$35.00-45.00. **Non-Blooming:** Community Pots of Cattleyas: \$25.00; 3' Cattleyas: \$15.00; 4' Cattleyas: \$18-25.00; 5' & 6' Cattleyas: \$25-45.00.

PLANT #	PLANT NAME	3' Pot	Com Pot
156	Blc. Taiwan Queen 'King's Monkey'	4	
2910	Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'		24
3158	Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'		16
3207	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Carmela'	4	12
3291	Pot. Burana Beauty 'Bruana'	57	28
3328	Blc. Mem. Anna Malmores 'Carmels'	31	16
3333	Blc.(walkeriana x Good News) 'Carmela'	28	9
3444	Blc. Dora Louise Capen 'Lea'		3
3545	Pot. Little Toshie 'Mini Flare'		27
3547	Bc. High Sierra 'Lynn' (white with red & yellow lip)	63	29
3655	Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'	39	29
3683	Blc. (Portage Glacier x Persopolis) 'Carmela'	22	36
3686	Blc. Lawless Freischutz 'Carmela'	37	16
3701	Slc. Wendy's Valentine 'June' HCC/AOS		29
3707	Blc. Hawaiian Night Life 'Carmela'		12
3708	Pot. Hisako Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen' HCC/AOS	50	
3718	Blc. Dr. Joe Walker 'Ray Mishima'	31	22
PLANT#	PLANT NAME	2" Pot	Com Pot
3725	Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS		
3727	Blc. Good News 'Hawaii' AM/AOS		30
3743	Lc. Irene Song 'Montclair' HCC/AOS	29	19
3752	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizzaz' AM/AOS-HOS		29
3757	Lc. Love Knot 'Carmela's Blue (coerules type)		3
3820	Blc. Lawless Romeo 'Juliet'	28	
3821	Blc. [(Fortune x Daybreak') x His Light]	44	17
3828	C. Bactia 'Grape Wax' (dark waxy wine)	68	
3842	Blc. Williette Wong 'The Best' AM/AOS, CR/HOS		
3843	Blc. Ann Cleo 'Stars & Stripes' (white red flare)	27	4
3844	Pot. Miya's Radiance 'Red Beauty'		18
3887	Epc. Hatillo 'Pinta'	42	35
3932	Hasegawara red Stella 'Carmela'	39	27
3946	Blc. Campobello 'Mendenhall'		2
4041	Blc. Taiwan Queen 'Orchis'	29	23
4068	Blc. Ronald's Canyon 'Koko Head' AM/AOS		6
4086	Lc. (Mini Purple x walkeriana) 'S & W'	1	30
4095	Blc. Chyong Guu Chaffinch 'Ta-hsin'		23
4096	Blc. (Aloha Case x Hunting Island) 'Hawaii'	66	29
4120	Epc. Siam Jade 'AVO AM/CST		34
4285	Blc. Chia Lin 'New City'		29

Synopsis of January's Meeting: TOS, John Stanton and the Orchids of Costa Rica

On January 14th, 2007 John Stanton of the Orchid Trail shared his experiences in Costa Rica with the TOS. Costa Rica is a Central American country with amazing topographical diversity ranging from mountains to lush cloud forests to tropical beaches. Costa Rica can be easily reached via a direct flight from Charlotte to its capital San Jose, which served as the launching point for all of John's adventures. Orchids can be found throughout this small country which is about the size of West Virginia. A large fraction of the country (over half) is dedicated to parks and nature preserves and the country's diversity of fauna and flora, including orchid plants was simply incredible. It was easy to see why ecotourism is a major part of the Costa Rican economy. John's adventures led us to some of Costa Rica's most striking features, its volcanoes: Irazu, Arenal, Poce, and Turriabla. My favorite part of his talk was of the Cloud Forests surrounding Monteverde, which rose in the shadows of the active Arenal Volcano. This area holds an enormous wealth of ecological diversity especially in portions of the park with limited access. In the nearby (and less visited) cloud forests of St. Helena, marvelous and often indescribable Pleurothallid orchids decorated tree trunks and rock. John also showed us some of the other gems of these forests such as the really cool Quetzalcoatli, the emerald green "Dragon bird" of the Aztecs. John's Costa Rican travelogue showcased a catalogue of Costa Rican orchids: Maxilaria, Lycasta, Cattleya, Miltonopisis, Epidendrium, Brassovola, and Stromberkia. However, he not only showed us beautiful orchids but also was able to give us a unique perspective of the country itself. The people of Coast Rica seemed warm and welcoming. The restaurant and lodging were well maintained, reasonably priced between \$35 and \$100 night; the prices often included meals. Some of the lodging even came with their own hot-and-cold running scorpions, like the one John found curled up in his knapsack at Monteverde. John's talk provided us with a unique perspective of a wonderful and interesting country. He showed us faces of the people which reminded us that although we may visit Costa Rica for a vacation adventure, it is a home to hard working people who like the rest of us are just trying to survive. Like many third world countries, even ones with well developed eco-tourist industries, Costa Rica suffers the burden of human intrusion and development, but hopefully places like Monteverde and los Cruces will be preserved for future generations.



Carolinas Judging Center of the American Orchid Society February 2007

Our regular monthly judging will be on February 17, 2007 in Greensboro, NC, at the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs building at the rear of the Natural Science Center at 4301 Lawndale Dr. Plant entries will be accepted beginning at 11:00. Everyone is encouraged to bring plants for our monthly judging. And remember that you are always welcome to observe the judging process.

Training:

Judge's training in February will feature Dr. Eric Christenson, author of *Phalaenopsis: a Monograph*. Dr. Christenson will speak on *Phalaenopsis* species and their role in modern hybrids. Business meeting for judges begins at 10:30. Guests are welcome to attend.

