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AUGUST MEETING

The Monthly Meeting:

Topic: Tour and Social

Speaker: None

8:00 pm Monday, August 11

Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall



ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

This is your chance to introduce

new people to the Atlanta Orchid Society!

This very special meeting is a great time to bring a visitor to our Society. The Atlanta Botanical Society will be conducting a tour behind the scenes of the Orchid Houses. This is a chance to see how the “big boys” care for and propagate orchids. And it is a great way to introduce a guest to our group!

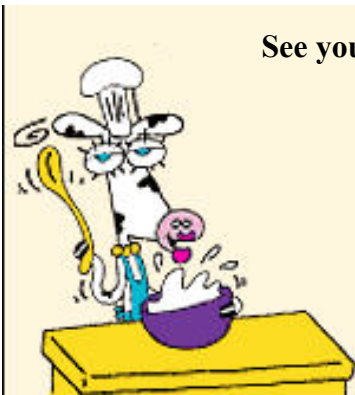
After the tour, we will return to the Day room and enjoy free ice cream and socializing. This gives you a chance to introduce your guest to the other members in a comfortable environment. With ice cream! Ice cream from Maggie Moo’s. Really, *really* good ice cream. (Did I mention that Maggie Moo’s ice cream is wonderful?)

So, bring your friends, bring your questions for the Garden growers and bring your sweet tooth!

Tour starts at 7:00 pm

Ice Cream and fellowship at 7:45

See you there!



July Speaker Notes

Bill Thoms on Bulbophyllums

by David Mellard

Bill Thoms gave a lively talk on Bulbophyllums and gave the society some great advice on cultural. He began the talk by pointing out that when our dues are divided by 12, we would each be paying \$5 for the information he shared. For those that attended, it was a steal.

1. Here’s his cultural advice in a nutshell.
 - a. Water, water, water, then water some more.
 - b. Provide fresh air during the day and especially at night
 - c. Fertilize weakly, weekly at ½ strength
 - d. Water first, the come back with fertilizer
 - e. Grow plants in plastic pots in bright shade
 - f. Spray for insects in late afternoon
2. Bill said that his advice can be applied to most orchids.
3. Following his own advice has garnered Bill and Doris Dukes (his wife) more cultural awards than anyone else in the AOS (67, 25 are bulbos).

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**Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 2008**

The Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting was brought to order by President Jeff Whitfield.

The minutes from the May meeting were not published in the June newsletter, so approval of those minutes will be deferred until the August meeting.

The treasurer reported that the society's current balance is \$10,232.25. A \$20,000 certificate of deposit is to be rolled over soon for another year.

Roy Harrow discussed the orchid auction to be at his home held on July 26th.

Members were reminded that judging and classes are held at the Botanical Gardens on the second Saturday of the month. Members are welcome to attend.

The August meeting will begin at 7 and will include a tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden greenhouses. There will be an ice cream social at 8.

Jeff Whitfield asked for volunteers to set up and work on an exhibit for the Birmingham orchid show in September.

The speaker was Bill Thoms of Tampa, Florida. He gave an excellent presentation entitled "Bulbophyllums: Big, Beautiful, & Bizarre".

Our thanks to the orchid judges: David Mellard, Jeffrey Wolf, David Glass, David Kessler, Mark Reinke, and Linda Miller.

Our thanks to those who donated refreshments: Geni Smith, Marianne Gilmore, Terry Glover and Bob Grzesik, Joe Stickney, and others.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Quattlebaum

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 or contact one of our society's officers listed on page 2.

Member Spotlight



Helen Weil



EVENTS OUT AND ABOUT

August 9 - AOS Atlanta Monthly Judging

August 12 - AtIOS Monthly Meeting

August 23 - 9 am Orchid Sale & Swap at Reggie Wright's home. Open to anyone interested in orchids and related material. Donated plants will be auctioned with proceeds going to the Orchid Society specified by the seller. Profit auction to follow with a 10% seller's fee. Some table available. Bring a dish to pass and share.

