



February 2010

Orchid Society of Coral Gables

Tuesday, February 2, 2009 Meeting

7:30 pm: General Meeting

Harry Phillips, Andy's Orchids

"Taking Care of Mounted Orchids"

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If you are an orchid species enthusiast, we have a great speaker for you. And even if you prefer hybrids, you will still find our speaker interesting, informative, and educational. Most of us are familiar with Andy's Orchids, and if you don't recognize the name, you will remember the fantastic Wardian Cases at the WOC filled with exotic orchids that we can't grow here in South Florida!

Our speaker this month is Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids. He has come to Miami to be in the Tamiami International Orchid Festival, and, since he is a personal friend and former nearly-neighbor of Jim and Melana, they pulled a some strings and got him to stay a few extra days to speak to us. What a treat! Harry will be talking with us about the do's and don'ts of mounted orchids and also speaking on species culture.

Harry Phillips was born in San Diego, California on July 9, 1953. His Father taught him to appreciate plants at an early age. In January of 1963, Harry's brother, Andy (of Andy's Orchids fame) was born, and six years later is when it all started. They were both exposed to exotic plants and flowers at an early age, but when Andy became interested and, latter, obsessed with orchids, Harry somehow resisted becoming involved with them for as long as he could. He assisted Andy in his passion by building his first two green houses, and Andy would reward him with a hybrid that was in bloom, tell him to bring it back when it goes out of bloom, and exchange it for one in bloom. Well, this would only last about a year until he decided that he wanted to keep one and get it to re-bloom, the beginning of the end.

In 1986, Harry, with his soon to be wife Leslie, moved with Andy and his orchid collection to Encinitas, California. Being constantly exposed to all of Andy's orchids was beginning to have an effect on Harry. Shortly



Pleurothallis ornate (scheidei)
Something we can't grow here
unless it's in a case!

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Note from Marion the Librarian

Our library will once again be available for use this month. If you had a book that needed to be returned in November, December, or January, please return it now.



Due to weight constraints on our library, we must downsize a bit. We have a large amount of older periodicals such as the AOS Orchids Magazine which we will be putting up for sale at the coming meetings. Even though these magazines are from previous years, they still contain very important and pertinent orchid information and culture. The price will be very low for the amount of knowledge you will be buying. Come visit the library and take home a few magazines!

The Librarians

Marion and Elizabeth

Reminder:

If you have an address change, phone number change, or if you change your email address, please notify our Membership Chairperson, Pat Chen Yin at the next meeting. Or you can email her at bopsiecy@aol.com

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Orchid related articles and notices for our newsletter are welcome. (Deadline third Monday of the month). The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editors and writers and do not reflect OSGC policy or endorsement.

Other Meetings:

South Dade Society: Fri, Feb 5

AOS Judging at Fairchild: Saturday, Feb 20

COS Meeting: Mon, Feb 15

Pan AM Orchid Society: Tues, Feb
16

SFOS Meeting: Wed, Feb 17

East Everglades Meeting: Tues, Feb
23

Upcoming Events:

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

- Saturday & Sunday, Jan 30 & 31

Boca Raton Orchid Show

- Saturday & Sunday Feb 13 & 14

Miami International Orchid Show

- Fri, Sat, & Sunday, Feb 26 - 28

OSCG Orchid Show, Fairchild

- Fri, Sat, & Sunday, March 12 - 14

**The Orchid Society of
Coral Gables meets the first
Tuesday of each month in
the Garden Room of the
beautiful Fairchild Tropical
Botanic Garden.**



**Beginner's Culture Class starts at 6:45 pm
and the General Meeting begin at 7:30 pm
and include excellent speakers, superb silent
auctions, exciting raffles, sumptuous refresh-
ments, and great camaraderie!**

**Sounds good? Then come and join us for
an evening of education and fun! Call any of
the board members listed for more informa-
tion. We'd love for you to join us and learn
about the orchids we are all love!**

**Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is lo-
cated at 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral
Gables. See www.fairchildgarden.org for map
and directions.**



A Message from the President

Hello, Dear Members!

Oh my goodness...for a minute I thought I was in California again this winter! Brrrrr... I wish I could say that we all made it through the cold snap with no damage, but we all know that is not true. I have not yet spoken with anyone who didn't have something get damaged, and many lost a lot.

Jim and I spent 2 days moving our Vandas, Phals, and special plants into the house. Our home has log beams from which we hung poles to hang our Vandas. Every flat surface in the house had a plant on it. We had so many plants in the kitchen, I couldn't cook for a week (darn!) Except for some stress of being in a dry house for over a week, they did well.

