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OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

8:00 pm Monday, May 12, 2014
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall

Jason Makoto Fischer
Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, MN

Topic: "Phragmipediums"

Jason Fischer works and helps manage Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota USA with his father Jerry Fischer. Orchids Limited opened in 1978 in Minnetonka in a small retail greenhouse off of Highway 12. In 1983, Orchids Limited moved to Plymouth where they have grown into a mid-sized operation of 4 greenhouses with 15,000 square feet of growing space, a shade house, and laboratory.

Jason has had a life-long education in orchids mainly from the opportunity to be raised in a family orchid business. Jason's educational interests were strongly influenced by Japan. He studied the Japanese language and culture for 6 years in high school and at the University of Minnesota. Jason lived in Kyoto, Japan from 2001 to 2003, and upon return decided to import Japanese orchid species and add a new niche to the business.

Having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from the business and hobbyists perspective. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with phalaenopsis, which later on lead to paphs, phrags and miscellaneous hybrids.

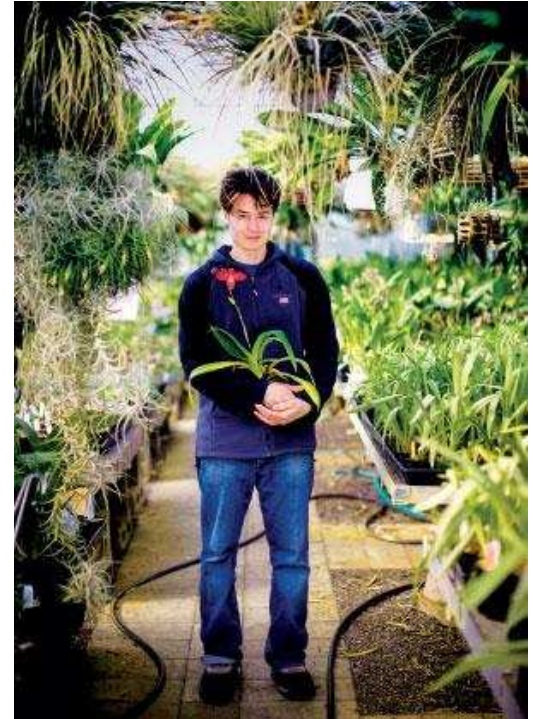
Jason's first lecture on *Neofinetia falcata* at the Minnesota Orchid Society in 2004 was the kick-off for an amazing journey of lectures across America and Canada. He has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that won't put the audience to sleep.

Jason enjoys photographing orchids in situ, and has photographed orchids in situ in Japan, North America, Singapore, Malaysia and Western Australia.

Experience:

- Has lectured for over 30 different orchid societies in the US, Japan and Canada.
- Speaker for the 19th & 20th World Orchid Conferences
- Speaker at 19th Australian Orchid Council Conference, Perth
- Speaker for the 7th New Zealand National Orchid Expo
- Coordinated the Orchids Limited laboratory from 1998 to 2000
- Currently in management, breeding and marketing for Orchids Limited

Jason will have plants for sale at the meeting. Visit the extensive listing of Orchids, Ltd. On their website at www.orchidweb.com and save 10% on all pre-orders. They have a wide variety of plants to choose from. When you place an order, be sure to mention you are with the ATLOS.



Jason Fischer holding a plant of his namesake orchid, *Phragmipedium Jason Fischer*.

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Many thanks go out to Geni Smith and Jason Mills who installed the Atlanta orchid Society exhibit at Alabama Orchid Society Show and Sale September 19-21 in Birmingham, AL. (see page 5 for ribbon details)

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Events Calendar

October

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

13 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8. Pm
Jason Fischer, Orchids Ltd, Plymouth, MN
"Phragmipediums"
Pre-orders 10% off at www.orchidweb.com – mention ATLOS when ordering.

