



# The Atlanta Orchid Society Bulletin

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## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

8:00 p.m., Monday,  
October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Atlanta Botanical  
Garden, Day Hall

**Thanh Nguyen**  
**Springwater Orchids**  
**Melbourne, FL**

Thanh is an owner-operator of Springwater Orchids (Melbourne, FL). He is an engineer by trade, but also has been collecting and growing orchids for over 25 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet but gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years.

Although he grows and sells all orchids genera, his forte has always been the genus of *Paphiopedilum*. He collects fine plants; grows, sells, breeds, and enjoys sharing his experiences with his customers and colleagues. His passion in paphs is reflected in award winning plants and an on-going paphs breeding program using local lab work. His goals are to bring the excellence of a paphs breeding program back to America and augment the enthusiasm of paphs growing by way of sharing his growing experience and educational programs via shows and society speeches.

The future of paphs, or orchids in general he believes, lies in



*Paphiopedilum* Johanna Burkhardt  
'Springwater's Masterpiece,' AM/AOS

the hands of growers who are willing to experiment and willing to try something new and uniquely so... support your American breeders and buy their seedlings!

Thanh will have orchid plants of several different genera for sale at the meeting.



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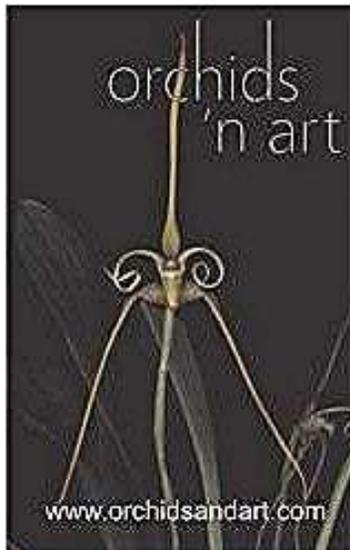
Danny Lentz & Roy Harrow

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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.

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society  
and the  
Miami Valley Orchid Society  
in partnership with  
The Dayton Art Institute  
Welcome you to the

## 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"

*Maxillaria fractiflora* 'David Sauer' HCC/AOS  
Photo by: Jamee E McCulloch



When you're serious about Orchids

### 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 \$39/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 edition devoted to a single genus. For membership application forms contact [David Mellard](#) (404-237-1694) or visit [www.orchiddigest.com](http://www.orchiddigest.com) to join online

## Events Calender

### 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.

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

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

### November

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

**11- Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting,** ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m.  
**Larry Mayse – Nature Glassworks, Alpharetta, GA**  
“Kool-Logs are the result of over 30 years of experience in growing cooler climate orchids in the difficult climate of the Southeastern United States.”

### December

**9 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting – Annual Holiday Season banquet.**  
Rock Spring Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (rear of building)  
1824 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, GA 30324

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

## President's Message



September was a banner month for our society. We began with a great pot luck dinner and our awesome auction. Thanks to an abundance of donated orchids and the careful shopping of our Auction Chair, Greg Smith, we had outstanding choices for our bidding. Thank you Greg and our Auctioneer, Steve Burger. You did another fantastic job.

We won Best in Class for our exhibit at the Birmingham Orchid Show. Geni Smith, Jason Mills and Ed Shoulta did a wonderful job displaying our orchids.

This month our membership exceeded last year's total by a good percentage. We can also thank Geni for that accomplishment! If you want to thank her personally, look for her at the meeting – she will be the one talking with each visitor and encouraging our new members. We can all follow her lead by looking around to find a new face to greet and welcome to the meeting.

*Maureen Pulignano*

## Officer and Trustee Nominations for 2014

President – Mark Reinke  
Vice President – Joe Stickney  
Secretary – Nancy Newton  
Treasurer – Jason Mills  
Trustee – Carson Barnes  
Trustee – David Kessler

These nominees will be present to the membership at the October monthly meeting and published once again in the November newsletter.

**Minutes of the  
September 2013  
Meeting of the  
Atlanta Orchid Society**

The meeting was called to order by Guests and new members were introduced.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Maureen Pulignano announced information about the Birmingham Orchid Show, September 21 – 22, 2013; and the NE Georgia/Athens Orchid Society meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2013, with a presentation on various orchid growing styles. Mark Reinke announced information about the Marble House outing and open house October 5, 2013.

Following the meeting, the annual orchid auction was held.

*Respectfully submitted, Chris File  
(for Nancy Newton)*

**Former Society Member is  
closing their Greenhouse**

Here are the items available for immediate sale:

- 1) 2 rolls of UV Clear, 6 mil, 4 yr Clear Poly. each roll is 40' x 50' and are still in their original shipping box. Price is \$175/ roll.
- 2) Brand new Inflation blower, 115v motor kit with mounting bracket. Price is \$55.
- 3) Modine HD 60 Natural gas Heater w/ thermostat. Four years old. Price is \$250.
- 4) Potting items: 4", 6" 8" clear pots. 8", 10" green pots. Tree Fern, Tree Bark, Spagnum moss.