However, the ones we put in our metal tool shed did not fare as well. Most are fine, but my Dendrobiums and Tolumnias took a beating. Apparently I set my Dendrobiums by a crack in the wall and the cold air came through with a vengeance. And we knew it was going to be cold, but we really didn't expect it to get down to 25 degrees, as it did at our house. We awoke on the coldest day to ice on our patio, covering our lawns, and our cars.

Well, I guess that's what Orchid Shows are for...to help us replace those orchids that have gone before us! And this weekend is the Tamiami International Orchid Festival. I am happy to announce that once again we have won the AOS Show Trophy for our display! How exciting is that! See the first pictures on page 6. Better yet, go to the show and see it in person! No picture can really show what a good job the society and our volunteers did. Congratulations on behalf of the society to all those who donated plants and/or worked on the display!

There was a lot of good response to last month's AOS Judging presentation. Besides having two members, Norbert Fernandez and Jean Wilson, receive AOS awards, (Congratulations!) we hope that some of the mystery of AOS judging was cleared up. And speaking of AOS judging, if you do have an orchid (that survived the

cold!) that you feel is pretty nice, bring it to the show Friday. There will be AOS judging at 6 pm.

Don't miss this month's meeting. We don't often get to hear speakers from other parts of the United States and it's always a treat when we do. Harry Phillips is a great speaker, very personable, and very helpful. He has spoken to many other societies around the country and he is always a hit. Bring your species questions and be prepared for a great presentation.



Jim hung poles over the beams in our living room and hung the Vandas.



This is our living room, Winter 2010! Phals are covering the coffee table and a folding table.

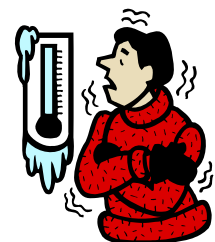
And if you need to learn how to take care of those damaged plants, come to the Beginner's Culture Class at 6:45. Jim will show you different degrees of damage and help you with how to treat them now. See you at the show and meeting!

Melana Davison

Beginner Culture Class, 6:45 pm **How To Take Care of Your Cold Damaged Orchids**

Ok, I've got some plants that are cold damaged - now what? Should I try to save them? Will they come back? Are they going to die? What do I do?

Jim Davison will help you with those questions at the Beginner's Culture Class at 6:45 pm. Bring your questions, pictures, even your plant and you will learn what to do to help your orchids overcome the stress of the cold weather.



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after, Andy left for four months for Costa Rica, and placed Harry in charge of the collection. When Andy returned he found that Harry had not killed too many plants and managed to become even more addicted. Andy, now feeling more confident about leaving his orchid collection under Harry's care, began to plan a cycling trip through South America which ended up lasting two years. After that it was all over for Harry, he was completely addicted to orchids.

Harry assisted Andy part time, with the beginnings of Andy's Orchids, for 10 years while holding a full-time job to pay the mortgage, going full time at the nursery about 10 years ago. His passion in orchids are in the Genera *Sobralia* and *Elleanthus*, but you ask him at any particular time of the year which is his favorite orchid, it will most likely be the one or ones in bloom at that time. He has traveled in Mexico, the Caribbean, and Ecuador viewing orchids in the wild. Harry believes that growing epiphytic orchids the way they grow in nature is best and the orchids seem to agree. He will share with you his experiences with growing mounted orchids, and would like to dispel the fantasy that growing mounted orchids is difficult. Even for us South Floridian, who are used to mounting orchids in our trees, there are tips and suggestions we can all use.

You don't want to miss this entertaining and educational presentation. Andy's Orchids will supply the Plant Raffle Table plants and they also will have plants for sale at the meeting. But if you can't wait, you know where to find Andy's Orchids this weekend - at the Tamiami Show!



In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of Yvette Brown. Yvette was a longtime OSCG member and held various positions on our board. She was an avid gardener and loved her orchids!

Yvette passed away on November 6 following a brief illness. A donation can be

made in her name to The Library Fund, The Citadel, Charleston, SC. For more information regarding this bequest, please see Pat Chen Yin at one of our meetings.

Our hearts and prayers go to Yvette's family and friends.

What Exactly is a Wardian Case, Anyway?

The **Wardian case**, the direct forerunner of the modern terrarium (and the inspiration for the glass aquarium) was invented by Dr Nathaniel Bagshaw Ward (1791–1868), of London, in about 1829 after an accidental discovery inspired him.



Wardian Cases can range in size from table top like this one, to very large, like the one from Andy's Orchids pictured on the front page.

