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## MARCH EVENTS

**The Monthly Meeting:**  
**Carson Whitlow (Cypripedium Haven)**  
**Topic: Cypripediums**  
**8:00pm Monday, March 12**  
**at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall**

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.

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](http://TheOrchidMall.com)," 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 25 years, throughout the United States, Canada, and in Scotland at the 14th World Orchid Congress in 1993.

Carson can be contacted at the address below, or by e-mail at: [SlipperGuy@aol.com](mailto:SlipperGuy@aol.com).

**Please remember to have your entries for ribbon judging in place by 7:50.**

**AtLOS Members may bring plants to sell at this meeting.**

**Greengrowers: Saturday, April 7**

**Location: David Mellard & Sal Marino's house**

**Time: 10:00-1:00**

See how David's greenhouse is doing now that it's been in place for a couple years. David also has one of the best Trillium collections in the US along with numerous carnivorous plant bogs. See directions on page 4.

**Coming Soon: April 22 AtLOS Auction**

Our annual auction is a little earlier this year, please note the new date.



*Cypripedium bardolphianum*

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## American Orchid Society

The American Orchid Society is currently soliciting input via a survey that has been posted on their web site and also sent out with Orchids magazine. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this survey. Non-members of AOS can complete the survey on the web site and give their feedback on what they think of AOS, and why they are not currently members. The survey can be found on the main page of the site, [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).

In the course of recent discussions about AOS, several people have given links to various areas of the AOS web site. If you click on the "About Us" link, and then choose "Business Affairs" from the menu that comes up on the left, you will get to a page that has many items of interest. There are links to get information on the AOS personnel, committees, minutes from board meetings over the last several years, financial statements, by-laws, etc. If you want to find out more about AOS, this is a great place to start. The meeting minutes have a lot of information on the projects going on at AOS and what topics are being discussed. The location of the page is: <http://www.aos.org/aos/about/page14.aspx>

## Mid-America Orchid Congress Spring Meeting Chicago, IL April 27 – 29

The Illinois Orchid Society /Mid-America Orchid Congress show is scheduled for April 28-29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-5pm at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, IL in the newly renovated Regenstein Educational Center. We invite you to celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as attending the spring meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress. There will be at least 30 vendors and perhaps two from Peru and Ecuador that have tentatively agreed to attend as well! Demonstrations and lectures have been scheduled during the AOS judged show at the Botanic Garden, and there will also be corsage making and sales; raffles; bags available of our own special high-quality bark mix; books, pins, and other items, and a repotting service for a \$5 fee for any size orchid plant using our special bark recipe.

But the most exciting addition to the show is our featured speaker. Alfredo Manrique, of Centro de Jardineria Manrique, one of two nurseries in Peru authorized to grow and sell *Phrag kovachii*, has agreed to come! As most of you know, this is the most talked-about new species discovered in the past 50 years, and seedlings of *Phrag kovachii* are now becoming available for sale in the United States. The saga of this new, wonderful flower will be told from one who is deeply involved in its distribution and conservation. Other well-known speakers include Patricia Harding, co-author with Carl Withner of one of his *Cattleya* series, *The Debatable Epidendrums*. Patricia will speak about *Huntleya*, and related genera. Hadley Cash, from Marriott Orchids, who recently published an overview of his *Paph* breeding program in *Orchid Digest*, will discuss complex hybrids. And Dr. Eric Christenson, noted author and taxonomist, will have two lectures, one on *Maxillaria*, and the other on his work in Peru with David Bennett, on a modern inventory of orchids in Peru.

Hotel rooms have been blocked at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook where various lectures and events will be taking place. There will be an auction, banquet, breakfast, Judges' forum, and many meetings in conjunction with the show at that hotel. Registration is required to attend those events as well as the hotel lectures. Refer to our website at [www.iosoc.com](http://www.iosoc.com) for the schedule and registration forms. The Mid-America Orchid Congress special rate of \$99 has limited rooms available, as the regular rate is \$155. Lower fees are in effect until March 1<sup>st</sup>, higher thereafter.

