



# The Atlanta Orchid Society Bulletin

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## AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

8:00 pm Monday, August 12, 2013  
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall

Speaker: Linda Wilhelm  
Woodland Orchids  
Charlotte, NC

### “The Magnificent Stanhopeas”

Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after a vacation in Florida. Already intrigued by orchids, she bought a small cattleya seedling, not knowing at the time that it would take seven or eight years to get a bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting Rolf in 1985, the addiction became severe when he too got involved with orchids.

When the hobby got out of hand and developed into a serious passion for both Linda and Rolf, they started their business Woodland Orchids. They specialize in breeding warm tolerant Oncidiinae (several of their new hybrids have received awards from the AOS), compact cattleyas and also line breed a number of different species. Stanhopeas are the newest passion. An Accredited Judge, Linda is very active with the American Orchid Society and recently served as a Trustee for the organization. She enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in the islands. “It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends”.

Linda is a lively speaker with a humorous personality and you will enjoy meeting her and hearing her program. She will bring a nice selection of plants with her including many things from their own breeding program that you won't be able to find elsewhere. You can check out their website and pre-order by contacting her at [orchidfrau@bellsouth.net](mailto:orchidfrau@bellsouth.net). Woodland Orchids is found at [www.woodlandorchids.com](http://www.woodlandorchids.com)



***Stanhopea nigroviolacea* truly embodies the definition of “magnificent” with its other worldly flowers that can reach seven inches in spread. This Mexican species, while very exotic, can be grown in fairly typical “cattleya” conditions with just a little less light. Of course, it must have a place to hang since the highly fragrant flowers grow straight down from the plant! Linda Wilhem will show us more about this amazing genus and explain their best cultural practices.**

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**FALL 2013  
MID AMERICA  
ORCHID CONGRESS**

**ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

**SPEAKERS  
SATURDAY**

**Chris Purver**  
Eric Young Orchid Foundation, United Kingdom  
"Oncidiinae at the Eric Young Orchid Foundation"

**Erich Michel**  
Michel Orchid Nursery, Indiana  
"The Genus Phalaenopsis in the 21st Century"

**Holger Perner**  
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, China  
"Paphiopedilum- Their Culture and Propagation"

**Angela Mirro**  
Botanical Artist, New York  
"Orchids in Art and Illustration"

**SUNDAY**

**Holger Perner**  
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, China  
"Dendrobiums of China"

**Lynn O'Shaughnessy**  
American Orchid Society Judge  
& Photographer, Michigan  
"Orchid Photography"

**OCTOBER 19-20, 2013**

**The Dayton Art Institute**  
456 Belmonte Park North  
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Special Events:  
Friday Night Preview Party

Saturday Night Gala Banquet,  
Auction & Keynote Address by  
Angela Mirro

Sunday Only Tripod Photo Time  
& Orchid Photography Lecture

Spouse Tours:  
Dayton Art Institute  
&  
Museum of the  
United States Air Force

Host Hotel:  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
33 East Fifth Street  
800-593-5447  
Show Room Rate: \$109 + tax

*Mavillaria fractiflora* "David Sauer" HCC/AOS  
Photo by: James E McCulloch



*Stanhopea Garuda* is one of the exciting hybrids created by Rolf & Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids.

## Events Out and About

### August

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

**August 12 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m.**  
Linda Wilhelm – Woodland Orchids  
Charlotte, NC  
“The Magnificent Stanhopeas”

### September

**September 9 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting**  
**Annual Fundraising Auction/ Pot Luck**  
**Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.**

September 14 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

**September 20-22 – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Orchid Society and Sale.**  
**Birmingham Botanical Gardens**  
**2612 Park Lane Rd, Birmingham, Alabama**

### October

**October 5 – Greengrowers outing to Marble Branch Farms, Walhalla, SC.**  
**Many members have requested an opportunity to see the carnivorous plant bog in its full glory just before frost.**

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

**October 14 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m.**  
**Thanh Nguyen – Springwater Orchids, FL**  
**“Paphiopedilum”**

### November

November 9 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2 pm, ABG basement workshop.

## President's Message



Do you believe the weather we are having this summer? Those of us who like to move orchids outdoors for the summer months are facing a new challenge. After the droughts of recent years, we now need to protect outdoor plants from, of all things, too much water! It is important this year to keep a watchful eye of the plants we have outdoors.

Your Board of Trustees will meet briefly this month to elect two individuals from the general membership to serve on the Nominating Committee. We need volunteers! The committee is active for a maximum of only two months and is typically able to fulfill its mission via telephone and email. This is the committee that helps steer the future course of your society. Please contact me or any member of the board to let us know you are willing to serve on this important committee.