Dr Ward was a physician with a passion for botany, much like some of our members. His personally collected herbarium amounted to 25,000 specimens. The ferns in his London garden, however, were being poisoned by London's air pollution, which consisted heavily of coal smoke and sulphuric acid. In contrast to his flagging ferns, in the bottles where Dr. Ward kept cocoons of moths and the like, he found that fern spores were germinating and growing in a bit of soil. He had a carpenter build him a closely-fitted glazed wooden case and found that ferns grown in it thrived.

Dr. Ward published his experiment and followed it up with a book in 1842, *On the Growth of Plants in Closely Glazed Cases*.

More importantly, the Wardian case unleashed a revolution in the mobility of commercially important plants. In Wardian cases, Robert Fortune shipped to British India 20,000 tea plants smuggled out of Shanghai, China, to begin the tea plantations of Assam. After germination of imported seeds in the heated glasshouses of Kew, seedlings of the rubber tree of Brazil were shipped successfully in Wardian cases to Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and the new British territories in Malaya to start the rubber plantations. Wardian cases have thus been credited for helping break geographic monopolies in the production of important agricultural goods.

So, more than just a pretty box to showcase your orchids, the Wardian Case was a stepping stone to global enterprise!



Hospitality Corner

This month's dinner theme is **Valentine's Day!**

Dear Membership,

Myself and my teammate in Hospitality Marie would like to first Thank You Very Much for all of your support and kind words each month about our team effort in providing you with the best snack/meal we can each Tuesday meeting. We would also like to recognize those that have and continue to bring in food each month, we greatly appreciate it.

But, with that being said we need your help!!! Marie and I are both employed full-time, I working downtown Miami and Marie works even further in the Miami Beach area. Every meeting we both choose to take two hours or more off from our jobs in order to prepare/ prep/provide food and drinks for the CGOS meeting.

We now realize that despite our best efforts the CGOS has doubled in size (which is a great thing) but has caused a much larger burden on both of us in preparing/organizing all the food/beverages needed for our meeting which host 85-100 member's each month. So, at this point in my message I hope you are asking yourselves, How can you help?

We will need the following style items for February:

Cheese tray, Veggie tray, Fruit tray (all cut into bite size pieces).

Small Dinner rolls

Main Chicken course : will be provided by OSCG (Marie and I) Sodas - Regular and Diet Pasta side dishes Rice side dishes Hot veggie dishes Cookies, Brownies.. Cakes and all things yummy..

One side note: ANY, offer of food you can provide cooked or store bought is greatly appreciated, you do not need to be Martha Stewart. The OSCG is a simple group to feed.

Thank you in advance for your help and you can send emails to me at sgw@kubickidrapeer.com to sign up for food and beverages or 305-982-6645.

See you at the meeting,

Suzanne Williamson and Marie Brown

Thanks to these people who brought food in January:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Suzanne Williamson | Cheese Tray | Joan Dengler | Rugula |
| Marie Brown | Ice and Sodas | Siggi McNeil | Cake |
| Angela Kim | Ham & Cheese Sandwiches | | |
| Linda Curle | Italian Meatballs | David Foster | Cake |
| Jorge Leno | Chocolate | Linda Matanis | Cookies |
| Sammy Reiser | Cold Cut Sandwiches | Yolanda Straile | Toffee |
| Nicolas and Daniel Sousa | Brie | | |
| Brenda Martinez | Chocolate Cookies | | |
| Susan Lopez de Queralta | Cookies | | |
| Dorothy Rodriguez | Banana Bread & Cream Cheese | | |

We Did It Again - We Won! AOS Show Trophy at Tamiami!

Yes, we did! We did it again! In a unanimous decision by the judges, we won the best award of the show - the AOS Show Trophy! And when I say "we", I really mean all of us in the society! This is a great achievement and point of recognition for our society. It could not have been done without all the help from the volunteers and those of you members who so graciously allowed the society to use your plants.

We were very worried about the number of plants we would have this year due to the frost damage that hit everyone so hard. This shows you how even one or two plants donated to the cause can make such a big difference! Almost all of the plants came in as one or two from a member. But pulled together, those one or two added up to make a beautiful presentation! Thank you so much!

And as I said in my President's message, no picture can truly do the exhibit justice. You must come to the Tamiami Show and see the great display, and what a society can do when we all work together! A special thanks goes to those people who showed up Friday to help put the exhibit together: Norbert Fernandez, Jean Wilson, Linda Curle, Karina Schmid, Linda Bell, JoAnn Forbes, Javier Morejon, Jim Davison, and Georgia Bohn. My personal thanks goes along with a big thanks on behalf of the society for your help with this accomplishment.



The exhibit was titled "Serenity Garden" featuring a path through the peace and serenity of beautiful orchids, ending at a garden trellis and sitting bench in a secluded, serene nook.

We Won!



Here we are, bedraggled and tired, but totally fulfilled by knowing we did a job well done! Thanks to all of those who loaned us their plants - we couldn't have done it without you!

Photos from the January Meeting

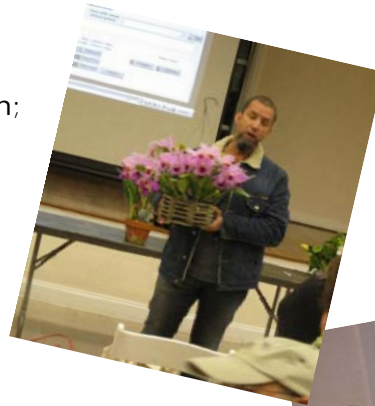
Photos by Jean Wilson

Three AOS awards were giving at the meeting:

- C. trianae, "Erna", HCC 75, owner Erna Maxwell;
- Ctt (LC), Secret Love, "Riverlane", AM 84, owner Jean Wilson;
- V. Usha, "Tony's Legacy", AM 81, owner Norbert Fernandez.



We once again had a full house at our January meeting. Here's a sight you don't see much - Miami residents all bundled up for the cold!



AOS Judge Jose Exposito explains what is looked for in judging an orchid. (Photo by Ann Goodman)



AOS Judge Jill Godfrey and Student Judge Karina Schmid checking the facts on a hybrid.



Student Judge Jim Davison explains to the meeting what the judges decision on this orchid was and why.



AOS Judges Lou Lodyga, Jose Exposito, Erna Maxwell, and Student Judge Susan Ortiz discussing the merits of a Blc. Pink Empress 'Lakeview'.



AOS Judge Jill Sidran talking on what exactly happens in ribbon judging. (Photo by Ann Goodman.)



C. trianae, "Erna", HCC 75, owner Erna Maxwell



Ctt (LC), Secret Love, "Riverlane", AM 84, owner Jean Wilson



V. Usha, "Tony's Legacy", AM 81, owner Norbert Fernandez

More Photos from January Meeting

Photos by Jean Wilson



Eleanor Sanfilippo's *C. percivaliana*.



C. percivaliana owned by Peter Von Scholl.



Jim and Melana Davison brought in this Bc. Pink Empress 'Lakeview'.



Brassavola nodosa owned by Jill Koerber.



Norbert Fenandez's *C. walkeriana*.



Ascda. Princess Mikasa owned by Betty Eber.



Mirta Heineman brought in this *Den. discolor*.



A *V. sanderiana* hybrid brought in by Betty Eber.



A *V. Lumpini Red* x *V. Fuch's Delight* cross that I didn't have the owner's name for.



Hksna Sogo Doll 'Jennifer' shown by Jill Koerber.



Thank you! Ramble Volunteers

We would like to thank those persons who helped us have another successful Ramble last November at the Fairchild. Volunteers like you make our society great!

Georgia Bohn, Michelle Briois, Linda Bell, Melana and Jim Davison, JoAnn Forbes, Bill Harward, Jill Koerber, Javier Morejon, Vicki Phillips, Bonnie Pickard, Seraphin Sousa, Jean Wilson, Eleanor Sanfillippo, Karl Kremser, Bette Eber, Yoland Straile, Larry Cox, Jennifer Munnings, Renate Van Kempema, and Jill Sidran.

Important! New Requirements for Holiday Party Plant!

At last month's OSCG Board meeting, a new two-part requirement was passed regarding receiving the Holiday Party Plant. To be eligible for the plant, a member must:

A) attend at least one (1) meeting per year, other than the actual Holiday Party.

This means attend a meeting between January and November; and

B) bring food to at least one (1) meeting. When you now check-in at the door at each meeting, please tell Pat whether or not you brought something for the refreshment table so you can be properly credited.



Both parts of this new requirement must be met in order to receive a plant at the Holiday Party. This new prerequisite will not really affect most of our members because they already fulfill these rules. However, there are a few members who need to take note and act accordingly if they want a plant at Holiday time.

All members who brought food in January (see Hospitality Corner, page 5) have met their requirement for this year. For everyone else, please make sure that sometime this year, Jan - Nov, you attend a meeting and bring a dish for the refreshment table!

LOGO CONTEST!

