



# The Atlanta Orchid Society Bulletin

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## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

8:00 pm Monday, October 8, 2012  
at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall

Speaker: Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids,  
Doylestown, PA

Topic: *Semi-Hydroponic Orchid Culture*

Ray Barkalow has been growing orchids since 1973, having been given a cattleya by a grower at the public greenhouses in Atlanta's Piedmont Park (now the Atlanta Botanical Gardens) while in grad school at Georgia Tech. Over the years he expanded his collection through purchases, trades, and the collection of plants in South America, Southeast Asia and China while on business trips.

In January of 1994, he experienced a total loss due to a heater AND alarm failure on a seven-degree night. After that devastating "winter of the ice," he bought a new heater and alarm system, followed by a few plants. After dividing them some time later, it occurred to him that by selling the divisions to other hobby growers, he could get some cash to buy more plants, and selling divisions of those would lead to more, and so on. So, he posted a text-only list on the web, and within three hours had two orders. That was the beginning of First Ray's Orchids!

As the originator and developer of the Semi-Hydroponic culture technique for orchid growing, and with over 20 years' experience with it - 40 growing orchids - Ray has received many requests to speak with orchid societies about Semi-Hydroponics.

That presentation encompasses the following:

- Background about the functioning of roots
- Basics about Semi-Hydroponic culture
- Comparison to traditional concepts of hydroponics
- S/H Components
- "How to" Instructions
- Advantages of S/H
- Repotting, both into S/H for the first time and moving plants on
- Objections to S/H
- ...and an array of photographs of orchids grown that way
- Questions are always welcomed!



*Phragmipedium Sherman's March* grown semi-hydroponically in a 3.5" pot.

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## September 2012 Meeting Auction and Pot Luck



Our 2012 plant auction and pot luck dinner was great fun and a resounding success! This year, Greg Smith and Steve Burger volunteered to organize and conduct the event. Their hard work brought in a huge and varied selection of orchids that covered many Genera and offered everything from rare botanical treasures to perennial favorites, delighting experienced and novice growers alike. The gross total brought in that evening was \$3837, and thanks to generous donations by both members and commercial growers, the overhead expenses, while still being totaled, are expected to be much lower than in previous years, leaving the society a healthy amount to use towards better speakers and programs. Generous thanks go out to the following members, individuals and non-commercial entities who donated plants: ABG, Steve Burger, Estate of Dr. Jean Staton, Lynne Gollob, David Kessler, David Mellard, Maureen Pulignano, & Geni Smith.

## Events Out and About

### October

**October 08 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m. Ray Barkalow – Hydroponic and Semi-Hydroponic Orchid Culture**

October 13 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

### November

**November 3-4 – Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee Show, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, Nashville, TN**

November 10 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

**November 12 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m. Paul Storm – Meke Aloha Orchids “Schomburgkia” Species and Hybrids**

### December

December 08 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop

**December 10 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, Annual Holiday Banquet RockSprings Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**

### January

January 12 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

**January 14 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m. Alex Maximiano – OrchidWiz Uses of Orchids Through the Ages**

## President's Message

I would like to thank everyone who came to the auction especially Steve Burger and Greg Smith for doing such an excellent job. What an evening it was. Our thanks to everyone who donated plants for the event. We had very positive comments about the facility and the convenience of the location. It was perfect and had everything we needed. I was proud of everyone who helped set up and also stayed for clean up without being asked and for that, thank you so much. The church staff found the room in pristine condition the next day and made a comment as if we were never there. It was a wonderful compliment. Thank you, Maureen for all your hard work in finding the place.

From my observation, bidding was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time. The atmosphere was awesome and the food scrumptious!! We welcomed a couple of guests, both mingled well with everyone & felt like one part of the group.

***In the absence of the secretary, I can report to you that the only business at our September meeting was the election of the final member of the nominating committee.***

One other thing, Maureen Pulignano, Cheryl Bruce & I put an orchid exhibit at the Alabama Orchid Show. I want to thank the following members for providing plants: Nancy Newton, Barbara Barnett, Maureen Pulignano, Cheryl Bruce Cora Ramborger and Geni Smith. We had a high number of species, and most of them were small (miniature) and we provided a magnifying glass for viewing.

Looking forward to seeing you on the eighth.

