



TRIAD ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Preview November 2008 : Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids

For this Sunday's meeting, November 9th, 2008, TOS is pleased to have Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids as our invited speaker. Glen's will present a talk on the South American lady slippers of the genus *Phragmipedium*, and will feature slides of *Phrag*s in their natural habitat including *Phrag. kovachii*, the newest discovery that will probably revolutionize *Phragmipedium* horticulture in ways not seen since the arrival of *Phrag. besseae*. *Phrag Kovachii* boasts flowers that range in color from pink to purple, and is better than twice the size of any other *Phragmipedium* species known to date. Glen will be bringing plants to sell. *Hope to see you there.*

Cheers,
Dennis

Triad Orchid Society

Meetings 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!

Officers of Triad Orchid Society:

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Carson Whitlow and cyripediums orchids

Carson Whitlow of **Cyp. Haven** from Adle, Iowa gave us a world tour of *Cyripedium* orchids. These magnificent plants are better known as temperate lady slippers. There are over 40 species of *Cyripedium* orchids worldwide. All are terrestrial plants and all can be found only in the temperate and sub tropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

Carson started in North American and highlighted several lady slippers that we might encounter on a hike in North Carolina. The large and small lady slippers (*Cyripedium. parviflorum* and *Cyripedium pubescens* respectively), are among the most wide spread of all native lady slippers and most accommodating for the adventurous gardener. The only difference between the two yellow lady slippers is the size of the flower. The smaller one is about an inches across while the larger yellow lady slipper can be up to two inches. Another difference between the two is that the smaller yellow lady slipper often has darker maroon sepals. Both can be grown in the garden in a humus rich garden soil with good drainage. Seed grown plants can be found at Carson's own nursery as well as the Vermont Lady Slipper company. A more difficult native lady slipper to attempt grow in the garden is *Cyripedium acaule*, aka the stemless or pink lady slipper. Many people have collected these plants from the wild and killed the plant in the process. The key apparently to success with these orchids is a low pH media. The can be achieved in several ways including watering the plant with vinegar water. Another southern lady slipper is *Cyripedium kentuckiense* or the Kentucky lady slipper. This is the largest native lady slipper and can be found in isolated populations from Virginia to eastern Texas. The large pouch of *Cyripedium kentuckiense* is cream to pale yellow and is the size of a hen's egg. If fact, a visitor to Carson's home once mistook the flowers as eastern eggs.

As one goes further north the diversity of native lady slippers increases. In Canada and northern portions of Michigan and New England, the unusual ram's head lady slipper, *Cyripedium arietinum*, can be found. In northern Canada and Alaska, the brightly color and tiny *Cyripedium guttatum*. The state flower of Minnesota is the spectacular *Cyripedium reginae*, or *Queen Lady Slipper*. Many of these plants need cold winter vernalization and cooler summers to survive and even a single hot day will cause them to wither. (continued on the next page)



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There is even greater diversity of *Cypripedium* in Europe and Asia. There is another yellow lady slipper similar to our two called *Cypripedium calceolus*. Originally all three were considered one species, but have been since separated. A major difference between the New World and Old world yellow lady slippers is in the coloration of the staminoid, which is yellow in the two North American species and white in the European and Asian *Cypripedium calceolus*. In many places throughout Europe *Cypripedium calceolus* has been over harvested and poached making it quite rare and in some places like England, nearly extinct in the wild.

Some of the most striking species of *Cypripedium* come from the far east. *Cypripedium macranthos* is a large and highly variable species that can be found from southwestern china into the Korean peninsula. It's color ranges from fushia to magenta and the flower can be nearly four inches across. From Taiwan, we find another interesting *Cypripedium formosanum*. The plant has two fan shaped leaves that nestle a pink and white flower that had a bedpan shaped pouch. According to Carson, these are a great first *Cypripedium* for the beginner being quite tolerate of a wide variety of conditions. In any case, make sure you get seed raised plants as wild collected plant rarely survive the trauma of transplant. If you have any more question feel free to contact Carson Whitlow by e-mail at: SlipperGuy@aol.com



Reynolda Gardens

Tuesday December 9

12:30 p.m.

For the Love of Orchids: a Discussion with Dorcas Brogdon
Beginning with a few plants grown on a windowsill in 1977, this orchid hobbyist has developed into a true collector, with many awards to her credit and a large greenhouse as well as a lean-to greenhouse packed with all kinds of orchids. Her orchids have been featured in the *Winston-Salem Journal* and *A.O.S. Orchid*. She will share some of her knowledge of orchids and secrets of orchid culture, including repotting techniques and the best fertilizers to use. A few of her favorite plants will be on display.

Saturday December 13

Orchid Display and Sale

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The ever-popular event co-sponsored with the Triad Orchid Society, featuring an educational display and selections of orchids grown by members. Free

For more information contact Please call the Reynolda Gardens Education Office at 336.758.3485.

Just a Reminder.... The Triad Orchid Society Show

Orchid Jungle

**Is coming up and we will need lots of volunteers to make it a success.
Talk to Don Richman for more information.**

October 2008 Show Table Awards

Cattleya Alliance Species

- 1st Doby *Laelia Sanquiloba*
 2nd Brogdon *Epidendrum porpax*
 Best Specimen

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids, Small

- 1st Doby *Lc. Tropical Pointer Cheetah*
 2nd Karb *Lc. Chrystelle Smith*
 3rd Doby *Bc. Little Mermaid 'Jane'*

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids, Large

- 1st Richman *C. Porcna*
 2nd Doby *C. trainae 'Snow' x C. labiata alba*
 3rd Doby *PotBlc. Ronald Hauserman*
 'York' x *Lc. Memoria Rober Strait*

Phalaenopsis

- 1st . Pope *Drlla. Tiny*
 2nd Goldberg *Drlla. Tiny Tim x Dor. pulcherrima*
 3rd Richman *Doritis pulcherrima*

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Costello *Paph. Hsinying Magic Voodos*
AM/AOS x Red shift
 2nd Brogdon *Paph. Wossner Vietnam Wings*
 3rd Belton *Emerald Majic x Helena*

Phragmidedium

- 1st Costello *Phrag. Hanne Popow*
 2nd LaJeunesse *Phrag. Don Wimber*
 3rd Karb *Phrag. Ruby Fire*



Dendrobium

- 1st Goldberg *Dend. Maiden Charlotte*
 2nd Doby *Dend. Pocket Love*
x Dend Sikka Pink
 Baby
 3rd Karb *Dend. moeties*

Oncidium

- 1st Karb *Odcdm. Black Beauty*
 2nd Costello *Hwra Lava Burst*
 3rd Pope *Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth*
Vader'

Vandaceous

- 1st Brogdon *V. sanderiana var alba*
 2nd Brogdon *Neostylis Lou Sneary*
 'Pink'

Miscellaneous

- 1st Karb *Bulb. echinolabum*
 *Best Species ***Best Flower
 2nd Goldberg *Ionopsis Popcorn*
 'Misty'
 3rd Brogdon *Cirr. Elizabeth Ann*
 'Buckleberry'



Triad Orchid Society Meeting Schedule, 2009

Meeting	Name/ Affiliation	Contact Information	Subject	Plants for sale (Y/N)
January	Bill Mathis/ Wild Orchid Company	Wildorchidco@earthlink.net	Gardening with hardy terrestrials	N
February	Patricia Harding	pih@century.net	Debatable Epidendrums- Prosthechea	?
March	Weyman Bussey	goldenbear@rocketmail.co m	Mexican Species	Yes
April	Jeff Bradley	jefftex@att.net	Classic cattleyas	No
May	TBA	TBA	TBA	?
June	Jose Esposito	soroa@att.net	Orchid Culture	?
July	Nina Rach	nrach@autrevie.com	Orchids of the Grand Sabana	?
August	Mario Ferrusi	mferrusi@sympatico.ca	Mario's orchids A to Z	?
September	TOS Auction			TOS Auction
October	Peter Li/Big Leaf Orchid	www.bigleaf.com	Phalaneopsis	?
November	Dr. Francisco Morales	jfmda@yahoo.com , www.inbio.ac.rr	Costa Rican Orchid	?
December	TBA			

Treasurer's Report for November 2008

Beginning balance: \$11,170.91
 Deposits: \$95.00
 Debits: \$373..86
 Ending balance: \$10,892.05

Year to date:
 Deposits: \$8,803.00
 Debits: \$10,275.52

