

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE

VIRGINIA ORCHID SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 21, 2004 MEETING

MEETING : 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

PROGRAM: RADM. TOM WARD

"THE AOS JUDGING SYSTEM"

Tom Ward to Speak

Preparing for his life out of the Navy, Rear Admiral Thomas M. Ward, Jr. began growing orchids in 1979. His military career spanned more than three decades. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951, and three years later had earned his first command upon the USS Cardinal. Other milestones of his naval career include:

- Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey earning a BS in electrical engineering,
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology earning a MS ,
- USS Buchanan as the Executive Officer,
- Naval War College,
- U.S. Naval Academy as an instructor,
- USS Berkeley as Commanding Officer,
- University of Rhode Island earning a Masters of Marine Affairs,
- Destroyer Squadron Seven as commander,
- Director of Surface Warfare Systems Group,
- Director of Combat Systems Division,
- Commander of the Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific,
- Deputy Director of Surface Combatant Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command.

He retired in 1982, as a Rear Admiral, to work for various defense contractors in the tidewater area, and fully retired in 1991.

Tom's career in orchids is similarly full. He is a past president of the Tidewater Orchid Society, had a leadership role on behalf of TOS in organizing the 2000 Eastern Orchid Congress in Williamsburg, and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge (including leadership roles for the National Capital Judging Center). Since our newsletter has started publishing the results of the NCJC, it can be seen that Tom is still very active at its monthly judging. We are happy to have Tom and his wife, Peggy, return to VOS where it has been too long since he last spoke at one of our meetings. Particularly since he is speaking on a topic that many members have been requesting – "The AOS judging system."
– Jim Creech

NOVEMBER 14, 2004 CLASS

BEGINNER/REFRESHER CLASS: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

PROGRAM: ART CHADWICK (CHADWICK ORCHIDS)

"PROPER CARE OF CATTLEYA ALLIANCE ORCHIDS"

AT 3:30 PLANT DOCTORS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH UP TO THREE PLANTS FOR EACH MEMBER

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Message From the President

Thank you to Bill Akin and his wonderful team for the successful Member's Auction. Due to their hard work, generous donations from 15 members, and your participation purchasing the plants, the society netted approximately \$350 more than the budget planned for this event.

Please bring a can of canned goods to the monthly meeting. This donation will be made in the Society's name to the Central Virginia Food Bank.

Welcome to all of our new members! We have a total of 18 that have joined since the start of the new VOS year.

I also would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

– Kathy Walker



Prosavola September Eleventh



Brassavola George Tyler
Grown and images by Allen Black

New Orchid Hybrids Numbers 12 and 13 for Allen Black – *Prosavola September Eleventh* *Brassavola George Tyler*

The VOS's Allen Black has registered another two of his orchid hybrids. *Prosavola September Eleventh* is a hybrid of *Brassavola flagellaris* and *Prosthechea mariae*. This hybrid was named in remembrance of 9/11/2001 – the day that our world changed. This is a fitting hybrid name since the first flower from this hybrid opened on 9/11/2004, on the three-year anniversary of 9/11.

It has yellowish green, star-shaped flowers with green and yellow in the throat of a pure white lip. The flowers are about 3" wide on a plant that is only 6" tall. This hybrid took just under four years from pollination to flowering.

As a side note, the pollen parent, *Prosthechea mariae* was recently moved to the Genus *Prosthechea*. It previously was known as *Encyclia mariae* and *Epidendrum mariae*.

Brassavola George Tyler is a primary cross of *Brassavola flagellaris* and *Brassavola cucullata*. This hybrid is named in named in honor of VOS member George Tyler. George has been an active, hard-working member of the VOS. George has recently retired from the Science Museum to work fulltime on his retirement and hobbies.

The spidery-shaped flowers are cream/greenish colored with a thin, pink blush of the edge of the petal and sepals. The lip is pure white with a green/yellow throat. This hybrid took just under three years from pollination to flowering. This is a relatively quick flowering for a *Cattleya* alliance hybrid.

– Allen Black

Focus on Members

Meet

Fran Seiden

Is there an anecdote about yourself, that you think particularly captures how you feel about orchids?

I enjoy the challenge...and the joy of growing orchids. I especially like *cattleyas*. There is something about the flowers that has special appeal to me. Maybe it's the fragrance that captivates me. Right now I only buy new plants that have fragrance. I like the fact that orchids still have a touch of the exotic about them.



