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Next Meeting: Sunday December 5, 2 PM, Holiday Covered Dish Party.

We've had our first snow, so it must be covered dish holiday party. Cook up a This year, those whose last name begins dish;
those with letters A through G please those with letters H – I bring something to There are more people in the main dish We will have a show table, as usual, so bring your blooming beauties to show off, and there will be a raffle table also.



time for our annual storm and bring your favorite dish. with the letters K through Z please bring a main bring dessert; drink. category, so we don't have too many desserts.

President's Message

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2010 Fall Show and Sale a success!! Congratulations to all of the award winners!! Unfortunately I will not be at our December party and meeting. I will be on vacation. We need to elect President, Vice President(s) and Show Chairman. Please read the job descriptions and consider volunteering. I am unable to continue on as President. Charles is at the minimum looking for a "co-vice president". It is difficult to have a club without volunteers. A big thank you to Charles who has been VP for a while now. A huge thank you to our Show Chairs and everyone involved in the show as I stated in our last meeting. I also want to take the time to recognize the hard work and efforts of our Newsletter Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as well.

I will miss you all in December, but will see you again the 2nd Sunday in January....Happy Holidays!!
Lori

Minutes of November Meeting

The minutes from September were reviewed. Mostly regarding the preparation for the October show. Jim Marlow did an excellent repotting clinic. He spent time on various media, and preparations and did a full demonstration. Members felt that doing it this way vs. everyone doing their own repotting, was more beneficial.

New Business: we welcomed New Members: Jack Hasse, Krum Sotriov and Evangia Sotirov. Krum Sotirov has an extensive background in Orchids and managed the largest orchid collection in London. He will share his expertise with us at a future meeting.

The Show was recapped: we do not yet have the commission from one vendor, so the total cannot be finalized, but it looks like we did well. Carol gave a comparison for the income and expenses for the 2009 show and the 2010 show. Even though we had more judges this year, and had an increased dinner expense, it turned out to be only \$45 more than last year. We will continue to take the judges out to dinner at future shows. There was also discussion about the number of judges and Iris reminded us that it is an honor that judges want to come to our show and so we will confirm the number of judges for next year and be careful not to offend judges by not inviting them etc. We collected \$248 on the raffle/donation, and no one heard any complaints from show attendees about our

donation jar. No complaints were heard from vendors. We did miss out this year by not having any orchid supplies for sale. Kim was unable to attend the show. Perhaps next year, if she is unable to attend, the club could fill in for her, or let the vendors know to bring supplies with them. There was a meeting after the show held and Dave Ditz gave a report on that.

Next month is our annual Holiday Party. We will be bringing main dishes, drinks, deserts etc.

Members with last names that start with K through Z please bring a main dish, and members with last names of A-G, please bring a desert. Members with names starting with H-I please bring drinks – soda, water, maybe a hot drink like tea or coffee.

Charles is working on the details for a speaker for December. Krum Sotirov has graciously offered to speak and Charles is in the process of working out the details with him.

At the December Meeting, we will need to review the offices for our club and have elections. If you are interested in running (or volunteering) for one of the offices, please let us know ASAP.

President: responsible to run meetings, call executive meetings for business, coordinate/delegate jobs for GROS and STOS shows and other projects that may come up, trouble shoot problems that may arise, and put a "president's message" in the newsletter.

Vice President: run meeting if president is absent, find speakers for our meetings (can coordinate w/ GROS and STOS), plan programs (auctions, mounting clinics, field trips etc.)

Show Chairman: recruit and organize judges, coordinate show schedules and committees

Show Co-Chair: recruit vendors, support Show Chair

Show Committee: advertisements, display, order trophies and ribbons, registration and miscellaneous

REMEMBER---YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE!! WE CAN HAVE "CO-PRESIDENTS" ETC.

Minutes taken by Lori

Did You Know?



Left: *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* 'Holly' HCC/AOS (syn. *Den. biggibum*)

In 1890 Frederick Sander ordered orchid hunter William Micholitz to New Guinea in search of a variety of *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* (then known as *Den. schroderianum*, now known as *Den. biggibum*) which was very coveted at he time. After suffering many difficulties he found himself a guest in a native village and was invited to watch a war dance. After a while, he became bored and while walking about, stumbled across some ritual sacrifices. Feeling horrified and sick, he rushed towards the jungle where perched on the boughs of trees, *Den. phalaenopsis* was rediscovered. Large quantities were removed and readied for shipment to England. While en route, fire broke out on the ship and the precious cargo was lost.