Contact George Walkosky at 770-993--1898 or [gwalkosky@att.net](mailto:gwalkosky@att.net)

**Greengrowers Outing Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Marble Branch Farms,  
home of Gary Collier and Mark Reinke  
155 Marble Branch Trail  
Walhalla, SC 29691  
(864)718-0152 – *Please R.S.V.P.*  
Starting at 12:00 Noon



*There will be many orchid plants for sale at a discount, including items not found on their website: [www.marblebranchfarms.com](http://www.marblebranchfarms.com). Hardy pitcher plants will be for sale (seed grown and divisions), and beautiful hybrid daylilies will be available at bargain prices – now is the best time to plant!*

A picnic pot-luck lunch will be served featuring, *complimentary* Abed's famous Arabian Rooster Fried Chicken from the Steakhouse Cafeteria in Walhalla! Bring a side dish or dessert of your choice to add to the festivities. If you plan to attend please let Mark & Gary know at (864) 718-0152 or [info@marblebranchfarms.com](mailto:info@marblebranchfarms.com).



**American Orchid Society**  
Education, Conservation, Research

**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  
Affiliated Societies Committee*

Plans are complete for the AOS Members and Trustees meeting being held in Coral Gables, Florida, November 14-16, 2013. Registration is open for the show and sale at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org). Reservations for the hotel may be made directly through the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove hotel site ([CourtyardMiamiCoconutGrove.com](http://CourtyardMiamiCoconutGrove.com)). Be sure to mention American Orchid Society to get the special rates (if still available). Speakers will be Dr. Kait W. Tan, CEO, Gardens by the Bay Singapore; Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and Mr. Munekazu Ejiri, Director & Judge of Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA). All of the lectures, the show and most of the meetings will be held on the premises of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Entrance to the Gardens will be part of the registration cost.

Fall Show season is gearing up. Just a reminder that AOS offers liability insurance to affiliated societies which on an annual basis can cover multiple shows a society may have during the course of the year. For more information, contact AOS headquarters at [TheAOS.org](http://TheAOS.org) and an application form can be sent to you. In addition, there are AOS documents available on the website for use at the shows: cultural information, uniform show schedule, judging request form and AOS membership forms (in color or black and white). These documents are available to download and print out to use at your shows and

meetings. The members' only section of the website has more detailed cultural information as well. AOS also provides a free listing on their calendar of all AOS society events if you provide the information with enough lead time.

Call for Nominations: Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society. AOS is seeking nominations for members of the Board of Trustees. Members may nominate any member in good standing, including themselves. All nominations will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee and a slate will be mailed, in accordance with the by-laws, prior to the election at the Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013. If you are interested in pursuing a nomination, see the website for more information regarding qualifications, expertise they are looking for and requirements and forward the nomination (with biography) to [Nominating\\_Committee@aos.org](mailto:Nominating_Committee@aos.org). You may also mail it into headquarters.



### 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)



*Members enjoying an evening of food, fellowship and fierce bidding at the annual auction held during the September monthly meeting.*

**ATLANTA ORCHID SOCIETY AT THE ALABAMA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW, SEPTEMBER 2013**



**TROPHIES AND RIBBONS**  
Exhibit.....Blue

- Maureen Pulignano.....2 Blues, 2 Reds, 3 Whites and Trophy for best Phrag.
- Geni Smith.....2 Reds, 1 White
- Nancy Newton.....1 Red
- Carson Barnes.....2 Blues, 2 Reds, 1 White
- 1 Rosette, Trophy for best Paph.



Many thanks to Jason Mills & Ed Shoulta for helping set up the orchid exhibit at the Birmingham, AL show. Jason did a super job classifying the entries. It was very well coordinated, a lot of work and we had fun putting it together. *Geni Smith*

**GO-ING, GO-ING, GONE!**



A total of 33 bidders participated in the annual auction and pot luck dinner held during the September monthly meeting. 163 plants were sold at an average winning bid of just over \$14 per plant. Thanks to many generous donations from growers as well as the estates of members and friends, the costs to hold the auction were lower than usual, leading to more funds available to the society for use towards speakers and education. Many, *many* thanks to the hard work of Greg Smith and Steve Burger of KeikiPro. They put many volunteer hours into preparing for the event, and did a great job of kept things running smoothly all evening.



Exhibit by Marble Branch Farms at the Alabama Orchid Society Show

## 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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*Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica* 'Mahvelous III', CCM/86 pts., Marcus Valentine, Memphis, TN



*Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica* 'Mahvelous II', AM/85 pts., Marcus Valentine, Memphis, TN



*Cattleya Caudebec* 'Breckenridge Pride', AM/83 pts., Fred Missbach



*Rhyncolaeliocattleya* Jeremy Island 'Deep Throat',  
AM/81 pts., Fred Missbach



*Cattleya labiata* forma *rubra* 'Red Soldier',  
AM/81 pts., Fred Missbach



*Cattleya labiata* forma *rubra* 'Amara',  
HCC/78 pts., Fred Missbach



*Phalaenopsis* Fire Cracker 'Sunny Blue',  
HCC/75 pts., Roy Harrow

## AWARD DEFINITIONS

**HCC (Highly Commended Certificate):** Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 75 to 79 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

**AM (Award of Merit):** Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 80 to 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

**CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit):** Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.