November

7-9 – Fall 2014 Mid-America Orchid Congress
Franklin Park Conservatory
Columbus, OH

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

10 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m.
Program - TBA

December

08 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting
7 pm – Rock Spring Presbyterian Church activity hall
Annual Holiday Season Banquet
Monthly Ribbon Judging will take place

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President's Message



If our newsletter seems a bit smaller than usual this month, don't be alarmed. Last month we held our annual fundraising auction in lieu of our usual monthly program and ribbon judging, so we have fewer photos and plant write-ups to offer. However, the figures show that the effort was well worth it. We took in \$2345 in total bids, down just a bit from last year, but our investment in plant material was also lower at \$908, so we added almost the same net amount to our annual budget as we did in 2013. Thanks for the many donated plants from Keiki Pro, Motes Orchids, Carson Barnes, David Mellard, Barbara Dampog, Jewell Orchids and Marble Branch Farms that helped make this possible. Many thanks to all the members who worked behind the scenes to make this event run smoothly, and to Steve Burger who once again drove to from Tennessee to do an amazing job serving as our auctioneer. On top of everything, the food and comradery was fantastic.

During the business portion of the meeting the membership elected David Mellard to be the current board member who serves on the 2015 Nominating Committee. That group, headed by Chairperson Chris File has been hard at work and will present their slate of nominees at this month's meeting.

We are excited and honored to have Jason Fischer of Orchids, Ltd. in Plymouth, MN giving a presentation at this month's meeting on *Phragmipedium*. It has been quite a few years since we last heard him speak and the first time we will have heard this program. The genus is one of the specialties of the retail orchid business he runs along with his father Jerry. Once again, we were able to reduce the expense of brining such a noteworthy speaker in by sharing the cost with the Western North Carolina Orchid Society. He will be speaking there on Sunday, then that club is giving him a ride down to Marble Branch Farms on Monday, and Gary and I will drive him in to Atlanta for his program. Many thanks to Carson Barnes and Carol Picard for hosting him for the night before his flight home to Minneapolis on Tuesday!

Fall is in the air and it will soon be time to bring orchids summered out of doors back in. Based on the forecast as I write this, the time is now to take in the warmer growing species ahead of our first real taste of fall in just a few days, with nights in the 40's predicted for most areas. We have already moved our potted Nobile-type Dendrobiums into the cool greenhouse to keep the pots from staying too wet after chilly rains. Warmer growing types such as *Den. anosmum* and *Den. unicum* are now back in the main greenhouse and all Cattleya types will be going in soon. But the Nobile-types in hanging baskets or mounted (and thus with better drainage) will be left out a few weeks longer in hopes of setting buds that will flower in time for our earliest orchid shows in February of next year. They need 25 nights of chill to assure blooming on their newly matured growths. In past years we have purchased budded stock ready to go, but this year we are trying our hand at bringing batches at a time into the warmer greenhouse in order to have some plants in bloom through the entire show season from February to April. Wish us luck!

Minutes of the September 2014 Meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society

Date: September 8, 2014, 7:00 pm

Location: Rock Spring Presbyterian Church

There was a potluck dinner preceding the business meeting. Delicious food was supplied by the members.

The meeting, with 37 people present, was called to order by the president, Mark Reinke.

Membership chairperson, Geni Smith, introduced four guests, Jacob Moss, Farish Swinton, Joe Frankie and James Bell. She also introduced Timothy Wright, a new member, attending for the first time.

Ed Shoulta moved that the minutes from the August 11 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jason Mills, treasurer, reported that the total of all accounts is \$23,010.79.

Ballots were distributed to elect one board member to serve on the nominating committee. David Mellard was elected. The board of trustees had previously elected Geni Smith and Rick Martinez to be members of the committee. President, Mark Reinke, appointed Chris File to chair the committee. This procedure is outlined in the society's by laws.

Announcements:

- ❖ The Alabama Orchid Society show will be September 19 and 20. Jason Mills and Geni Smith will install a display for

the society and will need plants for the display.

