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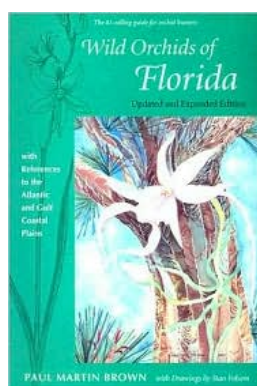
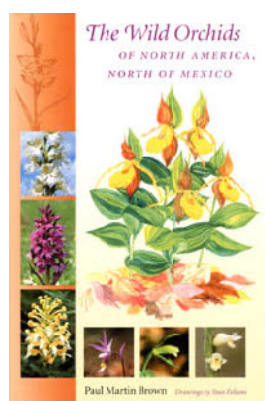
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November Meeting

Topic: What's New in Orchids?

**Speaker: Paul Martin Brown
& Stan Folsom**

**8:00 pm Monday, November 10
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall**



What's New in North American Orchids - species and varieties described as new to science in recent years.

In the past 15 years nearly two dozen new species and varieties, as well as numerous hybrids and color forms, have been described from North America. Although they cover much of the continent, many of these are found in the Southeast. Paul Martin Brown, botanist and orchid researcher who was responsible for many of these discoveries, will present a program that covers all of these species and varieties and how they differ from similar well-known species.

He and his partner Stan Folsom, who will also be present, are the authors of 12 field guides on orchids in North America north of Mexico, including Wild Orchids of the Southeast, as well as the first four of a series of laminated pocket guides to various orchid genera and groups. Brown is also the founder and editor of the North American Native Orchid Journal. He and Stan will have a selection of their publications with them for sale as well as prints of Stan's native orchid paintings.

AtIOS Members Bring Home the Gold! Results from Birmingham



AOS Best Exhibit Trophy & Ribbon



Orchid Digest Best Display Ribbon & Trophy

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**Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting Minutes
October 13th, 2008**

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

The September meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Members were reminded that 2009 dues are due before January 1st.

The Atlanta Orchid Society had an outstanding display at the recent Birmingham show that received multiple awards. A special thanks was given to Maurreen Pulignano and Geni Smith for their outstanding work.

The nominating committee announced their officer recommendations for 2009: President - Jeff Whitfield; Vice-President - Fred Missbach; Treasurer - Reba Herzfeld; Secretary - David Glass; Trustees - Maurreen Pulignano and Geni Smith.

Roy Harrow gave a report on next year's orchid show to be held in the second weekend of March. Exhibitors will pay for square feet instead of by table. The space will be rearranged from previous years. The schedule will be adjusted from previous years to include more classes and fewer numbers.

The show will give trophies made by Larry Mays. Trophies are needed for 12 classes and other special awards. People are needed to sponsor trophies, and orders need to be made by Dec. 1st. Volunteers are needed. Please see Roy Harrow.

The speaker was Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited in Minnesota. He gave an interesting presentation on the Orchids of Japan.

Our thanks to the orchid judges: David Kessler, Greg Smith, Jason Fischer and Doug Hartong. Our thanks to those who brought refreshments: Geni Smith, Jeff Potter, Marianne Gilmore, Lynn Gollob, Helen Weil, Barbara Dampog, Bob Grzesik, Terry Glover, and others. Our thanks to those who brought plants for the raffle table: Anthony Kiss 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.

Table Awards

*Photos courtesy of Margie Kersey,
Bill White and Danny Lentz
Commentary courtesy of Mark Reinke*

Class I – Cattleya Alliance

Blue- *Rolfeara* (formerly *Potinara*) Hoku Gem – Geni Smith

Rolfeara = *Brassovola* + *Cattleya* + *Sophranitis* and is a nothogenus that has been around a good while, but until the Brazilian *Laelia* species were moved to *Sophranitis*, was infrequently seen. *Rolfeara* Hoku Gem is a great example of the vigorous and floriferous disposition possible with this particular genetic combination. We have a handsome specimen in a 6 inch basket that has had a least one spike of flowers on it continuously for nearly five years! And now that it has some maturity to it, we sometimes see branched spikes with up to 7 flowers. With the strong influence of *Brassavola nodosa*, this orchid usually does better when grown in a basket or on a mount, where its roots receive plenty of air and dry out quickly after watering. The flowers open rusty red with deeper spots then slowly mature to sunny yellow with just a few red spots, and may last up to 2 months. By then, the next new growth is already coming up with more buds. There are several good clones of this easy to grow orchid available commercially, and all are quite similar.