Ordered back to find more plants, Micholitz grudgingly returned to New Guinea and in June of the following year on some rocks in a small village, he once again found plants growing on bare limestone between a large number of human skulls and bones. After bribing the reluctant natives with trinkets he had brought from England for this purpose, every plant in the area was collected. Despite his promise to Sander to not send any bones or skulls with his precious cargo, one plant attached to a skull arrived in England where it created quite a sensation when it was put up for auction.

Swinson, Arthur, Frederick Sander: *The Orchid King*, Hodder and Stoughton, London, 1970, pp. 103-106.

NOVEMBER SHOW TABLE

Please note all names, accent marks, and abbreviations that are in boldface.

Kindly update your labels with registered names or parents. Bring the information to the show table next time.

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. Limelight (Maudiae × Chiara) Cohen
Paph. In-Charm Topaz (*helenae* × Pacific **Shamrock**) Sotirov

Cattleya Alliance

C. Batalinii (*bicolor* × *intermedia*) Capella
Ctt. Whodunit (Chocolate Drop × *C.* Psyche) "
C. Haw Yuan Angel (Orglade's Glow × Janet) Finger
C. Mari's Song (Irene Finney [1964]* × Cherry Chip) "
Ctt. Secret Love (Candy Tuft × *C.* Mini Purple) "
Rlc. Mari's Melody (*C.* Mari's Song × *Rlc.* Chyong Guu Chaffinch) "
***Rlc.* Hawaiian Charisma** (Hisako Akatsuka × *C.* Memoria Robert Strait) "
Rlc. Yen Corona (*C.* Brazilian Treasure × *Rlc.* Memoria Helen Brown) "
Lc. Angel Heart (Puppy Love × *C.* Penny Kuroda) "
***Rlc.* Haw Yuan Beauty** × ***Rth.* Haw Yuan Glory** "
Ctt. Chocolate Flirt (*C.* Flirtie × *Ctt.* Chocolate Drop) Ditz
C. Mini Song (Mini Purple × Mari's Song) Cohen
B. nodosa "
Bct. Little Marmaid (*C. walkeriana* × *Bsn.* Maikai) "

Vandaceous

Micropera (Micr.) pallida Capella
Phal. Spica (*fasciata* × *lueddemanniana*) Finger

Oncidium Alliance

Vuyl. Patico (Cambria × Memoria Mary Kavanaugh) Finger
***Tolu.* Lambada** (Flutter × Waikiki Sunset) "
Odcdm. Bob Burr (Bob Hoffman × *Odm.* Bruce Cobbledick) "
Onc. Sharry Baby (Jamie Sutton × Honolulu) "

Dendrobium

Den. oligophyllum Capella
Den. unknown Sotirov
Den. Baby Pink (*affine* × *bigibbum* subvar. *compactum*) Cohen

Miscellaneous

***Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann** (*longissimum* × *rothschildianum*) Finger
Christensonella (Chnl.) uncata "
***Zgt.* Midnight Blue, AD/AOS** (*Pes. violacea* × *Z. B.G. White*) Capella
Ddc. glumaceum "

<i>Camaridium (Cmd.) praestans</i>	Capella
<i>Gga. truncata</i>	"
Caitlin Marie Cashlle (Jon Casholle x Nikki Bell**(Hominidae)(Photo)	Cohen
<i>Spe. grobyi</i>	Ditz
<i>Pls. stenostachya</i>	"
<i>Stichorkis (Sck.) stricklandiana</i> (syn. <i>Liparis griffithii</i>)	"

*To prevent duplication, the date is always part of the name.

** In zoological crosses, the male parent is always listed first, the opposite of plants.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail <mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table>

Basics of Orchid Names

Understanding orchid names enhances the pleasure of this hobby. Initially, it is easy to talk with friends using common names like moth orchids and lady's-slipper orchids. But eventually one needs to come to grips with botanical names. Though perhaps intimidating at first, mastering the simple Latin of scientific names will eliminate the twist from the tongue and enable everyone to talk about orchids with confidence. For example: Odontioda Star Trek 'Harlequin', HCC/AOS, tells four things about this plant:

It is a member of the genus *Odontioda*

It is a hybrid (or grex) named Star Trek

'Harlequin' is its clonal name

And it has received a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) from the American Orchid Society for its flowers, which scored from 75 to 79 points on a 100-point scale.

Parts of a Name:

To elucidate an orchid's name, pick up a catalog or plant label from one of your plants. Most likely, the name will consist of at least two words. The first word is the name of the genus (plural: genera). It is usually printed in italics because, as Latin, it is a foreign language, and begins with a capital letter (*Cattleya*, *Epidendrum*, *Zygopetalum*). Botanists abbreviate generic names with the first letter (such as *C.* for *Cattleya* and *E.* for *Epidendrum*), while horticulturists often use short abbreviations, such as *Epi.* for *Epidendrum* and *Phal.* for *Phalaenopsis*.

Within each genus there may be dozens, if not hundreds, of variations on a theme. Taxonomists recognize these species by giving them individual names called specific epithets (these usually begin with a lower-case letter and are also in italics). A specific epithet may indicate place of origin (*costaricensis*, from Costa Rica), the person who found the orchid (*besseae*, for Libby Besse), a characteristic of the orchid (*glabra*, for smooth) or honor an individual (*garayi*, for Leslie Garay). Together, the genus name and specific epithet comprise the species name, and often impart a bit of information. Hence *Masdevallia coccinea* is a species with red flowers (*coccinea* means red) and *Paphiopedilum philippinense* was discovered in the Philippines.

Some species may exhibit certain characteristics with additional variation which a taxonomist may recognize by assigning a subspecies, varietal or form name. These begin with a lower-case letter, are in italics and are the third name in sequence. The flowers of *Phragmipedium besseae* are typically red, but a variant with yellow flowers has been named *Phragmipedium besseae* forma (usually abbreviated simply as *f.*) *flavum*.

The Names of Hybrids

A major attraction of orchids is the diversity of hybrids available to growers. Hybrids have names, too. When a hybrid is made, the breeder, or his or her representative, assigns a grex or group name that applies to all of the hybrid progeny. A grex name begins with a capital letter and is in Roman type. When *Paphiopedilum niveum* was crossed with *Paphiopedilum tonsum*, all progeny were given the name *Paphiopedilum Olivia*.

Since this cross was registered in 1898, some plants with exceptionally fine flowers have been observed and assigned cultivar names to distinguish them. When researching Paph. Olivia in the literature, one might see the cultivar names 'Lorelei', HCC/AOS, or 'Casa Luna', AM/AOS, following the grex name. Cultivar names may be applied to hybrids (Paph. Olivia 'Lorelei', HCC/AOS) as well as species (*Paphiopedilum appletonianum* 'Seascape', HCC/AOS).

A cultivar name begins with a capital letter, is in Roman type and set within single quotation marks. When vegetatively propagated -- through divisions, keikis (offshoots) or mericlones -- all derivatives of a cultivar will be genetically identical and possess the same cultivar name. This permits hobbyists to know exactly what to expect from a plant they purchase bearing this name.

Glancing at the clonal names above reveals some extra letters -- such as AM/AOS and HCC/AOS -- following the plants' names. These indicate an award, in this case granted by the American Orchid Society (AOS). These awards may be given to both species and hybrids. The letters before the slash are an abbreviation for the award; AM is an Award of Merit, HCC a Highly Commended Certificate. The letters following the slash indicate the association that bestowed the award. Awards are given by several organizations, including the American Orchid Society (AOS), The Royal Horticultural Society, the South Florida Orchid Society and the Honolulu Orchid Society (HOS). An award imparts prestige, and, generally, a higher price.

A thorough discussion of orchid nomenclature is presented in *The Handbook on Orchid Nomenclature and Registration* (4th edition, 1993), prepared by The Handbook Committee of the International Orchid Commission with the cooperation of The Royal Horticultural Society.

Pronunciation

Arguing the correct pronunciation of potato and tomato is nothing compared to some of the heated debates surrounding the proper way to pronounce botanical Latin. It's easier if you remember that, with few exceptions all letters are pronounced. You will often hear names pronounced somewhat differently than indicated as a result of regional differences. There are also pronunciations that are not technically correct but have found their way into common usage. The common pronunciation, stan-HOPE-ee-ah rather than the technically correct stan-HOPE-ah for *Stanhopea* is an example. This pronunciation has no doubt evolved because of the "pronounce every letter rule", although then it would sound more like stan-HOPE-AY-ah. With a modicum of effort, orchid names become a part of the enthusiastic orchidist's vocabulary. The key to success: talk with fellow orchidists at meetings, shows, nurseries and regional judging sessions. Listen to others. Take the time to practice yourself. Invest in one of several guides that offer invaluable advice for pronouncing names, and, frequently, their meaning too.

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