How long have you been a member of VOS? What benefit do you enjoy most?

at least 25 years...I don't remember, but the first meeting I went to was a plant auction in someone's back yard on Libbie Ave. Came home with several orchids that I was told were easy to grow. I still have them in my greenhouse, so I guess I got good advice! What I enjoy most from VOS, besides the pleasure of meeting regularly with avid plant lovers, are the programs. I learn something new every time.

When and what first made orchids of interest to you?

I got my first orchid when we moved her 32 years ago. It was doomed from the start...I had no idea how to properly care for it. The second one I bought lasted a little longer, but never bloomed again. I have always been good with regular house plants, but orchids seemed to be elusive. Then a friend invited me to an orchid auction, I joined VOS, and learned how to properly care for these plants. Having my husband build me a greenhouse didn't hurt!

What is your favorite orchid and why?

Blc. Oconee 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS. I bought this as a seedling plant at a VOS auction of vendor plants. I wanted a deep purple flower. My son was with me and I told him he could have it when he had his own house. He now has his own house and still hasn't got this plant. It has very large, dark lavender, ruffled flowers with a deeper lavender lip and the most delicious fragrance. I compare every other orchid I own to this one. This one has it all, but it is a large plant and not for everyone. My favorite miniature is Mini Purple 'Dagshima'. A small plant with huge flowers. Unfortunately, no fragrance

Committee Messages

Membership Desk

Barbi, Don, Dick and I enjoyed greeting everyone at the October meeting. I also want to welcome Amy White as part of the membership desk team.



Reminders

- If you have not picked up your copy of the Roster, please remember to do so. It will be at the table as you first enter the meeting room.
- The entry forms for the Showtable will be available at the raffle table. Stop by when you arrive so that you can ensure that your plant will be entered.

Please call Valli (360-1625) prior to the meeting should you wish to contribute plants or supplies to be a Door or Raffle Prize. We encourage and appreciate your generosity.

- Valli LaNeve

Library

It was wonderful to see all the new members checking books out of the library. I will have the library available at the Beginner/Refresher Education Class on the 14th as well. If there is something in particular that you are looking for, please let me know so that I can bring it to the meeting.

- Charles Gardner

Hospitality

Thank you! to Ashley Linton, Amy White, Caitlan Mealy and Cassie Wright for so generously volunteering their time to help with the Hospitality/Refreshment table. Ashley has joined Shirley and myself on the standing committee. Please bring 12 packs of soda or a cover dish to the meeting; currently, the Society is providing coffee or hot water.

- Barbara Sims/Shirley Shelton

Publications

VOS has a new website and webmaster. The site is vaorchidsociety.tripod.com and the webmaster is new member Drew Lambeth. Drew has been growing orchids for about ten years. He is also volunteering at the Science Museum, and is in charge of their orchid collection. He can be contacted at drewby07@yahoo.com.

- Jim Creech

Reminders

Please remember once the formal meeting has begun, to turn off cell phones; keep the dispensing of ice to a minimum and also limit conversation during the meeting until after formal adjournment.

- Kathy Walker

Member's Plant Auction a Success

Fifteen members provided 150 plants for the auction. I want to thank Joe Mathias for once again doing a great job as auctioneer. Several others helped to make this auction so successful: Steve Partlow, Steve Sims, Caitlan Mealy, Cassie Wright, and Gene Hunt all helped with plants, Daune Poklis helped with recording sales, and Sue Akin took care of checkout.

The biggest excitement occurred about after about 100 plants had been auctioned off. A two-growth division of Allen Black's *Phrag*. Jason Fischer 'Linwood Coleman' HCC/AOS was the next plant to be auctioned. The bidding started at \$40, and quickly grew to \$130. At this point there were only two bidders, and Dave Sombach asked the other bidder, "How high are you willing to go?" To which the other bidder, Valli LaNeve, responded, "I'm not blinking!" Dave subsided.

The budget called for \$1,800 in sales, with a payout to sellers of \$900. The auction actually brought in \$2,348, with a payout of \$1,074.50. This was a net of 1248.50.

– Bill Akin



Bill Akin starting the auction, with Joe Mathias and Steve Partlow in background

Board Changes

For personal reasons, three officers on the VOS board resigned since the last newsletter appeared. They were Linda Lawrence (President-Elect), Gene Hunt (Vice-President), and Daune Poklis (Recording Secretary). The board accepted the resignations, extended a thank you for all their hard work through the years, and wished them well for the future. The board also acted to fill those positions. James Creech was selected as President-Elect and Charles Gardner was selected as Vice-President.

