



TRIAD ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

October 2008 edition



Preview October 2008 : Carson Whitlow of Cyp. Haven

Carson became interested in orchids in 1958 when he was a sophomore in college. The following years he worked on the weekends and summers repotting orchids for a firm in Springfield, Illinois. After graduating in 1960, Carson went to Santa Ana, California to work for the prestigious firm of B. O. Bracey and Company. A year later, he changed his direction and entered upon a career in government service with the Orange County (California) Health Department. Career-wise, he has been an administrator in public health since that time, changing in 1988 to highway safety. Educationally, he has a Bachelors of Arts degree in education and mathematics (1960) from Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, and a Master of Science of Public Health degree in biostatistics (1973) from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. *continued next page.*

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!

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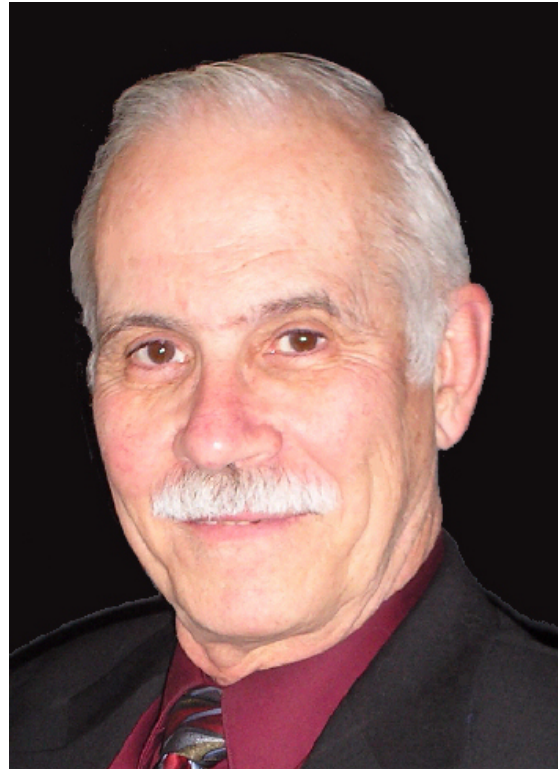
After leaving the Bracey firm, Carson established his own collection, mostly of blue Cattleyas, with which he undertook hybridizing in association with Fred A. Stewart, Orchids, in San Gabriel, California. From 1964 thru 1969, he produced in excess of 60 blue cattleya hybrids, many of which are still in collections, arising from the original seedlings or as mericlones. Many are used as basic parents in today's blue Cattleya breeding.

In 1973, with his move to central Iowa, Carson took a distinct change in direction, working with the hardy terrestrial orchids, primarily the *Cypripediums* and *Calopogons*. His work resulted in the first registered artificial hybrids of *Cypripedium* in 1987 and *Calopogon* in 1991. He continues to hybridize these genera and has built a small business, Cyp. Haven, as retail outlet for his work.

In 1995, Carson's interest in the internet and an easier means of finding orchid related sites on the world wide web brought about the birth of "[The Orchid Mall](#)," which today has become the definitive link site for orchids on the internet.

Carson's hybrid work is recognized throughout the world. He has published over 30 articles in U.S. and European journals. He has been giving presentations on his breeding and propagation for over 30 years, throughout the United States, Canada, and in Scotland at the 14th World Orchid Congress in 1993. He is truly a world-class hybridizer, author and speaker.

Carson is available for presenting several programs to Orchid, Garden, and Rock Garden groups, usually only for travel expenses. Though he can often schedule on short notice, it is best to contact him well in advance of your expected program date. He is willing to stay with members of the groups to whom he is speaking to reduce costs. His wife and partner, Lorna, often accompanies him on his trips. Speaking costs are the usual travel costs. Carson can be contacted by e-mail at: SlipperGuy@aol.com



Carson Whitlow of Cyp. Haven



Habernaria rochelle



From the AOS home page....

Cattleya guttata 'Brecko-Leopard' AM-CCM/AOS

Last week, Keith Davis of North Carolina sent us this photo of his daughter April, standing next to his plant of *Cattleya guttata* 'Brecko-Leopard' AM-CCM/AOS. We thought that it was too extraordinary to not share with website visitors. Here is Keith's story of this monster *Cattleya*...

