

MOSNEWS

From the Orchid Office



Dendrobium dearei –A beautiful long lasting member of the section Formosae (Grown by Randall Bayer, photographed by F. Brem)

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VP & Program Chair's Corner

As the year ends we can take a step back and reflect on our local and guest speakers and the exciting topics they covered! We have learned much about Growing Under Lights, The Weird and Wonderful, how to grow Vandas from an expert, The First Ladies and Their Cattleyas and The Magnificent Stanhopeas! We want to thank everyone who helped make this past year a memorable one and look forward with anticipation to a wonderful and exciting new year in 2014!!

Jimmy Harwell, VP & Program Chair

MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2014 CALENDAR

January	01/26	2:00	Susan Wilson	Lycastes
February	02/23	2:00	Deb Delmas	Appreciating Furan
March	03/23	2:00	-	Society Orchid Swap
April	04/27	2:00	Robert Wayne with Roberts Flower Supply	
May	05/25	2:00	-	31st Annual Memphis Orchid Society Show & Sale
June	06/22	2:00	-	Green Growers and New Members Appreciation/Orientation Day
July	07/27	2:00	Mark Reinke with Marble Branch Orchids	
August	08/24	2:00	Unannounced	
September	09/28	2:00	Fred Clark	Mini and Compact Cattleyas
October	10/26	2:00	Barry Jones, AOS Judge	Space Saver Orchids
November	11/23	2:00	Unannounced	
December	12/08	2:00	-	Memphis Orchid Society Holiday Party

Memphis Orchid Society 2013 Calendar

1/27 'The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and The Black Orchid'
Film

2/24 Ernie from Enlightened Orchids - Growing Orchids the Enlightened
Way'Growing Under Fluorescent Lights

3/24 Orchid Swap, Sell & Auction

4/28 **Peter Lin from Diamond Orchids**

May 17-19 Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale
Orchids Around the World

6/23 Dr. Forrest Brem - Green Growers and New Members
Appreciation / Orientation Day

7/28 Dr. Martin Motes - A Bright Future for Vandas

8/25 Art Chadwick From Chadwick and Sons Orchids - 'First Ladies and their
Cattlevas 1929 to present'

9/22 Linda Wilhelm - The Magnificent Stanhopeas

10/27 Harry Phillips from Andy's Orchids

11/24 Tom Mirenda - Smithsonian Institute

12/8 Christmas Party

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MOS Classified Ads

One of my favorite vendors is Exotic Orchids of Maui. (Mauiorchids.com) Recently I started to place an order, but I found they had started a new \$100 minimum order rule. I did not have that large an order, but I thought I would ask if anyone else wanted some plants from them to create the \$100 amount. If you are interested in ordering some plants from them, email me with the plant list, and we can split the shipping. (dougma@bellsouth.net) Just let me know if you have questions.

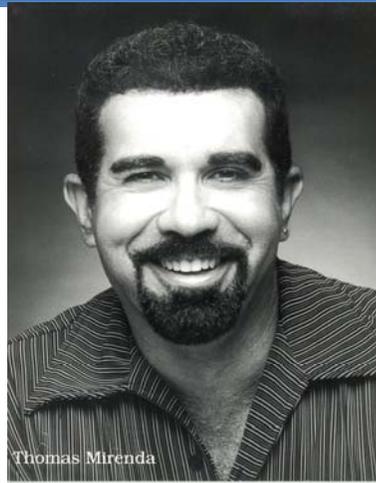
- Have a plant that needs a good home or want to arrange a vendor order, email me (fbrem@memphis.edu) and I will post it in the MOS Classifieds. Ads are free!!!

The Detling Report

We had a good turnout for the October meeting with 39 members, one visitor, and one speaker. Our visitor, Marci McAlister, says she doesn't do well growing orchids, but she loves to paint them. We made sure she met our own Cathy O'Brien who grows as well as paints. Marci enjoys working in oils while Cathy prefers watercolors. Our next step is to convince Marci there is a real advantage to growing her own models!

See you all in November when Tom Miranda from the Smithsonian joins us for another great program.

Bill and Nancy



Tom Miranda

Tom Miranda has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institute for the last 10 years.