- ❖ On Saturday Sept 27 there will be an open house at Marble Branch Farms. There will be a picnic with fried chicken supplied. Please bring side dishes.

Mark Reinke adjourned the meeting.

The yearly auction followed the business meeting. Steve Burger did an excellent job as auctioneer. The following made donations of

items that were auctioned: Greg Smith, Steve Burger, Marble Branch Farms, Larry Mayse, Carson Barnes, Barbara Dampog, David Mellard, David Kessler, David Johnson and Motes Orchids. The society appreciates their generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Newton, secretary

Fall 2014 Mid-America Orchid Congress Announced

The Central Ohio Orchid Society is pleased to announce the upcoming Fall 2014 Mid-America Orchid Congress - Orchids Under Glass, scheduled for the weekend of November 7-9, 2014 in Columbus, Ohio.

EVENTS: All events (preview party, speakers, auction, sales, exhibits, banquet, affiliated societies breakfast, and business meeting) will be held at the historic [Franklin Park Conservatory](#).

HOTEL: We have negotiated a rate of \$99 per night at the affiliated hotel, the newly opened Fairfield Inn and Suites Columbus Airport. This rate is good through October 12, so registrants need to reserve rooms as soon as possible at 614-237-2100 with group name Fall 2014 MAOC.

SPEAKERS: The Shirley Burr Moore Keynote Speaker, Andrea Niessen will be speaking on Columbian Maxillarias. Patricia Harding will be speaking on the Species Identification Task Force on which she sits for the American Orchid Society. Gustavo Aguirre will be discussing Columbian Cattleyas: Morphology, Color Variations, and Biogeography. In addition, Patricia Harding will be sharing experiences at the World Orchid Conference during the banquet.

VENDORS: Scheduled vendors include Bexley Orchids, Ecuagenera, Michel's Orchids, New World Orchids, Orchid Inn, Orquideas del Valle, Orchideas Katia, Peruflora, Roberts Flower Supply, Schordje Orchids, Ten-Shin Orchids, and Windswept in Time.

REGISTRATION: <http://www.coosinfo.info/maoc2014registration.html>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: <http://www.coosinfo.info/2014maoc.html>



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

For directions to the Atlanta Botanical Garden, please visit their web site at www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org



Marble Branch Farms exhibit at the Alabama Orchid Society Show and sale, September 19-21, 2014



Atlanta Orchid Society Exhibit at the Alabama Orchid Society Show

The exhibit received a blue ribbon in its category for society exhibits.

Barbara Barnett received a trophy for the best *Cypripedium Alliance* species.
Paphiopedilum henryanum

Ribbons Won:

- Barbara Barnett** – 1 Blue, 1 Red, 1 White
- Carson Barnes** – 1 Blue
- David Mellard** – 1 Red, 1 White
- Geni Smith** – 2 Blue, 1 Red, 2 White
- Jason Mills** – 2 Blue, 1 Red, 3 White

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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Dendrobium platycaulon 'Sweetbay', CCM/87 pts.,
Exhibited by Pete & Gail Furniss



Dendrobium platycaulon 'Sweetbay', AM/82 pts.,
Exhibited by Pete & Gail Furniss



Dendrochilum propinquum 'Swamprad', CBR,
Exhibited by Mark Mills, Memphis, TN (Provisional)



Phragmipedium Cahaba Morning Mist 'Peaches and
Cream', AM/80 pts.,
Exhibited by David Kessler



Show Trophy, ST/AOS, 83 pts.
Exhibited by Northeast Alabama Orchid Society



Paphiopedilum Schaezchen 'Rainbow,' CCM/AOS, 84 pts.
Exhibited by Bob and Marion Fallon



Cattleya Corrine's Spotted Suncoast, 'Rainbow,'
AM/AOS, 82 pts
Exhibited by Bob and Marion Fallon



Coelogyne *bilemellata* 'Shan,' CBR/AOS
Exhibited by Carolina Orchids
Flower detail right



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