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AUGUST MEETING

Topic: Lycaste skinneri and it's Hybrids

Speaker: Jim Rose Cal-Orchid
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8:00 pm Monday, August 10
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall

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Jim Rose and his wife Lauris are the owners of Cal-Orchid. In the early 1970's the Roses began their orchid careers in the commercial realm, and eventually purchased their own nursery in 1987. When you call or visit you will be assisted by James and Lauris, not sales clerks. That is a combined experience of 60+ years. The Roses have always been active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, or lecturing.

Jim is perhaps the premier supplier of lycaste in the USA today and on the cutting edge of plants for sale. And yes, he will be bringing plants for sale to members attending the meeting. Don't miss out!

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**Atlanta Orchid Society Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2009**

President Jeff Whitfield called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

Reba Herzfeld gave the June Treasurer's report, indicating that the Society's bank balance is \$11,493.52. Reba reminded everyone to obtain their membership card from her. Also, Reba wants member's recipes.

On motion and second from the floor the May and June minutes were approved as published.

There was no old business.

Members were reminded that Roy's plant auction is Saturday, July 25 and that the Mid-America Orchid Congress meets in Nashville in October.

Jeff reminded everyone to bring their best plants to the American Orchid Society judging on the second Saturday of each month at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

The Society Board of Trustees will meet next month. Anyone with potential agenda items should contact Jeff or one of the other Board members.

Geni Smith was presented with the award check for winning the second quarter's ribbon judging.

David Kessler presented the monthly table awards and thanked members for bringing in plants. Our thanks go to the judges: David Kessler, David Mellard, James Van Horne, and Doug Hartong.

The speaker was Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, California who presented an entertaining and informative talk on miniature and compact Cattleya hybridization.

We thank those who brought plants for the raffle table: David Glass, Gene Gadilhe, Roy Harrow and others.

Our thanks also go to those individuals who donated refreshments: Doug Hartong, Reba Herzfeld, Geni Smith, Cheryl Bruce, Marianne Gilmore, Cameron Carter, JoJo Stickney, Terry Glover and Bob Grzesik.

Roy conducted the plant raffle, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David Glass

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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Table Awards - July

*Photos and Commentary
courtesy of Mark Reinke*

Class I – Cattleya Alliance

Blue- *Guaricattonia* Ernest Cromwell – Gary Collier / Mark Reinke

This richly colored miniature is essentially the marriage of two great *Broughtonia sanguinea* hybrids, *Guariton* Why Not (x *Gurianthe aurantiaca*) and *Cattleytonia* Capri (x *C. intermedia* var. *aquinii*).

There is just a tiny amount of large flowered *Cattleya*

species hiding far back in the family tree as well. *Grta*. Why Not adds color intensity and saturation to the peloric form of *Ctna*. Capri, creating a stunning tone on tone effect especially vibrant in bright sunlight. The creator of this hybrid is Claude Hamilton of Hamlyn Orchids in Kingston, Jamaica, who is well known for greatly advancing hybrids of the endemic species of his native country and neighboring Caribbean islands. It is a shame that the results of his work are not more readily available here in the United States. *Broughtonia* hybrids tend to prefer bright light, good humidity and plenty of fresh air movement and are generally happiest in baskets or mounted. Success is also possible in a clay pot with large chunk media if plants are allowed to go dry before being watered again.



Guaricattonia Ernest Cromwell

Red – *Cattleya* Dream Catcher – David Glass / Nancy Newton

White – *Nageliella purpurea* – Gary Collier / Mark Reinke

Class II – Cymbidium Alliance

No Entries



Dendrobium hercoglossum

Class III – Dendrobium Alliance

Blue – *Dendrobium hercoglossum* – Barbara Dampog

Den. hercoglossum comes from a widespread habitat in Southeast Asia and the Philippines where it is often found growing on trees near steams and occurs from near sea level to 4,000 feet in tropical broadleaf and montane forests. The dainty, yet showy flowers are only about one inch across, but occur in clusters, several of which arise from side nodes on each mature cane at flowering time in mid-summer. The color varies from plant to plant and ranges from nearly white, as in our ribbon winner example, to deeper orchid purple. This species likes plenty of water and fertilizer during the growing season, but should be allowed to dry between watering in the winter months, and until new growth is underway. Despite its charms, the bloom season of *Den. hercoglossum*

barely overlaps with any others that would be compatible, so only four registered hybrids currently exist.

Red – *Dendrobium formosum* var. *gigantean* – Doug Hartong

White – *Dendrobium* Chaisri Flare ‘Hawaii’ – David Glass / Nancy Newton



Epidendrum parkinsonianum

Class IV - Epidendrum Alliance

Blue - *Prosthechea mariae* – Gary Collier / Mark Reinke

Prosthechea mariae and the related *Prosthechea citrina* are Mexican species that do not closely resemble any others and are given their own genus, *Euchile*, by many taxonomists. Both possess unusually large and showy flowers for the plant size, with large and well developed lips, and growth characterized by soft ovoid pseudobulbs and pliable glaucous leaves. *Psh. mariae* grows in oak forests in NE Mexico, from near the Texas border southwards almost to Mexico City. The striking green and white flowers can be up to four inches long and a strong inflorescence may have up to five at once. They open simultaneously and last well for a summer blooming species. The attractive qualities have made it a popular parent of hybrids, especially in the green and yellow color range. Fortunately, the rather lax inflorescence is rarely passed on to its offspring. It is difficult to keep this species happy for long unless it is mounted on some type of dura-

ble wood, given good air movement and semi-shade, watered well in summer but kept barely moist in winter when night time temperatures need to drop into the 50's or lower. We have managed to keep this particular plant growing well for 7 or 8 years so far with this type of treatment.

Red - *Epidendrum parkinsonianum* - Gary Collier / Mark Reinke

White – *Encyclia alata* - Gary Collier / Mark Reinke



Miltonia Mom's Choice 'Her Flower'

Class V – Oncidium Alliance

Blue – *Miltonia Mom's Choice 'Her Flower'* – David Glass / Nancy Newton

While this beautifully grown 'Miltoniopsis' traces back to only three wild species, the family tree spans fourteen generations and 120 years of combining and re-combining the best offspring to produce the 'pansy perfection' we see today. While the ancestral species come from cloud forest elevations in the Andes where they experience mild days and cool nights year round, the many generations of cultivation has bred more heat tolerance into hybrids such as this. Given plentiful watering, fairly

bright light and good air movement, they will do surprisingly well in the southeastern U.S. and even Florida where expert grower Doris Dukes produced a specimen that received a CCE, the pinnacle of cultural awards..

Red – *Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'* AM/AOS – Geni Smith

White – *Miltassia Shelob 'Kaboho'* – Lynne Gollob

Class VI – Cypripedium Alliance

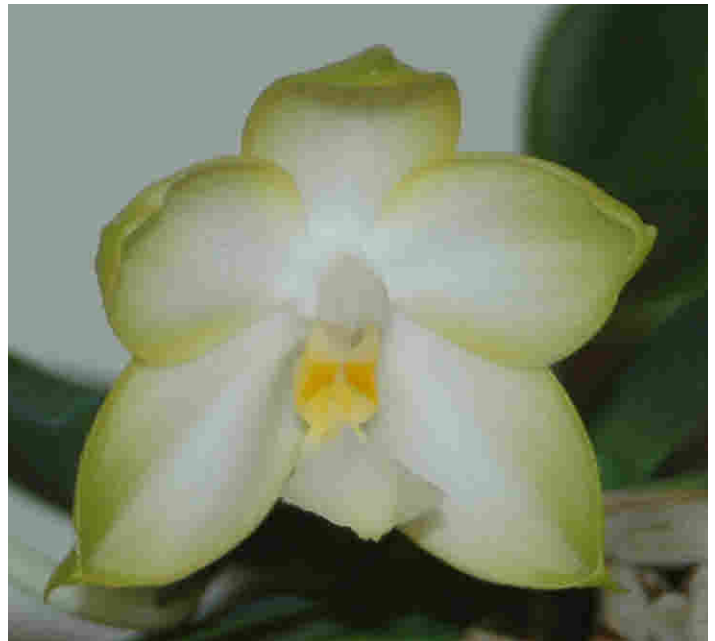
No Entries

Class VII – Phalaenopsis Alliance

Blue – *Phalaenopsis* Joy Spring Canary – Bob Grzesik

Phal. Joy Spring Canary received an Award of Quality at the 2005 Redlands International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida for twelve plants exhibited together and noted for flower quality and a light green base color overlaid in light yellow or cream. This hybrid is fragrant and has beautiful leaves. It is based heavily on *Phal. violacea* and *Phal. amboinensis*, two species that prefer more shade and high humidity to grow well, and are suited for indoor culture under lights. The inflorescences will rebloom in late spring

into summer for a number of years and should never be removed until they have died and turned brown. Stem propagated plants from the awarded plants are currently selling for \$250 or more, attesting to the desirability of this orchid.