President-Elect: James Creech is manager of the Research Unit of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. He has worked in Virginia on criminal justice issues for the past 17 years. Jim attended Manchester College (B.S.), Ball State University (M.A.), and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Ph.D.). He had a pre-doctoral fellowship from the Midwest Council for Social Research in Aging and a post-doctoral fellowship from Indiana University. He has taught at the University of Nebraska and the University of Michigan. An avid bridge player, Jim is a Silver Life Master and a certified director; he also served on the Richmond Bridge Association board for several years. Jim has been a member of VOS for three years, working at the Maymont exhibit, assisting with publicity and membership services, and becoming the newsletter editor starting with the May issue. Although he has only been growing orchids for a short time, Jim's interest in orchids began in his youth, where ladyslippers (*Cyp. kentuckiense*) could be found growing wild near the farmhouse. His interest still runs toward the ladyslippers, where he and Valli primarily grow *Paphs.* and *Phrags.*

Vice-President: Charles "Chuck" Gardner has been working since 1995 as a research scientist at the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics and is a faculty member in the VCU Department of Psychiatry. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. Prior to coming to VCU, he had worked as a researcher and/or teacher at Oklahoma State University, Louisiana State University, North Carolina State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Although a native of Lincoln, NE, his first exposure to orchids was in the 8th grade while his father was on sabbatical at the University of Wisconsin. A botanist from the University took him on several field trips where he saw his first ladyslippers orchids. They are still his favorites to this day. He tried growing orchids at home for the first time in New Orleans in 1991; they soon dies, but he was hooked. He became a charter member of the Lincoln Orchid Society in 1995 before moving to Richmond. He joined VOS in 2001 and has learned most of what he knows about orchid growing from members of the VOS. He has a room in his home dedicated to growing orchids under lights.

Other decisions regarding board membership include: Barbi Partlow has been selected for Recording Secretary (her biography will appear next month), Terry Farmer is chairing the Publicity Committee, Steve Partlow is the new chair for Library and Archives, and Jim Creech will continue to edit the newsletter.

VOS Showtable Results for October 2004

Judges: Joe Mathias (Chair), Carol Hollenbeck, Linda Lawrence, Steve Sims,
Allen Black, Michael Fine, and Michael Mealy



Joe Mathias discussing the results from the showtable



Paph. Pinocchio x esquirolei
Valli LaNeve and Jim Creech



Bulbophyllum Jersey
Grown by Allen Black

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids – Standard

Blue – *Blc.* Mem. Crispin Rosales ‘Fantastic’ – L.K. Harvie, Jr.
Blue – *Lc.* Thriller ‘Purple Goldthroat’ – Joe Mathias
Red – *Blc.* Toshi Aoki ‘Encore’ – no name
Red – *C. Portia Coerulea* – Emily C. Deane
Red – *C. Portia x C. Cannizar* – Emily C. Deane
Yellow – *C. intermedia Aquinii x C. Pink Elephant* – no name

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids – Mini/Compact

Blue – *Sc.* Beaufort ‘Elizabeth’ – Michael Fine
Blue – *Blc.* Crystal Lady ‘P#2’ – Allen Black
Red – *Slc.* Atespherest ‘Flaming Delight’ AM/AOS – Michael Mathias
Yellow – *Bl.* Debby Sauer ‘P#3’ – Allen Black

Species

Blue – *Brassovola nodosa* ‘Francis Mabon’ – Emily C. Deane
Blue – *Paph. henryanum* – Allen Black
Red – *Epi. cochleatum* – L.K. Harvie, Jr.
Red – *Sophronitis cernua* – Emily C. Deane
Yellow – *Ctsm. planiceps* – L.K. Harvie, Jr.

Phalaenopsis Hybrids

Blue – *P.* Bright Peacock ‘Sweet Fragrance’ HCC/AOS – Allen Black
Red – *P.* Ella Massenburg – Charles Gardner
Yellow – *P.* Kings Ann x *P.* Brother Pirate King – Jim Culbert

Paphiopedilum Hybrids

Blue – *Paph.* Pinocchio x *esquirolei* – Valli LaNeve and Jim Creech
Red – *Paph.* Thanksgiving – Charles Gardner
Yellow – *Paph.* Pinocchio – Michael Mealy

Phragmipedium Hybrids

Blue – *P.* Don Wimber ‘Katherine’ HCC/AOS – Allen Black
Red – *P.* Autumn Fire – Charles Gardner

