



# The Atlanta Orchid Society Bulletin

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## AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, August 8, 2016, 8pm

**TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE**  
**Mershon Hall , ABG**

**Speaker: Kurt Studier**  
**Owner, Mountain View Orchids**

**Topic: Paphiopedilums,**  
**latest hybrids and**  
**growing techniques**

Kurt Studier is the owner of Mountain View Orchids in Greenville, SC. He bought his first orchid in 1975. And then, of course, he was smitten for life. Kurt grows a variety of orchids but the greatest number are the paphiopedilums. He has earned several AOS awards and concentrates his breeding program on the paphs. He also feels an obligation to breed any of the rare or endangered species in his care.

Kurt has grown in a variety of greenhouses, on the windowsill, in the basement under lights and now he has a indoor light garden also know as a garage by some uniformed individuals! His lights are the Kind LEDs and are state of the art.

Studier also enjoys giving talks on Growing Masdavallias in the



*Kurt showing off some orchids, circa 2009*

South. Kurt lives with his friend Vivian and their two Shitzus, Benji and Chloe.

### Minutes of the June 2016 Meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society

Date: July 11, 2016

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Georgia Pacific Classroom - Fuqua Orchid Center, ABG

The previous meetings minutes were seconded and approved.

President Barnett reminded us that the August 20th Green Growers would be held at her house in Big Canoe (Directions on

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## Growers Challenge Update

**Cattleya Tropical Song x  
sib (C. Tropical Glow x C.  
Mari's Song)**



**Orchid Growing Class**  
**August 8, 2016**  
**7:15 - 7:45pm pre-meeting**  
**Plant Mounting Techniques**  
**with Jason Mills-Shoulta**

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## Events Calendar

### August

#### 08 - American Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, Mershon Hall, ABG - 8pm

Speaker - Kurt Studier of Mountain View Orchids, on Paphiopedilums, latest hybrids and growing techniques.

#### 13 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Judging, Atlanta Judging Center, 2pm, Day Hall, ABG

**20 - Green Growers Outing,**  
Barbara Barnett's house in Big Canoe, GPS Address 799 Steve Tate Rd, Marble Hill, GA 30148, from 10am - 1pm

### September

**12 - American Orchid Society  
Annual Auction and Pot-Luck,**  
7pm at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, 1824 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta GA 30324

**16-18 - Alabama Orchid Show  
& Sale,** Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Rd. Birmingham, AL 35223  
<https://www.facebook.com/alabamaorchidsociety>

### October

**10 - American Orchid Society  
Monthly Meeting,** ABG, Day Hall - 8pm  
Speaker - Carson Barnes will reveal his 20 favorite orchids!

**15 - South Metro Orchid  
Society Auction & Picnic,** starts at 10am, 135 South Mt. Carmel Rd, McDonough, GA 30253



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a busy meeting last month. We promised you the name of the 2016 Challenge Plant: **Cattleya Tropical Song x sib (C. Tropical Glow x C. Mari's Song)**. Here is a little information about it. It has no awards, it blooms at a small size so the award will go to the person that is first to get more than four flowers on the plant. Michael Sinn brought in a plant that was in flower, It has splashes and is very cheerful. So when the first one blooms we want to put a picture in the newsletter.

For those of you who think you want a greenhouse, I must say they are great when they are working, but the hottest month of the year is horrible when they go askew! (My husband wants to know what will go wrong next. Please, dear, don't ask.) There was an electrical issue, then the cooler wouldn't work, the cooler fan belt broke, and the fogger water source came unattached. I could have had new drapes with the cost for all of the green house issues. I have been so busy with repairs I almost forgot about repotting. Oops!

I have another little trip quickly approaching, I am attending a Cattleya Symposium Aug. 5 - 6 in Ft. Pierce, Florida. It has some speakers I am looking forward to hearing and I get to visit some orchid friends in the area. Of course, there is a buying opportunity from growers from California and Hawaii!

Remember Green Growers is at my house in Big Canoe this month August 20, Saturday morning 10am - 1pm. I will have the signup sheet out again at the meeting. I must notify the gate if you are coming. Plan on eating lunch, I will provide Barbecue and drinks and you can bring a side/dessert.

An FYI for those looking for more to do in the area, 20 minutes to the south is Gibbs Gardens which is a beautiful garden open to the public. For shoppers it has a great gift shop. Their web site is [www.gibbsgarden.com](http://www.gibbsgarden.com) for more information.

I am looking forward to having you join us.  
Barbara Barnett, President

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The Growers Challenge was discussed, reminding everyone how it was a group challenge where everyone started with small plants from the same group and the challenge has been updated to be the first one to bloom theirs with **more than four flowers** would win a prize. Sign up for the Growers Challenge will be held at the meetings.

A reminder was given that Roy Harrow's last plant auction will be July 30th and participants are welcome to come to buy as well as sell their own plants. A percentage of all proceeds will go to the sellers chosen orchid society.

Laura Newton talked about the American Orchid Society, detailing the benefits of being a member, and also a basic primer on Orchid Judging and what it all means.

*Minutes compiled by  
Valorie Boyer*

### **Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Ribbon Winners July 2016**

*Notes by Mark Alan Reinke*

#### **Class I – Cattleya Group**

##### **Amateur Winners**

**Blue** – *Cattleya* Mishima Luster 'Jean,' FCC/AOS – Nancy Newton

While this spectacular cluster flowered bi-foliolate *Cattleya* is usually sold with a tag indicating an Award of Merit from the AOS,



*Cattleya* Mishima Luster 'Jean,' FCC/AOS – Nancy Newton

that award was elevated in 2011 to a First Class Certificate, so owners of any clones of this beauty can proudly adjust their tags. Another clone, not commercially available, 'Beverly's Passion' was also elevated to an FCC/AOS in 2013.

This cross relies heavily on *C. schilleriana* and *C. tigrina* for its habit and color, but one quarter of its heritage is a mix that includes seven large flowered species, which undoubtedly contribute to the 12.5 cm (5 in.) spread of the blooms when given its highest award. Undoubtedly, given this combination of species, the fragrance is an added treat.

Given its parentage, *C. Mishima* Luster should favor warm (above 60F) culture and bright, slightly diffused light. It also prefers *not* to have a dry winter rest due to the natural habitats of the two species mentioned above, but judicious watering is always advisable when winter days are dark and damp to avoid any possible issues with rot.

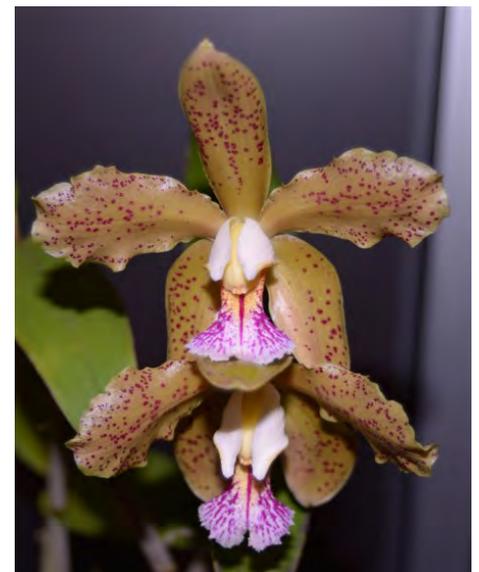
**Red** – *Brassocattleya* Yellow Bird – Danny Lentz

**White** – *Brassavola nodosa* x *Rhyncholaeliocattleya Beranee* – Paul Thurner

##### **Commercial Winners**

**Blue** – *Cattleya schofieldiana* – Larry & Linda Mayse

Here is another Brazilian bi-foliolate



*Cattleya schofieldiana*  
– Larry & Linda Mayse

species (in addition to the two mentioned under *C. Mishima Luster*) that prefers to grow warm. While it generally produces few flowers on a rather tall plant, they can be up to six inches in spread and display beautiful and intricate tigering on the segments, along with a fanlike lip that is white, covered in purple projections that are organized into radiating lines.

Despite its beauty, this species is not seen as frequently in collections as some others. It also has been used sparingly in hybrids, perhaps because of the long narrow isthmus of the lip which is dominant. Nonetheless, a few notable results have been produced.

It may be that the cultural demands of *C. schofieldiana* put it out of reach for many hobby growers, but it would be a perfect companion orchid for a collection of warm, bright growing Vandaceous orchids which also prefer to have rather constantly high humidity and good air circulation.

## Class II – Cymbidium Group

No Entries

## Class III – Dendrobium Group

Amateur Winners

**Blue** – *Dendrobium laevifolium* –  
Nancy Newton

This stunning dwarf species with comparatively large and very long lasting flowers comes from islands east of the main land mass of New Guinea. It occurs in wet forests from as low as 1300 feet to as high as 7700 feet above sea level. Very robust specimens can be 5 or 6 inches tall, but most



*Dendrobium laevifolium*  
– Nancy Newton

are much smaller. The flowers come from side nodes near the tip of older, generally leafless pseudobulbs, usually starting in early summer and lasting into winter, though some flowers can occur in any month of the year. They are generally shades of bright purple, often with a warm undertone, though deeper and paler forms exist, including one that has only the creamy yellow base color with no purple at all.

This is not an easy orchid to grow well, especially for more than a couple of years. While it comes from the equatorial region, the elevation of its habitat means that 80 degree days are rare and 90 degree days probably non-existent. That means it will succeed best with evaporative cooling in hot summer climates such as ours, but still may decline after a couple years. At least that has been my experience using a variety of growing methods. They grow them to perfection on the Big Island of Hawaii at about 1500 feet where the climate is wet and air movement is constant, so the closer you can come to achieving something equivalent to this scenario, the greater your odds of success.

For a similar look and an easier to grow and slightly larger plant,

see out *Den. Hibiki*, the hybrid between this species and *Den. bracteosum*, a warm growing species from near sea level in New Guinea. You will get clouds of very long lasting flowers once your plant is mature!

**Red** – *Dendrobium suzukii* –  
Nancy Newton

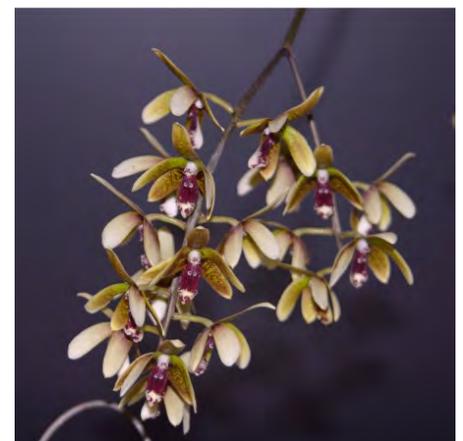
**White** – *Dendrobium farmeri* –  
David Mellard & Sal Marino

## Commercial Winners

**Blue** – *Dendrobium munificum* –  
Larry & Linda Mayse

When it comes to the genus *Dendrobium*, the lumpers have been prevailing over the splitters as of late and several species, such as this one, have been returned to the genus after an extended period under another name. Most plant tags and many websites still refer to it as *Inobulbon munificum*.

*Den. munificum* comes from the island of New Caledonia in the South Pacific, about midway between New Guinea and New Zealand, where it grows in humid, rainy forests with mildly cool temperatures year round. The inflorescence emerges from side nodes of the fiber encased



*Dendrobium munificum*  
– Larry & Linda Mayse

pseudobulbs and produce several branches, with many flowers (awarded plants average 107 per inflorescence) about an inch across that close partially each night. This is somewhat apparent in the photo taken at an evening meeting. They have a subtle, but rich, color palette that to my mind is reminiscent of an expensive oriental carpet. Sometimes plants will produce a second flush of bloom during the fall.

Many growers find this a challenging species because it prefers to stay fairly moist with only minimal drying and is resentful of high temperatures. The exhibited plant was grown on a Kool-Log, which is a sensible solution in this climate. There are no registered hybrids attributed to *Den. munificum*, which may in part justify keeping it in a separate genus.

**Red** – *Dendrobium auriculatum* – Larry & Linda Mayse

### Class IV – Epidendrum Group

#### Commercial Winners

**Blue** – *Epidendrum peperomia* – Larry & Linda Mayse



*Epidendrum peperomia* – Larry & Linda Mayse

This orchid is one of several dwarf species with a creeping habit that were placed in the separate genus *Nanodes* and now have been returned to *Epidendrum*. The short, freely branching stems produce closely spaced, alternating succulent leaves and can make a specimen fairly quickly. The odd little bug-like flowers come anywhere between mid-summer and early winter depending on the specific conditions under which it is cultivated. They are usually greenish, with a comparatively large, shiny, convex lip that is overlaid in purple that reads deep maroon or even brownish to the eye. Many stems on the plant can simultaneously produce a single flower at their apex, creating quite a display.

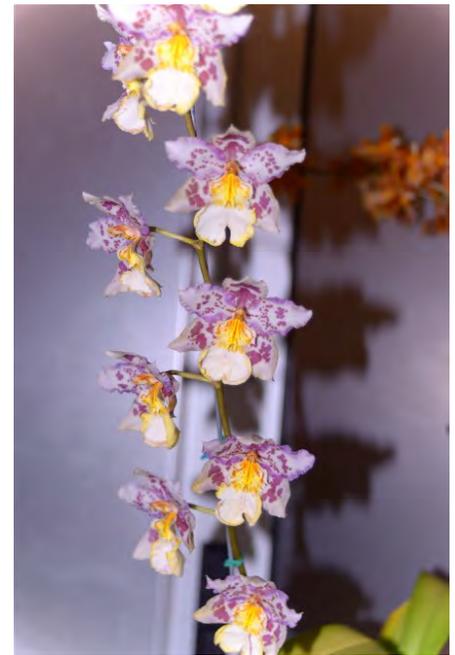
While found in widespread locales from Mexico, through Central American and into South America, *Epi. peperomia* typically grows above 3000 feet in elevation and will perform best in this climate with the help of evaporative cooling in summer along with frequent watering. Most plants do best mounted, but a basket could work as well. They need less water in winter, but should not remain dry for long periods.

There are a few hybrids that have been made with this and other closely related species, but not many photographs available to show the results. The few that I have managed to locate indicate this orchid is highly dominant even in the face of a very different parent.

**Red** – *Epidendrum laterale* – Larry & Linda Mayse

### Class V – Oncidium Group

#### Amateur Winners



*Oncidium Tigeresette* – Karl Harden

**Blue** – *Oncidium Tigeresette* – Karl Harden

The species in the background of this showy orchid were separated into three distinct genera when this cross was registered in 1979. The combination of *Cochlioda*, *Odontoglossum* and *Oncidium* is *Wilsonara*, so that is what most plant tags still read for it. But more recently all these species have all been absorbed into *Oncidium*, so your plant tags should be revised to stay current.

Still, due to the widespread nature of the genus, resulting in species from varied habitats, it can be helpful to know what is in the background of a specific *Oncidinae* cross to be better informed about how to grow it, or even if you should attempt it under your conditions. Of the five identified species in the family tree of *Onc. Tigeresette*, two are strictly cool growers and the rest grow cool to warm, but not hot. This indicates that the hybrid is probably best grown inside the home or in the cooler

end of a climate controlled and well ventilated greenhouse, and would likely do poorly summered outdoors in the Southeast with the sultry nights and hot days we are currently experiencing.

Once you locate the varieties that do well for you, *Oncidium* hybrids are rewarding orchids that grow quickly and can flower more than once per year due to the multiple species in their backgrounds. Typically

inflorescences begin just as a new growth is maturing and many varieties will begin yet more new growth even while still in flower, given them the ability to present blooms every seven to ten months. Their main requirements are plentiful moisture while in growth and filtered bright light. The hybrids respond well to somewhat more fertilization than their species ancestors, and need to be divided and repotted at least every second year to keep the root system healthy and deal with the rapid growth. The amazing and often stunning color patterns and forms combined with high flower count make them worthwhile additions to your collection.

**Red – *Oncostele Catatante* 'Pacific Sunspots' – Ellen Brand**

### **Class VI – Cypripedium Group**

#### **Amateur Winners**

**Blue – *Paphiopedilum thaianum*  
– Danny Lentz**

As the species name implies, this small growing member of the *Brachypetalum* group is endemic to a single location in Thailand, growing on steep slopes and limestone cliffs in mature forests



*Paphiopedilum thaianum* – Danny Lentz

at elevations between 1100 and 1500 feet above sea level. It seems to have been overlooked for some time and was only botanically described in 2006. The habitat is in the province of Phangnga with only about 50 plants remaining and it is considered a threatened species. Luckily, it is now being seed grown and made available to hobbyists looking for something small and unusual.

The entire leaf span is a mere three to four inches across, and the 6 inch inflorescence produces a single mainly white flower with a maximum span of about 1.75 inches. Still, since seedlings are only recently available, expect to pay a premium price that does not reflect the size of the plant!

Hybrids have been registered with *Paph. thaianum* as one parent since 2012 using a diverse range of partners, but so far all 11 have been made by growers outside the USA and I haven't been able to locate any photos of them. Presumably, the production of more miniature hybrids would be the primary focus of these crosses.

The habitat indicates this is a warm grower, preferring to stay above 65F at night year round, with regular watering most of the year and somewhat less in the winter.

**Red – *Paphiopedilum Meda* Ballard  
– Nancy Newton**

**White – *Paphiopedilum niveum* –  
Helen Blythe-Hart**

#### **Commercial Winners**

**Blue – *Paphiopedilum barbatum* –  
Larry & Linda Mayse**

*Paphiopedilum barbatum* is a fairly small growing species with small, but attractive flowers and beautiful variegated foliage that has figured strongly in early breeding in the genus. The first cross using it was registered in 1869 and by the turn of the 20th Century, dozens of additional hybrids had been developed. Thus it figures in the background of more than 5,000 registered hybrids at present.

However, lovers of species have spurred the demand to create new batches of seedlings, like this one, that illustrate the charming, only slightly refined simplicity that one might encounter when happening upon this Malaysian species on a mossy boulder in the wild, where its roots seek out humus filled crevices on forest slopes.

This is a low light orchid, capable of blooming even under regular fluorescent lighting, and well adapted to the temperature range found in most homes, preferring



*Paphiopedilum barbatum*  
– Larry & Linda Mayse



*Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica* var. *alba*  
- Bob Grzesik

not to go above 90F or below 60F. There is no real rest period in their wild habitat, so other than being careful not to over water during cool, damp winter days, *Paph. barbatum* can be treated the same year round. It is an excellent species for beginners.

### Class VII - Phalaenopsis Group

#### Amateur Winners

**Blue** – *Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica* var. *alba* - Bob Grzesik

The albino form of this warm and wet growing species from the Philippines displays a captivating freshness with white starry blooms overlaid with celery green “hieroglyphic” patterns. There can be up to five or six



*Phalaenopsis bellina*  
- Larry & Linda Mayse

flowers per inflorescence during its summer to fall blooming season, and each spike that develops will re-bloom for several years so that older plants can be quite showy in flower. The normal color form has reddish markings over a creamy white background.

The species factors into a few important parents from whom extensive breeding lines have descended. Now more than 8000 registered hybrids can claim it as an ancestor.

While considered a warm grower, *Phal. hieroglyphica* has done fine in our greenhouse with winter nights in the mid-50's, but it is kept with other plants that want more frequent watering than most orchids. It likes high humidity, filtered light and good air movement.

