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## GREEN WITH ENVY: GREEN CATTLEYAS - ORIGINS

Most of us associate green Cattleyas with RI (B) digbyana. While B. digbyana is an important player in the search for good green Cattleyas, it is not the only major player in the development of good green Cattleyas. There are greens with no B. digbyana in their parentage, such as Lc Atalanta Lane shown here. This talk by Ron Midgett, New Earth Orchids, discusses the contributions of the 5 major species, including digbyana, and those of 2 of the minor actors.

Ron Midgett began growing orchids in 1969 in Southern California. Since then, he has grown orchids in many different regions of the US and in the Caribbean for 3 years. Currently, he resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a breeder with an emphasis on Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, and Oncidinae. Several cultivars from his crosses have received AOS awards. Ron is an accredited AOS judge currently serving in the Rocky Mountain Region.



**Members CAN  
bring items to sale.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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**Next meeting date:  
November 18, 2018  
Ron Midgett, Speaker  
2:00 pm Stranges Garden  
Center Short Pump**

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**Upcoming meetings:  
December 2, 2018, 1:00  
Social Event, Food Drive,  
& Orchid Bingo, Belmont  
Recreation and Golf  
Course, 1600 Hilliard  
Road, Henrico**

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**Additional Events:  
VOS Annual Show  
Stranges Garden Center  
February 22-24, 2018  
Set-up Feb. 21  
Judging Feb 22 (morning)**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Reed Ginn

Hello VOS members!

Time does march onward! It seems summer was just coming to an end and now the end of 2018 is insight. Trust everybody has gotten their orchids and plants inside the house and or greenhouse.

Our November meeting will offer you the opportunity to learn more about orchids. Do you have plants in bloom? Bring them and display them on the show table so others can see how wonderful your plant has done and possibly have some questions for you so they can learn.

Remember to bring an item for the hospitality table. Please let Bernie know at b.b1951@hotmail.com or me (hrginn@yahoo.com or 804-370-6987) know. You are welcome to come early to help setup for the meeting and stay late and help put items away.

Don't forget the VOS holiday event at the Bellmont on Sunday, 2 December 2018. Remember, as a way of being active and participating in the community, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank at the holiday event.

With the upcoming orchid show in February, there is a need for a member to be the Show Chair (one who co-ordinates the show with other members who are taking on a specific task for the show) and a vendor co-ordinate who will help get the individual vendors lined up for the show. Feel free to contact me directly if you would be interested in assisting with any part of the show. We need everyone to contribute to make our society viable!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting for a good time of fellowship, learning, and refreshment.

Reed

The VOS is YOUR society and we need you to volunteer, to help at meetings, or become committee members.



**HAVE AN IDEA FOR  
OUR ANNUAL SHOW  
THEME?**

**MAKE A  
SUGGESTION!**

**SOME SUGGESTIONS  
FOR THE ANNUAL  
SHOW THEME:**

**ORCHIDS UNDER THE  
BIG TOP**

**ORCHIDS AND ALL  
THAT JAZZ**

**ORCHIDS GREAT AND  
SMALL**

**ORCHIDS OF THE  
ROUND TABLE**

**WE WILL VOTE ON A  
THEME AT THE  
MEETING -- COME  
PREPARED TO VOTE**



## DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENT

The VOS will have a social event on December 2, 2018 for all VOS members. We will meet at 1:00pm for lunch. Please bring a dish to share. In support of our community, we are asking for any non-perishable goods to be donate to the Food Bank. We will collect them at the event and take them to the Food Bank the next day.

After our luncheon, we will engage in a lively game of bingo. The first person to have a 'bingo' will be able to select an orchid from the table of available orchids. We will continue playing the same bingo game until all orchids have been claimed. We will purchase some orchids for this event and use any donated plants that you may wish to share. Please bring any donated plants to the event.

We will have a show table for judging so please bring your flowering plants!!

## FEATURE PHOTO

The judges' table at the Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium November 2018



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## EVENTS THROUGH AOS

### Newsflash!!

The American Orchid Society is considering offering a **Master Orchidist Certificate Program** and we would like to find out how many of you would be interested in it. In the next few days, you will receive an email with a link to a survey which will be used to gauge interest in this concept. We'd love to hear from you. Please consider filling out the survey online at AOS.com.

### Orchidist's Word of the Month

**rhizome (RYE-zohm):** A root-bearing stem of sympodial orchids, prostrate on or under the ground, the apex of which progressively sends up leafy shoots.

### Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest Deadline

The deadline for submission for the Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest is November 30th, 2018. This year's theme: *Bells and Whistles: Ingenuity and the Orchid Grower.*

The winning entry (if any) will be published in the June 2019 issue of ORCHIDS at the discretion of the editor. The winner of the prize will receive a cash award supported by the dividends and interest on an endowment from the Northeast Judging Region. For complete information including contest rules please visit the AOS website.

The **2019 AOS Spring Members Meeting** will be held at the Hilton Mission Valley and in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Society show on March 20 - 24, 2019 in San Diego, California.

**AOS has an updated 'List of Speakers' to help you plan society meeting programs. Give your speaker selection to your program chair. You will now find the Affiliated Societies linked on the home page under the "About Us" heading. Here's a link to check it all out - <http://www.aos.org>**