Vanda Alliance Hybrids

Blue – *V.* Robert Delight x *Dr. Anek* – Michael Mealy
Red – *V.* Naomi’s ‘Red Ball’ – Michael Mealy
Red – *Ascda.* Kultana Gold Spot x *V.* Insignis Lip – Michael Mealy
Yellow – *Vasco.* Blue Haze – Michael Mealy

Oncidium Alliance Hybrids

Red – *Onc.* Sweet Sugar – Carol Hollenbeck
Red – *Onc.* Sharry Baby – Jim Culbert
Yellow – *Mtdm.* Hawaiian Sunset – Terry Farmer

Dendrobium Hybrids

Red – *Den.* Betty Makada – Carol Hollenbeck
Yellow – *Den.* Wills Geneva – Thuyen Trvino

Cymbidians

No plants entered

Other Miscellaneous Hybrids

Blue – *Bulb.* Jersey – Allen Black
Red – *Cygnodes* Wine Delight – Thuyen Trevino
Yellow – *Lycaste* Avalon – Allen Black

Novice (up to 2 years experience)

Blue – *Blc.* Dennis Kone AM/AOS – Drew Lambeth

National Capital Judging Center

October 8, 2004 Awards

The National Capital Judging Center (NCJC) judging is normally held in U.S. National Arboretum auditorium on first Saturday of each month at 12:00 Noon. This month, however, it met in conjunction with National Capital Orchid Society Show. The public is welcome to watch the judging, as well as to the presentations and screening of award slides that usually follows judging.

At the October judging 11 Judges were present (M. Huntington, J. Dunkelberger, L. Kennedy, T. McBride, D. Miller, T. Mirenda, N. Mountford, T. Ward, L. Werner; Guest Judges: J. Kaeding and M. Gilsdorf).

Plant name: **Blc. Edisto (Lc. Maria Ozzella x Blc. Oconee)** Clone Name: 'Walton Ray' Award: **AM** Points: **88**

Exhibitor: Carter and Holmes Orchids, Newberry, SC

Measurements (Horiz-Width/Vert-Length) in CM:

Natural Spread: 13.7/16.0 Dorsal Sepal: 3.0/8.9 Petal: 7.0/8.4 Lat. Sepal/Synsepal: 2.8/8.1 Lip/Pouch: 6.9/8.0

Description: *Five richly colored and well formed flowers nicely presented on one inflorescence; sepals and petals dark, vibrant purple; petals ruffled, ridged along center from heavy substance, slightly darker purple at tips; lip heavily ruffled, golden orange basally, overlaid with purple striations becoming solid darker velvety purple on distal portion of lip, side lobes dark velvety purple; column pale pink, anther cap white; substance heavy; texture velvety.*

Plant name: **unregistered(Rhynchostylis gigantes x Vanda Sumon Sophrosiri 'Orchid Heights')** Clone Name: 'Orchid Heights' Award: **AM** Points: **81** Exhibitor: Owens Orchids, Pisgah Forest, NC

Measurements (Horiz-Width/Vert-Length) in CM:

Natural Spread: 5.0/6.0 Dorsal Sepal: 2.4/2.5 Petal: 2.0/2.5 Lat. Sepal/Synsepal: 2.5/3.3 Lip/Pouch: 1.5/1.5

Description: *Fourteen flowers with exceptional color saturation densely arranged on one inflorescence; ovary pale fuchsia, twisted; sepals and petals rich, dark cranberry with iridescent sheen; lip darker cranberry with ochre markings basally; anther cap yellow with white tip; substance hard; texture waxy.*

Plant name: **Paph. henryanum** Clone Name: 'Penn's Creek' Award: **AM** Points: **80**

Exhibitor: Woodstream Orchids, Huntingtown, MD

Measurements (Horiz-Width/Vert-Length) in CM:

Natural Spread: 9.2/8.8 Dorsal Sepal: 4.9/4.3 Petal: 2.4/4.8 Lat. Sepal/Synsepal: 2.5/4.3 Lip/Pouch: 3.0/5.1

Description: *One well formed and balanced flower on one inflorescence; dorsal sepal chartruese with irregular mahogany spots, outer edge undulate; petals chartruese spotted mahogany on basal two-thirds, dull rose overlay apically; somewhat protruding well formed pouch deep rose with basal portion yellow green; staminode yellow with dark rose cilia; substance medium; texture waxy.*

Plant name: **Yamadara Orchidom Green Glade (Blc. Victor Umi Peltier x Bepi. Jim Wallace)** Clone Name: 'Arbec'

