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## MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

**8:00 pm Monday, Mar. 10, 2014**  
**Atlanta Botanical**  
**Garden, Day Hall**

**Erich Michel, Michel Orchid**  
**Nursery, Indiana**

### "Tropical Terrestrial Orchids"

This month Erich Michel is back to update and enlighten us on the many and diverse terrestrial orchids that are often overlooked in collections today, but fill niches that the more popular epiphytic species cannot. Erich is an expert on unusual and uncommon species that are worthy of consideration for home orchid culture. Join us at the March meeting as he brings us this interesting and informative program.

Michel Orchid Nursery is an Indiana Corporation started by Erich Michel in September 2008. Erich was the Laboratory Director and Manager for Hoosier Orchid Company for 18 years before they closed their operations. Erich was lucky enough to have purchased all the seedlings in flask from Hoosier Orchid Company. Michel Orchid Nursery has one of the largest collections of species orchids in the country which we are now propagating in nearly 5,000 orchid flasks. Erich lectures around the country on a variety of Orchid related subjects please contact us for a full list of topics and available dates. Erich was a speaker at three World Orchid Conferences on his specialty of In-Vitro Species Seed Propagation. Erich is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge.



*Habenaria erichmichelii*, *Pterostylis hyb.*, *Stenorrhynchos speciosum*,  
*Cynorchis guttata*, *Spathoglottis kimballiana* & *Eulophia guineensis*  
are just a few examples of the diversity among tropical terrestrial orchid  
species that will be discussed in our March program.



Erich Michel

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## TIME TO PAY 2104 DUES

**It's time to renew your membership in the Atlanta Orchid Society!**

**Individual Membership is \$30**

**Household Membership is \$45**

You can pay our Treasurer, Jason Mills, in person at the February meeting with Check, Visa, MasterCard, Amex or Discover, or mail a check to him at the address on the left.

You can also renew using PayPal on our website [www.atlantaorchidsociety.org](http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org). Click on the "Join/Renew" button on the revolving banner on the home page or the appropriate button on the "Membership" page.



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## Events Calendar

### March

**7-9 – The Atlanta Orchid Show**  
Day Hall & Hardin Vistor's  
Center, Atlanta Botanical  
Gardens.

**8 - 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.  
**Erich Michel, Michel Orchid Co.**

**29-30 – Western NC Orchid  
Show**, NC Arboretum at Bent  
Creek, Asheville, NC

**29-30 – Heart of Dixie Orchid  
Society Show**, DoubleTree  
Suites, 6000 Memorial Pkwy,  
Huntsville, AL

### April

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

**14 - Atlanta Orchid Society  
Monthly Meeting**, ABG, Day Hall  
– 8 p.m.

**19 – International Phalaenopsis  
Alliance Meeting**, Peach State  
Orchids, Woodstock, GA

### May

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

**12 - Atlanta Orchid Society  
Monthly Meeting**, ABG, Day Hall  
– 8 p.m.

**16-18 – Memphis Orchid  
Society Show**, Memphis Botanic  
Garden, 750 Cherry Rd.  
Memphis, TN

## President's Message



**IT'S SHOW TIME!** By the time you receive your March newsletter our annual show will be just a few days away. Co-chairs Danny Lentz and Roy Harrow, along with a host of hard working volunteers are enduring the final sprint to complete all arrangements before the show starts on Friday morning, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a few volunteers for clerking, membership tables and setup and cleanup for the Judge's Luncheon Friday midday. We also have one vendor who is flying in, Cordelia Head from J&L Orchids, who needs to be picked up and returned to the airport. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Danny Lentz.

My apologies are deep and sincere for the programming glitches at the February meeting. And for you Latin lovers I ask a big "*mea culpa*." While speaker Tom Mirenda's program was fascinating and entertaining, I allowed him to go well over the one hour time limit and we were forced to dispense with ribbon judging for the month. I know that many of you who made the effort to bring in plants were disappointed. I've done my best to showcase as many of the plants that were exhibited as possible in this issue, with nice photos. There were some cases in which I did not get a photo of the entry slip and can't identify either the plant, exhibitor or both, so if this is the case with one of your beauties, please let me know and I will place a corrected issue of the newsletter on the website archive.

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Erich Michel, who has agreed to stay on an extra day after the show to bring you a program on "Tropical Terrestrial Orchids." Be prepared to learn about a group of orchids that grow a bit more like traditional houseplants than the usual epiphytic species and hybrids we tend to focus on. I'm sure you will discover fascinating plants that will fill niches in your growing area that have so far remained unoccupied!

THANK YOU too all the members who generously contributed plants to our exhibit at the Deep South Orchid Society Show in Savannah, and to Geni Smith and Jason Mills who made the trip there and put together a trophy winning display. They did a great job and our club was well represented! A photo of the display with a recap of the ribbon winners is included on page 12 of this issue.

Looking forward into the balance of the season, I hope that some of you will be able to attend the Western North Carolina Orchid Show at the NC State Arboretum just south of Asheville the last weekend of March. It is one of the largest shows in the southeast outside of Florida and well worth the trip. At Marble Branch Farms, we have not offered our usual spring open houses because I have a particularly heavy speaking schedule, but we will hold a fall open house on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great time to see the bog garden in its full glory just before frost. We hope that many of you will keep that date open so that you can attend.

Finally, though delayed, the spring ephemerals are starting to pop up around the meadows and creek banks. Recent sunny weather has perhaps put our orchids even a bit ahead of schedule as they bask in the ever increasing daylight hours. Don't forget to lower your shade cloth now!

See you at the show, and at the March meeting!



## Minutes of the February 2014 Meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society

*Date and time: February 10, 2014, 8:00p.m.*

*Location: Day Hall, Atlanta Botanical Gardens*

*Attendance: 50 people*

Mark Reinke, president, called the meeting to order. Geni Smith welcomed the six guests.

Maureen Mckovich made the motion to accept the minutes as published. This was seconded and passed.

### Announcements:

- ❖ Mark Reinke reminded members that the society's annual show would be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 7, 8 and 9 in three weeks.
- ❖ Roy Harrow and Danny Lentz, show co-chairs, discussed plans for the show. Two original vendors will not be able to participate but two others have signed up. More volunteers are needed and sign up sheets were supplied. Many plants are needed for the visitor's center. They don't have to be named plants as AOS rules do not apply although plants can be pulled for AOS judging. Lots of plants are needed for an impressive display.
- ❖ Paul Thurner announced that he would have a Greengrowers at his house this weekend. His greenhouse will be open. Also, members are asked to help construct structures for the show exhibit during this time.
- ❖ Members are asked to bring snacks and drinks for the judges, vendors and volunteers to enjoy during the show.
- ❖ Danny Lentz said that plants can be registered ahead of time by emailing registration forms before Thursday afternoon.
- ❖ Maureen Mckovich handed out cards for members to distribute to advertise the show. Also, just

two trophies need sponsors. There were volunteers from attendees for these so that all of the trophies have sponsors.

- ❖ Mark Reinke announced the monthly raffle and three plants for the silent auction.

### Treasurer's report:

Jason Mills, treasurer, recapped the 2013 finances and gave an update on the 2014 finances to date. For 2013 the projected income was \$13,745 with actual income of \$11,806. Projected expenses were \$13,724 with actual expenses of \$11,971 giving a shortfall of \$165. The operating budget for 2014 projects income of \$13,500 and expenses of \$13,455. The society currently has cash assets of \$24,807.39. The detailed 2014 budget is available in the Member's Handbook.

Mark Reinke introduced Thomas Miranda, the speaker for the evening. He gave an outstanding program entitled "Secrets of Orchid Pollination."

Ribbon judging was not held.

Terry Glover led the raffle and silent auction while members enjoyed the evening's refreshments.

Mark Reinke adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Newton, secretary*



*Treasurer Jason Mills has signed the society up for a "Square" card-reader feature enabling us to take all major credit cards for dues payments!*



## 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](http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org)

For directions to the Atlanta Botanical Garden, please visit their web site at [www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org](http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org)



*Orchid conversation at the February meeting. Marianne Gilmore, Nancy Newton and Barbara Dampog (with plant purchase in hand.)*

## Highlights from the Atlanta Orchid Society Show Table for the February, 2014 meeting

Comments by Mark Alan Reinke

Photos by Cheryl Bruce

**NOTE:** Due to time constraints there was no ribbon judging at the February meeting. Here are some highlights of the plants members brought in. I didn't receive the entry slips, so let me know if your plant is included and I'll issue a corrected newsletter on the website.

### Cattleya Alliance



*Cattleya Orglade's Grand*  
Exhibited by Carson Barnes



*Cattleya Circle Spirit 'MBF,'* AM/AOS  
Exhibited by Gary Collier & Mark Reinke



*Rhyncolaliocattleya Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation,'* FCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Matt Matsumoto

This famous orchid is a 1970 introduction by Fred A. Stewart, Inc. of San Gabriel, CA. The 'Coronation' form was awarded a First Class Certificate by the AOS in 1981. Its ancestry extends back into the late 1800's and includes a host of landmark large flowered hybrids of the past.



*Cattleya Dream Catcher 'Naranja'*  
Exhibited by Gary Collier & Mark Reinke

The full form of this miniature hybrids introduced by H&R of Hawaii in 1999 is due to a little over half of its genealogy dominated by *C. coccinea*. The other species involved are *C. luteola*, *C. aclandiae* & *C. cinnabarina*. This multi-lead plant in a six inch basket is in bloom much of the year.



