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June Meeting

Topic: Magnificent Stanhopeas

Speaker: Linda Wilhelm

**8:00 pm June 14, 2010
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall**

Our June speaker is Linda Wilhelm from Woodland Orchids in Charlotte NC. Her husband is Rolf Wilhelm who is also involved in orchids. Linda will be presenting the Magnificent Stanhopeas or everything you ever wanted to know about Stanhopea culture and lore. Linda will bring plants to sell and not just stanhopeas. Please check out their website and would love to accept preorders for anything they have in stock. Below is a brief bio.



Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after a vacation in Florida. Already intrigued by orchids, she bought a small cattleya seedling, not knowing at the time that it would take seven or eight years to get a bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting Rolf in 1985, the addiction became severe when he too got involved with orchids. When the hobby got out of hand and developed into a serious passion for both Linda and Rolf, they started their business Woodland Orchids. They specialize in breeding warm tolerant Oncidiinae (several of their new hybrids have received awards from the AOS), compact cattleyas and also line breed a number of different species.

Stanhopeas are the newest passion. An Accredited Judge, Linda is very active with the American Orchid Society. She is currently a Trustee for the American Orchid Society. Linda enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in the islands. "It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends".



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Atlanta Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes May 10, 2010

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We began to eat from the very delicious potluck assortment even before the meeting was called to order by President Maureen Pulignano.

Visitors were acknowledged and we eventually had 29 people in attendance. After recognizing some visitors, Maureen told us that we had received \$25 from the Norcross Garden Club for Doug Hartong's speaker fee. She also told us that Bob Fuchs had given us for our library the commemorative books from the 2009 World Orchid Show in Miami because we had been a sponsor.

The motion made to approve the Minutes of the April 13th meeting was passed.

Reba Herzfeld presented the Treasurer's Report, indicating a balance in checking account of \$6,908.44 with a few checks outstanding.

Old Business:

We got a good report from several members on the Deep South Orchid Show that Maureen and Barbara Barnett set up for us.

Barbara Barnett told us that Greg Smith won our membership contest and would receive a \$50 credit toward our auction.

New Business:

Doug Hartong reminded us of the Mid-America Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on September 24 - 26, 2010.

Greg Smith reported that the green growers in Athens for May was still incomplete and that an email would be sent if and when more information was available.

Maureen reminded everyone of the free International Phalaenopsis Association (IPA) meeting at Lines Orchids (1823 TAFT HIGHWAY, SIGNAL MTN TN, 37377) on June 5th, 2010. The telephone number at Lines is 423 886 2111. Roy Harrow told everyone that Tom Harper had told him the speaker would be Michael Wenzel explaining the current status and plans for the IPA supported Phalaenopsis species collection at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

There was no Monthly Ribbon Awards due to the auction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to open the floor to our auction run by Fred Missbach. There were over 180 plants. Over 20 of them sold for \$7 or less. Over \$3000 was collected for an average of about \$17. Some of the very rare plants would have cost hundreds if purchased at the nursery.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Harrow, Secretary Atlanta Orchid Society

President's Message

Thanks are due to Fred Missbach for his work putting the auction together, to all the members who contributed to our great pot-luck and special thanks to the members who braved the bad weather and came ready to bid. A good time was had by all!

We head into summer with a terrific speaker in June, followed in July by our traditional tour of the non-public areas of the Atlanta Botanical Garden greenhouse and our ice cream social. This year we will add a little competition to the social event with a silent auction.

As reported in last month's newsletter and at the May meeting, the Membership Challenge has concluded. Barbara Barnett has done an exceptional job for us; the availability of PayPal has also contributed; and our special discount that was available at the show added almost a third of the new members. My quick scan of the current roster indicates that thirty-two folks have joined us this year! Of course, we have also been working to retain the new arrivals, particularly those who are also new to orchid culture, through David Glass's coordination of our Mentoring Program.

With regret we have accepted the resignation of our current newsletter editor, Cheryl Trusty. We wish her all the best and thank her for the super job she has done, in spite of some difficult times. We are in immediate need of a new editor to work with Cheryl on the July edition in preparation for the full job beginning in August. Please contact me to volunteer for this position!

Maureen Pulignano



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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-ranged to advanced grower nothing beats the *Orchid Digest*. For just \$34 per 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 devoted to a single genus.

For membership applications forms contact:

Fred Missbach (404-237-1694)

Welcome our new Members for May

Sharon and John Kilfeather
Dennis Lindler and Marcus Schultz

AtOS Ribbon Winners and Notes for April 2010

Due to last month's auction,
there were no table awards.