Reggie Wright
675 Overlook Road
Boaz, AL 35956
256-593-8640

August 25 - 8 pm South Metro Orchid Society Meeting

Reynold's Nature Preserve
5665 Reynolds Road
Morrow, GA 30260

Sept 19-21 - Alabama Orchid Society Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Rd., Birmingham, AL. Contact: Beverly VonDerPool, 942 Conroy Rd., Birmingham, AL 35222; (205) 591-2378; bvonderpool@yahoo.com.

I bought my first orchid over 25 years ago. This seductive flower, a pricey cattleya mericlone, never bloomed. I left it in the care of a friend one Christmas and returned to find \$100 worth of black mush.

Not to be discouraged, I have accumulated about 60 more, a number which varies with new purchases, orchidicide, or a donation to the raffle table in hopes that someone with a greenhouse will rescue it.

I am a windowsill grower and by far my most successful genus is cattleya, especially mini-catts, since there is always room for JUST ONE MORE, isn't there? I love their form, fragrance and tolerance of a winter environment hardly more moist than the Sonoran desert. They thrive in a sunny bay window, which gets afternoon light. In summer, most of my collection goes outside to a covered porch.

Probably my favorite genus is Cymbidium, and while I love them all – Paphs (tricky), Phals (irresistible to mealy bugs) and so on – I try to grow what will bloom for me.

Originally from Connecticut, I have lived in Atlanta for 22 years. After rollicking back and forth between the East and West coasts with careers in social work, landscape architecture, city planning, writing and editing, I am blissfully retired from all that and now sculpt and paint. My favorite models are orchids, of course, and my Siamese cat, Melanie, who recently celebrated her 22nd birthday.

Table Awards

Photos courtesy of Danny Lentz
Commentary courtesy of Mark Reinke



Gratrixara Renate 'S&W' HCC/AOS

Class I – Cattleya Alliance

Blue- *Gratrixara* Renate 'S&W' HCC/AOS – Collier/Reinke

Gratrixara = *Broughtonia* + *Cattleya* + *Guarianthe* + *Sophranitis* and is one of the new intergeneric hybrid names created as a result of recognizing the separate genus *Guarianthe*. In the case of this showy orchid, it comes into play through the pollen parent, which is the well known *Guaritonina* (formerly *Cattleytonia*) Why Not. This is a great, compact, easy growing and free blooming hybrid that is still commercially available from several sources and worth seeking out.

Red – *Brassavola* George Tyler – Collier/Reinke

White – *Cattleya* Triumphans – David Johnston

Class II – Cymbidium Alliance

Blue – *Galeandra leptoceras* - Pulignano

The two dozen or so species of *Galeandra* are widely distributed throughout the New World tropics and are in the *Catasetinae* subtribe. A few intergeneric hybrids have been successfully made between *Galeandra* and *Catasetum*, *Ansiella*, *Cynoches*, *Mormodes*, and even *Tolumnia*. Most *Galeandra* are seasonally deciduous, and come from areas that experience a dry winter and wet summer. This particular species is native to lowland regions of Colombia. The 'startled elf' flowers are borne on a terminal inflorescence which produces new branches with several flowers each repeatedly during the summer and early fall. Though not widely available, there are commercial sources for several species of these fascinating orchids which are easy to grow and enjoy.



Galeandra leptoceras

Orchid Vocabulary

Cymbidium - (Greek: boat-shaped cup)
In allusion to the boat-shaped lip.

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Dendrobium Burana Fancy

petals and a smaller, less prominent lip. This species was only described in 1996 and very little detailed information is available about it. Photos of plants en situ show it growing mostly on the undersides of limbs and larger branches of fairly open crowned trees where it would get a lot of bright, indirect light, and more prolonged exposure to moisture during the rainy season. There are currently no registered hybrids using this species and it has yet to receive any botanical award from the AOS (hint!).

White – *Dendrobium Pearla Kouchi* ‘HIO’ HCC/AOS - Ramborger

No Photo Available

Must downsize orchid greenhouse to move to apartment!