IDEAS, IDEAS, IDEAS TOS SHOW 2008

Our Heavenly Orchid show was a great success! We had 361 people attending our show on Jan. 26, 27, 28th. With the breakdown as follows: 68 visitors on Friday, 210 on Saturday and 83 on Sunday. We collected \$1805 in gross revenue. Now it is time to think about next year's show. Let's come up with a list of ideas/themes for the TOS 2008 Show by the May meeting so we can start planning.



Dendrochilum tenellum

Pictures from the TOS Orchid Show 2007



TOS Exhibit "Heavenly Orchids" 2007



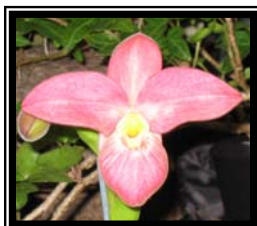
Rhynchostylis gigantea



Cattleya Bow Bells



Rhynchostylis gigantea var. *alba*



Dendrobium spectabile



Phrag. bessea

January 2006 SHOW TABLE AWARDS

Cattleya Alliance Species

- 1st Goldberg Laelia pumila
 2nd Spuller Encyclia ciliare

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids, Small

- 1st Haverkos Slc. Final Touch x Sc. Beafort
 2nd Anglin Pot. Hodum gem 'Freckles'
 3rd Rohlfing C. loddigessi 'Martinelli' x Sc Beaufort 'Hartford's Elmwood' AM/AOS

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids, Large

- 1st Richman Blc. Pamela Hetherington
 2nd Richman Lc. Colorama the Clown x Blc. Traveling Star 'Lipstick'
 3rd Rohlfing Blc. Goldenzelle 'Sandra' AM/AOS

Phalaenopsis

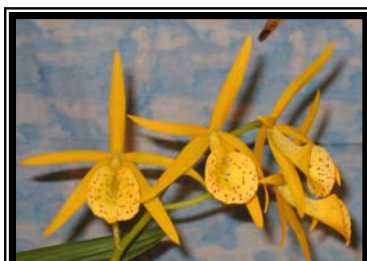
- 1st Creighton Phal Art Kuala
 2nd Anglin Unknown
 3rd Creighton Dtps. Sirila Prince x Dtps. Fuve Shing Pretty

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Richman Micranthum x concolor
*****Best Flower*****
 2nd Richman Paph. Haynaldiaum
 3rd Richman Paph. White Knight x Paph. Chiara 'Frosty Morn'

Phragmidedium

- 1st Creighton Phrag. Les Dirouilles 'yn'
 2nd Rohlfing Prag. Jason Fisher
 3rd Richman Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy



Dendrobium

- 1st Richman Den. Kurenai
 2nd Hastie Den. Mini Snowflake
 3rd Unknown Den Pegasus

Oncidium

- 1st Richman Onc. Twinkle
 2nd Hedrick Colm. Wildcat 'Blood Ruby' AM/AOS
 3rd Unknown Onc. Lion King

Vandaceous

- 1st Richman V. Princess Mikosa 'Mood Indigo'
 2nd Spuller Ren Scarlet Yuka
 3rd Spuller Cleisotoma simodi

Cymbidium

None entered

Miscellaneous

- 1st Richman Gomesa vervooneerii
 'Golden Falls'***Best Species***
 2nd Richman Masd. strobelli
 3rd Rohlfing Ludisia discolor
 Best Specimen



Triad Orchid Society Meeting Schedule, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Business/affiliation</u>
January 14	John Stanton	Orchids of Costa Rica	The Orchid Trail, Morrisville, NC
February 11	Wendy Griffin	Orchid Culture From Seed to Adult	Indian River Orchids, Vero Beach, FL
March 11	Local Speakers	TBA	
April 8	Alan Koch	Miniature <i>Cattleyas</i>	Cold Country Orchids, Lincoln, CA
May 20	Local speakers	TBA	
June 10	Andrea Niessen	Colombian Orchids	Orquideas del Valle, Cali, Columbia
July 8	Walter Orchard	<i>Disas</i> and how to grow them	Tumwater, WA
August 12	Ernie Gemeinhart	<i>Cochlopetalum paphs</i>	EnLightened orchids
September 9	John Salvantii	Collecting orchids in Peru	Parkside Orchids Nursery, Ottsville, PA
October 14	Local speakers	TBA	
November 11	Jason Fisher	<i>Phragmipediums</i>	Orchids Limited, Plymouth MN
December 9	Don Garling	Magic potions, home remedies, and their ways to control pests	Okemos, MI

Treasurer's Report

End of January 2007

Beginning balance: \$9817.74

Deposits: \$903.00

Checks: \$2736.51

Ending balance: \$7984.23

Year to date:

Deposits: \$903.00

Checks: \$2736.51

Is anyone interested in bringing plants to the Richmond Show?

Don Richman has talked to David Sombach and Jerry Rodgers of the Virginia Orchid Society and they would love to have an exhibit from our society - whether regular size (25 or 50sq.ft.) or just a table exhibit with 10 to 12 plants. The show is in Richmond, Virginia on Feb. 22nd. If someone is willing to drive and setup Don will be glad to drive up on the Feb. 25th to bring the plants back. David and Jerry have boxes etc. to create some elevations if we should go with the table exhibit route and all that we would need to bring would be a black cloth to cover the table. If anyone is interested contact Don for details.

Missing Spoons

We are missing several plastic serving spoons from the kitchen at the Garden Club center. This has created some difficulty with service for our pot lucks. Check to see if you have any extra large plastic serving spoons that might have followed you home.