***Rolfeara* (formerly *Potinara*) Hoku Gem**

Red – *Cattlianthe* (formerly *Cattleya*) Portia – Jeff Whitfield

There are two famous hybrids with homonymous names and a similar look that can be confusing! *Cattlianthe* Portia is *Gurianthe bowringiana* x *Cattleya labiata*, while *Cattlianthe* Porcia is *Gurianthe bowringiana* x *Cattleya* *Armstrongiae*. Both hybrids produce impressive clusters of fall flowers and there have been many awarded clones of each. These robust orchids, though beautiful, require space, are now somewhat out of fashion. Your best chance at obtaining one is through the generosity of a fellow orchid lover!

White – *Cattlianthe* (formerly *Cattleya*) Miss Kemp – Maureen Pulignano

Ctt. Miss Kemp is yet another famous fall blooming cluster hybrid of the past, this time pairing *Gurianthe bowringiana* with *Cattleya* *Fabia* (*labiata* x *dowiana*).

Dues are due!

Be sure to get your dues in to Reba Hertzog before the end of the year to ensure you are included in the directory - and to ensure you keep getting the monthly newsletter!

Newsletter Submissions

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

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Cymbidium Miss Express

Class II – Cymbidium Alliance

Blue – *Cymbidium Miss Express* – Helen Weil

There is no *Cymbidium* hybrid registered under this name. It may be a 'trade name,' but I cannot find any references to it using various internet search engines.

Class III – Dendrobium Alliance

Blue – *Dendrobium Pug Bung* – Geni Smith

I can find no registered *Dendrobium* hybrid with a name similar to this entry.

Red – *Dendrobium Sonia* – David Glass



Dendrobium Pug Bung

Class IV - Epidendrum Alliance

No Entries

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**For membership application forms contact
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***Odontocidium* Cherry Pop**

Class V – Oncidium Alliance

Blue – *Odontocidium* (formerly *Colmanara*) Cherry Pop – Ellen Brand

This is one of the ‘lost’ *Colmanara* hybrids that became *Odontocidium* when *Miltonia warscewiczii* was recognized by the RHS as *Oncidium fuscatum* instead. This particular cross can make branched spikes with over 100 colorful flowers on well grown plants. But their form is generally reflexed, resulting in only two low scoring HCC awards since *Odm.* Cherry Pop was introduced in 2000. Complex *Oncidium* hybrids, such as this one, prefer to grow in bright indirect light, but are tolerant of some shade. They like to have plenty of water, but need a mix with excellent drainage so that they do not stay soggy. The mix should be monitored and changed at the first sign it is breaking down or building up salts as both will seriously affect the health of the plant.

Class VI – Cypripedium Alliance

Blue – *Paphiopedilum* Deperle – Maureen Pulignano

One would never guess by looking at the resulting flower that one parent in this primary hybrid by Vacherot & Lecoufle was the ‘crinkly petal’ *Paph. primulinum*. The other parent, *Paph. delenatii*, dominates to keep the flowers fairly full and nearly white to barely blushed pink. The first parent *does* show up with the habit of producing several sequentially opening flowers per inflorescence, which are displayed to good effect above the mottled foliage. The cross was registered in 1980 and has received a good



***Paphiopedilum* Deperle**

share of flower quality awards, and more recently a couple of cultural awards. The clone ‘Phillippe’ received a CCM in 2004 with eight inflorescences carrying a total of 26 flowers and unopened buds. The data shows that *Paph. Deperle* can bloom in spring and fall, and occasionally at other times of the year as well.