**Red** – *Phalaenopsis* Mitou King Bellina '#1' – Jarad Wilson

**White** – *Phalaenopsis* Stone Dance 'C1' – Jarad Wilson

**White** – *Phalaenopsis mannii* “Variety Mahogany” – Jarad Wilson

#### Commercial Winners

**Blue** – *Phalaenopsis bellina* – Larry & Linda Mayse

### Class VIII - Vandaceous Group

#### Amateur Winners

**Blue** – *Vanda* White Crane – Dan Williamson

This charmer is the result of the unlikely pairing between *Vanda* (syn. *Neofinetia*) *falcata* and *Vanda sanderiana*! As most of you probably know, the former is

a miniature growing species from Japan, Korea and surrounding islands while the latter is a large and hot grower from the Philippines. Obviously *V. falcata* is highly dominant in this pairing and virtually nothing of the size or color pattern from *V. sanderiana* is apparent!

The cross earned an Award of Quality in 2007 and six flower quality awards since then. The main contribution of *V. sanderiana* in the awarded plants as far as I can detect is a mention of a flat presentation. The effect did not pass through to the exhibited plant, however. Presumably, this large, hot growing species also gives some greater warmth tolerance for those who can't provide a cool winter rest for *V. falcata*.

**Red** – *Vandachostylis* Lou Sneary 'Pinky' AM/AOS – Danny Lentz

**White** – *Vandachostylis* Lou Sneary – Danny Lentz

### Class IX – Miscellaneous

#### Amateur Winners

**Blue** – *Cynorkis gibbosa* – David Mellard & Sal Marino

Our blue ribbon example of this showy and unusual terrestrial or



*Cynorkis gibbosa*  
- David Mellard & Sal Marino

lithophytic orchid from Madagascar has nice strong color for the species and excellent flower count. The strong flower spike emerges from tuberous roots in spring, clasped by just one or two fairly large leaves. Both stem and leaves are often attractively mottled in purple. It is a shady grower, that prefers a porous terrestrial mix and in intermediate temperature range from about 55 to 85 degrees. Plants need frequent water from the onset of new growth in spring until the beginning of fall, when they should be watered very sparingly. Many sources advise, however, not to allow the media to become totally dry at this time, which can overly desiccate the roots. They also recommend annual repotting because the species is very sensitive to stale mix. During the resting period the foliage may or may not be shed. While the genus contains several species, as of now, there are just a few registered hybrids made with one or two of them and none that include *Cyn. gibbosa*.

**Red** – *Carcosella cucullata* – **Paul Thurner**

#### Commercial Winners

**Blue** – *Corybas geminigibbus* – **Larry & Linda Mayse**

From the website of Black Jungle Exotics (www.blackjungleterrariumsupply.com):

“An ultra mini terrestrial orchid native to Malaysia where it is found growing in lower montane rain forests at an elevation of 1400-1800 meters. They are unifoliate, producing one small leaf that grows flat to the ground followed by a spectacular flower



*Cynorkis gibbosa*

– David Mellard & Sal Marino

about the same size or larger than the leaf itself. Prefers cooler temperatures and damp, well drained substrate. Not much more is known about their culture as they are quite rare in collections and difficult to come by. They are typically sold in their dormant state in sets of two small tubers. We recommend trying a mix of 1/3 tropical potting soil, 1/3 chopped sphagnum moss, and 1/3 crushed tree fern fiber. They are very small and delicate so be especially careful when handling or transplanting them. Please note that because so little cultural information is available, we cannot guarantee your success and due diligence should be expected when giving these gems a try in your terrarium.”

Kudos to Larry Mayse for having success with this micro-mini gem!

**Red** – *Bulbophyllum tingabarinum*  
– **Larry & Linda Mayse**

**White** – *Rhettinantha notylioglossa* – **Larry & Linda Mayse**

### The ATLOS Annual Fund Raising Auction is just a Month Away!

Once again, our September meeting will be held at Rock Spring Presbyterian church about a mile up the road from the ABG on Piedmont Ave. Arrive by 6 pm to enjoy a Pot-Luck Dinner and social time with your fellow members. The auction begins promptly at 7 pm. We are working hard to keep the plant selection high quality and diverse, with great plants for beginners as well as more challenging choices for our experienced growers. Visitors are welcome and encouraged. Please spread the word to your social media friends! Remember this is a fundraising event to help underwrite our speakers and activities throughout the year, so come ready to engage in some spirited bidding. Any questions or special request, please send to [markreinke@att.net](mailto:markreinke@att.net).

