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President's Column

I can't believe it's Fall already! As much as I love Summertime, I'm looking forward to some cool, crisp weather for a change. And as the temperatures go lower, it's time once again to start thinking about where I'm going to put all those plants that have spent the summer outside! I was so proud of myself for bringing a bunch of plants to the Plant Swap last month, making some much needed room in the greenhouse. But the problem is that I brought home almost as many new plants from the swap! Oh well, I'm sure everything will fit in there somehow. Of course, before bringing plants inside for the winter, it's important to inspect each plant closely for any signs of insect infestation, and take the necessary steps to eradicate the pests.

I'm very excited about our visiting speaker this month, Norito Hasegawa, who will be lecturing on New Trends in Paphiopedilums. Although many of us in The Society are great lovers of Paphs, I know some of you have never tried your hand at growing the Slipper Orchids. This month's presentation will be an opportunity for you to learn more about them and perhaps get encouraged to give them a try.

After the meeting, everyone is invited to my house for dinner, and to hang out with Dr. Hasegawa.

See you Sunday!

--Mark



How to Get RID of PESKY ANTS

With Fall coming soon, those who have had their orchids outside may need to contend with ants - those unwanted free-loaders - in their orchid pots before bringing them into the house. Ants can be a problem in the greenhouse, too.

A commercial ant killer called Terro (available at most garden centers and in box stores) has been reported to be most effective. It contains borax and boric acid along with a sweet syrup for attracting them to the deadly bait.

An alternative home remedy is a mixture as follows:

1 cup sugar
3 cups hot water
3 tablespoons powdered boric acid

Soak/drench cotton balls in the solution and place them in bottle caps or on plastic lids nearby where ant activity is seen. The ants eat the solution and return to their colony - to never be seen again. We got results in 48 hours. Do not place the wet cotton balls directly in the orchid pots. The solution may also be made available to the ants by making puddles on nearby shelves, or just putting the solution in the bottle caps or lids.

Charles Wilson

MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY

2012 CALENDAR

Jan.	1/22 MBG	2:00	Tom Harper from Stones River Orchids	12 Species Influencing Modern Phalaenopsis Breeding
Feb.	2/26 MBG	2:00	Eric Hunt Orchid Photographer	Orchids of Eastern Australia orchidphotos.org & orchids.org/about/eric_hunt.html
Mar.	3/25 MBG	2:00	Dr. Glenn Lehr from New World Orchids	Japanese Orchids newworldorchids.com
Apr.	4/22 MBG	2:00	Patricia Harding Author of 'Huntleyas and Related Orchids'	Oncidiums in Brazil
May	5/18-20		29 th ANNUAL MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & SALE Memphis Botanic Garden	
June	6/24 MBG	2:00	Green Growers and New Member Appreciation / Orientation Day	
July	7/22 MBG	2:00	Ellen Covey from Olympia Orchids	Growing Orchids From Seed olympicorchids.com & orchidfinders.com
Aug.	8/26 MBG	2:00	Plant Swap	
Sept.	9/23 MBG	2:00	DR. NORITO HASEGAWA paphanatics.com	<i>New Trends in Paphiopedilums</i>
Oct.	10/28 MBG	2:00	Alex Kumok Bizarre and Unusual: Lautoria Dendrobiums	
Nov.	11/18 MBG	2:00	Charles Wilson Showing and Exhibiting Orchids	
Dec.	12/2 MBG	2:00	Christmas Party	

NORITO HASEGAWA



Norito Hasegawa is a retired dentist, an overextended hobbyist (considered commercial for tax purposes), is a 3 million miler travelling to many foreign countries talking and/or judging in places such as Japan, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, France, Switzerland, and many many cities in the USA.

He is primarily a hybridizer of Slipper Orchids (*Paphiopedilums*) although his interests and collection of 15,000 orchids include Miniature *Cattleyas*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Cymbidiums*, and Variegated Orchids of all sorts. He first became interested after seeing orchids *en masse* at the World Orchid Conference held in Long Beach in 1966. After he bought his first orchids he failed miserably yet persisted by trying to grow them outdoors; in no time he had hundreds. Now, he cannot imagine his life without orchids. Orchids are an endeavor of science, taxonomy, hybridizing, art, sociability, quiet reflections, and mad parties — join the addiction and fun.