Award: **AM** Points: **80** Exhibitor: Claire and Roger Cole, Queen Anne, MD

Measurements (Horiz-Width/Vert-Length) in CM:

Natural Spread: 11.5/13.5 Dorsal Sepal: 2.5/8.5 Petal: 4.2/7.5 Lat. Sepal/Synsepal: 2.2/7.4 Lip/Pouch: 4.6/6.4

Description: *Two large cupped flowers on one inflorescence on a compact first bloom seedling; sepals and petals intense green; petals with faint rust flush on tips, more pronounced centrally on reverse; lip chartruese, veined dark green with rust speckles deep in throat, fading to yellow-green marginally; column prominent greenish white; substance heavy; texture waxy.*

Plant name: **Sl. Pole Star (S. coccinea x L. breigeri)** Clone Name: 'Arbec' Award: **HCC** Points: **79**

Exhibitor: Claire and Roger Cole, Queen Anne, MD

Measurements (Horiz-Width/Vert-Length) in CM:

Natural Spread: 6.2/6.8 Dorsal Sepal: 1.5/3.6 Petal: 2.5/3.3 Lat. Sepal/Synsepal: 1.5/3.0 Lip/Pouch: 1.4/2.0

Description: *Three flowers on one inflorescence and three buds on one immature inflorescence borne on a thirteen cm plant; flowers red-orange with red veins throughout; petals flat with slight ruffling apically; lip darker red-orange, canary yellow in throat; substance delicate; texture crystalline.*

Event Planning Calendar

November 12-14 Triad Orchid Society Show, Natural Science Center, 4301 Lawndale Dr., Greensboro, NC.
Contact: Tammy Goldberg, 115 W. Etta Lane, Thomasville, NC 27360; (333) 476-8204; famgoldberg@hotmail.com.

November 14 VOS Orchid Education Beginner-Refresher Class, Forum Room, Science Museum of Virginia, 1:30 p.m. 2500 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA. Speaker: Art Chadwick, Chadwick Orchids.

November 14 Charlottesville Orchid Society, 2:00 p.m. Church of Our Savior, 1165 E. Rio Road, Charlottesville, VA. Speaker: Mark Rose, Breckenridge Orchids.

November 21 VOS monthly meeting, Science Museum of Virginia, 2:00 p.m. 2500 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA. Speaker: Tom Ward, Tidewater Orchid Society.

December 4-May 1 "Orchid Express" Smithsonian Institute's orchid show, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC.

December 5 National Capital Judging Center, 12:00 p.m., National Arboretum, 24th at R St., NE, Washington DC 20002. (Send plants or cut flowers by Friday to: Mary Ann Jarvis, Program Director, U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC 20002.)

December 19 VOS monthly meeting, Science Museum of Virginia, 2:00 p.m. 2500 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA. Speaker: Allen Black, VOS.

January 2 National Capital Judging Center, National Arboretum, 24th at R St., NE, Washington DC 20002. (Send plants or cut flowers by Friday to: Mary Ann Jarvis, Program Director, U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC 20002.)

January 16 VOS monthly meeting, Science Museum of Virginia, 2:00 p.m. 2500 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA. Speaker: Art Chadwick, Chadwick and Son Orchids.

February 6 National Capital Judging Center, 12:00 p.m., National Arboretum, 24th at R St., NE, Washington DC 20002. (Send plants or cut flowers by Friday to: Mary Ann Jarvis, Program Director, U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC 20002.)

February 13 Charlottesville Orchid Society, 2:00 p.m. Church of Our Savior, 1165 E. Rio Road, Charlottesville, VA. Speaker: Art Chadwick, Chadwick and Son Orchids

February 20 VOS monthly meeting, Science Museum of Virginia, 2:00 p.m. 2500 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA. Speaker: Robert Fuchs, RF Orchids.

Members May Sell Plants

Tom Ward will not be bringing plants to sell. This is an opportunity for members to sell their plants at the VOS general membership meeting.

Members* are encouraged to use the following opportunities for sales of their plants:

- Announcements of plants for sale may be placed in the monthly newsletter at no charge.
- Members may designate their show table plants or divisions thereof as available for purchase at the monthly show table. Purchase and price will be arranged between the buyer and seller.
- Members participating in the new members classes may bring plants for sale during these sessions.
- Any plant sales originating from the activities listed above will be subject to a 20% sales donation payable to the Virginia Orchid Society.
- The Members Plant Auction held in October.

* Members are defined as those persons whose dues have been paid for the current year.