Red – *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* – Maureen Pulignano

White – *Paphiopedilum* Via George – David Kessler

Class VII – Phalaenopsis Alliance

No Entries

But Roy Harrow displayed this beautiful white Phal. It was skipped In judging, but it had won first place at the Birmingham show and First place last year at the Atlanta show.



Class VIII – Vanda Alliance

Blue – *Vanda* Udom Pranerm – Maureen Pulig-nano

Red – *Ascocenda* John DeBiase ‘Fuchs Indigo’ FCC/AOS – Jeff Whitfield

Ascocenda John DeBiase is a celebrated cross between two highly awarded parents, *Vanda* Kaseem’s Delight and *Ascocenda* Yip Sum Wah. It successfully marries the upright multifloral habit and brilliant color of *Ascocentrum curvifolium* with the full round form and tessellated pattern of the best ‘blue’ standard vandas derived from the genes of *V. rothschildianum*, *V. coerulea*, and *V. sanderiana*. There have been 32 AOS awards given to this hybrid since its introduction in 1983, and colors range from the vibrant, electric blue of ‘Fuchs Indigo’ (one of four different clones to receive the FCC award), through shades of plum, raspberry and cerise, to near red.

Asctm. John DeBiase has also gone on to be the parent of several additional awarded grexes. *Vanda* hybrids can be a challenge to grow in this climate without a greenhouse. They flourish on bright light, warm temperatures, high humidity, frequent watering but with excellent drainage and lots of fresh air movement.



***Vanda* Udom Pranerm**



***Bulbophyllum annandelei*
(‘A-doribil’ FCC/AOS x self)**

Class IX – Miscellaneous

Blue – *Bulbophyllum annandelei* (‘A-doribil’ FCC/AOS x self) – David Glass

Bulb. annandelei is a member of the ‘Cirrhopetalum’ group that has at times been given independent genus status from *Bulbophyllum*. This species is found on the Malay Peninsula, and only recently introduced into cultivation after having been ‘lost’ for many years since first collected in 1920. The exhibited plant is a seedling resulting from self pollinating a clone which received an Award of Merit from the AOS in 2004, which was upgraded to an FCC in 2006. This species, and those closely related to it, produce umbels that may have only two or three

flowers on young plants, but can produce double or triple that amount as the plant matures and grows in mass, so it is wise not to divide them too often, despite their rambunctious growth habits. They thrive on evenly warm temperatures, high humidity, frequent water, good drainage and good air movement year round, and such conditions will produce extraordinary specimens over time. The first hybrid using *Bulb. annandelei* as a parent was registered in 2003, with a total of 18 as of my most recent update. Five of these were originated by Bill Thoms, who spoke at our July, 2008 meeting about growing this fascinating orchid group.

Red – *Spiranthes cernua* – David Mellard/Sal Marino

Red – *Bulbophyllum ornatissimum* x *fascinator* – Greg Smith

White – *Pleurothallis pachyglossa* – David Mellard/Sal Marino

**Atlanta Orchid Show
March 12-15, 2009**

SHOW NOTES

From Chairman, Roy Harrow

The Atlanta Orchid Society will have our show
March 12 – 15, 2009 at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

So far we have the following people committed to the following responsibilities.

Show chair:	Roy Harrow (vendors, trophies)
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Judges:	Jeff Whitfield (schedule, ribbons)
Clerks:	
Photography:	Maureen Pulignano
Publicity:	Margie Kersey
Society Exhibit:	Paul Thurner
Food:	Reba Herzfeld
Take down:	Everyone.



I WANT YOU!

Please consider volunteering your time and energy to a successful and beautiful show. Volunteers are needed in several areas: **setup, breakdown, food, clerks, publicity, education table, and other areas.** Please contact **Roy Harrow** if you are able to offer any time to helping us have a successful show.

We will be using WWW.NATUREGLASS.COM for all of the primary class trophy awards (*). If you wish to sponsor a trophy, multiply the cost listed to the public by 1.6 to determine how much you will need to pay for the privilege. These reservations must be made to us by December 1st. Standard trophies are \$40 each. Up-graded trophies are available for \$80. Trophy sponsor names will be credited in the show schedule unless anonymity is desired. Please contact **Roy Harrow** if you can sponsor a trophy. Vandas and Phals have already been reserved.