There he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. His position includes developing and producing huge educational exhibits using the collection plants that last up to 4 months visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Trained originally as a Marine Biologist, Tom made the switch to plants and orchids in his late 20s while living in Hawaii. Since then he has worked with orchids at NY Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and an extensive private collection at Greentree Estate in Long Island. Tom was also the floor manager at the New York International Orchid Show for many years during this period. For the last 6 years, Tom has contributed two columns each month for ORCHIDS magazine and is developing a new book based on those writings. Tom travels frequently around the US and internationally making presentations to diverse audiences, from scientists to the general public, about orchid ecology, pollination biology, strategies for orchid conservation. He is passionate about seeking collaboration between the worlds of Botanic Gardens, the hobbyist community, commercial growers and scientists to work together toward the goal of protecting orchids and their habitats. Currently working on a project to coordinate and centralize North American orchid conservation efforts, Tom hopes to extend the influence to other parts of the world where orchids are imperiled.

FEATURED ORCHID - NOVEMBER

SPIRANTHES CERNUA

Spiranthes cernua

Spiranthes are commonly known as ladies' tresses orchids are a genus of about 45 known species and can be found inhabiting moist sunny soils. They have a wide distribution and can be found in the Americas, Eurasia, and Australia. The species pictured, *Spiranthes cernua*, has been growing alongside my *Sarracenia* for about 5 years. Starting from 5 small tubers I now have over 50 of these in my bog garden. They grow well in acidic, moist, sunny conditions and can make a home in many soil types, as long as they are loose and well draining. Some species of *Spiranthes* can be quite common and have even been found growing in peoples yards. The spiraling inflorescences are a delight in the fall and I have found this particular species very easy and rewarding to grow. If you are interested in trying one please let me know.

Forrest Brem



October Meeting Minutes:

Jimmy Harwell opened the meeting as Forrest Brem was absent due to the death of his Grandfather. No news for the 2014 Show and Sale. Congratulations to Rory for her first newsletter!! We had one visitor, reported. Arrangements for the Christmas Party have not yet been finalized. Debra will send an email once everything is confirmed. As requested, Debra checked with AOS and was advised 2014 calendar was not issued.

Harry Phillips from Andy's Orchids is this month's speaker on Mounted Orchids. In addition to a wonderful selection of plants for sale, Harry gave an informative presentation on mounted orchids. In our area during the summer it would be ok to water mounted plants in the evening after a hot day. As in nature the morning starts cool and misty, then heats up during the day with rain in the afternoon/evening. Plants would welcome a cool down during the evening. Mounting options. Hardwood is the preference, the harder the wood the longer it will last. Dense tree fern and plastic net baskets also work with a good quality Sphagnum Moss. 12-pound fishing line is preferred. Water the plant and mount completely until the mount is saturated. Temperature is important to monitor in each area regardless if using a greenhouse or indoor growing area. Harry also emphasized that hygiene is important, wear disposable gloves and use single edge razor blades changing several times to prevent the spread of disease. He also showed how to mount an orchid.

Show and Tell: Plants were presented for Show and Tell from Ellen Watson, Judy Holzer, Melissa Garner, Doug Mallory, Lee Ann Burton, Randy Bayer, Mark Mills and Marcus Valentine. The Plants of the Month went to Doug Mallory for his *Catasetum schunkei*, and a tie between Mark Mills for his *Cirrhopetalum Elizabeth Ann* "Buckleberry" and Marcus Valentine for his *Alba Phalaenopsis*.

MOS Announcements:

The Memphis Orchid Society Holiday Party

You and your guests are invited to The Memphis Orchid Society annual holiday party and silent auction starting at 2pm, Sunday, December 8, 2013. Mark Mills has generously offered to host the party at his lovely home at 4851 Fleetview Ave., Memphis. Please bring two silent auction items of your choice, (orchid-related or not) and a dish to share. We'll share a meal, festive atmosphere and a great time bidding on auction items! This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. It's what funds our marvelous monthly speakers so don't forget that checkbook! For any questions or further information please contact Co-Chairs Susan Wilson at susanwilsonrn@gmail.com or Barbara Baker at bbaker483@comcast.com.

- Items from Debra Baker: Fertilizer is now available at \$4.00 per bag. If you would like a Memphis Orchid Society Name Tag, the cost is \$8.00 for a pin tag and \$10.00 for a magnet tag.
- Please come to the meeting on 11/24 prepared to sign up for food or drinks for one of the 2014 meetings. As a reminder, we're keeping refreshments SIMPLE! Not a big spread, but chips & dip, cheese & crackers, cookies, fruit, etc. You will have 3 options for signing up:
 - Savory snacks (chips & dip, cheese & crackers, etc.)
 - Sweet snacks (cookies, brownies, fruit, etc.)
 - Drinks (4-5 2-liter bottles)

You can always pair up with someone else to share the fun!

If you're bringing snacks, please bring plates & napkins as well - we usually have 35-40 people at the meetings. If you're bringing drinks, please bring cups and something to put ice in - we can get ice in the kitchen, but there's nothing to put it in.