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JULY MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, July 13, 2015 8:00 PM Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall

Speaker: Francisco Miranda Miranda Orchids Haines City, Florida

Francisco Miranda is taxonomist, naturalist and orchid traveled grower. He has extensively to study orchids in their natural environments, as well, as traveling extensively in the U.S. and internationally speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. There is a recent article in Orchids magazine about his travels in Brazil.

Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specializing in growing mainly selected Cattleya species. alliance lt is continuation of Boa Orchids, their nursery in Brazil from 1986 until they moved to the U.S.A. the nursery is located in Central Florida. His wife, Maria Cristina is a biologist and takes care of the lab production and day-to-day nursery operation.

Francisco will be presenting a program on "Brazilian Cattleya Species". Knowing the natural habit of a species gives us insight to the culture of the species. His









The above photos illustrate just a few of the rare, choice and unusual color forms of Brazilian Cattleya species available from Miranda Orchids. Their list also includes a fine selection of traditional Brazilian Laelia including some rock dwelling species only recently available in cultivation. Check out their selection at www.mirandaorchids.com

picture filled presentation will show lots of plants in their natural habitats. As a consequence we can discuss cultivation guidelines and at the same time travel through some beautiful countryside. The pictures shown in them are a result of more than thirty years of visiting the Brazilian orchid natural habitats, and unfortunately several of these places have been totally destroyed throughout the years so only the pictures remain.

The pre-order deadline is July 8th. Contact Francisco at info@mirandaorchids.com. Listings are found on their website at www.mirandaorchids.com.

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For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).



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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-range to advanced grower, nothing beats the *Orchid Digest*. For just \$39/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 edition devoted to a single genus. For membership application forms contact David Mellard (404-237-1694) or visit www.orchiddigest.com to join online.

Events Calendar

July

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

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

Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids,

www.mirandaorchids.com

August

08 - 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.
Speaker TBA

28-29 - Breezy Hill Orchid Festival

Steve Arthur Orchids, 23 Glass House Road. Graniteville, SC

September

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

14 - Atlanta Orchid Society
Monthly Meeting, Rock Spring
Presbyterian Church activity hall
– 7 p.m
.Annual ATLOS Fundraising
Auction and Social

18-20 -Alabama Orchid Show and Sale

Birmingham Botanical Gardens 2612 Lane Park Drive Mountainbrook (Birmingham), AL



I found the AOS Orchid Magazine especially interesting this month. A good portion of it was on the Genius Phalaenopsis. For me the must challenging orchid to bloom is a Cattleya, but blooming a Phalaenopsis is a close second.

Truthfully, I've given up totally on Cattleya. I just don't have the right light levels and I tend to over water. But Phalaenopsis should not be so difficult. Everyone else seems to think they are easy to grow and bloom. So why do I have such problems? I read all the literature. I try to follow suggestions given for the care for these plants, but mostly I get one new leaf or one new root, and if I am real lucky I'll get one plant to bloom. Frustrating, to say the least!

Please join us for the July meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society. Our speaker will be Francisco Marinda of Marinda Orchids. His topic will be Cattleya species of Brazil. Our meeting is held in Day Hall of the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. We begin at 8PM and try to finish by 10PM.

Hope to see you there, Ellen Brand, President

Minutes of the June 2015 Meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society

<u>Date:</u> June 8, 2015 Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Atlanta Botanical

Gardens, Day Hall <u>Attendance</u>: 50

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 PM by President Ellen Brand, after the annual Greenhouse tour at 7pm.

On motion and second the minutes of the April 2015 meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.

President Brand announced that the new member roster has been sent out and reminded everyone of the upcoming September club auction.

Roy Harrow reminded everyone of the yearly auction, hosted at his house, coming up on the last saturday in July.

Ribbon judging results were presented and the evening concluded with the raffle and silent auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Minutes compiled by Valorie Boyer

Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Ribbon Winners May 2015

Class I – Cattleya Group

Amateur Winners

Blue – Cattleya Senhora Diana Leitao – Dan Williamson



Cattleya Senhora Diana Leitao – **Dan Williamson**

This hybrid was registered back in 1977 by Sea God Nurseries, the Sonoma County, CA orchid enterprise of actor Raymond Burr and is life-long partner, Robert Benevides. Both parents were apparently large flowered white cattleyas, with the famous C. Bow Bells as a parent of each, but for some reason, this particular plant flowered as a full shaped lavender with sparkling texture and a deeper colored lip. Generally, two white cattleyas of similar genetic backgrounds produce all white offspring, so I'm not sure what was different about this pairing that allowed the purple genes to express themselves. It may be that C. loddigesii is in the background of pod parent and this somehow overruled the typical color blocking effect.

Mature, larger flowered hybrids such as these do best in a very open medium that allows for perfect drainage and completely drying of the roots between each watering. Light levels should be bright enough to produce yellow-green rather than dark green foliage. With these conditions met, this group will do well in cool or warm



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 application. membership complete an application online at website:

www.atlantaorchidsociety.org

For directions to the Atlanta Botanical Garden, please visit their web site at www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org

temperatures.

Red – Brassolaeliocattleya Lime Cooler 'Krull Smith,' HCC/AOS – Geni Smith

Commercial Winners

Blue – *Cattleya* Pittiae (coerulea form) – **David Johnston**

Cattleya Pittae is a primary hybrid between the species C. loddigesii and C. schilleriana. In this case the coerulea forms of each were used, but because the result is a hybrid, the results cannot properly be called "variety coerulea." Complicating things further is that the one parent, listed as C. loddigesii v. coerulea 'Blue Sky' is more likely the species C. harrisoniana which



Cattleya Pittiae (coerulea form)

– David Johnston

was considered a variety of the former for some time, but blooms in summer rather than winter.

That being said, the result of this cross is both beautiful and unusual, and the mauve-violet shading pleasingly intense. This plant has fuller flowers than most examples I have seen. It is a rather slender growing bi-foliate that likely will stay fairly compact. Given the parents, it would appreciate perfect drainage, bright light, and restraint in watering during winter when the plant would be resting.

The original pairing was registered in 1886, and likely also employed *C. harrisoniana* rather than *C. loddigesii* since refrigeration was not available to store pollen for the several months' gap between the different flowering seasons of the listed parents.

Blue – Cattleya Tokyo Magic 'Kitty' – Carson Barnes

Red – Brassavola cucullata – Carson Barnes

White – Cattleya harrisoniana forma coerulea 'Blue Sky' – Carson Barnes

Class II – Cymbibum Group

No Entries

Class III – Dendrobium Group

Amateur Winners

Blue – Dendrobium bracteosum var. tanii – Bailey Santwire

There are noticeable differences between this orchid and the typical form of Den. bracteosum, and many suggest that it should be classified as a separate species. It is shorter growing, staying generally 6 to 8 inches in height, and the flowers have a small dark maroon lip instead of yellow or orange as would be typical of the species, with more slender and elongated segments. There seems to be a lot of uncertainty as to where Den. tannii originally came from in the wild, or whether or not it actually does occur in the wild at all, or might be of hybrid origin. Some describe it as coming from Thailand, which would be far from the natural range of *Den*. bracteosum on New Guinea. Right now there are more questions than answers, so hopefully over time it will all be sorted out.

Whatever the origin, it is easy and rewarding to grow and does well under the same conditions as its larger cousin. While appreciating good drainage, it prefers to be watered regularly throughout the year, and grows mild well in to temperatures with light levels about the same as for Phalaenopsis culture. The blooms develop slowly from winter to summer on older



Dendrobium bracteosum var. tanii

- Bailey Santwire

leafless growths, and are long lasting, from 4 to 6 months. The exhibited plant is still young and blooming off a small seedling growth. As with the normal form of *Den. bracteosum*, several color forms have appeared on the scene from white, to light pink, darker pink and deep reddish purple.

Class IV – Epidendrum Group

Amateur Winners

Blue – Encyclia alata – Carson Barnes



Encyclia alata – Carson Barnes

The "Winged Encyclia" is so named because of the two prominent side lobes of the lip. which flare out to the sides in a wing-like fashion. They are usually white edged in sunny vellow, and combined with the center lobe, which has the same vellow edge and a "skirt" of purple lines, create one of the most attractive aspects of this orchid. The sepals and petals are normally yellowish green, lightly brushed to heavily overlaid with purple from their mid-point outwards. These markings very greatly from plant to plant and some cultivated forms have been line bred for the darkest shading. There can be many flowers on an upright, usually branched, spike that last about two months and strona fragrance carry a reminiscent of "Hawaiian Tropic" suntan lotion. In hybrids made with this species, the fragrance often changes into something more akin to "Dr. Pepper" soda pop!

E. alata grows in the southernmost states of Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica in areas that drain into either the Gulf of Mexico or the Caribbean, but not the Pacific. The plants are robust growers, preferring intermediate



Paphiopedilum Carolyn Butcher – Barbara Barnett



Paphiopedilum Dellaina
- David Kesslier

to warm temperatures, bright diffused light and perfect drainage. They tend to grow better in baskets than in pots unless watering is carefully monitored. It has been used extensively in hybridization and has been paired with various genera within the Cattleya Alliance.

Red – Catyclia Corrientes Payé FCA 'Bartley Schwartz,' HCC/AOS – David Johnston

Class V - Oncidium Group

No Entries

Class VI – Cypripedium Group

Amaetur Winners

Blue – *Paphiopedilum* Carolyn Butcher – **Barbara Barnett**

Both our amateur and commercial blue ribbon winners in this class are hybrids of Paph. delenatii, a charming pink and white Vietnamese species, with a very small growth habit and beautifully mottled leaves. These characteristics make this species a popular parent, with about 200 generation first registered hybrids to date. In most cases, the form of *Paph. delenatii* is not dominant, while the pink on

white coloration is. That holds true in the case of *Paph*. Carolyn Butcher, which is shaped very strongly like the other parent, *Paph*. Fanaticum, but not so much in *Paph*. Dellaina, where there is little trace of the crinkled, spotted petals of *Paph*. *chamberlainiana* save for the fine hairs along their edges.

I would suspect that if either of these blue ribbon winners were presented to official judging on their current flowers, they would likely get passed due to slight color irregularities in the dorsal sepal. This may be a trait that comes and goes with different bloom cycles or genetically permanent. It does some to crop up in other *Paph. dlenatii* hybrids as well.

Red – Paphiopedilum Armeni-White – Dan Williamson

White – Paphiopedilum SCBG Miracle – Geni Smith

Commercial Winners

Blue – Paphiopedilum Dellaina – David Kesslier

Red – Paphiopedilum Lady Isabel – Carson Barnes



Phalaenopsis Pylo's Reichen Bell '1st'

– Jarad Wilson



Vanda A.F. Buckman – Dan Williamson

White – Phragmipedium longifolium var. gracile 'The Other One' – Carson Barnes

Class VII - Phalaenopsis Group

Amateur Winners

Blue – *Phalaenopsis* Pylo's Reichen Bell '1st' – **Jarad Wilson**

Red – Phalaenopsis Sogo Modal – Rick Martinez

White – Phalaenopsis Taida King's Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra' – Geni Smith