Cattleyas Available from Michael Mealy

Michael Mealy will have a number of *Cattleya* Alliance plants for sale at the November meeting. Prices range from \$12.50 to \$20 per plant, any four for \$50, any six for \$75, and any eight for \$100. Specific plants have limited availability. The plants below are only a partial listing of what will be available.

- 5" pots - \$20
 - *Blc.* (Rokdell x Toshie Akoi) x *Oconee Mendenhall* AM/AOS
 - (*Ctna* Keith Roth x *Slc.* Kauai Red Baron) x *Lc.* Molly Tyler
- 4" pots - \$17.50
 - *C.* Bob Betts 'Mary Ann' x Peter's Creek 'Larsen'
 - *C.* Swan Lake 'Cimmarron Valley' AM/AOS x *Blc* Meditation 'Silver Sword'
- 3" pots - \$15
 - *Lc.* J. C. Bracey 'Wailoni' AM/AOS
 - *Pot.* Hwa Yuan Gold 'Yung Kang 2' (blooms twice a year)
 - *Blc.* Dora Louise 'Capen Lea' AM/AOS (blm twice a year)
- 2 1/2" pots - \$12.50
 - *Blc.* Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/HOS/AOS

Door and Raffle Prize Winners

Donated Item	Donor	Winner
Door Prize		
<i>Milt.</i> Nicholas Yuen ' Maui Moon' AM/AOS x Pearl Ono 'Red'	David Sombach	Jonathan Bennett
<i>B. nodosa</i> 'Susan Fuchs' FCC/AOS x <i>Epi. Ciliare</i>	Michael Mealy	Wanda Andrako
\$10 Gift Certificate	The Melting Pot	Art Burke
Raffle Prize		
<i>Den.</i> Pramote (in bud)	Terry Farmer	Larry O'Neill
GRO-E-Z planting system	Evaporative Control Systems	Terry Farmer
4 tickets (Exhibits and IMAX)	Science Museum of Virginia	Nancy Davies



Lc. Thriller 'Purple Goldthroat'
Grown by Joe Mathias



Lyc. Lemon Twist
Grown by Allen Black

November/December Orchid Checklist

Paphiopedilum

- ✓ Reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length.
- ✓ Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting.
- ✓ As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike.
- ✓ Water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems.
- ✓ Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area.

Cattleya

- ✓ The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering.
- ✓ Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed.
- ✓ The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids

- ✓ Repot before winter arrives.

Cymbidium

- ✓ Stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation.
- ✓ Watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain).
- ✓ Fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex

- ✓ Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences.
- ✓ Do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Phalaenopsis

- ✓ A "bloom booster"-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months.
- ✓ Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds.
- ✓ Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start.

Vandaceous Genera

- ✓ Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible.
- ✓ Reduce watering and feeding schedules.

— *Based on checklist prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose for the American Orchid Society*
(www.orchidweb.org/orchids/todo/novdec.html)

Education

Art Chadwick and Orchid Doctors at Beginner/Refresher Class Sunday, November 14 Forum Room of the Science Museum of Virginia

Thirty-some members have signed up to attend the First Orchid Education Class and indications are that there will be walk-ins for the first of four planned classes during the membership year.

From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. – Art Chadwick

“Care of the *Cattleya* Alliance Orchids” – An informal discussion during which Art will advise of their culture and answer your questions.

From 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. – Break Time

Check out what’s available from the VOS Library, picking up pertinent culture information and catalogs, purchasing plants from Chadwick & Son Orchids, and so forth.

From 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. – Orchid Doctors

Three advanced Society growers, Wanda Andrako, Buddy Harvie and Mike Fine, will take a look at your problem plants (maximum of three per member) and give an opinion on what’s going on plus suggestions that should improve the condition of your orchid.

Further, there will be an opportunity to talk with and get to know other members in a causal atmosphere, enjoy refreshments, win door prizes, and more.

Committee Co-Chairs:

Barbara Noe (355-2270) Chris Wilkinson (227-3927)
Bayne Hawkins (560-0205)

Donations to VOS

The following people have recently donated to VOS that are not otherwise acknowledged in the newsletter.

- John and Wanda Andrako — a cash donation to defray the cost of the new name badges, as well as their half from the Member’s Auction proceeds to VOS
- Joe Mathias — cash donation to Henry Spencer Trust
- Eugenia Williams — cash donation to Henry Spencer Trust
- Jim Creech and Valli LaNeve — Notebooks for new member materials and a sign for Science Museum lobby.

Roster Changes

Renewals

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