## Cymbidium Alliance



*Cymbidium sinense* 'Tao Ge'  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino

See the February, 2014 newsletter for information about this species.



*Cymbidium Pipeta* 'Brasil'  
Exhibited by Barbara Dampog

This 1961 introduction represents some of the early miniature breeding in the genus achieved by pairing a standard sized hybrid with *Cym. pumilum*.



*Dendrobium heterocarpum*  
Exhibited by Larry Mayse

A very widely distributed member of the *Dendrobium* section from SE Asia through the Philippines, Indonesia and Borneo. Likes some direct sunshine while making new growth and a drier, cooler winter rest to set bloom. 2000+ "Nobile" types are descended from it.

## Dendrobium Alliance



*Dendrobium* Mini Snowflake

A hybrid in section *Latouria* between the miniature *Den. aberrans* and the medium sized *Den. johnsoniae*. The latter species grows brighter than many in the section so this cross needs light levels similar to *cattleya* for best bloom.



*Dendrobium normanbyense*  
Exhibited by Larry Mayse

A recently described species in section *Latouria* that had been previously thought to be a more dwarf form of *Den. atrovioleaceum*. The original plants distributed as *Den. Aussie's Chip* (*aberrans* x *atrovioleaceum*) by H&R nurseries of Hawaii actually used this species, thus requiring a name change to *Den. Micro Chip*.

## Epidendrum Alliance



*Prosthechea chimborazoensis*  
Exhibited by Maureen Pulignano



*Epidendrum centropetalum*  
Exhibited by Carson Barnes



*Barkeria whartonianana*  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino

This Central American species has long been known as *Oerstadella centradenia*. but, along with all other members of the same genus, has recently been returned to *Epidendrum*. It is one of the more delicate species in this group, and its compact size combined with a floriferous nature make it one of the most popular in collections. Despite these desirable qualities it has proved an unwilling parent and there are currently no registered hybrids derived from it.

LEFT: *Barkeria whartonianana* is exceedingly rare in the wild and known from only two locales in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico where it grows on scrub and cacti. In this tough environment plants, not including the inflorescence, rarely exceed six inches in height. But when well cultivated, it will eventually become much larger with long wiry spikes that can reach 3 feet and hold numerous, successive clusters of delicate flowers as it blooms in succession over many months from fall through spring. The upswept flowers are somewhat reminiscent of Cyclamen. Not easily propagated and therefore scarce in commerce, so if you see it for sale, don't hesitate or the opportunity may not come again.



## Oncidium Alliance



*Cuitlauzina pulchella*  
Exhibited by Carson Barnes

Formerly known as *Odontoglossum pulchellum*, this beautiful species has recently been moved, along with a couple of others, to the genus *Cuitlauzina*, which was originally established in 1825 and named for the brother of Montezuma. It is a cool grower in the wild, coming from fairly high elevations of Chiapas in Mexico, and also Guatemala and El Salvador, therefore will require some attention to make it through our hot, humid summers. There are just a handful of hybrids registered that use this charming species and it is unlikely that any of them are available in commerce at the present time.



Tolumnia hybrid  
Exhibitor and plant ID not provided



Oncidium hybrid  
Exhibitor and plant ID not provided



# Cypripedium Alliance



*Paphiopedilum Icy Icy Wind*



*Paphiopedilum Cocoa Cherry x gratrixianum*



*Paphiopedilum venustum*



*Paphiopedilum aratrixianum*

All of the above exhibited by Carson Barnes



*Phragmipedium Memoria John Fortuna*  
Exhibited by Barbara Dampog



*Phragmipedium longifolium var. gracile*  
Exhibited by Carson Barnes

## Phalaenopsis Alliance



*Phalaenopsis gibbosa*  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino

A miniature species from SE Asia described in 1970



*Phalaenopsis* hybrid  
Exhibitor and plant ID not provided

## Vandaceous Alliance



*Vandoglossum* Trikimball 'Whirling Galaxies,' HCC/AOS  
Exhibited by Carson Barnes

*Holcoglossum kimballianum* x *Vanda tricolor*



*Aerangis hylaloides*  
Exhibited by Larry Mayse

A miniature species from eastern Madagascar that prefers shady conditions, mild temperatures and even watering year round. The beneficial effects a ceramic "Kool-Log" provides in meeting these requirements is evident in this very well flowered specimen.