*The primary trophies are A - Open exhibits, B - Society exhibits, C- Amateur exhibits,
D - Catts, E - Cyp, F - Vandas & Phals, G - Onc, H - Cym, I - Dend, J - Misc, K - Art, L - In use.



This is a sample of the awards we will be using from Nature Glass. They are created by a very talented artist. He carries a wide variety of orchids, flowers and even animals. Be a sponsor - pick your pattern.

I am pleased to announce that Josh Todd has accepted the position of Volunteer Manager at the Garden. Many of you have worked with Josh in his previous roles as the Registration Coordinator and Visitor Services Manager. He will move into the Volunteer Manager position over the next several weeks while he wraps up his Visitor Services responsibilities.

Josh has always regarded working with our wonderful volunteers as a highlight of being with the Garden, and he is excited about this new opportunity.

Sincerely,
Tracy McClendon
Tracy Barlow McClendon
Director of Education
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Atlanta Judging Center Awards October 2008

Photos courtesy of Maureen Pulignano

All awards are provisional until published by the AOS



Lc Bethune 'Indigo' AM/AOS
Barney & Aileen Garrison, Exhibitors



Stanhopea oculata 'Mackinsey' AM/AOS
John & Edith Weigle, Exhibitors

Must downsize orchid greenhouse to move to apartment!

Tree fern pots, logs, \$2 woodbaskets/rafts \$3
flasks, stoppers, \$10/box of a dozen+ many
Oncidiums, Miltonias (several warmth-tolerant
ones in bloom now), Brassias \$10-15 some
overgrown Paphs (hundreds of them, mature)
\$25 up Phrags - large nursery pots with over a
dozen growths (some on bloom now) \$50 misc
others (cymbidiums, Phaius, Gongoras, misc
species) \$5 up Antique Orchid Album Fitch
lithographs \$70 other orchid art also. Just
inside 285 near 400.

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EVENTS OUT AND ABOUT

Nov 10 - AtlOS Meeting

Nov 8 - Atlanta Judging Center

Nov 24 - SMOS Meeting at Reynolds Nature
Preserve in Morrow, GA

March 12 - 15 - Atlanta Orchid Show hosted by
AtlOS and SMOS at ABG

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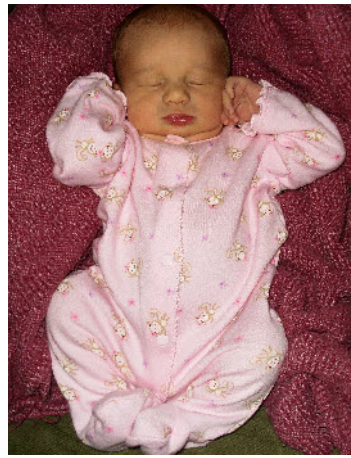
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at the discretion of the editor.*

THINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IN OCTOBER



Big thanks and Welcome to our newest photo contributor to the newsletter - Bill White! Would you like to see your photos in print? Send Them to me at margie@callkbs.com



Welcome to Reba and Bennett's new grandbaby, Gilliann Reiss Costerisan. She was born on Yom Kippur (that was October 9, 2008 for us Gentiles). She was 7 lbs, 2 oz, 19 inches long and is doing great!

Be sure to ask Reba for more pictures....



Lots of great plants and great people this month!



Speaker, Jason Fischer brought some wonderful plants to sell. There were several very unusual plants.



It looks like David Mellard might have won a ribbon on his plant - oh wait, he just loves judging!



Fred Missbach and Maureen Pulignano share a moment during the break.

Jason Fischer displayed a great sense of humor along with his considerable knowledge. All in all, a great speaker and presentation.



Tony Kiss checks out the Vandas.



This Bulb. medusae didn't get a ribbon, but I liked it. It looks like a little firework display!