

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Monthly Meeting: 8:00 pm Monday, February 11, 2019
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Day Hall

Pre-meeting Class (7:15-7:45) : Barbara Barnett will have a discussion for novice growers on how to buy orchids.

Program: Show Preparation

Members may bring plants to sell.



Bulletin

February 2019

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Annual Show Preparation

At our February meeting we will focus on preparations for our March show, including presentations on getting your plants ready for the show and entering them for display.

2019 Orchid Show

Our annual show is coming up the second weekend of March. Chair for the show is Danny Lentz (dblgongora@bellsouth.net). The show will be held from Friday March 8th through Sunday the 10th with setup on Wednesday and Thursday.

As always we will need as many people as possible to pitch in and help with the event. We will have sign-up sheets for volunteers at the February meeting. Things we'll need help with include show setup/takedown, clerks to assist with Friday morning's ribbon judging, staffing society tables to answer questions and recruit new members, exhibit setup, and various other activities. *If you can't make the meeting and are willing to help with the show please let Danny know by email that you are interested in helping.*

Show details can be found on our web site at:
<http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org/homepage/atlanta-orchid-show/>

Show Volunteers

Clerks:

- We need quite a few clerks on Friday morning to help with judging. Clerks help find the plants that the judges need to look at in each class, place ribbons. This can be a good way to learn more about what judges look for in the plants. You don't need to be very experienced to help with this.
- Clerks will be coordinated by Terry Glover (adreidese@msn.com)

Membership Tables:

- At our membership table we need people to answer questions, take membership applications and payment. We really need to get a lot of our members to help out with this, with coverage from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon. **We could use someone to coordinate the setup and staffing of the membership table.**

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Pleurothallis excelsa at ABG



Tubecentron Niu Girl

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- On Wednesday afternoon we will need a few people to help set up the tables and put on table skirts, mark out exhibit areas, and get the room ready for the show.
- On Thursday we will need more people to help out. We will have 2 displays (in Day Hall and the Visitor's Center) to set up, plant entry to take care of, our vendors will need help bringing their stuff into Day Hall and getting set up, and there are always a couple miscellaneous errands to run.
- On Sunday afternoon we will need help clearing out the room. This is the glamorous stuff: helping vendors load their vehicles, putting away tables, sweeping the floor, taking out the trash.
- If you have any questions about setup contact Danny.

Other:

- Hospitality: Ellen Brand and her helpers (Ed Shoulta-Mills, Dan Williamson) will be coordinating hospitality at ABG throughout the show. They may need some help setting up breakfast and lunch on Friday. JoJo Stickney and Carl Quattlebaum will be hosting a dinner at their house on Friday evening.
- Education: During the show we will have a few Orchid 101 type talks in Day Hall. We could use a couple of volunteers to give talks/demonstrations. Barbara Barnett will be coordinating this.
- Publicity: We need everyone to help get the word out about the show. We will have some flyers (postcard sized) available at the February meeting.
- Registration: We always need a person or two to help cut out/distribute name tags as plants are entered, and maybe help with plant entry if you are good with nomenclature.

Displays

We will need lots of blooming plants to fill in our two displays this year.

- We will have our normal large society exhibit in Day Hall. This exhibit will be judged, and all plants must be identified. Barbara Barnett will be coordinating the society exhibit.
- We will have another non-judged exhibit down in the Visitor's Center. This will be more informal, and the plants do not need to be identified. If you have a nice plant without a name this would be a great place to show it off. **We need someone to be in charge of the installation for the visitor center exhibit.**

Plant Registration

We will be doing electronic entry again this year. The weekend before the show we will send out blank entry forms that you can fill out and email to us for pre-entry. You will be able to fill it out and email it back to us anytime up until Thursday afternoon. If you can get us your entries a day or two ahead of time it will help greatly with the process of checking all of the names. Of course we will still enter any other plants that you bring on Thursday, pre-entry is not required. The process will be covered at the February meeting. Danny Lentz will be coordinating plant registration, with assistance from Carson Barnes.

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Events Calendar

February

9 - American Orchid Society monthly judging, (noon) training, (1pm) judging, at the Atlanta Botanical Garden - Hardin Visitor Center - Turner Theater

11 - Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, ABG, Day Hall – 8 p.m. Show Preparation

22-24 – Spring MAOC Meeting. Lansing, Michigan. Contact [Doug Hartong](mailto:Doug.Hartong@atlantaorchidsociety.org) 770-594-7334

March

March 1-3 – Mobile Area OS Show. [Bellingrath Gardens and Home](http://www.bellingrathgardensandhome.com). Mobile, Alabama.

8-10 – Atlanta Orchid Society Show & Sale at the Atlanta Botanical Garden
<http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org/homepage/atlanta-orchid-show/>

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March 27-31 – AOS Members Meeting. San Diego, California.

March 30-31 – Deep South Orchid Society Show, Coastal Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Rd., Savannah GA.
Contact [Jenni Brodie](mailto:Jenni.Brodie@atlantaorchidsociety.org)

Future Events

2020 – World Orchid Conference in Taichung, Taiwan
<https://www.woc23.com/>

Our vendors for this year's show will be:

- **Equaflor-A** (Cuenca, Ecuador) equaflor-a.com.ec [Preorder Deadline Feb. 11] Email: glbculture@gmail.com
- **Marble Branch Farms** (Walhalla, SC) www.marblebranchfarms.com
Email: info@marblebranchfarms.com
- **Odom's Orchids** (Ft. Pierce, FL) www.odoms.com
Email: odomsorchids@comcast.net
- **Owens Orchids, etc.** (Pisgah Forest, NC)
<http://www.facebook.com/orchidheights2> Email: sbnicholson761@gmail.com
- **Peach State Orchids** (Woodstock, GA) <http://www.facebook.com/Peach-State-Orchids-519890191377850> Email: mike@peachstateorchids.com
- **Gracelynn's Clay Flowers** (St. Louis, MO)
<https://www.facebook.com/Gracelynn's-Clay-Flowers-571591066349768>
Email: gracelynn.us@gmail.com

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Society Meeting

submitted by Darrell Demeritt

The January 14th, 2019 monthly meeting of the Atlanta Orchid Society, held at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, was called to order at 8:00PM by David Mellard, President. Members and guests were welcomed, and guests were introduced. The minutes of the December meeting as presented in the newsletter were approved by membership after being moved and seconded.

Dan Williamson, Treasurer, provided a summary of the monthly and year-end financial reports. Dan reported that the society ended the year with expenses and revenues very close to what had been budgeted. Details are available through Dan for anyone interested.

David provided a review of several upcoming events: The meeting of the AtIOS Board will be on January 19th at David Mellard's home at 2:00 PM; Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show in Gautier, MS on January 25-27th; AOS Monthly Judging will be held at the Atlanta Judging Center on February 9th at 1:00 PM at the Turner Theater (Hardin Visitor Center); Monthly Meeting of the AtIOS will be Monday, February 11th, 8:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

Other upcoming events include the Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) Spring Meeting in Lansing Michigan, February 22-24; Mobile Area Orchid Society 42nd Show at Bellingrath Gardens and Home on March 1st -3rd.; the AtIOS Orchid Show and Sale on March 8th– 10th; the AOS Members Meeting in San Diego on March 27-31s, ; and the Asheville Orchid Show on Friday, April 5th.

David again reminded members to let him know if they are not receiving the newsletter.

The results of the monthly plant judging, and annual ribbon awards were announced. With no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the AtIOS will be Monday, February 11th, 8:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Speakers will provide information on topics related to preparing for the annual Orchid Show and Sale. Hope to see you there!

Welcome New Member Jason Chen (Decatur, GA)

Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Ribbon Winners January 2019

Notes by Mark Reinke
Photos by Daryl Wattley
and Danny Lentz

Class I – Cattleya Group

Species/Natural Hybrids



Blue – *Leptotes harryphillipsii* 'Mello Spirit' CBR/AOS– **David Mellard**

Until recent years, only a couple species were known from this genus of diminutive *Cattleya* relatives from Brazil. Now, ten species are recognized. Many of them were originally wild collected and imported into the US under the name of a known species, only to be identified as something different when observed in flower by observant collectors. Such is probably the case with this species, described in 2004 and named after Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids in California. Other than the fact that it comes from Southeast Brazil, where all the other species are concentrated, little is known about the exact locations these plants grow in the wild. However, they are being successfully seed grown now so the supply will likely improve in the future.

The appearance of all *Leptotes* species can be somewhat misleading when it comes to their care. Despite their tough, terete foliage, they grow best under medium light levels and regular watering, but with perfect drainage. They seem to prefer to be mounted on a bare stick or cork, but may grow potted with careful attention to drainage. All the plants I have ever

grown mounted on tree fern declined after a few years, so I would not recommend this substrate. As with any orchid this tiny, some attention to care is needed and they won't thrive under a casual approach to culture.

Red–*Brassavola subulifolia*– **Jeremie Carroll**

While this Caribbean species is still frequently sold under *Brassavola cordata*, the name I list above was given to it in 1831, five years ahead of the other name and is considered correct nomenclature for it.

White–*Guarianthe x guatemalensis*–**Dan Williamson**

Hybrids



Blue – *Cattleya* Circle of Life 'Spring Joy' – **Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan**

Cattleya Circle of Life is considered one of the crowning achievements of the late Frank Fordyce, who created it by crossing *Cattleya* Culminant 'La Tuilerie' with *Cattleya coccinea*. It was registered in 1998 and has garnered 18 flower quality awards from the American Orchid Society. The 'Spring Joy' form is unusual in that it is intense purple in color, while most plants from the cross produce red or orange blends. In my opinion, the first to be awarded, 'Trailblazer,' AM/AOS, is still the most magnificent when well grown. Most plants are compact growers, though some approach miniature in size and others are fairly large. A few inherit a rather annoying twisted growth habit

sometimes seen in other hybrids with a good dose of *C. coccinea*.

This orchid is not always easy to grow in our climate if not protected from summer heat and given absolutely perfect drainage. It can suffer from dieback of new growths and our humid air can make the inflorescence long and weak, requiring careful staking for the magnificent flowers to show their best. But in the right pairing, improved habits and equally wonderful flowers can result, and 137 currently registered hybrids are descended from it.

Red – *Cattleya* hybrid no ID – **James Roberts**

White – *Cattleya* Pat Erhart – **Kurt Drewke & Ariel Christiansen**

Class II – Cymbidium Group No Entries

Class III – Dendrobium Group



Blue – *Dendrobium limpidum* –**Ariel Christiansen & Kurt Drewke**

This small growing species comes from East Papua New Guinea and was newly described in 2003. It has many similarities to *Den. dichaeoides*, but differs in some key aspects of the leaves and growing habits, and in location of the known habitat.

There is virtually no information about this species in the usual sources, but I found a website called www.orchidsnewguinea.com that has both the original description and drawings from the 2003 identification, plus some useful information about the habitat. This site describes the species as an inhabitant of montane river valley

forests at altitudes in the range of 5,000 to 7,000 feet above sea level, growing in fairly shaded locations.

From the photo provided, it appears that this plant is growing in a semi-hydroponic fashion in smallish bark inside a clear plastic cup. It will be interesting to see how this method works out for Ariel and Kurt. Photos of the best grown plants all show them mounted with a good deal of moss on the mount and roots indicating frequent, possibly daily watering. Due to the elevation of its natural habitat, this species would likely resent our hot summer weather and will be grown better indoors under lights or close to evaporative cooling. The only cultural award given in the USA is for a plant grown in the mild weather of Seattle, WA, on a cedar shingle with nearly 300 flowers and buds when it was exhibited in April of 2015. There is an award from Germany for a mounted plant with an estimated 2900 flowers.

Red – *Dendrobium* Sweet Pinky 'Love' – **Darrell Demeritt**

White – *Dendrobium* Yellow Song 'Canary' – **Darrell Demeritt**

Class IV – Epidendrum Group



Red– *Dineclia* Chien Ya Smile 'K.S.'–**Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan**

I am happy to see that Danny has continued to keep this unusual hybrid growing and blooming. Unfortunately, I have utterly failed. It remains the only registered hybrid ever made with *Dinema* (syn. *Encyclia*) *polybulbon*, a fascinating

miniature creeping species from mountain habitats in Mexico and the Caribbean. The other parent was *Encyclia cordigera*. Because of the miniature nature of the one parent, many have tried to breed with it for decades, but without success. Somehow, this pairing produced at least one viable offspring, which was awarded a Best New Breeding award by the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association (TOGA) in 2010. The awarded plant was mericloned and distributed to the US through wholesale growers in Hawaii. That batch has long since sold out, so I'm glad to see someone is keeping it alive!

The growth habit is a bit odd, with short, very tufted and stiff leaves above small pseudobulbs. The leaves seem to have the tendency to get brown tips no matter how much attention the plant gets. But the flowers are very beautiful with a striking comparatively large pure white lip with a vivid purple pattern in the center [and great fragrance]. Perhaps growing indoors, under lights has better suited this unusual beauty as under greenhouse care my plants all eventually dwindled away, including the last one I still had managed to keep alive, which gave up a couple months ago.

White – *Prosthechea garciana* - **Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan**

Class V – Oncidium Group

Blue– *Comparettia macroplectron*–**David Mellard**

The name of this species found in mild locations in Colombia refers to the large nectar spur that can be up to two inches in length, likely indicating that butterflies or moths are the chief pollinator. Overall, the flowers are large for the size of the plant, and grow on a horizontal to pendant, sturdy inflorescence up to about a foot long.

The awarded plants of this species average 21 flowers per inflorescence. However, all these plants were grown on the West Coast or in the northern tier of states where the climate is milder.



Here, indoor culture under lights, or in a greenhouse with evaporative cooling are the best ways to achieve results. Shallow pots, baskets or mounts are recommended so the roots can dry fairly quickly after watering, which should be performed daily when the plants are in active growth.

There are quite a few registered crosses made between this species and other members of the *Oncidium*



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www.atlantaorchidsociety.org

Alliance. The most awarded and engaging example was made by Tropical Orchid Farm on the island of Maui, and registered in 2008. It paired *Comp. macrolepton* with *Gomesa echinata* to make *Gomettia* Tropical Jujubees. In addition to two flower quality awards, the cross received an Award of Distinction for a new direction in breeding. I checked, but they don't have any for sale right now.

Red – *Brassia euodes*– David Mellard

White – *Brassia aurantiaca*– Dan Williamson

White – *Gomesa flexuosa* x *Oncidesa* Sweet Sugar – Magg & Daryl Wattley

Class VI – *Cypripedium* Group



Blue –*Paphiopedilum hainanense* – Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan

Kew and the RHS consider *Paphiopedilum hainanense*, described by Jack Fowlie in 1987, to be a variety of *Paph. appletonianum*, described by Rolfe in 1896. The former was originally found in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia until populations were encountered on Hainan Island, China and described at the time as a new species. Both forms have individuals with lighter and more intense coloration, but the flowers are always of a “broadly winged” appearance on rather tall, narrow, but sturdy stems. The main difference is that the tessellation of the leaves is bolder in *var. hainanense* than in the type.

This orchid is used to fairly large temperature swings in the wild, with winter nights averaging in the mid-50s F and spring days in the mid-90s. It should be fairly easy to grown and adaptable to our area. A two month period of cooler conditions with less watering in winter seems to stimulate better flowering. It has been a good parent for bringing attractive pink shades into the petals of its offspring. One of the better known examples is *Paph. Rosy Egret*. [This and the red ribbon winner are plants I inherited from Maureen when she cut back her collection. Hopefully I'll bloom the rest of them some day. - danny]

Red – *Paphiopedilum* Malibu Stacey – Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan

White – *Paphiopedilum* Makuli ‘Maggie’ – James Roberts

Class VII - *Phalaenopsis* Group - No Entries

Class VIII - *Vandaceous* Group



Blue + JC Mobley Cultural Award – *Taeniophyllum biocellatum*– Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan

There are over 200 species in this genus of leafless orchids scattered across warm tropical locations of Asia, Africa, Australia and the Pacific Islands, though very few have found their way into cultivation. The genus name literally means “ribbon leaf,” though it is actually referring to the flattened spreading root mass colored with chlorophyll,

and radiating from a central, leafless crown. The species name of this particular example refers to the “two eyed” appearance of the tiny flowers, which bloom sequentially on a thin inflorescence with bracts, with up to 20 or more being produced in season.

Tae. biocellatum grows on the island of Java in Indonesia, in forests and coffee plantations between 1000 and 3000 feet above sea level. Not much else is written about it other than it prefers shade and rather moist conditions with warm temperatures year round. The plant exhibited is beautifully grown and fascinating under close inspection. [I tend to keep my *Taeniophyllums* a bit too dry, it really helped when some moss started growing on the mount. Of course the moss can overwhelm a small leafless orchid if you don't keep it in check. ABG is getting good results growing several species with more regular watering and humidity than I provide. -danny]



Blue – *Cleisostoma subulatum* – David Mellard

There are nearly 100 known species of this vandaceous species, widespread across tropical Asia, the Philippines, parts of Indonesia and Australia, yet they are not common in collections. This particular species is named for the awl-like, narrow pointed leaves, and occurs

in all the above mentioned locations except Australia, growing in lower elevations as a pendent epiphyte. While the individual flowers are small, they are numerous on a downward growing inflorescence, and each is beautiful on close inspection, with honey and bronze toned segments and a white lip touched with amethyst at the apex and backed by a small nectar spur. Though not much detail is given about growing this species, it is described as needing warm to hot temperatures and bright, but indirect light. It is always shown growing mounted, so probably needs daily watering in hot, dry weather.

Red – *Tubecentron* Niu Girl – Kurt Drewke & Ariel Christiansen

White – *Amesiella monticola* – Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan

Class IX – Miscellaneous

JC Mobley Cultural Award – *Mediocalcar decoratum* 'Mello Sweetbay's Eye Candy' CCM/AOS (provisional)– David Mellard

There are 17 recognized species in the genus of creeping, mat forming orchids, but *Med. decoratum* is one of the few that can be found for sale in the U.S. It comes from New Guinea, where it is widespread in rainy forests from 3000 to 7000 feet above sea level. It thrives best in medium, filtered light and cool to

mild temperatures, not exceeding the mid-80s F if possible.



David just received a Certificate of Cultural Merit on this plant at the January monthly AOS judging. He didn't mention the number of flowers, but the plant is about the size of one that was awarded with more than 250 blooms in 2018, so at least that many. Each tiny flower is urn shaped with an orange base and yellow segments. It is made up of fused sepals that flare out at the tips along with the other flower segments. The lip is only slightly broader than the two petals, so overall the appearance is not the typical irregular shape of many orchids. There are two Certificate of Cultural Excellence awards for plants that received scores of over 90 points and had more than 1000 flowers. One plant was grown in Maui and the other at the San Francisco Conservatory, where they were able to provide the

even, mild conditions this species prefers.



Blue – *Lycaste lassioglossa*– David Mellard

Red–*Stenorrhynchos speciosum*– David Mellard

David Mellard discussed this species at the meeting, noting that many plants in commerce are mislabeled *Strs. speciosum* when they are actually *Strs. albidomaculatum*. The latter species has a lot of white spots and blotches on the leaves, whereas the former has fewer spots that are light green instead. There are slight differences in the flowers as well, with *Strs. speciosum* normally having a more pronounced red bract with each bloom.

White– *Bifrenaria aureofulva*– Larry Kikkert



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Announcements, Notes, Classifieds, etc.

If you have a few things you want to sell or swap, or are thinking about ordering something that others might be interested in splitting, let us know and we can put a note in the newsletter.

Please let [Danny Lentz](#) know if you'd be interested in participating in a group order for Orchidata bark. This would be the 40 liter bags, and they'd probably be around \$30 each. If we have enough people interested I'll work on getting an exact price and putting the order together.

If you want to get lower rates at the ABG parking deck but don't want to buy 30-40 admissions at a time by yourself, consider splitting the cost with another member. After you buy the parking you can contact the appropriate employee at Lanier Parking to have some of the admissions transferred to another parking card. If anyone wants the contact info for the parking deck representative let me know. (Don't bother asking about this at the ABG Gift Shop.)

I have 4 plants maybe I could trade or sell.

Dendrobium nobile
Wilsonara Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'
Oncidium Sharry Baby yellow
Brassavola digbyana ('Laura' x 'Green Giant' AM/AOS)

Looking for Ctna / Broughtonia family plants

Contact Kyle Brooks at blackcattips@gmail.com

Recipe for the Sweet Potato Casserole that Maria Beug-Deeb brought to the holiday party.

Ingredients:

4 cups sweet potato cubed
1/2 cup white sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 tsp salt
4 tbsp butter, softened
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
(optional) 1/8 to 1/4 cup bourbon
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup all purpose flour
3 tbsp butter softened
1/2 cup chopped pecans
or 1/2 cup marshmallows

Directions

Prep: 30 min Cook: 30 min

1. Preheat oven to 325F. Put sweet potatoes in a medium saucepan with water to cover. Cook over medium heat until tender. Drain & mash.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the sweet potatoes, white sugar, eggs, salt, butter, milk & vanilla extract. (optional - Add in the bourbon.) Mix until smooth. Transfer to a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. In a medium bowl, mix the brown sugar & flour. Cut in the butter until the mixture is coarse. (optional - Stir in the pecans.) Sprinkle the mixture over the sweet potato mixture. (optional- Add marshmallows to the top.)
4. Bake in the preheated oven 30 minutes or until the topping is brown.

Notes from the January Board Meeting

- We ended 2018 with a small deficit for the year so we gave fewer donations. We are giving \$300 to the AOS Atlanta Judging Center and \$100 to Jay Pfahl for support of the orchidspecies.com web site.
- The 2019 show was discussed. Jeremie Carroll is handling publicity, Dan Williamson will handle trophy sponsorships, Barbara Barnett will chair the display committee. The society may buy orchid supplies and sell them at our booth during the show.
- Maegan Brass will co-chair the Membership committee with Barbara Barnett.
- Our 2019 Auction is tentatively planned for November 2.
- The next board meeting will be held on June 1.



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Recent Blooms at the Atlanta Botanical Garden (January 2019)



Ancistrochilus rothschildianus



Phalaenopsis equestris var. *aparii*



Cattleya amethystoglossa



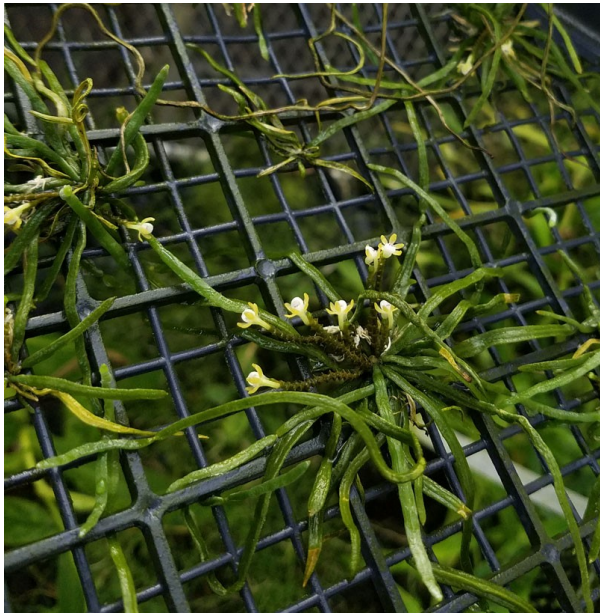
Dendrobium cumulatum



Pleurothallis scoparium



Paphiopedilum purpuratum



Taeniophyllum pusillum



Paphiopedilum primulinum



Phragmipedium sargentianum



Peristeria cochlearis



Xylobium variegatum



Oncidium leucochilum