Hundreds of Paphs, a couple dozen each Cymbidiums and Phrags, miscellaneous others - Cattas, Oncidiums, Miltonia, Stanhopea (reliable very fragrant summer bloomers), Phaius, Bulbos, and more. Tree fern pots and logs, flasks, other supplies. IN bloom - Paph Andronicus and other multiflorals, two Phrags, white Phaius species, Brassia hybrid, Miltonia. . . also books and Orchid Album lithographs. Just inside 285 near 400.

**Linda Wish,
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Class III – Dendrobium Alliance

Blue – *Dendrobium Burana Fancy* – Geni Smith

Red – *Dendrobium lamyai* – Pulignano

This cute little species is properly spelled *Dendrobium lamyai*, with an ‘m’ rather than the common misspelling using an ‘n.’ The name refers to a particular fruit tree, the Lamyai, on which it commonly grows in Laos and Thailand. It has an obvious affinity with *Dendrobium unicum* with similar growth habit and flowers, but the blooms of *Den. lamyai* are individually larger, with less curved

Class IV - Epidendrum Alliance

Blue - *Encyclia guadalupae* – David Johnston

Here is yet another fairly recently described species (1999) that has little information written about it. Please note the correct spelling of its name. It occurs in the states of Colima and Nayarit in Mexico, immediately adjacent to the range of the very similar looking *Encyclia adenocaula*. I have been unable to locate any detailed information that would explain the difference between the two, and various photos of each can look somewhat different or exactly alike. It is described as growing in tropical pine/oak forests near 4500 feet in elevation, also the same general habitat as *E. adenocaula*. The two species are unique in the genus for having large orchid pink flowers in contrast to the bronze, brown and green colors that tend to predominate.

Red - *Prosthechea mariae* – Collier/Reinke

White – *Encyclia adenocaula* – David Johnston

Class V – Oncidium Alliance

Blue – *Psychopsis Memoria Bill Carter* – Collier/Reinke

Refer to the notes in the April, 2008 newsletter for detailed information about this hybrid and the habit and culture of *Psychopsis* in general.

Red – *Trichopilia tortilis* – Pulignano

Once again, this member has displayed her growing skills by bringing into flower a species that is considered difficult to grow in this climate. *Trichopilia tortilis* comes from cloud forests and wet tropical forests at middle elevations in Central America and Chiapas, the southernmost state in Mexico. Under these conditions it normally experiences night temperatures in the 50's and daytime temperatures in the 70' to very low 80's, growing fairly shady and with excellent air movement at all times. Rainfall is high from May through November, and much less, but with considerable fog and dew the remaining months of the year. Maureen has been able to succeed in providing a facsimile of these conditions by keeping the mounted plant in the flow of mist from her hydro-fogger, which is on a timer so that it runs during the daytime, but not at night when excessive dampness could be a problem. Surprisingly, this species has been successfully



Psychopsis Memoria Bill Carter

crossed with *Miiltonia* in the past, though I have been unable to locate any photos of these hybrids that would reveal what had to be a unique outcome.

White – *Wilsonara* Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings' BM/13th WOC - Harrow

Newsletter Submissions

To submit material for the newsletter, or to sign up for the email version of the newsletter, please contact Margie Kersey. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the previous month.

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*For membership application forms contact
Fred Missbach (404-237-1694)*

Watch the September issue for Part 4 of:
The History of Orchids

Class VI – *Cypripedium* Alliance

Blue – *Phragmipedium* Grande ‘Glenn’s Pride’ AM/AOS - Kessler

Originally made by Veitch in 1881 and likely the oldest hybrid in the genus, *Phragmipedium* Grande (*caudatum* x *longifolium*) has been re-made numerous times with the best parents available and ‘Glenn’s Pride’ is but one of 30 clones that have received an Award of Merit from the AOS. *Phrag. caudatum* has simultaneously opening flowers, while those of *Phrag. longifolium* open sequentially. The resulting hybrid will often exhibit a total of four or even five flowers per inflorescence, but it is rare for more than three to be open at the same time. The most awarded offspring of *Phrag. Grande* is *Phrag. China Dragon* (x *besseae*). This hybrid combines robust habit and elongated floral form with a strong flush of coral red for a truly extraordinary presentation.



