

BUCKS COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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BCOS Meeting and Program

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023

Regular Meeting 7:30pm

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

PROGRAM:

COOKIES & CULTURE

Join us for the **Society's Annual Holiday Meeting**. Members are asked to bring cookies or a goodie for munching and your orchid growing knowledge, questions and friends for an evening of holiday cheer.



This year Mitch Paroly has offered to speak about his growing methods under lights. Dave Carrick will bring a virus test kit to demonstrate on one of Sandy Kern's Cattleyas that appears to have a virus. Her plant will be kept apart from those on the show table, so feel free to bring and show off whatever you have that's blooming. As always, bring your own questions regarding the care and growing of your orchids. There will be plenty of expert advice available. Also, since there is no speaker with plants for sale, the meeting is open to members who want to sell or swap some of their own plants. Join us for a memorable evening of cheer and goodwill

AOS Corner – Dec. 2023

by Ed Weber (edwardweber0218@gmail.com)

For me, one of the best parts of my time as an AOS judging student was getting to learn the fascinating history of these beautiful flowers. Many of the plants we all have in our collections have intriguing stories behind them making them all the more interesting. Even today a good deal of time is spent learning the histories of the most famous orchids. Knowing the background is the foundation for building a solid knowledge base and should never be overlooked.

For this month, a celebration of *Cattleya percivaliana*, the Christmas Cattleya, so named because it (usually) blooms during the holiday season.

C. percivaliana, and yes, that is the correct spelling, was first described botanically in 1883 by O'Brien. Frequently mispronounced as "perciviliana", it was named for an English orchid enthusiast named Percival. According to Jay Pfahl's OrchidSpecies.com:

Found in Venezuela and Colombia at altitudes of 1300 to 2000 meters in full sun near rivers, as a large sized, cool growing, largely lithophytic, but sometimes epiphytic species.

The earliest award on record with the AOS was given right here in Philadelphia in December of 1972 to the now-famous clone 'Summit' pictured here. It received an 80-pt AM (Award of Merit) and had 19 flowers! It was grown by Harrison T. Meseroe.



AOS Award Photo - Photographer unknown – *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit' AM/AOS

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SHOWTABLE AWARDS - Nov. 2023

Windowsill Grower

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
Dendrobium Alliance				
HM	Dendrobium	Edfran's Gem	Cotton Candy	Shull, Deborah
Paph & Phrag Alliance				
1st	Paphiopedilum	henryanum		Gustafson, Carl
2nd	Phragmipedium	Sedenii	Candidulum	Shull, Deborah
Pleurothallid Alliance				
1st	Pleurothallis	discoidea		Gustafson, Carl
2nd	Trisetella	andreetae		Gustafson, Carl
Miniatures				
1st	Epidendrum	porpax		Gustafson, Carl
Species				
1st	Dendrochilum	cobbianum		Mclsaac, Lisa
Vanda Alliance				
1st	Vanda	Pachara Delight	Pachara	Schneck, Sue
Greenhouse Grower				
	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
Cattleya Alliance				
1st	Cattleya	unknown		Keiser, Chuck
Oncidium Alliance				
2nd	Oncidium	onustum		Keiser, Chuck



AOS Award Photo – Photographer unknown – Cattleya percivaliana ‘Summit’ AM/AOS

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It later went on to receive a 90-pt FCC (First Class Certificate) with 8 flowers at the Northeast Judging Center in December of 1986. There it was grown by Ben Berliner, a famous name in the world of orchids.



AOS Award Photo - Photographer unknown - *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS

And it was awarded yet again in December of 1995 in Denver Colorado where it received an 87-point AM, this time with 89 flowers! It was grown by Jim Flor.



AOS Award Photo - Photographer unknown - *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit' AM/AOS

All three of these examples are of the same clone. This is possible by several means including a division of the original plant, or a meristem clone of the original plant. As we've discussed in the column previously, if an awarded plant is divided or cloned the original clonal name goes with the progeny. The award designation only goes with the progeny if it was a flower quality award. Cultural awards are

given to the grower and do not follow offspring or clones. (Reference AOS Corner – January 2022)

In addition to the typical pink-lavender coloration, it can also be found in a variety of other forms. For example:



AOS Award Photo - Photo by Glen Barfield - *Cattleya percivaliana* f. coerulea 'Stevie Ray Vaughn' AM/AOS



AOS Award Photo - Photo by James Harris - *Cattleya percivaliana* f. alba 'Charito' AMAOS



AOS Award Photo - Photographer unknown - *Cattleya percivaliana* f. albescent AM/AOS



JOGA Award Photo - Photographer unknown - *Cattleya percivaliana* f. rubra 'Canaima's Beetroot' BM/JOGA

JOGA = Japanese Orchid Growers Association
BM = Bronze Medal, about equal to an HCC

Any time these plants show up on an auction table you can bet the bidding will be spirited. So go ahead, grab yourself a little piece of orchid history to brighten your holidays! And whichever holiday you celebrate, may it be happy, safe, and healthy. And may your new year be full of orchids!