*Geni Smith*

### Nominating Committee

This year's Nominating Committee consists of David Johnston, Chair; Steve Burrows, Immediate Past Chair; Nancy Newton and Ellen brand, elected by the Board; and Maureen Pulignano, elected by the members at the Sept. meeting. They will present their selections at the October monthly meeting.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

12 issues of *Orchids*, the Society's monthly full color magazine chock full of insightful articles and tempting ads for plants and supplies.

10% off on purchases from the Society's Bookstore and Orchid Emporium. Reduced or free admission to participating botanical gardens.

For a limited time, if you join for two years you will also get a \$30 gift certificate (good on an order of \$100 or more) at any one of 13 commercial growers who advertise in *Orchids*. **JOIN TODAY.**

Single Membership 1 year \$65, 2 years \$125

Student Membership 1 year \$40, 2 years \$75

JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE AT: [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

## AOS Corner

*Lynn Fuller, Chair*

*AOS Affiliated Societies Committee*

Has your society moved its meeting locations or times? Changed its AOS Representative, phone number or website? Headquarters has been calling the affiliated societies to confirm their information for the upcoming Orchid Source Directory. They expect this task to be completed by the middle of September. One of the many benefits of being an affiliated society of the American Orchid Society is a free listing in the Orchid Source Directory. This directory is mailed to all members and is available electronically on the AOS website. Some members have told me that they leave their copy of the OSD in their car so they will know what vendors or societies are in the area when they are traveling.

I also heard from headquarters that societies are taking advantage of the benefit of the insurance certificates that were mentioned in last month's communication— it's a great deal for the

societies and for AOS. It only takes a couple of days to secure the certificate for your society. Call Melana Davison at headquarters at 305-740-2013 to get more information on this benefit or to apply for the insurance certificate.

The 2013 AOS Calendars are available now! A portion of the purchase price of each calendar this year will go towards AOS conservation projects. If a society purchases 12 or more, the cost will be \$8.97 each plus shipping. Call the main number at AOS headquarters and Naya Marcano can take your order! The phone number for headquarters is 305-740-2010.

Portland Orchid Society invites you to join them with at the Fall AOS Trustees and Members meeting in Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. With internationally-known speakers, exceptional vendors, locally participating nurseries, eye-catching displays and world-class hospitality, you will remember the experience for years to come. Registration is now open on their website at

[www.portlandorchidsociety.org](http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org). I hope you will support your fellow society and attend the meetings. It provides the perfect opportunity to network, meet internationally known orchidists or to discover what is truly new and trending in the orchid world.

## Greengrower's Visit Sunday, October 21, 2012

**Steve Arthur Orchids  
21 Glasshouse Rd.  
Graniteville, SC 28928**

Arrive at 11:00 a.m. and bring a covered dish for pot luck picnic. Steve Arthur will provide fried chicken.

*Please RSVP to Maureen Pulignano so that we will have an approximate head count.*

I-20 East past Augusta, GA to Exit 11 in SC, Bettis Academy Rd. Go right, and then 1.8 miles to Glasshouse Rd. on right. Proceed approx. 200 yards to greenhouse



While nursing your orchids through this hot, hot summer, pause to contemplate a cool break October 27-28 for the Haunting Beauty Orchid Show and Mid-America Orchid Congress Fall Meeting in Kansas City.

Registered attendees will enjoy lectures by noted orchid authorities including:

- **Dr. Ed de Vogel**, who participated in the New Guinea Orchid Project to catalog the island's nearly 3,000 species. He will give his keynote talk on the Bulbophyllums of New Guinea and another on the Dendrobiums.
- **Dr. Mary Gerritsen**, co-author with Ron Parsons of "Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World" will speak on "Masdevallias: Selected Species and How to Grow Them."
- **Tom Mirenda**, orchid collection specialist for the Smithsonian Institution and regular columnist for Orchids, will be the main attraction for the banquet Saturday evening, speaking on "Orchid Travels in Costa Rica."

In addition to the hundreds of orchids displayed in the show themed for the Halloween season, you will peruse the offerings of seven orchid vendors from across the the country. You can also tour the cave full of orchids that is Bird's Botanicals. And if you're planning to attend, consider also entering a display.

Go to the show website, <http://kcorchidshow.org/> for more information, to download registration forms, or to register online.