***Phragmipedium* Grande
‘Glenn’s Pride’ AM/AOS**

Red – *Paphiopedilum* Lyro Brachysaurus - Kessler

White – *Paphiopedilum* Magic Lantern - Kessler

Class VII – *Phalaenopsis* Alliance

Blue - *Phalaenopsis violacea* – Glass

Perhaps the one species in this genus that has developed a near mystical ‘cult’ following, *Phalaenopsis violacea*, at first seems an unlikely source of such attention! Unlike the many flashy hybrids available in this group, *P. violacea* does not demand our attention with tall, arching inflorescences thickly clothed in large round flowers. Instead, it seduces those willing to step closer and examine more subtle beauty. Smell the intoxicating perfume, rare in this genus. Marvel at the intricate and saturated colors in the small, star-shaped flowers which open one at a time in succession for up to several years on a short zig-zag stem. You may soon be a believer too! This species grows near sea level in Borneo in

warmth, deep shade, and high humidity, so consider these cultural requirements when *P. violacea* draws you under its spell! The plant exhibited is one of those recently line bred from clones showing exceptional violet-blue color.

Red – *Phalaenopsis* Brother Lawrence - Glass

White – *Phalaenopsis violacea* - Kessler



Phalaenopsis violacea

Quote of the Month:

“More Water Longer!”

- Bill Thoms



***Cleisocentron merrillianum*
'Maggie Blue Eyes' CHM/AOS (provisional)**

Red – *Schoenorchis fragrans* - Pulignano

White – *Kagawaara Kultana Red* - Glass

Class IX – Miscellaneous

Blue – *Bulbophyllum rothshildianum* – Pulignano

This outstanding example of the species is a result of crossing the only two cultivars of *Bulb. rothshildianum* to receive the First Class Certificate from the AOS ('A-doribil' x 'Red Chimney'). Both received a score of 91 points for their extraordinary flower quality, and both clones later grew into amazing specimens and received the

Certificate of Cultural Excellence for their floral profusion and near perfect culture. Of course, the 'A-doribil' clone belongs to our July monthly speaker Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes. Hopefully, you were present to hear his excellent presentation on how to provide the best culture for this genus. If not, a brief synopsis would be: copious and frequent watering, good air movement with plenty of fresh air daily, frequent light feeding, and bright shade. We have several large and thriving specimens of *Bulbophyllum* growing in mossy baskets which are normally watered twice per day. If we are going to be away for an extended period, we fill liter beverage bottles with water and set them on an 'I.V. drip' over the baskets to keep the plants slightly damp at all times!

Red – *Pleurothallis amporana* – Mellard/Marino

White - *Bulbophyllum burdordense* - Ramborger

Class VII – Vanda Alliance

Blue – *Cleisocentron merrillianum* 'Maggie Blue Eyes' CHM/AOS (provisional) – Pulignano

This demure member of the vandaceous group was described by Christenson in 1992 after it was discovered in Sabah, Borneo growing in the crowns of tall trees in the tropical forest. The compact plants with narrow terete foliage would be easy to overlook in such locations, as would the clusters of tiny, spurred flowers that are brushed with clear Delft blue. This plant was given a Certificate of Horticultural Merit at the July, 2008 monthly judging in Atlanta. The AOS Judging Handbook states that this recognition is "Awarded to a cultivar of a species or natural hybrid with outstanding esthetic appeal that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology."



Bulbophyllum rothshildianum

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.

THINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IN JULY

Orchid News Courtesy of the Indianapolis Business Journal

Hoosier Orchid Co. closing in August

Wed. July 30 - 2008

By Erik Stegemiller
Special to IBJ

Hoosier Orchid Co., a far-northwest-side company that grew to become one of the nation's most specialized orchid growers, is going out of business at the end of August.

Founder William Rhodehamel said the ornamental flowers have become a commodity now stocked even at stores like Costco.

"It used to be that if you wanted orchids in Indianapolis, you had to come to us," Rhodehamel said.

Business also withered because fewer people are showing interest in the myriad specialty versions that Rhodehamel raised. Membership in the American Orchid Society, a group of hobbyists and enthusiasts, has fallen substantially in recent years.