***Phalaenopsis* Joy Spring Canary**

Red – *Phalaenopsis* Sogo Perfume – Cheryl Bruce

White – *Phalaenopsis* Nobby’s Fox ‘Super Star’ – Bob Grzesik



Class VII – Vanda Alliance

Blue – *Aerangis citrata* – David Mellard / Sal Marino

Aerangis citrata is a beautiful miniature epiphyte that is considered common in its native habitat of Eastern Madagascar where plants are found in shade and usually near water at various elevations. The tiny fan of unequally bi-lobed leaves can produce several inflorescences up to about 10 inches long bearing the small white flowers closely spaced in two ranks and all facing one direction. The lemon scent of the flowers is the origin of the name for the species. Cultural awards have been bestowed upon individual specimens with anywhere from 300 to almost 800 open flowers! While this species can be grown mounted as in this blue ribbon example, it is much harder to keep a plant flourishing this way than other members of the genus and when the cultural awards mention how a plant was grown, it was always in a pot with moss. Shade, intermediate to warm temperatures, high humidity year round with plenty of water and fertilizer in summer and less in winter are required to grow *Aerangis citrata* to its full potential.

Red – *Aeranthes imerinensis* – David Mellard / Sal Marino

White – *Angraecum* Lemforde White Beauty – Bob Grzesik

Aerangis citrata



Acanthephippium mantinianum

Class IX – Miscellaneous

Blue – *Acanthephippium mantinianum* – David Mellard / Sal Marino

This rarely seen terrestrial orchid is related to *Phaius* and *Calanthe* and comes from the Philippines. The interesting and colorful urn shaped flowers emerge with new growth in summer and there can be several per inflorescence as well as more than one inflorescence per growth. They are strongly and pleasantly fragrant. This species is apparently resentful of disturbance, and repotting should only be done only when new root growth is occurring or the plant may

be lost. A good well draining terrestrial mix is the preferred media, with ample water while actively growing, but allowing the plants to become nearly dry between water once growths are mature. Watch for any signs of fungal rot and quickly remove affected portions should it occur.

Red – *Stanhopea tigrina* – Paul Thurner

Red – *Promenaea* Winelight ‘Mello Spirit’ AM/AOS – David Mellard – Sal Marino

White – *Anguloa clowesii* – David Mellard / Sal Marino

EVENTS OUT AND ABOUT

August 10- AtlOS Meeting

August 8 - Atlanta Judging Center

Sept 18-20 - Alabama Orchid Society Show, will be held in the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. For more information contact Sally Mickle, orchidldy@bellsouth.net

Sept 26 - South Metro Orchid Society Auction will be held at the home of Mary Cawthorn, 135 South Mt. Carmel McDonough, GA 30253
Bring a chair, a covered dish, money and a friend.

Oct 10-11 - Gainesville Orchid Society Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL. Contact: Joan MacLeod, 4411 NW 15th Pl., Gainesville, FL 32605; (352) 375-6744; neilmacleod@bellsouth.net.

Oct 31 - Nov 1 - 50th Anniversary of the Mid-America Orchid Congress and Tenn. Capital Orchid Show. Franklin Marriott Hotel, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN. Contact: Steve Burger & Tom Harper, 9651 Fredonia Rd., Manchester, TN 37355. (931) 394-2713; gandsgh@blomand.net.

Jan 15-17- North Carolina Piedmont Orchid Society Show, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, 6500 South New Hope Rd., Belmont, NC. Contact: Virginia Rappold, 10219 Rocky Ford Club Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269; (704) 912-2536; vrappold@aol.com.

Nov 14-23, 2011 - 20th World Orchid Conference, Singapore. www.20woc.com.sg

Nov 2014 - 21st World Orchid Conference, Pretoria, South Africa. Check the AOS website!

Atlanta Judging Center Awards July 2009

Photos courtesy of Maureen Pulignano and Bill White

All awards are provisional until published by the AOS



Neofinetia falcata 'Vigor' AM/AOS
Fred Missbach



Phalaenopsis - 'Laura' AM/AOS
(Southern Jewel x Walden's Delight)
X (Southern Belle x Delightful Girl)
Stones River Orchids

The Atlanta Judging Center meets and review plants on the second Saturday of every month in the basement at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Exhibitors and visitors are allowed to sit in the training sessions and to observe the judging. This is a great way to learn more about orchids and the entire judging process.

Masdevallia Tortoise
'Winding Road' AM/AOS
Masd uniflora x Masd angulata
The Orchid Gallery



THINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IN JULY

You can never have too many orchids! And the monthly meeting is a great place to find quality plants! And usually at great prices!



You know the speaker is good when you are still taking notes after the talk! Danny Lentz and speaker Alan Koch of Gold County Orchids.

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**For membership application forms contact
Fred Missbach (404-237-1694)**

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Membership in the Atlanta Orchid Society is \$30 for individuals or \$45 for households. Yearly membership runs January 1 through 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 website at www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org

Here is the newest member of the orchid world! Meet Eric Oden Fares born on June 20, 2009. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 3 oz and Grandma Cora Ramborger couldn't be happier!! Be sure to congratulate her!



You just *know* these three are up to no good! Left to Right, President Jeff Whitfield, Sal Marino and Roy Harrow.

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