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Message from Kim Feddersen, <https://www.fairorchids.com>

I have just received a fresh supply of heat packs, so I can do winter shipping again. Here are some special selections for your review:

**#1 Cattleya Circle of Life 'Finery' HCC/AOS
Registered in May of 1998**

In terms of AOS awards (and subsequent use in breeding), this is one of the most successful hybrids ever. It has probably been remade several times, but originally it was made by Frank Fordyce, who only produced 50-60 seedlings from that first pod. I have obtained original divisions of 6 of those plants. I have 2 divisions available of 'Finery' HCC/AOS, both are single lead BS, one is in bloom (photo), and the other in high bud. These plants are \$65 each. Since plants are small compacts, shipping costs should be reasonable.



#2 Laelia anceps 'Elizabeth's Eyes' AM/AOS

An original division of one of the best coeruleas. This is a single lead plant in high spike (plant photo below is for reference only); it is the last division available till I repot again in 2025. If ordered for shipping, I will have to cut the spike to pack the plant. \$100 for this exceptional opportunity



**#3 Bullara Blue Ridge Sunset 'Golden Honey' AM/AOS
(Guaricyclia Kyoguchi x Rhyncattleanthe Love Sound),
registered in April 2021.**

This plant was awarded at the SEPOS show in 2023. I now have a BS division available. This plant has 2 leads, of which one is showing a sheath. This is the first division offered for sale at \$200.00



**#4 Rhynchobrassoleya Golden Tang 'Linwood' HCC-AM/
AOS (Rlc. Waikiki Gold x Bc. Richard Mueller)**

With B. nodosa as a grandparent, this plant blooms randomly throughout the year. When in good growth, it will occasionally produce a side branch on the inflorescence. It is an original division (not a meristem), and it has been virus tested. This small division is in bud (2 buds), and priced at \$75.00



#5 C. percivaliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS

This is an original division (not a meristem) of this classic Cattleya. It is a single lead plant, and in sheath. \$100.00



Cymbidium Carolyn Smith Bolton (seidenfadenii x Cindy Lou) 'Fair Orchids'

I sold 3-4 divisions of this one a few years ago. If you purchased one of them, you can now update the label with an AM/AOS (it was awarded Saturday in Philly).

This Cymbidium has several outstanding features: Inflorescences come straight up (inherited from the seidenfadenia parent), so no need for staking (unless you have to transport the plant).

The primary blooming season is Nov/Dec, but plants in good health will often throw another spike or two in March.

Despite the large plant size in the seidenfadenii/insigne complex, this plant is compact, and very vigorous. I have several plants, but I need to repot & divide before I can release more divisions. I expect that divisions will be in the \$150.00 range when available; if you would like to be notified when they become available, please let me know.

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Meetings are held 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month (**except July and August**) at the Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966

Other Societies and Vendors:

A list of other societies and vendors is now exclusively available on the BCOS website.

<http://041d544.netsolhost.com/WordPress/library/other-orchid-groups/> for other societies and <http://041d544.netsolhost.com/WordPress/library/local-vendors/> for vendors.

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 16, 2023 AOS Northeast Judging Center Orchid Auction. Flat Rock Brook Nature Center. 443 Von Norstrand Avenue, Englewood, NJ. See page 6 for more information.

Jan. 12-14, 2024 North Jersey Orchid Society Show and Auction Rutgers University Douglas Student Center, 100 George St., New Brunswick, NJ. See page 7 for more information.

Jan. 18, 2024 Bucks County Orchid Society - "Outreach Judging" by several AOS judges who will conduct an actual AOS judging session.

Feb 16-18, 2024 Deep Cut Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale Dearborn Market, Holmdel NJ. <https://www.deepcutorchidsociety.org/show>

Notice:

Society President, Sandy Kern is inviting members to join her at the Churchville Inn before the meeting on Thursday December 21, 2023 to grab a bite to eat. Contact Sandy at skern0713@aol.com if interested so she can make a reservation.



EDITOR'S NOTE – Contributions to the newsletter will be greatly appreciated. Please submit relevant news, photos, awards or information relating to the Society, its members, the care and culture of orchids to the Editor at kaplrsr@comcast.net. I am also looking for your favorite tip on growing orchids, for the feature, **Orchid Tip of the Month**. Please submit your copy by the first day of the month.





Orchid Auction

December 16, 2023

Flat Rock Brook Nature Center,
443 Van Nostrand Avenue
Englewood, NJ

FREE admission, lite snacks and
refreshments provided

Parking is limited, car pooling is
recommended

plant preview at 9:00am,
bidding starts at 9:30am

Cash, check or credit cards accepted

50+ plants
include rare,
hard to find
specimens!



**American Orchid Society
Northeast Judging Center**

See our website nejcaos.org/auction for details
or follow us on FB @AOSNortheastJudging

North Jersey Orchid Society Rutgers University SEBS Floriculture and Teaching Greenhouse Annual Show & Sale January 12-14, 2024

Friday Noon – 5 PM, Saturday 10
AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

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