## Events Out and About

### March

Saturday, 3/10 American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

**Monday, 3/12 Atlanta Orchid Society monthly meeting, ABG, Day Hall, 8 p.m.** Carson Whitlow will speak on Cypripediums.

<http://www.c-we.com/cyp.haven/>

3/16-18 *Santa Barbara International Orchid Show* [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)

3/19-24 *International Orchid Conservation Congress*, Costa Rica

3/24 – 25 *Heart of Dixie Orchid Society Show* Madison, AL

3/30 - 4/1 *Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show* Monroe, LA

### April

**April 7 (Saturday) Greengrowers at David Mellard & Sal Marino's house. 10-1**

**Monday, 4/9 Atlanta Orchid Society monthly meeting, ABG, Day Hall, 8 p.m.** Tom Harper will speak on the development of red Phalaenopsis.

Saturday, 4/14 American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

4/13-15 *Deep South Orchid Society Show* Savannah, GA

**Sunday, 4/22 Atlanta Orchid Society Auction.** More details in the next newsletter.

**April 27-29** MAOC meeting in Chicago [www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org)

### May

**May 2-6** AOS Members Meeting in Arlington, TX

**May 5 (Saturday) Greengrowers at Gary Collier & Mark Reinke's house.**

### Welcome to our New Members:

Mary Booth Cabot - Roswell

## Minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- o The Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting was brought to order by President Mark Reinke.
- o The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- o Visitors to the meeting were welcomed, including two students working on a botany project.
- o Reba Herzfeld presented the treasurer's report. Members were reminded that 2007 dues are now due (\$30 single, \$45 family).
- o Doug Hartong announced a contest that will be held to design a new pin for the society. Members were encouraged to work on pin designs and submit them to Doug by the June meeting. The board will choose the new design from the entries at that time.
- o Members were encouraged to attend the Mid-America Orchid Congress in Chicago April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, which is excellent.
- o The Atlanta Orchid Society has been approved for a tabletop exhibit at the World Orchid Congress. The World Orchid Congress meets every three years and will be held January of 2008 in Miami.
- o Danny Lentz thanked everyone for their help at the Southeastern Flower Show. Danny said that he would welcome assistance for doing the AOS photography and also for next year's flower show.
- o Barry Drake of Mountain View Orchids in Greenville, SC, has been diagnosed with cancer. If you'd like to send him a message or check on his progress he has a journal online at <http://caringbridge.org/visit/barrydrake>. His email address is [barrydrake@juno.com](mailto:barrydrake@juno.com).
- o Evan Dessasau asked for help in locating the book Slipper Orchids from Vietnam, which is missing from the library. Jeffrey Wolf, the society's librarian, encouraged members to use the society's library.
- o The speaker was Dennis D'Alessandro of Gypsy Glen Orchids of Beaver, Pennsylvania. He gave an interesting presentation on the orchids of southern Ecuador.
- o Our thanks to the orchid judges: Jeff Wolf, Bob Grzesik, David Mellard, James Van Horne, Geni Smith, and Doug Hartong.
- o Our thanks to those who donated plants to the raffle table: Mark Reinke & Gary Collier (7), Margo Brinton and Eldon Park (3), Peach State Orchids, and others.
- o Our thanks to those who provided refreshments: Carolyn & Mike Dufano, Cathy Caine, Ellen Brand, Reba Herzfeld, Marianne Gilmore, and others.
- o The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Quattlebaum

### **Greengrowers Directions – David Mellard’s house**

3409 Regalwoods Drive, the house with the carnivorous plant bogs in the front yard. 770-270-5758

**1. Going north on I-85 from downtown.**

Exit at Northcrest/Pleasantdale, a dual exit  
 Turn right onto Northcrest  
 Go past the driving range and turn left onto Regalwoods  
 Go about 200 yards, house on the left (3409 Regalwoods Drive)