## Miscellaneous Genera



*Lepanthes calodictyon*  
Exhibitor name not provided



*Dendrochilum wenzelii*  
Exhibitor name not provided



*Orphrys lutea*  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino



*Restrepia brachypus*  
Exhibited by Jason Mills



## Deep South Orchid Show, Feb 21-23



Atlanta Orchid Society Display – Trophy Best Society Exhibit 25 sq ft, Trophy Best Society Exhibit overall  
Carson Barnes: 2 Blue, 2 Red – Barbara Barnett: 1 White – Maureen McKovich: 1 Blue, 1 White – David Mellard: 1 Blue, 2 Red, 1 White – Nancy Newton: 2 Blue – Geni Smith – 1 Blue



Marble Branch Farms Exhibit  
ATLOS Members Gary Collier & Mark Reinke



Nature Glassworks/ Kool-Logs Exhibit  
ATLOS Members Larry & Linda Mayse



# ATLANTA ORCHID SHOW 2014

## Last Minute Details and Requests for Volunteers!

**Volunteers are needed for the following tasks.....**

### Clerks

- ★ We could use one or two more clerks for Friday morning, we're almost full. Contact Danny ([dblgongora@bellsouth.net](mailto:dblgongora@bellsouth.net)) or Terry Glover ([adreidese@msn.com](mailto:adreidese@msn.com))

### Membership Tables

- ★ We could definitely use some more help on Friday morning. We could probably use a little more help on Sunday also. While you're at the show please consider helping out at one of the tables in the Visitor's Center or Day Hall for a little bit so that the people working longer shifts can get a break. Contact Chris File. ([chris.file@dev.gatech.edu](mailto:chris.file@dev.gatech.edu))

### Plants

- ★ We need plants for the displays. LOTS of plants. Of course they need to be in flower and in decent shape. Remember that if you have a flowering orchid without a name we can still use it down in the Visitor's Center.

### Takedown

- ★ If anyone would be willing to take a carload of stuff out of the garden and either deliver it to its final destination (most will go to the homes of Danny, Roy, Maureen, David Mellard or Paul Thurner) or just keep it for a day or two until we can come pick it up, that would help us greatly. During setup on Wednesday/Thursday we can bring everything in multiple trips, but on Sunday we need to get everything out of there fairly quickly.

### Hospitality

- ★ FRIDAY MORNING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST. We are looking for help in putting together a continental breakfast for the judges Friday morning. Anyone who will be there early for clerking and can bring one of the following items contact Ellen Brand at (770) 518-8524 or [Ellenbrand@gmail.com](mailto:Ellenbrand@gmail.com)
- ★ Fresh Fruit, Various Sweets (donuts, Danish, muffins, etc.), Bagels, Cream Cheese, Jelly, Coffee Cups, Small Plates. Ellen will be bring the coffee.
- ★ We could use someone to help set up the luncheon on Friday from about 10:30-11:30. Contact Danny or Ellen Brand.

### Airport Pickup

- ★ We need someone to pick up Cordelia of J&L Orchids from the airport on Thursday morning and take her back immediately after the show closes on Sunday afternoon. She'll have 2-3 boxes about the size of large suitcases (30 X 20 X 9) with her.

### Show Entry Forms

- ★ Everyone should have received an email with the forms for pre-registration of plants for the display, along with the show schedule that includes the entry categories and the Mid-America classification documents that will help you determine what class to enter your plant whether the tags has an old or new name on it. If you can save the registration form to your computer once completed and email it back to Danny by Wednesday, or Thursday at the latest, it will speed up the process greatly.

## 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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*Phalaenopsis* OX Firebird "SRO-OX1519," AM/AOS 82pts.  
Exhibited by Stones River Orchids



*Masdevallia vargasii* 'Glencreek,' CHM/AOS 83pts.  
Exhibited by Larry Mayse



*Cymbidium sinense* 'Tao Ge,' CHM/AOS 82 pts.  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino



*Phalaenopsis* I-Hsin Balloon 'SRO-KH6734,' HCC/AOS,  
79 pts.  
Exhibited by Stones River Orchids





*Phalaenopsis* Yu Pin Easter Island 'Laura's Valentine,'  
AM/AOS 80pts.  
Exhibited by Stones River Orchids



*Phalaenopsis* Leopard Prince 'New Seasons Red,'  
AM/AOS 85pts  
Exhibited by Stones River Orchids



*Pterostylis curta* 'Mello Spirit,' CCE/AOS 99pts  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino



*Pterostylis furcata* x (*Pterostylis* x *ingens*)  
AM/AOS 82pts  
CCM/AOS 85 pts  
Exhibited by David Mellard & Sal Marino

# TRAILS of ORCHIDS



The Western North Carolina Orchid Society presents its  
**2014 Orchid Show** at the North Carolina Arboretum!

10-5pm  
Sat. March 29  
Sun. March 30

Come enjoy spectacular displays, gorgeous orchids  
for sale from a variety of growers, raffle prizes,  
orchid judging and educational presentations!

Follow the trail to the 2014 WNCOS Orchid Show at [www.wncos.org](http://www.wncos.org) or [www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org). The  
event is free, but normal Arboretum parking fees apply. The North Carolina Arboretum is located at  
100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC.