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BCOS Meeting and Program

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023

Regular Meeting 7:30pm

Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, PA 18966
Show Table Setup-7:00 p.m.

Program: Wait - is that an orchid?

Presented by Carl Gustafson

Most orchid growers are familiar with Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Paphiopedilums, and Dendrobiums, but what about all those other plants relegated to one end of the show table? Those plants that make you scratch your head and ask "Wait - Is that an orchid?" Carl will present a photographic show table of the unusual and lesser-seen gems of the orchid world. Complete with comments on orchid sex.



Carl's been growing mostly species orchids for more than 40 years, and has tried all kinds of ways to grow plants, from windowsills to various artificial light setups, but never a greenhouse. He's probably killed more plants than most members have in their collections (including his own).

Trained as a chemist, employed as a computer software engineer, and now retired, he takes care of plants in hotels, makes expensive sawdust in his wood shop, plays with trains, because he's never grown up, enjoys both indoor and outdoor horticulture, and enjoys learning new things.

Come with questions, and he'll have answers, even if he has to make them up on the spot. Carl will have some plants for sale, and he encourages other members to bring plants for sale also.

AOS Corner – Oct. 2023

by Ed Weber (edwardweber0218@gmail.com)

When an exhibitor at our judging center accomplishes something truly remarkable, I love to share it with others. This is the second time I am highlighting this particular exhibitor in this column. I doubt it will be the last.

In September, Ryan Moraski presented the judges with Dendrobium Fire Wings (Big Alex x Silver Wings) and Catasetum Karen Armstrong (Susan Fuchs x denticulatum). Both plants received both an Award of Merit (AM) to the flower and a Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE) to the grower. This accomplishment has never been achieved in our center, at least to the memory of the judges present.

So, why two awards? Because the AOS judges orchids based on several different criteria. A flower quality award looks at how good the flower itself is. We look at the size, form, color, presentation, and several other factors to determine if the flower is deserving of recognition. Additionally, we look at the culture of the plant itself. Is the overall health of the plant good? Is it clean? No infestations? Well groomed and staked? These are all factors taken into consideration. A plant that meets these standards can earn a cultural recognition award for the grower.

Ryan told me that the first plant, Dendrobium Fire Wings, was a "bag baby" from Lowe's! You know, those little orchids in the mesh bags that you sometimes get lucky enough to find when they are still healthy. It turns out that these plants are actually good quality plants and are deserving of a place in your collection. This is just such a case. The judges found the flower to be excellent in all aspects and granted an Award of Merit of 85 points. We also found the plant to be in exceptional condition and granted a Certificate of Cultural Excellence of 91 points. Shown below [page 3]

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SHOWTABLE AWARDS - Sept. 2023

WINDOWSILL GROWER

Species/Cross

Cultivar

Grower

Cattleya Alliance

1st Cattleanthe Karlo and Louis

2nd Brassanthe Maikai

Gustafson, Carl

Carrick, David

Classic Cattleya

2nd Laeliocattleya Mary Elizabeth Bohn Royal Flare AM/AOS Nakonechny, Vera

Oncidium Alliance

1st Oncidiopsis Onolicious

Vivid

Friebs, Rosanne

Phal & Dtps Alliance

3rd Phalaenopsis MS Golden Sweet

MBL098

Kapinski, Richard

Pleurothallid Alliance

1st Stelis vulcanica

2nd Pleurothallis endotrachys

Gustafson, Carl

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Cymbidium Alliance

1st Cymbidium Chen's Ruby

Kern, Sandy

Miniatures

1st Pleurothallis picta

Gustafson, Carl

Species

1st Prosthechea cochleata

3rd Kefersteinia tolimensis

Schneck, Sue

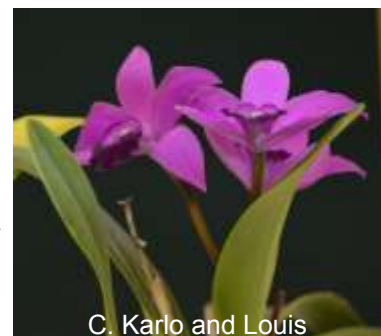
Gustafson, Carl

GREENHOUSE GROWER

Phal & Dtps Alliance

1st Phalaenopsis LD's Bear King

Huntzinger, Clara



C. Karlo and Louis



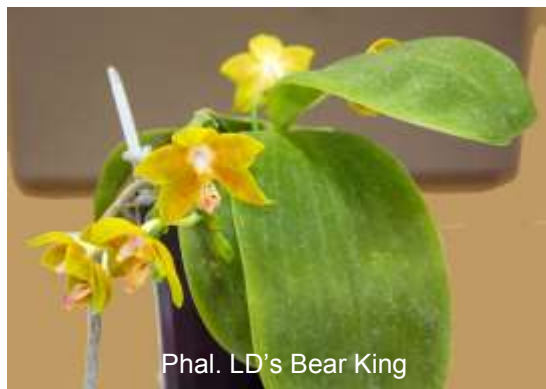
Onc. Onolicious Vivid



Cym. Chen's Ruby



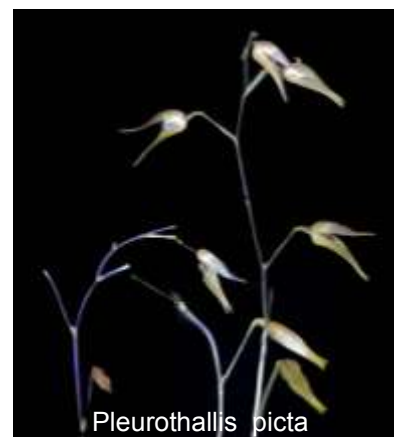
Prosthechea cochleata



Phal. LD's Bear King



Stelis vulcanica



Pleurothallis picta

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Next up was Catasetum Karen Armstrong, a cross made by Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Many people struggle with these but Ryan has mastered them, based on his show table offerings and what he has contributed at the SEPOS show. The judges really liked the unusually light coloration of this flower and the presentation was beyond reproach on a single 23-cm inflorescence with 39 flowers! These flowers have a trigger that will eject the pollen if disturbed and it doesn't take much to disturb them. Just the fact that Ryan was able to get this plant to judging with all flowers intact was an accomplishment! Sadly, several of the pollen were ejected during the process of counting, measuring, and describing them. We hope that the good feeling of having received 4 awards to 2 plants made up for it! Good job, Ryan. We look forward to seeing much more from you!



*Dendrobium Fire Wings 'Gigi' AM/CCE/AOS.
Photos by Bayard Saraduke.*



*Catasetum Karen Armstrong
'KitKat' AM/CCE/AOS.
Photos by Bayard Saraduke.*



I'm excited to announce my annual orchid yard sale. Each year we host an event to help reduce the amount of extra plants in our personal collection.

What to Expect:
200+ plants up for sale at reasonable prices. A majority of the plants will be from the fabulous Cattleya genera.

Explore a treasure trove of orchids, including:

- Seedlings
- Select divisions
- Rare species
- Gorgeous hybrids

This is an exclusive in-person event you won't want to miss! Please note: No lists will be published, and we won't be shipping any plants.

YARD SALE
Plant Sale

October
21st

Time 10 am—3 pm
(Rain or Shine)

174 School House Rd.
Egg Harbor Twp. NJ 08234
*Please Note Address

cattnerd@gmail.com



Manhattan Orchid Society

Annual Fundraising AUCTION Wednesday October 11, 2023

Socializing 7:00 pm • Auction begins 7:30 pm
Auction concludes by 9:30 pm

One-time only location for just this event:
151 WEST 30th STREET, 3rd Fl
Manhattan

All are welcome! Admission is FREE!

There will be fabulous plants from prominent
vendors, many will be in bud or in flower!

CASH, CHECKS and MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

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A promotional poster for an orchid auction. The background is black. A large, vibrant yellow orchid with a dark red center is positioned on the right side. Above the main title, a small, detailed illustration of an orchid is centered. The text is in white, with the main title in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The date and time are in a slightly smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The location is in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font.

Central Jersey Orchid Society

ORCHID AUCTION

Saturday, October 28th

10:00 AM to 1:00PM
TRINTY CHURCH
PRINCETON, NJ



MID-HUDSON ORCHID SOCIETY

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Fall 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 11am – 4pm

Wallkill View Farm Market and Garden Center
15 Route 299 West, New Paltz, NY 12561

Located in the large greenhouse to the left of the market



Multiple vendors will have a large assortment of different Orchids and Orchid supplies available.

2 pm - Orchid Potting Demonstration and Clinic

See the beautiful display of gorgeous blooming Orchids.

MHOS members will be available to answer any of your orchid care questions.

Raffles!



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