**2. Going south on I-85 from Gwinnett County**

Exit at Pleasantdale/Northcrest, a dual exit  
 Go straight across Pleasantdale  
 Follow the signs to Northcrest  
 Turn left onto Northcrest  
 Go across I-85 and past the driving range  
 Turn left onto Regalwoods  
 Go about 200 yards, house on the left (3409 Regalwoods Drive)

**3. Going south on I-285 from GA 400/Perimeter Mall**

Take the Chamblee Tucker exit at I-85/I-285  
 Turn left onto Chamblee Tucker  
 Go across I-285  
 Turn left onto Northcrest (at the Chevron Station)  
 Turn right onto Regalwoods  
 Go about 200 yards, house on the right (3409 Regalwoods Drive)

**4. Going north on I-285 from I-20/Northlake Mall**

Take the Chamblee Tucker exit just before I-85/I-285  
 Turn right onto Chamblee Tucker  
 Turn left onto Northcrest (at the Chevron Station)  
 Turn right onto Regalwoods  
 Go about 200 yards, house on the right (3409 Regalwoods Drive)

#### **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, or contact the society's Treasurer (see page 2) for a membership application.

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.

#### **Newsletter Submissions**

To submit material for the newsletter, or to sign up for the email version of the newsletter, please contact Danny Lentz. The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

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#### **Advertising**

Advertising is now being accepted for our newsletter. The size and number of ads may be limited at the discretion of the editor. Advertising Rates per issue are: ¼ page \$10, ½ page \$20, 1/8 page text only \$5.

## JANUARY 2007 EXHIBITION TABLE AWARDS with notes by Mark Reinke

### Class I – Cattleya Alliance

**Blue- *Cattleyopsis ortgiesiana* – Collier/Reinke** : There are three *Cattleyopsis* species, all endemic to Cuba, with one extending into the southernmost Bahamas. They are related to the *Broughtonia* species of Jamaica, but exhibit stiff, fairly narrow leaves with sawtooth edges. All 3 species are rare in collections at present. *Cattleyopsis ortgiesiana* has flowers that superficially resemble *Broughtonia sanguinea* in form and color, but the lip is somewhat smaller, and the petals somewhat wider in typical wild collected examples. In nature these orchids grow in rather arid regions in terms of rainfall, but with good humidity and nightly dew, which their very thick fleshy roots readily absorb. They need bright light, good air movement and must be grown on a mount to flourish. We have found that despite coming from such a warm climate, they will readily tolerate 55 degrees at night in winter, as long as daytime temperatures are in the 80's with plenty of sunshine. This species has potential for interesting hybrids, though only 6 have been registered so far, mostly by the late Goodale Moir back in the 1960's. However, in 2005, Claude Hamilton of Jamaica registered a new hybrid between *Ctps. ortgiesiana* and *Ctna. Capri*. The combination of *Cattleya*, *Broughtonia* and *Cattleyopsis* is known as *Vejarutara*, and this particular cross was named. *Vja. Juan Hernandez*.



*Cattleyopsis ortgiesiana*

**Red – *Lc. Floralia's Azul* x *L. anceps* var. *veitchiana* – Collier/Reinke**

**White – *Cattleychea Siam Jade* 'Ontario' HCC/AOS – Collier/Reinke**

**White – *Dungsia* (syn. *Laelia*) *harpophylla* – Collier/Reinke**

### Class II – Cymbidium Alliance

**Red – *Cymbidium Showgirl* 'Lily Langtree' - Quattlebaum**



*Dendrobium Green Lantern*

### Class III – Dendrobium Alliance

**Blue – *Dendrobium Green Lantern* – Weil** : Den. Green Lantern belongs to the 'Nigrohirsute' group of *Dendrobiums*, so called because of the numerous short black hairs on the stems and even the leaves. It is composed of two species, *Den. cruentum* and *Den. formosum*, both from Southeast Asia. The Nigrohirsutes tend to prefer intermediate temperatures and bright light. They take lots of water and fertilizer in the growing season, but need a drier rest in winter to bloom well. The key to success, however, is to keep just enough moisture at the roots so that they neither dry out nor rot. A good open medium and a shallow pot are normally suggested.