Dear Orchid Lovers:

Mark your calendars now for the Fall 2010 Mid-America Orchid Congress, September 24-26, 2010. The conference is hosted by the Mid-America Orchid Congress and will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Orchid Society's 2010 Fall Orchid Show. Both Mid-America and the orchid show will be at the Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Louisville, KY. Watch for details in The Mid-American.

I hope you will include this message in upcoming issues of the Society newsletter and/or announce it in Society meetings. Whatever you can do to help us get the word out -- we are appreciative.

We hope to see you in Louisville.

Doris Asher for THE MID-AMERICA
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Events Out and About

Sept 24-26 – Fall 2010 Mid-America Orchid Congress, hosted by the Mid-America Orchid Congress, and **Kentucky Orchid Society's 2010 Fall Orchid Show**. Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Louisville, KY.

October 27-31, 2010 – Fall 2010 AOS Meeting
Virginia Beach, VA

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!

Notes from H. P. Norton's Talk on *Phalaenopsis*

David Mellard

The latest issue of *Orchids*, the magazine of the AOS, has an article about H. P. Norton, which covers a lot of his *Phalaenopsis* breeding efforts since he started Orchidview Nursery. Therefore, these notes will focus on the cultural advice he gave at the end of his talk to the Atlanta Orchid Society.

1. After deflasking *Phalaenopsis*, place seedlings in very low light (200-400 fc). He places them under the bench in a greenhouse with 30% shade cloth. He suggested covering them with a light cloth or paper towel at first, especially if the light levels are high.
2. Place delasked seedlings in long-fibered sphagnum moss in 2 inch community pots with 2-3 styrofoam peanuts to prevent soggy conditions at the bottom of the pot to prevent root rot.
3. Once established and the plants have increased in size, transfer to one plant for each 2 inch pot. Use a bark mix with peanuts.
4. Grow in 2 inch pots until they flower.
5. Keep greenhouse less than 90 F during the day and higher than 60 F during the night.
6. Below 60 F, botrytis will damage flowers and leaves and possibly kill the plant.
7. Once established, grow plants in 1,000 to 1500/2000 fc.
8. His mix is Douglas fir bark, sphagnum moss, and #3 or #4 sponge rock. He suggested these proportions:
 - a. 6 parts seedling bark
 - b. 1 part medium fir bark
 - c. 2 parts #3 or #4 sponge rock
 - d. 1 part chopped sphagnum

Author note: it's unclear if this was his mix for seedlings or for both seedling and adult plants.

9. Go slow on fertilizer and watering in the cold and on dark/cloudy days. Increase fertilizer and watering during sunny, warm seasons.
10. Do not cut flower spike off. It will reflower on spike.
11. He suggested using ¼ tsp dolomite lime for 2-3 inch pots when you see a flower spike begin to form. Lime gives the flowers color. When you see buds, use Epsom salt at 1 tsp to 1 tablespoon per gallon of water, 3x. This will increase the color and size of the flower.
12. If pollinating the flower, you need to do so in the first 4 to 5 days after the flower has opened.
13. *Phalaenopsis* can be grown mounted if watered 2-4x per day, every day. Fertilize lightly.

Join the Atlanta Orchid Society

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

Newsletter Submissions

To submit material for the newsletter or to sign up for the e-mail version of this newsletter, please contact **Danny Lentz**.

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.

May Meeting Highlights

May meeting/auction photographs courtesy
of Cheryl Bruce. Thanks!



Auctioneer Fred Missbach

Marianne Gilmore,
Barbara Dampog



& Elaine Jacobson



Sandra Nierenberg & Ellen Brand
consider another bid



Geni Smith with her new orchids

Atlanta Orchid Society Judging Center Awards

All awards are provisional until published by the AOS

*Atlanta Orchid Society Judging Center Award
Photographs courtesy of Maureen Pulignano*



Cattleya milleri 'Phyllis' AM/AOS
Exhibited by OrchidBabies, LLC.



Unnamed cross (Ascda Yip Sum Wah
'Crimson Glow' AM/AOS x Neofinetia falcate)
'Gene' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Gene Gadilhe



Paphiopedilum Lucky Bells 'John Cole'
HCC/AOS

Exhibited by David Kessler



Unnamed cross (Dtps Brother Success x Dtps
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Dtps Yu Pin Lady Venus 'Edith Faye' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Stones River Orchids



Phragmipedium Fiddlesticks 'Flicka' AM/AOS

Exhibited by OrchidBabies, LLC.



Dtps Juhbro Red Rose 'Laura' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Stones River Orchids