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President's Message

Fall has just begun and it seems everything is speeding up as we get ready for a number of events and activities in October. Also remember that, if you had your orchids outside during the summer, you need to start thinking about bringing them in well before any frost event, which usually can occur as early as mid-October. Check out each plant and get them sprayed and cleaned up so no bugs come into the house as part of the transfer.

Important: Due to plans to support two Orchid Shows the weekend of October 11-12, the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of CHAOS for OCTOBER has been cancelled. Let us know if you can bring plants to display at NCOS or for sale at the Crozet show and later in the month at Snow's Fall Festival asap. See contact points below.

Please note on your calendars that CHAOS will be participating in the NCOS orchid show in Washington DC October 10-13. Jeff Morris is in charge of that event so if you have plants to display or want to help Jeff with the society display, please contact him directly to offer your help at <orchidstoo@welec.com>. CHAOS also will have its fall show and display again at the Tabor Presbyterian Church in Crozet October 11-12 to coincide with the fall Crozet Arts & Craft Festival. We are grateful to Eleanor Mantano <ematano@centurylink.net> and Alba Shank <albashank@comcast.net> who have kindly volunteered to co-chair this event for us. Finally, to round out the month of October we again will have an orchid sale as part of the Snow's Garden Center Fall Festival, for October 24-25. Larry Eicher <tuzlu@comcast.net> will coordinate this event. If you have plants for sale, or wish to display your plants at these events, please contact the coordinators directly. Please check your calendars and let us know then which programs you can assist. A listing of volunteers will be updated via our general email list to all members.

Another reminder that CHAOS Board elections will be coming up this fall for terms beginning January, 2015. It's time for each CHAOS member to examine how he/she might help out your society and think about filling some of the seats that are coming vacant in 2015. At present time the offices of President, Treasurer and Secretary will become vacant in 2015 so we need people to step forward to keep CHAOS moving. Also vacant at this time is the position of Webmaster for our orchid society website.

Returning for next year will be Jeff Morris and Neale Merriman as 1st and 2nd Vice President, Brenda Steigman as Program Director, as well as CJ Benason for Publicity, Stella Erickson as our photographer, and Robyn Voytilla as our Newsletter Editor. Larry Eicher plans to continue as AOS Liaison unless someone else wishes to take on that job. If you are interested in joining the Board, or wish to nominate another member to a post, please contact any current Board member.

Larry Eicher

2014-15

Oct 12, 2014	Meeting Cancelled To allow members to attend the Crozet Orchid Show at Tabor Presbyterian to work or purchase plants - or to attend the NCOS Orchid Show and Sale in Washington, DC
Nov 9, 2014	Garland Hansen Miniature Orchids and Stanhopeas
Dec 14, 2014 3:00 pm	CHAOS Holiday Social Members bring pot luck and a table decoration or corsage including orchids. Members can bring plants to sell. <i>Need a host house or hall.</i>
Jan 11, 2015	Round Table Discussion
Feb 8, 2015	Art Chadwick "The 14 First Ladies"

Meeting Information

Location: **Our Lady of Peace Retirement Community**
751 Hillsdale Drive,
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Time: 1:00 pm (Setup - 12:00 pm)
We will have to clean up and be out of the room by no later than 3:30 pm.

No food will be permitted at this venue.
Drinks for refreshments will be permitted

We will still need to solicit volunteers to bring drinks only for refreshments. This change will make for an easier and faster cleanup.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11-12, 2014**Crozet Fall Show and Display**

Volunteers needed for our fall show and display located at Tabor Presbyterian Church.

Eleanor Mantano (ematano@centurylink.net) and

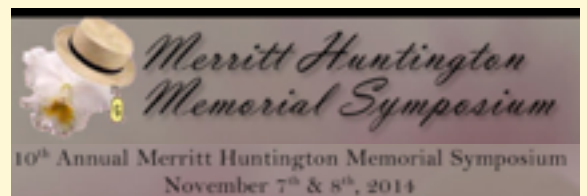
Alba Shank (albashank@comcast.net) are co-chairs for this event

October 11-13, 2014**NCOS Orchid Show and Sale**

CHAOS is an exhibitor for this show. Please contact Jeff Morris (orchidstoo@welec.com) for information on how to help with setup, plants for display, etc.