**Red – *Dendrobium aphyllum* – Jacobson** : Although this plant was labeled 'Den. Indian' when Elaine Jacobson obtained it, almost certainly it is *Dendrobium aphyllum* (syn. *Dendrobium cucullatum*) native to Southeast Asia, where it is semi to fully deciduous in areas with a cool dry winter, and warm wet summer. The fragrant flowers are not long lasting, but well grown plants can produce many hundreds at once. This orchid was once widely distributed as *Den. pierardii* var. *latifolium*, so check you tags and correct them to the currently accepted name.

**White – *Den. Wonder Nishii* - Smith**

### Class IV - Epidendrum Alliance

**Blue - *Epidendrum calanthum* – Hartong** : Even with a number of orchid groups now separated from *Epidendrum*, like *Encyclia* and *Psychilis*, it remains a large and diverse New World genus! *Epidendrum calanthum* is a petite reed stemmed species found in tropical forests throughout a large area of the Andes Mountains at low to middle elevations. It carries some of the simple beauty of our native fringed orchids with its intricately cut lip and gracefully arranged inflorescence. There is a lovely pristine white form as well. Many of the *Epidendrums* in this group are virtual 'roadside weeds' in their native habitats, and are easy to grow if you can provide bright light and plenty of water and fertilizer! There is only one known hybrid made with this species so far, a cross with *Cnta. Capri* called *Epicatonia Regina Colin* and registered in 2005. The 'reed stem' growth and flower habit is usually very dominant, so I would be very curious to see how this particular pairing has turned out.



*Epidendrum calanthum*

**Red - *Epidendrum embreei* - Wolf**

**White – *Epidendrum veroscriptum* - Quattlebaum**

### **Class V – Oncidium Alliance**

**Blue – *Tolumnia Sundown Reef* ‘Spotted Ewok’ AM/AOS – Lentz/Morgan :** This beautiful oncidium shows what 8 generations and 50 years of breeding in this group can accomplish, with colors and patterns that do not exist on any wild species of *Tolumnia* and nice full form. Ten different species of these Caribbean epiphytes have played at least some part in *Tolumnia Sundown Reef*. All of them grow near sea level, on twigs of shrubs and small trees, with dappled sunlight, constant breeze and high humidity. Since they have only their fleshy leaves for water storage, careful attention to the balance of water, humidity, air movement, temperature and light are important in growing these little beauties well. They like to be drenched, then to dry out fully. In greenhouse conditions, a mount is ideal, but when growing indoors, a small clay pot with a large chunks of bark, charcoal or lava rock are better to help keep a little better humidity around the roots.



***Tolumnia Sundown Reef*  
‘Spotted Ewok’**

**Red – *Oncidium unknown* – Lentz/Morgan**

### **Class VI – Cyripedium Alliance**

**Paphs. : Blue – *Paph. Raisin Jack* ‘Jim Elmore’ HCC/AOS – Lentz/Morgan :** *Paphiopedilum Raisin Jack* takes advantage of just three species to achieve its striking presentation! Throughout the 1990’s individual clones earned a total of 21 flower quality awards from the AOS. Maybe the only reason there aren’t any new awards is due to the basic consistency of the cross in color, form and size. ‘Jim Elmore’ was the last awarded plant from this cross, receiving its HCC in October of 1997. All of the ‘*Maudiae* type paphs’ make fairly easy windowsill orchids and have the added plus of beautiful mottled foliage when not displaying one of their very long lasting flowers.