See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>

*Maureen Pulignano*



*Stanhopea jenischiana*

## 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)

## Minutes of the July 2013 Meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society

Date: July 8, 2013, 8:00 pm

Location: Day Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens

The meeting, attended by 43 people, was called to order by the president, Maureen Pulignano. One new member, Atsushi Matsumoto, was introduced. He has been growing orchids for 30 years. Three guests were introduced - Christin Orr, Bailey Santwire and James van Horne, a long-time friend of the society. Maura Caffrey, a member who has been absent for a while, was welcomed back.

Mark Reinke introduced the speaker Dr. Ruben Sauleda. Ruben gave a delightful program on Encyclias and their hybrids.

Refreshments were enjoyed while Barbara Barnett, Jason Mills and David Mellard performed the ribbon judging. Barbara Dampog, Ellen Brand and an anonymous donor of excellent brownies kindly supplied the refreshments.

Announcements:

- ❖ Roy Harrow announced that the annual auction at his house would be the last Saturday of August. Details of this event are in the July newsletter.
- ❖ Maureen Pulignano announced there was a small profit from the ice cream social.
- ❖ Maureen Pulignano informed members of the upcoming IPA and MidAmerica orchid shows. Information will be in the newsletter.

- ❖ Mark Reinke announced that the speaker for the August meeting would be Linda Wilhelm who will give a program entitled "The Magnificent Stanhopeas."
- ❖ Maureen Pulignano asked members to be thinking of two people who might serve on the nominating committee for election of officers and trustees for the next term.

A motion was made that the minutes from the June 10, 2013 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report:

Clark Weisner reported the final financials of the spring show and sale:

Revenue	\$5298
Expenses	\$4503
Profit	\$795

Mark Reinke and David Mellard announced winners of the monthly table judging.

Lynne Gollob and Marble Branch Farms donated plants for the monthly raffle. David Mellard donated a terrestrial orchid for the silent auction. Terry Glover conducted the raffle.

Maureen Pulignano adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Newton, Secretary*

## 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)

## AOS CORNER

The Houston Orchid Society and SWROGA have been featuring kid friendly activities at their orchid shows. The AOS Education Committee, through Sandy Stubbings and Susan Dally, has started posting a 'Kids Corner' on the AOS Website. The May and June postings can now be found under the News and Archive sections of the website (link to the June article <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=687>).

These articles are worth mentioning because they talk about their efforts in engaging children. I had the opportunity to see the featured photo wall at the Portland Orchid Society show last November and can attest that it is just not for kids! The 'Kids Corner' hopes to continue throughout the year. They would be interested in hearing how your society has 'shared your love of orchids with kids.' If your society has had success with some kid-oriented activity, let them know at [education\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:education_committee@aos.org).

The Fall Members and Trustees meetings will be held between the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, November 15-17. Special AOS rates apply for the hotel and will be available only through October 15. A link for registration for the meeting and hotel registration should be on the AOS website shortly, as well as more information on the featured speakers and vendors.

Over the summer, the Affiliated Societies Committee will be updating the information to be published in the Orchid Source Directory. We hope to contact all societies either by email or phone to confirm or update each society's record.

I hope you have all been enjoying the electronic Orchids Magazine. [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



*Stanhopea martiana*

## Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Ribbon Winners July 2013

Notes and comments by Mark Alan Reinke  
Photos courtesy of Cheryl Bruce

### Class I □ *Cattleya Group*



**Blue – *Cattleya schofieldiana* – David Johnston**

*C. schofieldiana* is a tall growing bi-foliate species from the state of Espírito Santo in Brazil which lies immediately north of the state of Rio de Janeiro on the Atlantic Coast. Though described in 1882, it is rare in collections and as recently as 1988, Withner in Vol. I of The Cattleyas and Their Relatives described it as poorly known. It was thought by many to be a variety of *C. granulosa*, but is now generally accepted as a separate species. The plants are generally taller, with fewer, but larger and more spotted flowers, and their range is several hundred miles further south of *C. granulosa*, where it is found on trees growing on steep slopes or cliffs with a northeast exposure at between 1,000 and 2,500 feet above sea level. *C. granulosa*, by contrast, grows in hot, humid coastal swamps where night time temperatures generally remain above 70 degrees year round. It normally flowers ahead of *C. schofieldiana* in late spring or early summer. That being said, both species as known in modern collections exhibit a great deal of variability in flower color and form, and it is possible some plants are misidentified. *C. schofieldiana* requires bright growing conditions with strong air movement at















*Phalaenopsis* Shih Hua Girl  
'YU125-M', AM/83 pts.  
Stones River Orchids



*Cattleya* Sarah Jessica Parker  
'Hot Vision', HCC/78 pts.  
Barney & Aileen Garrison



*Phalaenopsis* OX Prince  
'OX1482', AM/80 pts.  
Stones River Orchids



*Dendrobium lawesii*  
'Sweetbay II', CCE/92 pts., HCC/78 pts.  
Pete & Gail Furniss