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President's Message

Happy holidays to all! Come and join us for our holiday meal. Election of new officers takes place at this meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

Thanks,
Paul Crumb

❧❧ HOLIDAY PARTY ❧❧ Sunday, December 18th, 2:00 p.m.

We'd like to welcome everyone – members, friends, and their families – to our annual winter holiday get-together in our customary meeting room at the Vestal Public Library. On this festive occasion, we will furnish a meat and cheese platter, rolls, hot and cold beverages, and disposable table service (plates, cups, flatware, and napkins).

To round out the menu, all we ask is that you bring a dish of your own choosing to pass, whatever utensils may be needed to serve your dish and an orchid plant in flower to decorate the table,. Even without coordinating who should bring what dish, our food table has been filled with quite an array of holiday fare, such as appetizers, main dishes, salads, casseroles, and desserts.

We hope that all of you will come on Sunday the 18th and celebrate the season with us. If you can't join us, we wish you very happy and safe holidays, and hope to see you in January.

November Meeting

Meeting was opened by President Paul Crumb.

Treasurer's report was not given.

Bob Rudin stated that the holiday party was to be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th. Also that everyone (spouses, significant others, children, etc.) are welcome to come. Please bring a dish to pass with necessary utensil and an orchid to decorate the room. STOS will provide plates, cups, eating utensils, coffee and tea.

For the nominating committee, Luis Matienzo reported that the results for the slate of officers up for election will be in the December newsletter and on the STOS website.

Dave Clemens discussed the Syracuse show and mentioned that Ken Lattimore received an HCC/AOS award with a score of 78 points for his Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice. Congratulations, Ken!

Paula Matienzo, STOS Show Chair discussed the need for help for the 2006 Show recordkeeping, which includes data entry for show information. She also asked for any suggestions on the programs to be used for such data. Please contact her if you are interested or have any suggestions.

Paula also stated that Roxanne Shank did a wonderful job as Newsletter Editor. If anyone is still receiving a hard copy of the newsletter and is able to receive it via e-mail, please contact Roxanne with your e-mail address.

Anyone interested in doing a presentation on orchids for the Mt. Upton Lions Club in the Sidney area, please contact Christine

Guidelli by phone at (607) 764-8334 or e-mail her at lguidelli@stny.rr.com.

We broke for refreshments, raffle and an extremely full show table.

John Sullivan, AOS judge, presented with slides and discussion what judges look for in judging orchids. It was very interesting, especially since he included us, his audience, in the discussion.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, LuAnn Myers

Election of Officers

The election of a new slate of officers will take place at the December meeting on Sunday, December 18th.

The nominating committee has tendered the following names to be voted on:

President: Luis Matienzo
Vice President: Anne Tinker
Secretary: LuAnn Myers
Treasurer: Pete O'Connell

Member News

Ken Lattimore announced at the November meeting that his newly awarded Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice will now carry the name 'Fernwood' in honor of Fernwood Manor Orchids, from whom he originally purchased the plant. Once again, congratulations to Ken on this impressive plant!

Show Table

We were fortunate to have an especially bountiful display of members' orchids in bloom at the October show table. Ten members exhibited 46 plants.

Dave Clemens

Coelogyne speciosa
Cirrhopetalum Luis Sander
Epi. ciliare
Epi. porpax

Donna Coleman

Phrag. lindleyanum var. kaieteurum
Haraella retrocalla
Stenocoryne aureo-fulva
Brassidium Nittany Gold 'Dr. John'
AM/AOS
Neostylis Lou Sneary
Mtssa. Dennis Kleinbach 'Crowhurst'
AM/AOS
Mtssa. C. M. Fitch 'Izumi'
Slc. Rajah's Angel

Gen Downs

Slc. Bright Angel x Lc. Mini Purple

Luis Matienzo

Blc. Jungle Treasure
Den. lawesii
Paph. insigne
Cyc. Jean E. Monnier

Harry & Soini O'Connell

Paph. insigne 'Sanderana' x primulanum

Pete O'Connell

Blc. Louis McNeil 'Ace' x C. walkeriana
'Manhattan Blue'
Colm. Wildcat 'Red Fantasy'
Laelia anceps x autumnalis
Paph. Snowcap Jade
Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Hanna'
Burr. Stephan Isler 'Red'
Den. lavelifolium
Enc. cochleata 'alba'
Blc. Blue Grotto 'Soft Touch' HCC/AOS
Psychopsis papilio
Vanda coerulea (flower only)
Lc. Bonanza (flowers only)
Paph. Canticlex x fairrieanum 'Super Red'
Paph. moquetianum x delenatii

C. Prospector x Lc. Bonanza
Paph. Leeannum
Vasco. Pine River

Bob Rudin

Blc. Ronald Hauserman 'Carl'
Bc. Apricot Flare 'Owens' x Bc. Orglade's
Charm 'Crystelle'
C. Christ Church 'Newberry Snow'
Lc. Mini Purple x Blc. Ronald Hauserman
Slc. Pumpkin Festival 'Fong Yuen'
Blc. Red at Night 'Sailor's Delight' x
Raye Holmes 'Newberry'

Roxanne Shank

Pot. Hoku Gem 'Bright Star'
Colm. Wildcat 'Yellow Butterfly'

Anne Tinker

Phal. BeTris x Yukihime
Den. Spring Dream 'Appollon'

Charles Ufford

Pleurothallis mystax

Upcoming Event: January Speaker

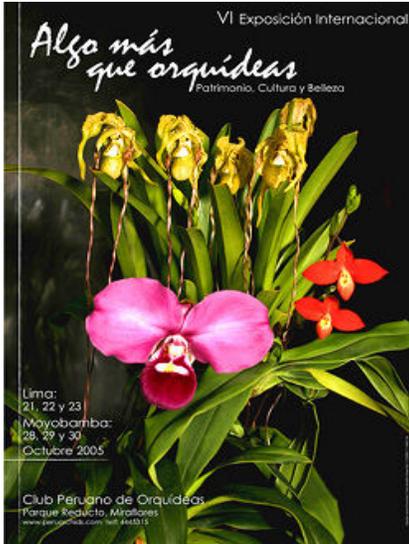
Kenneth Hull will be the featured speaker at the January 15, 2006 STOS meeting, on the topic of photographing orchids in the wild. An accomplished local photographer, Ken has documented a wide variety of plants in the wild, both in this area and in habitats elsewhere.

Knowing well how Mother Nature does not always cooperate, Ken and we have agreed to postpone his presentation until our February meeting if necessary. In case of inclement weather on January 15, Ken's program will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 19, 2006.

We hope that you will be able to attend this presentation.

A REPORT ON THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL ORCHID EXHIBITION IN LIMA, PERU

by Luis J. Matienzo



During my October visit to Lima, Peru in late October, I had the pleasure of attending the well known orchid show in Lima. A week later there was another show in Moyobamba, the home of *Phragmipedium kovachii*, but I was not able to attend this second event.

Exhibits at the Lima show included a variety of orchid plants native to Peru as well as many foreign genera, among them *phalaenopsis*, *dendrobium*, *vandas* and *cymbidiums*. It appears that orchid growers everywhere, attracted to plants that do not exist in a locality where they live, yearn to go beyond national boundaries to acquire unusual or exotic plants. We, too, challenge ourselves by collecting and cultivating all types of orchids from many parts of the world in our homes and greenhouses, and we hope that when our plants flower, they resemble those images seen in books or magazines. When I attended the first international show about ten years ago, I discussed some aspects of home orchid

growing in the United States. The contrast between growing conditions here and in Lima, where the mild climate permits orchids to be cultivated as outdoor plants, was of particular interest to Peruvian growers.

The Lima show, held in the Reducto Park for a number of years, has developed into a mature display of orchids. The park itself has very nicely groomed gardens and contains many antiques which reflect the history of Lima. The show consisted of a section of flower arrangements that included Ikebana displays, cut-flower competition, individual plant entries and clubs' displays. Eight hundred entries were recorded, and a total of 244 ribbons were awarded. In addition, the team of AOS judges present gave several special awards using AOS standards to the following entries:

- AM/AOS: *Telipogon ariasii* "Taita Inti"
- HCC/AOS: *Den. Rainbow Dance* "Akone",
- Cochlioda vulcanica* "Cahuide"
- CHM/AOS: *Masdevallia elegans* "Eumelia"
- CCM/AOS: *Phrag, richterii*

As an avid collector of species and miniatures myself, I was excited to observe many species of *masdevallias*, *phragmipediums*, *catasetums*, *encyclias* and *cattleyas*. Among these were *Masd. veitchiana*, *Masd. coccinea*, *Masd. elegans*. Specimen plants of *Psycmorchis pusilla* and *Phragmipedium richterii* were especially impressive. The often-mentioned *Phrag, kovachii* made its appearance, but in my opinion the available specimen did not measure up to the plant awarded a CHM of 93 points at this show two years ago.

The poster from this memorable orchid show appears at the beginning of this article.