Our Logo Contest is still on! We've received a few entries, but need more! Be creative! The contest is open to anyone, members, friends, and visitors. If you know of anyone with any artistic ability, let them know about the contest. The prize is \$100, a beautiful blooming orchid, and the privilege of knowing that one of the best orchid societies around is using your artwork! Send to orchidiva@att.net. We would like to have a winner by the March OSCG show.



Upcoming Events



BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY

Orchid Show & Sale

Valentines Day Weekend

February 13 - 14, 2010
10 am - 5 pm

...Featuring...
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Also featuring...
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The Naples Orchid Society & Naples Rotary Club
Presents the 37th Annual
Orchid Show and Sale

Jewels in Paradise

March 19, 20 & 21, 2010
Friday, 3pm – 6:00pm Saturday, 9am-5pm
Sunday, 12pm-4pm
Admission ~ \$6.00

At McSpadden Hall, Naples
United Church of Christ
5200 Crayton Road, Naples, FL

Proceeds to benefit Laces of Love
and other Rotary Charities

For additional information call 239-572-1817

[Click Here for a \\$1 off admission coupon](#)

Miami International Orchid Show, Feb. 26-28, 2010 "Passport to Paradise"

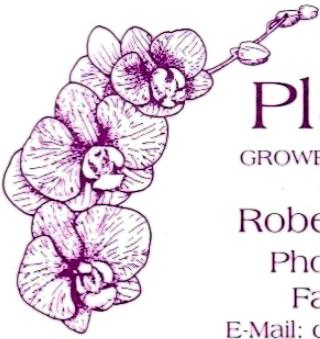
Friday, February 26– 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, February 27 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, February 28 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Doubletree Miami Mart/Airport Hotel and Convention Center,
711 N.W. 72nd Avenue in Miami, immediately south of Miami International Airport.



Daily show admission is \$15 for adults, which includes a \$5 merchandise discount coupon. South Florida Orchid Society members and children 12 and under are free.

In addition to extraordinary orchid displays, the 64th Miami International Orchid Show features a juried awards competition and thousands of orchids and related items for sale. New to the Show for 2010 will be an art exhibit and corresponding art contest spotlighting orchid imagery in three creative categories: art, sculpture and photography.



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(Photo by Ann Goodman)

Welcome New Members!

We had 3 new members join us last month. Let's be sure to introduce ourselves to them and show them our OSCG hospitality! We welcome:

Renee Schafer, Robert Banci, and Olga Marie Pages to our Society! We are so glad you've joined us!

Olga also happened to be one of the plant table raffle winners last month. She is pictured here with her daughter, member Ivette Vallejo. Way to go, Olga!

March 12 -14

Fairchild's 8th Annual
INTERNATIONAL
ORCHID
festival



9:30 to 4:30 each day

Show prep, Weds, March 10
AOS Judging, Thurs, March 11

Mark your calendars to help OSCG with Show Prep - we need your plants and talents for our exhibit.

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Current Event at the AOS



Relax ...
Wine & Jazz
under the stars

American Orchid Society
Member Since 1988

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Tickets: \$20 for AOS members
\$25 for nonmembers
Call: 961-404-2021
to reserve tickets or
purchase them in the gift shop

Jazz nights
January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 15
at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden

Sip wine by the fountains,
enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and the sunset.
Bring a friend along for these most enjoyable evenings.

For more information visit www.aos.org

FEBRUARY 18, 2010, 5:30-7:30pm

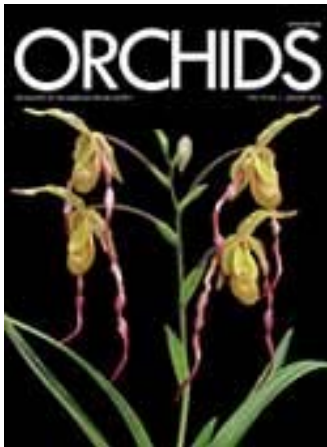
American Orchid Society Headquarters 16700 AOS Lane | Delray Beach, FL 33446-4351

Join us for a very special Wine & Jazz event as we host a live and silent auction to benefit Orchid Mania South Florida and their work with pediatric AIDS

Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of February, March and April

These events will be held the third Thursday of each month through April 2010, 5:30-7:30PM. Come enjoy the orchids in bloom, great music, wine tasting and appetizers and our botanical garden under the stars.

Orchid Society of Coral Gables
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March 2nd Meeting:
Chuck McCartney,
Former editor of the AOS Magazine,
Orchids

**Orchid Society of Coral Gables
6:45, Beginner's Culture Class, 7:30 General Meeting**

**Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road
South Entrance**