***Paph. Raisin Jack* ‘Jim Elmore’**

**Red – *Paph. Double Deception* – Mellard/Marino**

**White – *Paphiopedilum lowii* – Whitfield**

**Phrags - species. : Blue – *Phragmipedium schlimii* – Boyett :** Diminutive *Phragmipedium schlimii* is one of the more delightful members of the genus and it is a shame it is not seen more often. It occurs near the 4000 foot mark in Colombia and Ecuador, growing on the ground or on rocks in areas with constant water seepage. The plants form attractive clumps and as our example here, will produce several inflorescences at once, with several sequentially opening flowers each. In the wild, many examples have strongly reflexed petals, so it is wise to purchase a plant descended from parents with good form. Many people enjoy the resemblance of this species to our native *Cyripedium reginae*. That similarity is even more pronounced in good forms of Phrag. Cardinale, an old hybrid that is still seen sometimes and made up of 75% *Phrag. schlimii* and 25% *Phrag. longifolium*.



***Phrag. schlimii***

**Red – *Phragmipedium besseae* – Lentz/Morgan**

**White – *Phragmipedium dalessandroi* – Boyett**

**Phrags – hybrids : Blue – *Phrag. Jason Fischer* – Boyett :** How many orchids can boast 71 flower quality awards in just 8 years, including 14 First Class Certificates? In fact out of the last 8 awards bestowed upon this attention getting plant, *seven* were FCC’s, the most recent with a score of 97 points out of 100! There are likely few other orchid hybrids that have impressed the judges as so ‘nearly perfect’ as *Phrag. Jason Fischer*. Amazingly this pinnacle of quality was done with just two species and two generations of breeding! I’m sure cattleya hybridists *wish* they could accomplish the same sort of results in their breeding efforts. *Phrag. sargentianum* adds commanding size, height and depth of color to the more petite, but brilliant *Phrag. besseae*. I’m sure many slipper orchid enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting the progeny that would result by paring this cross with the newly released *Phragmipedium kovachii*!



***Phrag. Jason Fischer***

**Red – *Phrag. Tara* – Boyett**

**White – *Phrag. Andean Fire* – Kiss**

**Class VII – Phalaenopsis Alliance****Blue – Phal. Yungho Gelb Canary ‘Joseph Wu’ – Grzesik****Red – Phal. Be Tris ‘Newberry’ – Collier/Reinke****White – Dtps. Tzu Chiang Prince ‘#16’ - Grzesik****Class VIII – Vanda Alliance****Red – Vanda Kasem’s Delight x Doctor Anek - Whitfield****Class IX – Miscellaneous**

**Blue – *Pleurothallis hemirhoda* – Wolf :** *Pleurothallis hemirhoda* is one of a group of species for which a new genus, Lindleyallis, has been proposed. It grows in scattered areas throughout the wet montane forests of the Andes Mountains, at elevations that would equate to warm to intermediate conditions. The species name means “half red” and is a reference to the typical color patten of most forms. A beautiful creamy white form, with no traces of red pigment, received an Award of Merit of 84 points from the AOS in 1999. The plant is owned by Lynn O’Shaughnessy who also maintains the Pleurothallid Alliance website at [www.pleurothallids.com](http://www.pleurothallids.com). The site is a great resource for those interested in this vast and interesting group of orchids. A primary key to success with most pleurothallids is balancing constant moisture, good humidity and fresh air movement to simulate their preferred environment.

**Red – *Pleurothallis viduata* - Wolf****Red – *Pterostylis erecta* – Mellard/Marino****White – *Masdevallia bicolor* - Boyett**

***Phal. Yungho Gelb Canary  
‘Joseph Wu’***



***Pleurothallis hemirhoda***

**Member Announcements**

AtLOS member Barry Drake of Mountain View Orchids was recently diagnosed with an advanced case of cancer. If you would like to express your support he can be contacted at [barrydrake@juno.com](mailto:barrydrake@juno.com).

Barry has also set up an on-line journal at <http://caringbridge.org/visit/barrydrake> where he is giving updates on his situation as he finds out more from his doctors.

*If you have any news you would like to share with the society please send me a short announcement. -danny*

Do you have any ideas for newsletter articles? Any questions you would like answered? Information you’d like to share with the rest of our members? Suggestions for the Collector’s Item column? Let me know. I always need ideas and content for the newsletter.

-danny

Please visit our web site at

<http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org>

The Atlanta Orchid Society web site contains recent newsletters and articles, cultural information for growing orchids in Atlanta, as well as a calendar of events and information about our annual shows.

**JOIN THE ORCHID DIGEST CORPORATION**

Don’t let the name fool you, the Orchid Digest is a non-profit membership-based organization dedicated to orchids. Designed to appeal to the mid-range to advanced grower nothing beats the *Orchid Digest*. For just \$32/year you get 4 issues of full-color, in-depth articles about orchids. The magazine is large format and the fourth issue of the year is always an extra-special issue devoted to a single genus. For membership application forms contact Fred Missbach (404-237-1694)

## RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE ATLANTA JUDGING CENTER

The following awards were granted at recent sessions of the AOS Atlanta Judging Center. They are provisional awards pending official publication in the *Awards Quarterly*. 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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**Brassolaeliocattleya Night Moves ‘Fantasy’**  
**AM/AOS 83 pts.** ( *L. anceps* x *Bc. Pink Debutante* )  
 Natural Spread: 13.6-cm H x 13.5-cm V  
 Two stately flowers well-presented on one 26cm inflorescence; sepals and petals lavender-pink; ruffled lip white overlaid lavender-pink marginally, mimosa yellow centrally, light amaranth apically, darker amaranth, distally; column white; substance firm; texture sparkling.  
 Exhibitor: Gary Collier & Mark Reinke

### JOIN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

For \$60.00/year, you reap the following benefits:

- 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 (\$108) 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.** For information, contact Evan Dessasau (404-241-4819)



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**Cattleytonia Jamaica Gem ‘Marble Branch’**  
**AM/AOS 83 pts.** ( *Capri* x *Orglade’s Little Lover* )  
 Natural Spread: 6.7-cm H x 6.5-cm V  
 Eighteen flowers and five buds on one branched inflorescence; flowers purple; sepals veined dark purple; petals with white eye spots basally and dark purple flares; lip cream on proximal half, dark purple on distal half; column purple, anther cap white; substance firm; texture matte.  
 Exhibitor: Gary Collier & Mark Reinke



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**Barkeria Jim Balch ‘Rich Mountain’**  
**AM/AOS 83 pts.** ( *scandens* x *uniflora* )  
 Natural Spread: 6.0-cm H x 4.5-cm V  
 Forty-four flowers and two buds on six branched inflorescences to 74cm; sepals and petals fuchsia; lip lavender, lighter centrally, spotted dark fuchsia on basal half with dark fuchsia disc; column lavender spotted dark fuchsia, anther cap white; substance firm; texture crystalline.  
 Exhibitor: Gary Collier & Mark Reinke



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**Cattleya loddigesii 'Mary'****AM/AOS 81 pts.**

Natural Spread: 10.0-cm H x 10.0-cm V

Eight large flowers on two inflorescences; sepals and petals rose-pink heavily spotted dark rose marginally; ruffled lip pale pink, side lobes cream-colored distally, midlobe pink; substance hard; texture crystalline.

Exhibitor: Fred Missbach



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**Phalaenopsis Salu Spot '#41'****HCC/AOS 77 pts.**

(Paifang's Auckland x Golden Amboin)

Natural Spread: 7.1-cm H x 6.9-cm V

Four flowers and four buds on one branched inflorescence; sepals and petals green-yellow heavily spotted beet purple; lip orange basally, vibrant purple apically, side lobes beet purple; column white, light purple centrally; substance waxy; texture glistening.

Exhibitor: Stones River Orchids



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**Lycaste John Ezzy 'Mello Spirit'****AM/AOS 82 pts.** ( Shoalhaven x Koolena )

Natural Spread: 13.0-cm H x 11.8-cm V

Two flowers and one bud well-presented on three inflorescences; sepals and petals white overlaid rose-pink; lip white stippled dark rose, keel yellow; column ivory; substance firm; texture satiny.

Exhibitor: David Mellard &amp; Sal Marino

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(bottom left) *Renanthera bella*  
(above) *Epidendrum stamfordianum*



*Maxillaria dillonii*

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