April is now 11 years old and stands 5'4" tall. It took both of us to get the plant out of the greenhouse and into the yard. The plant originally came from Mark Rose of Breckinridge Orchids. His nursery was just down the road from us. During the two years before he closed his business, I would go down and work on Saturdays, dividing and repotting his cattleyas that had not died from Benlate. He used to have thousands, but after he lost about 98% from the Benlate, he switched to growing *Phalaenopsis*. He had about 100 high quality *Cattleya* alliance species and hybrids left. In exchange for my repotting work, he let me have first choice. I got one or more of everything I wanted, including the *C. guttata*. To my knowledge, the plant had never produced more than one spike per year, but then, he was growing it in a house full of Phals. Mark was living in Florida in the 1970's and got the original plant during a visit to Jones and Scully. As Mark told me, a large table was spread with a bunch of imported bare root plants that had just been unpacked. Mark asked one of the workers that he knew if he could buy some of the plants. The fellow said he supposed so, and let Mark have the *C. guttata* for a meager price. I think he told me it was \$20. As Mark was about to leave, Bob Scully drove up and asked Mark what he had in his hands. *continued next page...*

Magnificent *Cat. guttata* continued from previous page

Scully told Mark that they had just gotten those divisions in as a shipment of choice, select plants, and that they were not for sale. Since Mark already had already paid for it, he was allowed to keep the *C. guttata*. When Mark closed his business, I got two of 3 divisions of it. Jack Kepley, a mutual friend of ours, got one and received the AM award on it, as well as a CCM last year with two spikes and 44 blooms. Mine just has never been lucky enough to bloom for judging. My second division was given to Courtney Hackney, but unfortunately it died. I did send a small back piece to Bill Rogerson in Chicago and he has told that it is doing well. The plant is growing over the edge of a 12" clay pot in a mix of Staylite gravel, charcoal, large sponge rock and peanuts. The whole thing weighs about 75 pounds. My greenhouse is very bright to the point that most plants I purchase have to be acclimated to the light or they will burn. I fertilize at every watering with 1/2 teaspoon fertilizer that varies between Cal Mag, 20-20-20, 10-30-10, Poinsettia finisher and Peatlite Special. I have very clean well water, pH of 6.0, 20ppm tds. While building my greenhouse last fall, all of my plants were subjected to several weeks of nights in the low 40's and some nights down to 32-34 degrees F, with no damage. I always kept them very dry if it was going to be cold. The *C.guttata* does not have a single blemish on any leaf from bright light or cold temperatures. It produced 4 spikes in 2007, one having 54 blooms, and this year it had 5 spikes with a total of 120 blooms. The flower count per spike was very evenly distributed this year. Francisco Miranda told me that it was perhaps the single best example of a typical form of *guttata* that he had ever seen.

After the article on *C. guttata* in the April issue of Orchids magazine this year, the author, Alek Zaslowski and I have been in contact. We have been enjoying sharing information back and forth. When he saw my photo, he told me he was amazed at how well it was grown and flowered and said he hardly ever has seen any plants like that, even in Brazil where they are native. That made me feel pretty good.....**Keith Davis**

If you are interested in more Read "*Cattleya guttata* the Coastal Beauty".

http://www.aos.org/AM/Images/pdf/C_guttata-4-08.pdf

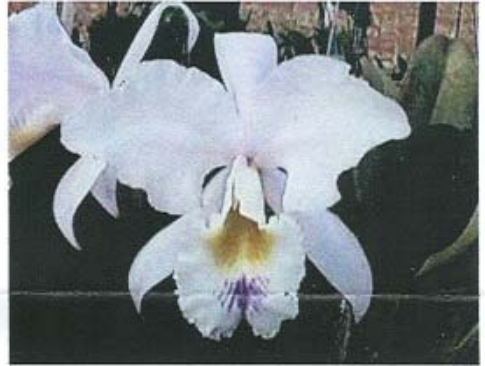
Got any great orchid stories? Send them to: newsflash@aos.org

I would like to thank and acknowledge all of the people who spent their time and energy for helping produce a spectacular and fun orchid auction last month, especially Jack, Ken, Margie, Tammy, Shirley, Don, Ben, Bonnie, Linda, Dorcas, and everyone else who helped. If I have forgotten anyone I am sorry and tell me.

The Sandhills Orchid Society

ANNUAL

ORCHID



AUCTION

Come One, Come All!!

Hundreds of orchids will be auctioned
including some in bloom from Hawaii!

Saturday October 4, 2008, At 1:00 PM.