Class VIII - Vandaceous Group

Amateur Winners

Blue – Vanda A.F. Buckman – Dan Williamson

Red – Vanda Paki x Bill Burke – Dan Williamson

White – Schoenorchis fragrans – Dan Williamson

Commercial Winners

Blue – Vanda coerulea – Carson Barnes

While most of the large flowered Vanda are thought of as requiring year round warmth to flourish, this strikingly colored species grows in the mountains of Northeast India, Burma, Thailand and Southwest China at an elevation between 3,000 and 5.000 feet above sea level where experiences nights that average in the 40's F for three months each winter. It does adapt well to somewhat warmer conditions, but will still do best with nights about 55 F during that time. It also receives only scant rainfall in the wild during the winter rest, with dew and mist providing the main sources of moisture then. In cultivation plants should receive copious water from May to October but just occasional early morning water or misting the balance of the year. The roots should always be able to dry rapidly after watering as this species tend to grow high up in sparsely branched trees where it is exposed to almost full sunlight.

Without the marvelous blue tones and tessellated patterns of *V. coerulea*, our modern hybrids would be far less colorful and



Vanda coerulea - Carson Barnes

interesting. Well over 5,000 modern vandaceous hybrids can trace their ancestry back to it.

Class IX - Miscellaneous

Amateur Winners

Blue – *Maxilarriella tenuifolia* – **Doug Hartong**

Commercial winners

Blue – Chysis aurea – David Johnston



Chysis aurea - David Johnston

There are half a dozen or so different *Chysis*, occurring from Mexico, through Central America, and south to Peru and east to Venezuela in South America. They all have similarly configured showy flowers with colors that vary according to the particular species. Though not common in collections, there are a couple species and hybrids that are becoming more available as people admire their long lasting and fragrant flowers.

Perhaps the limiting factor is that, when not in bloom, the plants can be fairly large and with club leafy, shaped pseudobulbs bearing several large thin leaves, and often bending into pendulous position due to their weight. There is a distinct winter dry season in their natural habitats and most of the leaves are shed during that time, though they will persist in cultivation if too much water is applied in their rest phase.

The inflorescence emerges near the base of a developing new growth, and may carry up to a dozen flowers on robust, well grown plants. The bloom season is in the first half of the year but may come earlier or later in that period depending on individual cultural conditions. Chvsis generally perform best baskets, which allow rapid drainage and let growths hang naturally. They want frequent water and feeding while in active growth in summer, with a gradually tapering off in late fall. In winter, plants should not stay dry for extended periods, but occasional light watering is usually sufficient. Medium light levels and good air movement are recommended.

Red – Thunia marshalliana – Carson Barnes

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ROY'S AUCTION INFORMATION

Everyone's Orchid Auction is at Roy Harrow's house the last Saturday in July. In 2015, that is the 25th of July.

> 2872 Gray Rd, Smyrna, GA30081 House: 770-434-8059 Cell: 770-639-7052

Simplest (not the shortest) directions: Highway 75 just north of 285 around Atlanta, Georgia, take Windy Hill west. past (Cobb parkway, the golf course (speed trap), Atlanta Road and South Cobb) to Benson-Poole (left) South. That only goes a couple of blocks to Milford Church (right) west. Across the creek to Gray Road

(left) south. Yellow house on the (right) west side of the road. You can also come from the south by way of 285 to/Atlanta road north, left onto Church street west with a right onto gray rd north. GPS helps.

Parking is at Norton Park elementary School, 7 houses south after you drop your stuff.

Helpers arrive at 9, public at 10 to sign in, tour at 10:15, auction at 11, eat potluck at 1, usually over by 4 PM.

Bring friends (car pool), chairs, plants, folding cash and a little extra food beyond what you could eat, we usually share pot luck.

A grill is available. Drop off and park 7 houses back at the elementary school. We run a shuttle back and forth. it will happen rain or shine with no backup date. Only handicapped and helpers park on site. Make sure your name is on the bottom of your food bowls and chairs.

It's worth your time to make 2 lists of what you bought to sell. The one you give to the have auctioneer should а minimums (if anv) and description to help improve the plants desirability. Some people bring pictures (in zip lock bags) of what the flowers looked like. On the list you keep, write down how much they sold for in case we have any differences. Most people write their purchases on the back of the paper plate with their buyer's number on it. That same buyers' number is your free raffle entry so everyone should sign up for a number.

Wear appropriate clothing, if you pass out from the heat, you

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might wake up with only your head held above water. We have had 14 people bidding from the pool. If you get too hot you can watch (not hear) from inside the house.

Many times un-named orchids will go for just \$1. You don't have to buy or sell a thing, but if you do, remember the 10% rule. If you buy \$10, you pay \$11, or sell \$10, get \$9. We will send a check to any IRS 501C3 organization you designate as long as it totals more than \$5 with everyone else that designated the same place at signup. Default last year was the AtBG orchid propagation lab for conservation. The Atlanta orchid judging center, SMOS, AtOS, NAOS and MTOS are of few of the other previous benefactors.

Each of the sellers gets to offer ten things on the first go around. I personally try to sell 10 boxes of orchids. If you have more than ten to sell, you get to sell again, after everyone else has had their turn in the order of signing in. The buyers' money usually runs out toward the end and the prices get really cheap. This is mostly a buyers' auction of amateur's plants and the prices are often very low. Remember to quarantine/treat your purchased plants before adding them to your collection. You should bring (plastic) crates to carry off what you acquire. Many people have contributed plants to the free raffle after the auction. Any personal sales are not subject to the 10% rule.

History

This idea started around 1985 with an annual pig roast put on by Murray Delafuente at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens with Dave Holder's help. We started bringing plants to trade and when multiple people wanted the same plant, it turned into a bidding situation. The pig roast/auction then moved to Cullman Alabama where the meal cost \$16 with catered food and all of the barbecue pig and chicken you could eat. When the Highway department took the front of their property to widen the road and other reasons, I then started an auction here in Smyrna with limited invitations and free pot-luck. After a couple of years, it was opened to everyone. Then we started giving away other (house) plants after the bidding that we personally had too many of. Some years we've given away (in the free raffle) up to 150 plants.

ORCHID LAB COURSE

Steve Arthur Orchids 23 Glasshouse Road, Graniteville, CS 803-221-5471

Thursday, July 23rd Friday, July 24th Saturday, July 25th

Each day, 9am - 5pm Morning lectures & Afternoon Labs

- All supplies will be provided (including a take home tissue culture kit)
- Lunch will be provided each day at the nursery
- Dinner is not provided, but restaurants are close by
- Cost of course does not include lodging!
- There are ten slots and it will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Suggested Lodging: Sleep Inn & Suites (921 Edgefield Road, North Augusta, SC 29841, 803-202-0209) *use code: Family Rate for discounted price of \$69 per night

At the end of the course you should be able to do seed flasking and orchid tissue culture. We will cover all aspects of sterile technique, media preparation, sterilization, green pod and dry orchid seed flasking, and replating. More information will follow. Please call to reserve space as slots will be limited to 9 participants. We have at least 9 students interested now and it will be a first come, first serve basis.

Registration Form: Name:
Mailing Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Number of People Attending From Your Group:
Cost \$300.00 per Attendee (Checks Accepted)
*If paying by Credit or Debit there is an additional ten dollar fee per person.
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checks to: Steve Arthur, P.O. Box 207, Graniteville, SC 29829

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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Paphiopedilum tonsum 'Old Baldy', AM/AOS, 81 pts. Exhibited by Carson Barnes



Paphiopedilum moquetteanum 'Lucky Dog', AM/AOS, 83 pts. Exhibited by David Kessler

Breezy Hill Orchid Festival

Orchids and Other Plants

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Friday August 28 and Saturday August 29, 2015

\$4.00 Admission Includes both days

9 to 5 Each Day

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Orchid Vendors, Plant Vendors, Orchid Talks, Demonstrations

Indoor/Outdoor Plant Sales

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All plant folks invited

Raffles both days

BBQ Chicken Lunches for sale

Shady picnic area

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Bring blooming orchids to be AOS judged

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