October 24-25, 2014**Snow's Garden Center Fall Festival**

Larry Eicher (tuzlu@comcast.net) will coordinate this event. Plants for sale and volunteers needed.



For More Details: mhsymposium.org



For More Details: ncos.us



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Monthly Checklist for September and October

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.



Cycnoches chlorochilon
The green swan orchid.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.



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Dendrobium Burana Stripe is a popular and easy phalaenopsis-type hybrid.

Rhynchostele bictoniensis

Both *Rhynchostele bictoniensis* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bictoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: sulphureum (green with white lip), album (brown with white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in Odcdm. Bittersweet and Odm. bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.



Rossioglossum grande shows off its large, dramatic flowers.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.



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American Orchid Society 2014 Fall Members' Meeting
in conjunction with the
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- Daily Show Admission (*Friday, Saturday & Sunday*)
- Preview Party (*Thursday*)
- Lectures (*Friday & Saturday*)
- Slipper Orchid Symposium Luncheon (*Saturday*)
- Slipper Orchid Symposium Barbeque & Auction (*Saturday*)
- Breakfast & Open House at Krull-Smith (*Sunday*)

LECTURES FEATURING:



Manolo Arias

"Solving the Mysteries of
Phragmipedium kovachii
Culture"



Chen-Chung Chen

"Multifloral
Paphiopedilums in
Taiwan"



John Doherty

"A Beautiful Mess:
Growing & Flowering
2,263 Inches of Petals"



Robert Fuchs

"Vandaceous
Intergeneric Hybrids:
Where we Stand
Today"



Peter Lin

"Novelty *Phalaenopsis*
Hybridizing"



Rick Lockwood

"What do Orchids
Eat?"



Gary Meyer

"*Dracula* Culture and
Taxonomy"



David Off

"*Cattleya* Collecting in
the 21st Century"

Don't Miss The...
"Spooktacular"

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SHOW &
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Saturday, November 1, 2014
Sunday, November 2, 2014
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Expect to be awed by stunning
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judged by certified American
Orchid Society judges. Don't
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Location:

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600 N. Lake Destiny Drive
Maitland, Florida 32751
P#: (407) 660-9000
www.sheratonorlandonorth.com

Show Admission: \$5 (Daily)
Complimentary Parking

**For Complete Details & Event
Schedule, Visit:**

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www.slippersymposium.com

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Orchids and Art

Sale and Display



Sponsored by the
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Pickford-Chiles Fellowship Hall

Tabor Presbyterian Church

5804 Tabor Street, Crozet, VA 22932

Saturday, October 11 / 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, October 12 / 12 pm - 6 pm

*Buy orchids. Get tips and
troubleshoot problems with
experienced orchid growers!*



Charlottesville Orchid Society



*Join us for a **CHAOS** Meeting !!!*

CHAOS invites you to join us as our Guest because you enjoy orchids!

What's in it for you:

- Speakers who address multiple topics of interest related to orchids and growing them
- A show table that allows you to see (and smell!) blooming orchids grown by our members, AND discussion by experienced orchid growers about how those orchids grow and thrive
- Networking with friendly and welcoming people who enjoy orchids and plants, and grow orchids in their own greenhouses or in homes
- Frequent options to purchase beautiful orchids to grow yourself
- A raffle in which you may win an orchid plant for as little as \$1.00
- The option of joining our organization as a member yourself

When: Usually the second Sunday of each month, September through June, from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Check our website (<http://cvilleorchidsociety.com/>) to confirm a date.

Where: Our Lady of Peace Retirement Community, located at 751 Hillsdale Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901

Hope to see you at our next meeting !