Rhodehamel started Hoosier Orchid in 1989 after a gift of three of the flowers from a friend sparked an ongoing fascination. He eventually cultivated orchids never before grown from seed, as well as some varieties that have never received scientific names.

"We have some incredibly rare plants here, some not maintained anywhere else in the world," Rhodehamel said. "We'll put those in botanical gardens where we know they'll be safe."

Almost all the plants in the 5,000-square-foot greenhouse at 82nd Street and Lafayette Road will be offered to the public through Hoosier Orchid's Web site and sales on site.

Operations with mail-order and walk-in customers will continue as usual until Aug. 30, when shelves will be cleared.



The July speaker, Bill Thoms, keeps the audience on the edge of their seats with his informative and entertaining presentation!



Orchid lovers seem to never get enough of orchids - Talking about orchids... Touching orchids.... Buying orchids... Or just being close to orchids!

Atlanta Judging Center Awards July 2008

Photos courtesy of Maureen Pulignano

All awards are provisional until published by the AOS

Cleisocentron merrillianum
'Maggie Blue Eyes' CHM/AOS
Maureen Pulignano



Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting Minutes June 9th, 2008

The Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting was brought to order by President Jeff Whitfield. Visitors were welcomed and introduced. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer reported that the society's current balance is \$12,841.69.

The Atlanta Orchid Society received first place in Savannah for its exhibit. Thanks go to David Mellard.

Roy Harrow gave a report on the recent IPA meeting at Lynes Orchids in Chattanooga on June 6th.

Members were reminded of the auction on July 26th at Roy Harrow's home. Bring food, chairs, bathing suits, and orchids that you want to sell. A percentage of each orchid sale goes to the society.

The August meeting will begin at 7 and will include a tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden greenhouses. There will be an ice cream social at 8.

The speaker was Rolf Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids. He gave a very informative presentation entitled "The Real Miltonias".

Our thanks to the orchid judges: David Mellard, James Van Horne, Frank Decaminada, Barbara Barnett, and Linda Miller.

Our thanks to those who donated refreshments: Geni Smith, Marianne Gilmore, Terry Glover and Bob Grzesik, Doug Hartong, Joe Stickney, Barbara Dampog, Cheryl Bruce, Lynne Gollob, and others.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Quattlebaum

4. Bulbophyllums (pronounced Bulbo-FILL-ums) have three characteristics
 - a. 1 joint in each pseudobulb
 - b. Flower emerges from the base of the pseudobulb or from the rhizome. If the flower arises from the leaf axil, it's not a bulbophyllum. Think Eria, Dendrochillum or some other orchid.
 - c. Hinged lip
5. The secret to growing great bulbophyllums is to water frequently. Bulbophyllums grow in cloud forest and are used to having their roots damp all the time. When plants are watered for 30 seconds and the water evaporates from the roots in 20 minutes then the roots do not have enough contact time with the water to draw enough into the plant. Because the roots grow in mists, they are slow to take up water
6. Water the plant from all sides (top, bottom, sideways) to ensure that the entire plant is wet. Water for a long time. If this is too difficult, water twice.
7. The best bench design is a small wire table running down the middle of a large wire table. This allows for light to penetrate to the plants on the lower tier and allows for better utilization of greenhouse space.
8. To reduce heat build up in greenhouses, use Aluminet (Source: Imperial Builders, 800-442-4147, or do an internet search). Aluminet reflects lights and drops the temperature in the greenhouse by 10 to 20 degrees F. Use 30%.
9. Use shallow trays beneath pots to catch a small amount of water (e.g. ¼ inch). This water will be drawn up into the pot and not cause any problems for the roots and yet is very beneficial.
10. Make sure plants have good air flow with fresh air, especially at night. Because plants actually grow at night, it is important to have fresh air at night to allow good growth.
 - a. Fertilize weakly, weekly in small amounts. Water plants first with just water and then water with fertilizer solution at ½ strength. Fertilize late in the day. This is ok to do if you have good air circulation and if your plants are healthy. You should not have a problem with rot.
- b. Bill makes and sells his own fertilizer called Bill's Best. This fertilizer uses nitrate as a nitrogen source and has no dye. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for that information. Bill said that the MSU RO (Michigan State University reverse osmosis) fertilizer is very close to his fertilizer.
(Author comment: For those members new to the society, you can find information about the MSU RO fertilizer and cultural information specific to Atlanta at the society's website in the resource section at this:
<http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org/resources.html>)
11. Grow plants in bright shade. Plants that grow in shade do not bloom or bloom less often. In the jungle when a large tree falls, quite often orchids in nearby trees that are now exposed to bright conditions will bloom.
12. In bulbophyllums, the scent glands are located at the tip of the petals in osmophores.
13. Bill shared a big secret about how to get large flowers. Increase water while the inflorescence is growing and coming into bloom. Sit the plant in a tray of water so that it doesn't run out of water. Avoid getting water on the blooms.
14. In the section (or genus depending on your taxonomy) Mastigion, Bulb. putidum and Bulb ornatissimum are synonyms for Bulb appendiculatum. Bulb appendiculatum will have sepals that are horizontal while Bulb fascinator (a very similar species) will have sepals that are vertical.
15. Bill's favorite hybrids (based on number of awards) follow:
 - a. Bulb Jersey
 - b. Bulb Elizabeth Ann
 - c. Bulb Lovely Elizabeth
 - d. Bulb Frank Smith
 - e. Bulb Doris Dukes
 - f. Bulb Louis Sander (6 awards, 3 are wrong)
 - g. Bulb Melting Point
 - h. Bulb Star & Stripes
 - i. Bulb Tonya Jacobs
 - j. Bulb Kalimopong

