



DECEMBER EVENT

Monthly Meeting: 7 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2021
HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY!

Fellowship Hall, Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church, Brookhaven

See below for more details

Dearest Orchid Enthusiasts,

Our December meeting will be a Holiday Potluck Party with a Gift Exchange at Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven, which is not our usual location at the ABG. We ask you to bring a delish dish to share on our potluck table (see below for details) and a small orchid related gift or orchid under \$25 for the gift exchange. When you bring a gift, you'll get a ticket and we'll pick tickets from a hat to select the gifts making for a fun time. I usually put my gift in a decorative bag to surprise the lucky recipient.

We'll have monthly ribbon judging too, so bring in your bloomers. I'm donning some festive holiday wear with my mask so feel free to wear your ugly Christmas sweater or any other holiday apparel to liven things up. We'll also install the new Board members so it will be a fun evening for all. Details elsewhere in

the newsletter.

We welcome the new members who've recently joined us, as well as the New Board Members who will be working together to make our Society fun, educational and rewarding in 2022!! I look forward to making future plans with you for the benefit of the Society. Hope to meet you all in person at the Holiday party.

As another crazy pandemic year comes to a close, I'm so happy to have a respite in green, growing, beautiful, colorful orchids in all shapes and sizes. Their lovely flowers reward the kindness shown them in spades! We saw the results of this special care at our successful fall Orchid Show. Congrats to all those who entered plants in our group display—it was good to see all those gorgeous orchids with ribbons and several AOS Awards!! Thank

you to Danny Lentz for masterminding the entire event and much gratitude to the host of volunteers who made things run smoothly—we couldn't have done it without your help. We deeply appreciate your participation and we had some fun too!! What an orchid buying delight as well! I know I bought one too many—ok maybe five too many. I'll just call it Orchid Therapy :)

See you on Monday with bells on!

~HB

For the potluck table

To make it less likely that we end up with a tableful of brownies and cookies, please bring a dish as suggested based on your last name:

- A-E: Side Dish,
- F-K: Salad,
- L-O: Dessert,
- P-Z: Main Dish.

About the location of the party

Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church is located at 3016 Lanier Dr., NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319, one block off Peachtree Road behind Oglethorpe University at the corner of Lanier Drive and Woodrow Way. The main entrance is found via the parking lot behind the church. The upper lot (off Lanier Drive) provides the easiest access to the main entrance.



At right: View of Day Hall during the show last month, brilliantly decorated with silk banners painted by Julie Jennings

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New Members!

We welcome the following new members who joined online since September: Jun Yang from Fayetteville, Ashley Richardson from Rocky Face, Andrew Moulder from Atlanta, Theresa and Ostin Tan from Kennesaw, Kimberly Williams from Atlanta, Jennifer Gronck from Marietta, and Sheree Stoner from Newnan.

We also welcome the following new members who joined at last month's show: Joanne Hay from Evans, Lyn Hammond from Griffin, Kimberely Salter

from Villa Rica, Bessy Mendoza from Duluth, Theresa Jackson from Eatonton, Shirley and Harriet Somuah from Marbleton, Susan Kozel from Stockbridge, Truong Thanh Tran from Austell, Norrie Keenan from Atlanta, Josh Bilbrey from Macon, Wendy Truran from Atlanta, Daniel Jackson from Macon, Matt Osucha from Brookhaven, and Maria Martinez from Lawrenceville.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

December

11 – AOS monthly judging

13 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

January 2022

8 – AOS monthly judging

10 – Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

Atlanta Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Ribbon Winners for November, 2021



Rlc. Elle Mori

Cattleya Alliance

Blue - *Rhyncolaeliocattleya Elle Mori* - Barbara Barnett

This pairing of *Rlc. Goldenzelle* and *C. harrisoniana* is quite a bit more pastel than I would have expected as the latter species often intensifies the overall color of the flower. It is possible that these flowers have only recently opened and will achieve a slightly deeper color when fully mature. The lip has the paler color and closed "bell" shape you would expect from *C. harrisoniana*, and the tall and slender growth habit is a result of that species' influence as well. At one time *C. harrisoniana* was considered a variety of *C. loddigesii*, but any experienced cattleya breeder knows that the results are usually quite different depending on which species is used as a parent. *C. loddigesii* will usually "swamp" the other parent with the new hybrid flowers showing a strong resemblance to that species, whereas *C. harrisoniana*, as I previously mentioned can intensify the color without dominating the form of the flowers. If you are not sure which species you have in your collection due to confusing tags from the past, here is an easy way to tell the two apart. *C. loddigesii* is usually a somewhat shorter grower, with broader leaves and blooms in winter on a fully formed and rooted new growth. *C. harrisoniana* is usually taller and more slender with narrower leaves, and blooms in mid to late summer on a new growth before it has formed roots.



Bc. Tigrinodosa 'JonFi' HCC/AOS

Red - *Brassacattleya Tigrinodosa 'JonFi'* HCC/AOS

White - *Brassavola subulifolia* - Véronique Perrot



B. subulifolia



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*Den. Madam Uraiwan*

Dendrobium Alliance

Blue - *Dendrobium* Madame Uraiwan - Magg Wattlely

Orchid names can become corrupted over time, especially if tags are handwritten or produced by growers in countries that don't use the Roman alphabet. I am certain that this plant, though entered as *Den. Maynin Uraiwon* is actually *Den. Madame Uraiwan*, a 1975 introduction from a grower in Bangkok, Thailand, that is still in circulation commercially. The name written on the entry form does not exist in orchid registrations whereas my suggestion does and an image search of it, as well as its parents, retrieves results that look exactly like the plant entered. It is a mix of 6 species from the *Phalaenanth*e and *Spatulata* sections of the genus, all of which prefer warm to hot growing conditions and bright light for best performance. Other helpful advice is to keep the plants tightly potted and to water heavily while providing perfect drainage when actively growing, and then more sparingly when no growth is underway. The color pattern of this *Dendrobium* has made it a popular parent in further breeding with almost 100 registered crosses descending from it.

Red - *Dendrobium* Madame Uraiwan - Magg Wattlely

*Macrolinium aurorae*

Epidendrum Allinace

No Entries

Oncidium Alliance

Blue - *Macrolinium aurorae* - Danny Lentz & Dianne Morgan

There are 42 documented species of *Macrolinium* scattered throughout South America, mostly in the wet forests on the eastern slopes of the Andes that drain into the Amazon Basin. *Mcm. aurorae* is a particularly tiny grower found near the town of Satipo, in the department of Junin, Peru. Not a lot of information is written about it, but here is the brief description from Jay's Internet Orchid Encyclopedia: "Found in Junin Peru at elevations around 750 meters as a super-mini sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte with very small, inconspicuous pseudobulbs enveloped completely by 3 to 4, distichous, imbricating sheaths with the uppermost 2, leaf bearing and carrying a single, apical, thickened, lanceolate, acute leaf that is somewhat "U" shaped in cross section and has wrinkled, garnet-red, raised network on sunken green background and blooms in the late spring and summer on an axillary, erect, slender, 1.4" [3.5 cm] long, racemose inflorescence arising on a recently matured pseudobulb and carrying the several [9 to 15] flowers in an apical crowded sphere of flowers." Based on that description Danny & Dianne's plant is blooming rather late. There are apparently no hybrids descending from any of the species in the genus. One can only imagine the difficulty in cross pollinating the tiny flowers by hand!

*Miltoniopsis Pink Aurora*

Red - *Miltoniopsis* Pink Aurora - Jon Crate & Fi Alonzo

White - *Miltoniopsis* Maui Passion 'Kula Sunset' - Jon Crate & Fi Alonzo

Slipper Alliance

No Entries

Phalaenopsis Alliance

No Entries

Vandaceous Alliance

No Entries



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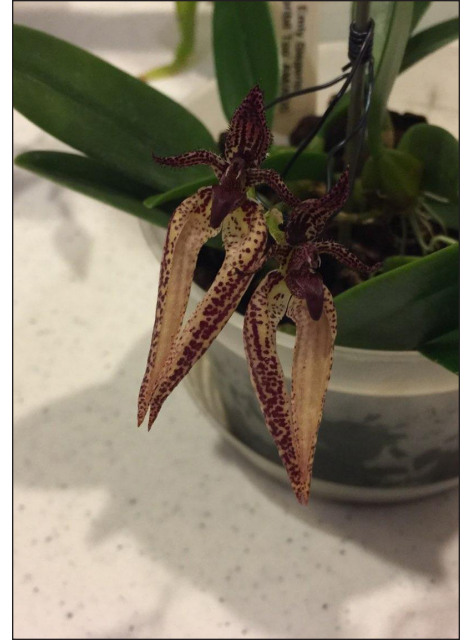
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Ctsm. pileatum 'Jumbo Green Gold' HCC/AOS



Hab. Pegasus



Bulb. Emly Siegerist 'A-doribil Too' AM/AOS

Miscellaneous

Blue – *Catesetum pileatum* 'Jumbo Green Gold,' HCC/AOS – Jason Chen

When this particular variety was awarded in 2008 it had 5 flowers that were 9 cm. across, or about 3.5 inches. Based on the photo I received the 6 flowers on Jason's plant could be even larger. However, this size is common for *Catesetum pileatum* and sometimes the bloom can be more than 4 inches in spread. It should be noted that we are talking about male flowers as this one on of the few orchid genera that bears separate male and female flowers, that latter looking quite different with in inverted pouch like lip and smaller overall spread. Both types, however, can be produced on the same plant depending on growing conditions. There is considerable variation in color in this genus from white, to green, yellow and nearly red. It is a heat loving orchid from the wet lowlands of Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Venezuela and while deciduous, it does not experience complete dryness in winter and should be given some water if the pseudobulbs start to shrivel. As you would expect from such an imposing species, there are numerous awards for it worldwide and nearly 500 registered hybrids descend from it.



Calanthe Rose Georgene 'Electric Pink' HCC/AOS

Red – *Habenaria Pegasus* – David Mellard

Red – *Calanthe* Rose Georgene 'Electric Pink,' HCC/AOS – Jon Crate & Fi Alonzo

White – *Bulbophyllum* Emly Siegerist 'A-doribil Too,' AM/AOS – Jon Crate & Fi Alonzo

This is the correct spelling of the registration though many tags have changed the name to "Emily."

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