Cape Fear Botanical Garden,

536 N. Eastern Boulevard, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Drinks will be provided.

For Additional Information and Directions Contact

Keith at: (910) 867-7905

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Or Check Out: www.sandhillorchid.org

Triad Orchid Society of North Carolina
Shirley Anglin
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Greensboro, NC 27455

Dear Shirley,

Ironwood Estate Orchids is having its 5th Annual Fall Orchid Sale and Open House
Thursday October 9th thru Sunday October 13th, 9:00 am till 5:00 pm

Orchid Sale & Open House

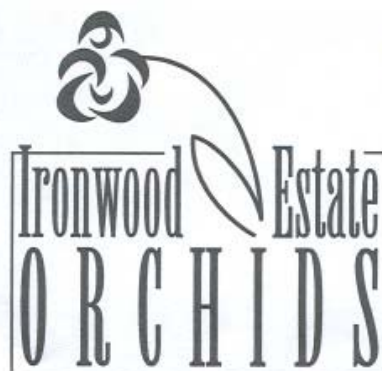
Featuring Cattleya Orchids

Oct 9th - 13th, 9 am - 5 pm



Purchase at greenhouse or place order by phone

Ironwood Estate Orchids, 3757 Sandy Ford Rd.
Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 294-3950
www.ironwoodorchids.com perikson@twave.net



Please pass this Open House invitation on to each of your members.

This Open House will feature Cattleya Orchids and will be a great opportunity for the Triad Orchid Society of North Carolina members to acquire some very special hybrids, older crosses, and Heirloom Cattleyas.

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Thank you,

Phyllis Erikson

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Directions: I 40 at Hickory, exit 123A onto 321 S. to River Rd. exit # 41. Top of ramp turn left onto River Rd., go for about 2 miles to a T intersection and turn right onto Sandy Ford Rd. Is the 5th house on the left, sign at driveway, US Flag on column at drive. Greenhouses behind our home.

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.



The AOS Orchid magazine's October cover picture of the orchid, *Plancherella keenanii* (*grandiflora X lacaera*) is from TOS's David McAdoo. It is one of his many beautiful photographs that accompany a recap of this year's Native Orchid Conference that took place this past summer in Morgantown West Virginia.

Triad Orchid Society Meeting Schedule, 2008

TRIANGLE ORCHID SOCIETY 2008 SPEAKERS						
Month	Name	Company	Address	e-mail	Phone	Subject
January	Alfredo Manrique	Peru Orchids		cimgard@terra.com.pe		Orchids of Peru/Phrags, Stanhopeas, Catleyas
February	Alex Challis	New World Orchids	4104 Thornoaks Ann Arbor MI 48104	icepengwyn@aol.com	734/971-6186	Miniature Orchid Gems
March	Mac Riverbank	Mac's Orchids	1400 South West 32nd Court Fort Lauderdale FL 33315		954/410-8580	Orchids of the Philippines
April	Mario Blanco	University of Florida Department of Botany	220 Bartram Hall Gainesville FL 32611-8526	mblanco@fmph.ufl.edu	352/392-1721 x 210	Orchids and their pollinators
May	Ron Parsons	Photography	104 Claremont Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080	flowershots@hotmail.com	650/873-2495	Rarities and Oddities
June	Steve Frowine	Orchids for Dummies		stevfrow@aol.com	011 52 376 766 5270	Orchids for Dummies
July	Norito Hasegawa	Multiflora Paphs		norito1@hotmail.com	714/826-8432 714/639-1387(H)	What's new in Paphs
August	Max Thompson			maxt@cox.net	620/221-1856	Angraceums and other Madagascar Species
September (not Triad)	Joseph Arditti			jarditti@uci.edu		How orchids survive in nature
October	Carson Whitlow	Cypripedium Heaven	22957 280th Street Adel IA	slipperguv@aol.com	515/390-2302	The World of Cypripediums
November	Glen Decker	Piping Rock Orchids		pipingrock@aol.com		Phragmepediums
December	No Speaker to be scheduled for this month					

Treasurer's Report for October 2008

Thank you to all members who participated in the auction, we made \$2345.00 for our society.

Treasurer's report for September:

Beginning balance: \$9096.38
 Deposits: \$2394.00
 Debits: \$319.47

Year to date:
 Deposits: \$8708.00
 Debits: \$9901.66



Doricentrum pulcherrima Kodama