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16. Bulb Daisy Chain is not a hybrid but is rather the species *Bulb flabellum-veneris* (syn. *Bulb lipidum*).
17. Use plastic pots with peanuts in the bottom. This will help the plant retain water. Use long-fibered sphagnum moss because it allows better contact with the roots and uptake of water.
18. If plants are growing on mounts, place the mounts horizontally so they will retain more moisture.
19. Pest problems
 - a. Use slug bait
 - b. Use Raid House and Garden (in the green can) to kill roaches. Bill cautioned against using other can insecticides.
 - c. Use Neem oil for insects. Mix Neem oil with Palmolive soap to mix. Mix with hot water to the point where the mixture appears like yellow milk. If you see clumps use hotter water, mix better.
20. Spray chemicals when cool to avoid chemical burns caused by hot weather or bright sunlight.
21. For plants that do not have roots or just a few roots, soak them in 1 tablespoon of molasses dissolved in water and place in long-fibered sphagnum moss.
22. Bill's favorite bulbophyllum: *Bulbophyllum A-doribil Candy* (*Bulb Elizabeth Ann* x *Bulb bicolor*).
23. Be more observant with your plants when you water. They will show you when they are having problems and this will allow you to make corrections. Bill suggested that you have friend place 10 pennies in your collection (e.g., on top of the mix) and have you find them while watering. If you can't find the pennies, you need to be more observant.

At the end of his talk, Bill got a grand round of applause for his efforts.

NEXT MONTH

Photos from the Orchid Auction at Roy Harrow's
An original orchid poem by Philip Reed Oyerly
Part 4 of the History of Orchids
Don't Miss It!

Oops!!

This is NOT *Prosthechea vitellina*, even though I labeled it that way on page 5 of last month's newsletter. The photo is actually the 2nd place winner, *Encyclia Renate Schmidt*.



Encyclia Renate Schmidt

This is what *Prosthechea vitellina* really looks like:



Prosthechea vitellina

But that's not all! July was a very bad month for editor errors....

On page 8, I gave photo credit for the Savannah show pictures to David Mellard, and while he did write the caption and is a huge help to me every month, he didn't take the photos. Photo credit goes to Bill White, along with my apologies!

I owe apologies to Sal Marino as well. As I reported on page 11 last month, the Atlanta Judging center awarded *Den. Moschatum 'Mello Spirit'* CHM/AOS. I mistakenly credited only David Mellard. It should have read Sal Marion and David Mellard.

And finally, David Mellard is NOT the show chair, The chair is Roy Harrow. Sorry Roy!