### South Metro Orchid Society Auction & Picnic

Our neighbors, the South Metro Orchid Society, has opened their invitation to us to join them at their society Auction & Picnic, October 15, 2016! They ask that anyone wishing to participate please arrive at 10am, with the auction planned to start at 11:00am and to till 1:00pm, when lunch will be served. Lunch is a pot luck meal, so please bring your favorite dish to share! Their auction & picnic will be held at 135 South Mt. Carmel Rd., McDonough, GA 30253, and please direct any questions or concerns to Mary & Mike Cawthon at 678-583-4096 or email them at [mmcawthon@bellsouth.net](mailto:mmcawthon@bellsouth.net).

# Green Growers Outing

August 20th, 10am - 1pm  
Barbara Barnett's house in Big Canoe

Directions & Some Info, by Barbara Barnett

GPS Address: **799 Steve Tate Rd., Marble Hill, Ga. 30148** (this is to the 1st Gate. To get to my house you must go to the 2nd Gate, aka North Gate)

There are several ways to get there:

1) I-75 to 575 to 1st traffic light Ga. (1 hr from I 285) Turn right on Ga. 108 at 4 way stop road, it turns into Ga. 53. Follow road, then at Chevron Station turn left onto Steve Tate Hwy. (about 20 min)

2) GA-400 to GA-53 just past Outlet mall, turn left, west to Steve Tate Hwy then turn right. (After turning on to Steve Tate Hwy, continue around the traffic circle on Steve Tate.)

You will see the 1st entrance to Big Canoe on the left, continue on to the North Gate across the street from North Gate Station, a small mall, turn left to the gate and tell them you are going to Barbara Barnett's house at 30 Columbine Drive (they will have your name on my list.) Follow Wilderness Parkway across the dam (about 5 minutes). Then bear right up Petite Ridge Drive. You will turn left at Wake Robin, follow the road to large Brown sign to Columbine and turn on to Mountain Mint. A short drive to road sign and bear right onto Columbine Drive (Pink Flamingo Alert) the 1st house on the right down the drive way.

## Notes about Big Canoe you need to know!

1) GPS doesn't work well inside the gate. The closest one is WAZ and it goes past our house. I will place a pink flamingo by our address post.

2) Street signs are opposite the street you are turning on.

3) The road is curving, it takes about 10 minutes to my house from the gate.

4) Also cell phones do not work well inside the gate. It's hit or miss. AT&T works best.

5) You cannot park on my street but if my driveway is full you can park on the road on Mountain Mint Drive up the hill. I have a Big Canoe friend to help.

6) Wear Walking shoes to prevent falls; we are on a mountain.

## Thanks for the memories, Roy Harrow!

One of our long time society members, Roy Harrow, held his last auction at his home on July 30th where everyone who attended was able to buy and sell their plants while enjoying the sunny weather around his pool. A portion of all proceeds went to various charities and a number of attendees provided pot luck sides and casseroles to share, so a wonderful time was had by all. Roy & Family, thank you so much for hosting, providing such a wonderful atmosphere for us all to enjoy, and doing so much work to prepare and clean up after us year after year!



*Roy Harrow, during a tour through his impressive greenhouse and property*



*It was hot! A few smart bidders took up posts in the pool and bid on plants from the cool of the water.*



*It was a lovely day...but there was a quick, enthusiastic thunderstorm. Well, we needed to break for lunch anyway!*



*Carson Barnes, David Kessler, and Roy Harrow each took turns auctioning off the plants, taking the time give details about each one.*

## 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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*Cattleya Hardyana* 'Canaima's Rosemary',  
AM/AOS, 83 pts.  
**Exhibited by Michael Sinn**



*Vanda falcata* 'Virginianne',  
CCE/AOS, 93 pts.  
**Exhibited by David Kessler**



*Paphiopedilum* Mocha King 'Summer Surprise',  
AM/AOS, 81 pts.  
**Exhibited by Carson Barnes**