*Doris Asher, Editor, MAOC The Mid-American*

## South Metro Orchid Society Auction and Picnic

South Metro Orchid Society's annual Picnic/Auction is October 20, 2102 at the residence of Mike and Mary Cawthon. Set up begins at 11 a.m., the picnic at noon and the auction proper at 1 p.m. It is both a fund raiser for the society and a fun time to cookout and enjoy the ending of the summer. We would like to extend an invitation to the Atlanta Orchid Society members to attend, and offer them the opportunity to donate plants for the auction. All proceeds from the auction go to the society (SMOS). For detailed directions please email Bill White at [flaskman@theatlantaorchidco.com](mailto:flaskman@theatlantaorchidco.com) or map it at:

Mike and Mary Cawthon  
135 S. Mount Carmel Rd.  
McDonough, GA 30253-6322  
678-583-4096

## Join the Atlanta Orchid Society

Membership in the Atlanta Orchid Society is \$30 for individuals or \$45 for households. Yearly membership runs January 1-December 31. Anyone joining in the third quarter will get a 50% discount on the current year's membership.

Anyone joining in the fourth quarter will purchase a membership for the following year.

You can join at one of our monthly meetings, contact the society's Treasurer (see page 2) for a membership application, or complete an application online at our website:

[www.atlantaorchidsociety.org](http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org)

For directions to the Atlanta Botanical Garden, please visit their web site at [www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org](http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org) or contact one of our society's officers listed on page 2.

## RECENT ACTIVITY OF THE ATLANTA JUDGING CENTER

The following awards were granted at recent sessions of the AOS judging center. They are provisional awards pending publication by AOS. Certificates of Horticultural Merit and Certificates of Botanical Recognition are also provisional pending identification by an AOS certified taxonomist prior to publication of the award.

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*Cattleya Brabantiae* 'Sweet Geni,' AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Geni Smith



*Phragmipedium* Barbara LeAnn  
'Virginia Anne,' AM/OS  
Exhibited by David Kessler



*Bulbophyllum aestivale*  
'Sweetbay', CBR/AOS  
Exhibited by Peter & Gail Furniss



*Prosthechea mejia* 'Swamprad', CBR/AOS  
Exhibited by Mark Mills



*Catasetum Jumbo Dream*  
*'Swamprad', AM/AOS*  
*Exhibited by Mark Mills*



*Acianthera pacayana 'Chasus', CHM/AOS*  
*Exhibited by Charles and Susan Wilson*



*Bulbophyllum mirum 'Sweetbay,' CBR/AOS*  
*Exhibited by Peter and Gail Furniss*



*Doritaenopsis Merry Musick*  
*'Becky,' AM/AOS*  
*Exhibited at the Alabama Orchid Society*  
*Show by E.L. (Junior) Coxwell*



*Aerangis luteoalba* var. *rhodosticta*  
'Marble Branch,' AM/AOS  
Exhibited at the Alabama Orchid Society Show  
by Marble Branch Farms



*Paphiopedilum* Memoria Richard Allen  
Davidson 'Molly,' AM/AOS  
Exhibited at the Alabama Orchid Society  
Show by the Orchid Gallery



*Cattleya Fulvescens*  
'MBF Golden Perfume,' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited at the Alabama Orchid Society  
Show by Marble Branch Farms



*Rhyncolaeliocattleya* Tainan Gold 'Canary,' AM/AOS  
Exhibited at the Alabama Orchid Society Show by  
Florida Suncoast Orchids

**8th Annual  
Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium  
October 26th & 27th**

**Speakers**

*Alan Koch - Gold Country Orchids*

*David Off - Waldor Orchids*

*Roy Tokunaga - H & R Nurseries, Inc.*

*Marguerite Webb - J & L Orchids*

*AOS Judging Forum headed by Rob Griesbach*

**Vendors**

*Gold Country Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Inc., J&L Orchids,  
Orchid Enterprise, Inc. and Waldor Orchids*

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Friday, October 26th**

7:00pm Welcome - Rob Griesbach

7:15pm - 8:15pm Roy Tokunaga

8:15pm - 9:30pm Roy Tokunaga and Alan Koch

**Saturday, October 27th**

8:45am Welcome - Rob Griesbach

9:00am - 10:30am Dave Off

10:30am - Noon Marguerite Webb

Noon - 1:00pm Buffet Lunch and Plant Sales

1:00pm - 2:30pm AOS Judging Forum

2:30pm - 4:00pm Alan Koch

4:00pm - 6:00pm Plant Sales - Open to Public

**Location:**

Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel  
42nd Street & Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA

Website and Registration: [mhsvposium.org](http://mhsvposium.org)