He is married to Joyce with three children: Lisa, Todd, and Mark with *Paphiopedilums* named after each of them.

He is owner of Paphanatics, unLimited and a judge in both the American Orchid Society and the *Cymbidium* Society of America for over 35 years.

Mark all Calendars Mark all iPhones Mark all DayTimers

The dates for the next Memphis Orchid Society Show have been set for 17-19 May 2013 with the theme of "Orchids Around the World."

The Detling Report

Oops! Nancy managed to re-send the June report rather than Bill's July article to Pam for The Detling Report last month, so we'll need to recap a little this month.

We had two people join MOS at the July meeting: Jason Newman and Greg Chandler. Greg is new to Memphis and is currently staying with Randy Bayer. Jason was not able to stay for the July meeting, but he did make it in August. Jason says his father (who lives in Missouri) is also an orchid enthusiast, so both Greg and Jason have lots of "orchid support."

Visitors for July were Jim Johnson, Trisha Pegues, and West Warrick. Visitors at the August meeting included Gail Dobbins, Becky Williamson, Hugh and Hallie Miller, Cheryl Converse, and Marilyn Ziegler (Fay LeVine's neighbor). We enjoyed having you all, and hope you will give some serious thought to joining us.

**See you in September,
Bill and Nancy**

Debra Talks Money

If you would you like a Memphis Orchid Society Name Tag the cost is \$7.00 for a pin tag and \$9.00 for a magnet tag.

**Thank You!
Debra Baker**

2012 Show Schedule

**Nov. 2-4 Nashville Orchid Society
Nashville TN**

August 2012 Minutes

Polo shirts are \$26; they are \$28 for the taller sizes.

There is a show in Nashville at Cheekwood the first week in November. It does cost money to attend this show.

We need two volunteers to provide refreshments and food for the October meeting.

We need a few more Volunteers at the Memphis Botanic Garden – please see Adrian or Paul to sign up. They are in *desperate* need of help with repotting of Cattleyas. There is a tentative repot date for Spring - it's a good way to practice potting.

Charles Wilson made a motion we pay our membership for MBG as a Club; Ellen seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously. The amount is \$100 annual fee. This is over and above all of our volunteer hours.

Forrest recapped his meeting with MBG. They would like to make the orchids more public. There is a need to produce a photo gallery on the website.

Orchid of the month went to Chuck Pintner for his *Neofinetia falcata*.

Our September speaker will be Norito Hasagawa, October will be Alek Kumok, while November is Charles Wilson on Show Recaps and How to Present Your Orchids.

Nancy introduced our visitors - membership has grown in the club by leaps and bounds.

The Garners

LYNN FULLER

AOS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Has your Society moved its meeting locations or times? Changed its AOS Representative, phone number or website? Headquarters has been calling the Affiliated Societies to confirm their information for the upcoming Orchid Source Directory. They expect this task to be completed by the middle of September. One of the many benefits of being an Affiliated Society of the American Orchid Society is a free listing in the Orchid Source Directory. This directory is mailed to all members and is available electronically on the AOS website. Some members have told me that they leave their copy of the OSD in their car so they will know what Vendors or Societies are in the area when they are traveling.

I also heard from Headquarters that Societies are taking advantage of the benefit of the insurance certificates that were mentioned in last month's communication— it's a great deal for the societies and for AOS. It only takes a couple of days to secure the certificate for your society. Call Melana Davison at headquarters at 305-740-2013 to get more information on this benefit or to apply for the insurance certificate.

The 2013 AOS Calendars are available now! A portion of the purchase price of each calendar this year will go towards AOS conservation projects. If a Society purchases 12 or more, the cost will be \$8.97 each plus shipping. Call the main number at AOS headquarters and Naya Marcano can take your order! The phone number for Headquarters is 305-740-2010.

Portland Orchid Society invites you to join them with at the Fall AOS Trustees and Members meeting in Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. With Internationally-known speakers, exceptional vendors, locally participating nurseries, eye-catching displays and world-class hospitality, you will remember the experience for years to come. Registration is now open on their website at www.portlandorchidsociety.org. I hope you will support your fellow society and attend the meetings. It provides the perfect opportunity to network, meet Internationally known orchidists or to discover what is truly new and trending in the orchid world.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee