



# The Atlanta Orchid Society Bulletin

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## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, October 12, 2015

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Day Hall - 8pm

**Speaker: Michael Sinn**  
**Canaima Orchids**

### *"Orchid Hunting in Venezuela"*

Born in Venezuela to German parents, Michael Sinn became fascinated with orchids at the age of twelve when he took over the care and culture of his mother's extensive collection of cattleyas and oncidiums.

He grew up hiking the jungles of South America in search of cattleyas in their natural habitats. Using his degree in civil engineering from Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas, Michael worked as a contractor for four years in the Venezuelan Amazon State. The work afforded him opportunities to further observe habitats but, more importantly, he came to understand the urgency for conservation. He spent much personal time teaching local people how to pollinate the orchids, impressing upon them the need to let the plants remain in their natural habitat.

Michael's instincts drew him toward breeding cattleyas and



*Michael Sinn with an impressive specimen of Cattleya percivaliana growing in the wild. It is native to the mountains of western Venezuela near the city of Merida and also just across the border into Colombia, growing, as the photo illustrates, on rocks in near full sun. One of the smaller growing large-flowered species, it blooms in winter, often coinciding with the holiday season. The blooms have a dramatically colored dark lip, and an unusual fragrance that not everyone finds pleasant. In addition to the typical lavender color, there are semi-alba, coerulea and alba forms available, though not easily found in the USA.*

laelias, eventually starting his own nursery, Canaima Orchids. (Canaima is a dramatic region of the interior of Venezuela and home to Angel Falls, the world's tallest waterfall.) Michael's vision remains constant: to conserve native species, by producing the finest cultivars of Cattleya species.

Michael is an accredited AOS Judge. He recently relocated to The Atlanta area and joined the Atlanta Orchid Society. He will be selling plants at our meeting. We

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Membership in the Atlanta Orchid Society is \$30 for individuals or \$45 for households. Yearly membership runs January 1st - December 31st. 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 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 website at [www.AtlantaBotanicalGarden.org](http://www.AtlantaBotanicalGarden.org)



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## Events Calendar

### October

#### 02-04 - Coastal Carolina Orchid Society Show

*Hope's Treasure Chest*  
1528 Folly Road  
Charleston, SC

**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.  
Michael Sinn - Canaima Orchids  
"Orchid Hunting in Venezuela"

### November

**09 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting**, ABG, Day Hall - 8 p.m.  
Ron Midgett - New Earth Orchids  
"Multifloral Paphiopedilums"

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

**21-22 - Triangle Orchid Society Show**, Duke Gardens, Duke University, Durham, NC

### December

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

**14 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting & Annual Holiday Season Banquet - 7 p.m.**  
*NOTE EARLY START TIME*

Rock Spring Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (rear of building)  
1824 Piedmont Ave  
Atlanta, GA 30324



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this "Message" at the ATL airport while waiting for our flight to San Francisco. We will be away for ten days, then on to South Carolina for another five days. This time of the year it is difficult for me to judge the weather and decide what to do with my orchids. Do I leave them out for the cool night air or bring them in?

I chose to bring most of them in just in case a freak cold spell comes through while I'm away. I always have more orchids to bring in then I took out in May. This year was no exception. Not only did I buy more orchids, but I am holding 25 Cattleyas that were donated to the society. Somehow, I need to keep them alive until I can bring them in for silent auction. I don't have good luck with Cattleya in general. My main problem is inadequate light. So naturally, I needed to buy a new light fixture. I told my husband in advance that I was buying another light, since I needed him to install it. He usually gets a bit upset when I bring in new lights. But this time he was quite good about it. Maybe he doesn't dislike my hobby as much as he pretends.

Thank you to all our members who attended September's auction. We had a very good turnout, good food and we sold a lot of orchids. Mark Reinke did a great job as our auctioneer. I am sure he was very tired on his long ride home. Jason Mills kept the monies in order which is no easy feat when dealing with an auction. Any plants that we didn't get to will be offered at our monthly meetings.

Our next meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society will be on October 12, at 8PM in Day Hall of the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

Hope to see you there,  
Ellen Brand, President

look forward to his presentation and extensive knowledge in this area.

## Minutes of the September 2015 Meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society

**Date:** September 14, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Rock Spring  
Presbyterian Church

**Attendance:** 40

Being our September Auction & Dinner, everyone started gathering at 6:00 PM to eat and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ellen Brand.

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

Mark Reinke was the auctioneer and assisted by Barbara Barnett and Danny Lentz while Jason Mills-Shoulta handled auction registration and payments.

The auction started at 7:10pm and ended at 9:45pm.

*Minutes compiled by  
Valorie Boyer*

## Recap of the 2015 Auction

The September auction had an income of \$2,761 which is an increase over last year's income of \$2,260, but still short of our \$3,000 target set in the annual budget. Many of the plants were either donated to the Society, or provided to us at a significant discount. Some of the people and businesses involved with the auction this year include, but are

not limited to, the following:

- Andy's Orchids
- The Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Carson Barnes
- David Johnston, Jewell Orchids
- David Kessler
- Danny Lentz
- Larry Mayse, Kool-Logs
- Jason Mills-Shoulta
- Miranda Orchids
- Ooi Leng Sun Orchids
- Mark Reinke & Gary Collier, Marble Branch Farms
- Geni Smith

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with the auction, and thanks to Mark Reinke for serving as our auctioneer.

We had some plants left over after the auction. Those will be appearing on the silent auction table in the coming months.

## Jack Cane & "Atlanta's Orchids"

Jack Cane is finishing "Atlanta's Orchids", consisting of photos of ours and those of the Botanical Garden. At next Monday's meeting he will circulate a final proof for your review, and give us all an opportunity to purchase a copy at \$19.95, discounted from the retail price of \$24.95.



## Retiring hobbyists needing to re-home orchids!

Junior Coxwell, located at 1808 Cheaha Dr, Oxford AL 36203, is getting out of the orchid hobby. He is **GIVING AWAY** what is left of his collection. As of Sept 19th there were still about 250 plants left. They are about 80% phalaenopsis and the rest are cattleyas. They are in need of some insect care and most need repotting. Contact BECKY at 256-831-2237 if you are interested.

Cora Ramborger is also getting out of the orchid hobby. She is selling what is left (about 6 pickup truck loads as of september 16th). They are all hanging outside and most need repotting. She told me she would like to be first contacted by email, [ramborgerc@bellsouth.net](mailto:ramborgerc@bellsouth.net). She lives east of 400, north of John's Creek.

## Recap of the Society Exhibit from Birmingham

We had 29 orchids provided by Ellen Brand, Geni Smith, Barbara Barnett, and Jason Mills-Shoulta. Our display took first place among the 25 square foot or less Society Displays. We received 14 ribbons, and 4 trophies.

**Atlanta Orchid Society:**  
Atlanta Display - Class 5, 1st Place

**Ellen Brand:**  
*Amesiella monticola* - Class 68, 3rd Place  
*Masdevallia imposter* - Class 89, 1st Place

**Geni Smith:**  
*Phalaenopsis* Liu's Berry 'Trinity' - Class 48, 1st Place, Best in Class



43-57, IPA Trophy  
*Cattlianthe Big Time* - Class 17, 2nd Place  
*Aeridovanda Somri Sunlight* - Class 68, 2nd Place  
*Vanda Arjuna* - Class 63A, 3rd Place  
*Phalaenopsis hainanensis* - Class 101, 3rd Place  
*Christensonia vietnamica x Neofinetia falcata* - Class 64, 1st Place

**Barbara Barnett:**

*Paphiopedilum Doll's Kobold* - Class 33, 1st Place, Best in Class 27-39a - hybrid  
*Paphiopedilum henryanum* - Class 27, 3rd Place  
*Paphiopedilum helenae* - Class 27, 1st Place, Best in Class 27-39a - species, SOA Trophy

**Jason Mills-Shoulta:**

*Promeneia rollisonii* - Class 95, 1st Place  
*Schoenorchis fragrans* - Class 68, 2nd Place



Atlanta Orchid Society Exhibit - Birmingham Show



Alabama Orchid Society Exhibit - Birmingham Show



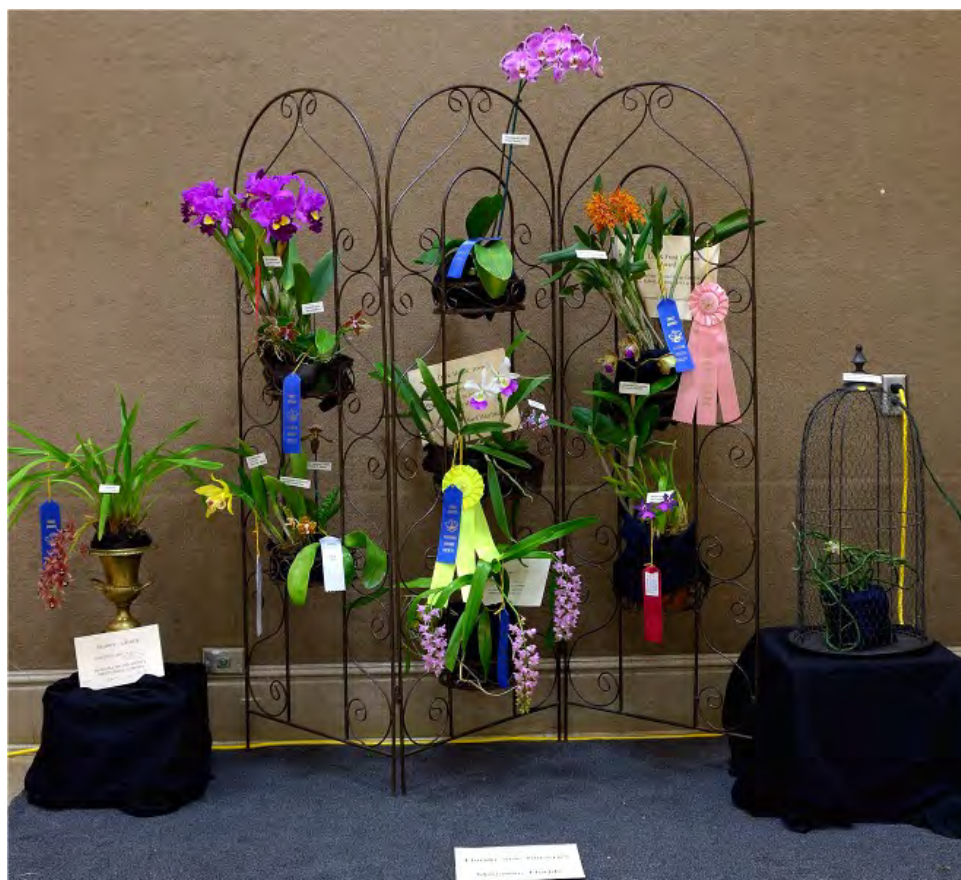


*NorthEast Alabama Orchid Society Exhibit - Birmingham Show*



*Margaret Holder Exhibit - Birmingham Show*





*Florida Star Nursery Exhibit - Birmingham Show*



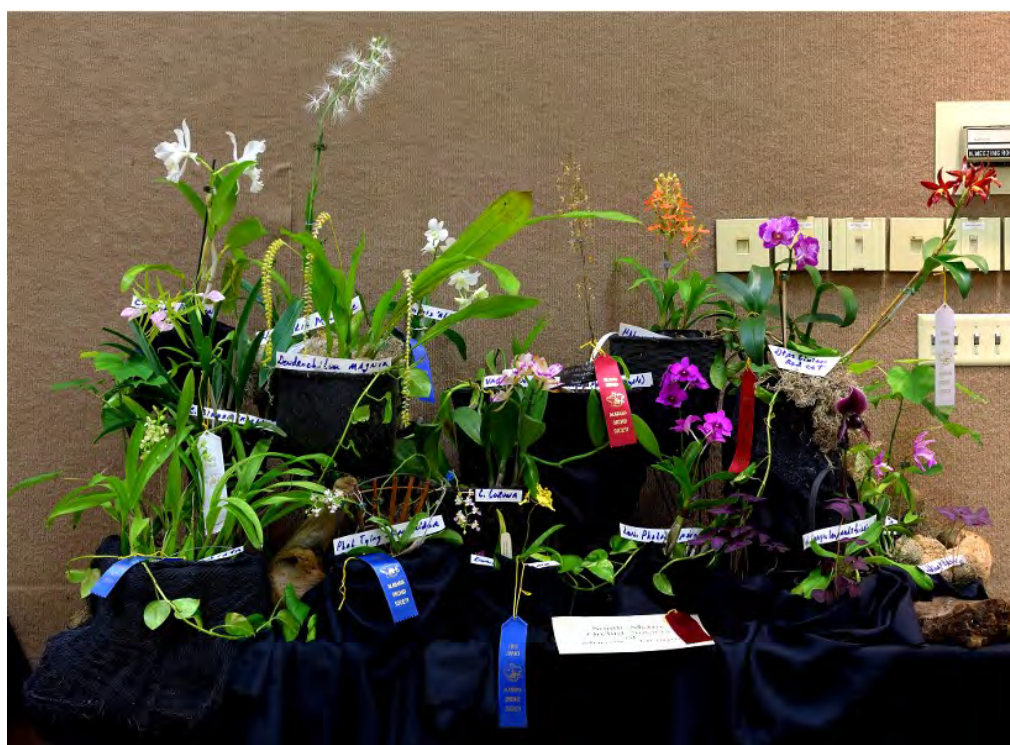
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*Louisiana Orchid Connection Exhibit- Birmingham Show*





*JoAnna and Tony Vaz Exhibit - Birmingham Show*



*South Metro Orchid Society Exhibit - Birmingham Show*





*Marble Branch Farms Exhibit- Birmingham Show*



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*Blondie Muffin Mopsie and Molly Exhibit - Birmingham Show*

## 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.

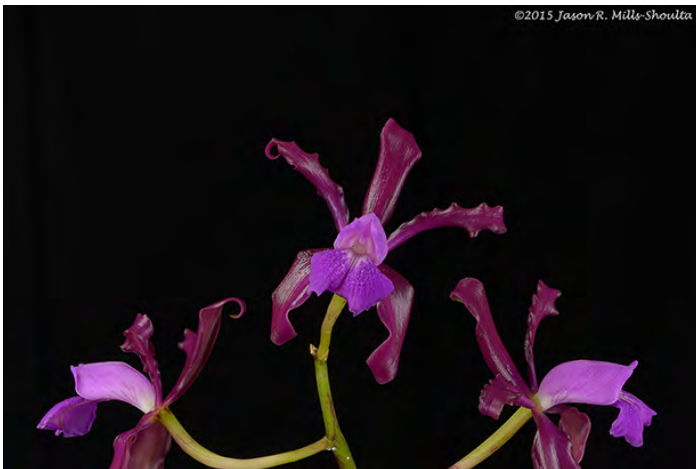
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*Cattleya guttata* 'Panther Creek', HCC/AOS, 78 pts.  
Exhibited by Barney & Aileen Garrison



*Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Barney Garrison 'Walton', AM/AOS, 83 pts.  
Exhibited by Carter & Holmes Orchids



*Cattleya elongata* 'Marcella', CHM/AOS, 81 pts.  
Exhibited by Jewell Orchids



*Cattleya labiata* 'Canaima's Monica', AM/AOS, 80 pts.  
Exhibited by Michael Sinn