

Cape Fear Orchid Society

DECEMBER 2018



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6:00 pm

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SHOW TABLE!

CHINESE AUCTION!

**HOLIDAY
MEETING!**

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HOLIDAY MEETING!

Wednesday Dec. 12 - 6:00 pm.

The Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Dr., Wilmington

DINNER: Please bring a dish to share... enough for both you and a guest (if you bring one) and extra to pass. CFOS will provide the meat.

SHOW TABLE: YES! Have a blooming orchid? Bring it! We will have an abbreviated description.

CHINESE AUCTION. Bring a new or nice item from home—garden item, plant, etc., or other item that needs a new home.

HOW A CHINESE AUCTION WORKS:

1. Take the item you brought to the designated area.
2. A cup will be placed in front of each item.
3. Members purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
4. Place your ticket(s) in the cup(s) in front of the item(s) you wish to win.
5. At program time, a ticket will be drawn from each cup. The winner will keep the item.
6. The unpulled tickets from the cups will be placed in a container and winners will be pulled until all additional items are gone.

NOTE: **PLEASE** IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP TO COME TO THIS MEETING OR CONTACT GRACE MANKER to let her know and you would like to come anyway, let Grace know ASAP!

Grace Manker: 910-547-4197
RN56GE@yahoo.com

Set-up will start about 5. Come help, if you can!



Best in Show Standard Size

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Best in Show Std.
Fredclarkeara
Julio David Rios
owned by
Kathi LaBash



Second to Best in Show Standard
Bllra. Marfitch
'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS
owned by
Jonathon Ibasco & Tyler Googe

Second to Best in Show Standard
Vanda Kanchana
'Lavender Mist'
owned by
Tyler Googe & Jonathon Ibasco

TIE!



Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants

(over 10 inches tall or wide)

Proud Owner is Kathi Labash

with her gorgeous plant, *Fredclarkeara*

Julio David Rios. I must say that this plant was amazing with three large flower spikes coming from the same bulb. Each spike had about 10 or more almost totally black flowers with good substance. I have never seen three spikes on one bulb before on a *Catasetum* type hybrid; no not even at a flower show. To me that indicates exceptional growth of a plant and an exceptional grower. This seems like it is probably award quality for a Certificate of Cultural Excellence to the owner of the plant. Also of note is how much larger the blooming growth is compared to previous growths; another indication of good growing conditions. I did do some research on the hybrid and as of date of my AOS database (2017) that particular cross has not yet received any awards. At this point I can't comment on the flower quality as I don't have a lot of comparables available. So Kathi may want to get busy and submit it for AOS judging if it is that good that when it comes in bloom next year. This *Fredclarkeara* hybrid is a combination of *Mormodina* Leopard Drop x *Catasetum* Donna Wise. *Mormodina* again is a combination of *Mormodes* x *Clowesia*. So this is considered a complex hybrid. Strangely enough one of the parents is basically green which did not carry through to the hybrid and the other is basically burgundy with darker spots. Result is one of Fred's famous "black" hybrids. I think there are several of us in the club (including but probably not limited to Kathi, James, Ann M. and myself) who have recently been totally thrilled with these types of hybrids. Some are so weird that they are just gorgeous and this group yields the blackest hybrids so far in the orchid family. Hybrids with Frilly Doris in the background will have fringe on the lip which is really sweet. Julian, a member from years ago, was the first one in club interested in anything in this group. He specifically liked the related genera, *Gongora*, which sends flower spikes through the bottom of baskets with fiber liners. (Cont'd over.)

How to grow these complex hybrids: Starting January 15th, water MUST be withheld, even if there are leaf blades remaining on the bulbs but most have already been dropped. If they have already dropped all blades, watering should have been decreased earlier in December. If watering is continued at regular volume all winter, the plant will surely die. (I have already set 3 of my plants on a high side bench where they will get no water at all because then I would be watering my birds, who don't like winter baths.) Water must be withheld until late spring and a new growth has emerged and the roots are no less than 4 or 5 inches long. That is also the only time to repot as these plants will never put new roots on old bulbs, even though they will remain green and continue to photosynthesize. These plants will do well in pots or baskets; just be careful when repotting to not damage the new roots. Watering before repotting will soften the roots up a bit. They should do well in most any type of bark mix with excellent drainage. If the old bark is rotting, it will not hurt to remove most of it. Mid-May is the time to start watering heavily. If you happen to have a species/hybrid which never drops any leaves, then just reduce watering slightly.

Standard Size Second to Best is a tie between *Blrra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'* AM/AOS with owners **Jonathon Ibasco & Tyler Googe and *Vanda Kanchana 'Lavender Mist'*, again the same.**

First time this combination of winners and owners has occurred that I know of. The first plant likely is the most popular *Beallara* ever with the best color combination ever and is named after Charles Marden Fitch who is probably a name known to most long time orchid growers. He is also one of the official photographers for AOS orchid awards. This is an orchid on a stick (branch) with Spanish Moss and very well grown with one flower spike having about four large lavender flowers with a patch of white and purple dots on the lip. It looks like the plant wants to grow the whole way around the stick which would be great because there would be 360 degrees of flowers when the plant is really large.

The *Vanda Kanchana* is a rather large plant with great roots and with one spike of about 6 white flowers with a great blue lip. The flower shape is a bit open and the spacing on the stem is not quite as well arranged as could be, but it is really hard to get a good white *vanda*. I suspect that this will have multiple spikes on next blooming when getting even taller. This plant needs a lot of water to thrive; a mister on the roots is a good thing to have when growing these outdoors in the summer. Watch this one grow to hit the roof.



Information on the winners in both classes and photos are provided by Carol Shores.

Best in Show Miniature Class

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Best in Show Mini

Onc. Twinkle 'Red'
owned by
James Maeda

Miniature to Small Size Best in Show Table -

Onc. Twinkle 'Red' is owned by James Maeda. This particular clone of Twinkle seems to have a more compact growing habit with some modifications on the lip compared to most Twinkles. I do like the shape and compactness of the flower spike in this plant. It will have hundreds of flowers when large as the spikes should branch.



Second to Best in Show Mini

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
owned by
Laura Overstreet

Miniature Size Second to Best -

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird' owned by Laura Overstreet. We have seen this plant by Laura before. It is commendable in that it keeps sending out new flower spikes. *Neostylis* hybrids are very popular due to their floriferous-ness and compact size and is relatively free flowering. This clone is very popular because of the blue color. *Neostylis* is a combination genera of *Neofinetia falcata* and *Rhynchostylis (retusa??)* species. Hundreds of named clones of *Neofinetia* are available for the *Neo.* enthusiast. I think they are intermediate growers, very adaptable to many conditions as long as not too cold and mounted on a bed of sphagnum and not overwatered.

CFOS Show Table Winners - Nov. 2018

Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 10 inches tall or wide)

Plant

Standard Size Best in Show Table

Fredclarkeara Julio David Rios

Owner

Kathi Labash

Standard Size Second to Best - tie

Bllra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS

Ibasco & Googe

Vanda Kanchana 'Lavender Mist'

Ibasco & Googe

Class Winners - Standard Size

Cattleya/L/Br alliance

First

Bc. Binosa x Little Stars

James Maeda

Second

Blc. Hsinying Greenworth "NN"

Ibasco & Googe

Dendrobium

First

Den. sanderae var. luzonicum

Byron Price

Second

Den. Thailand Stripe

Ibasco & Googe

Encyclia/Epidendrum/Maxillaria

First

Epi. Mivra Valley

James Maeda

Gongora/Cyno/Stanhopia Alliance

First

Fdk. Julio David Rios

Kathi Labash

Miltonia Alliance

First

Bllra. Marfitch 'Howards Dream' AM/AOS

Ibasco & Googe

Second

Miltonia Hoolulu 'Warren's Best'

Byron Price

Oncidium Alliance

First

Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'

Linda Hutchison

Second

Onc. Sharry Baby

Joyce Pennock

Phalaenopsis

First

Phal. N.O.I.D. Purple

Carol Shores

Second

Phal. N.O.I.D. Purple & white

Grace Manker

Terrestrials

First

Calanthe votila

James Maeda

Phaio. Kryptonite

Kathi Labash

Vanda

First

Vanda Kanchana

Ibasco & Googe

Best in Show Table - Miniature to Small Size Plants (under 10 inches wide or tall)

Plant

Owner

Miniature to Small Size Best in Show Table -

Other mini 2 no entry Actually was Onc. Twinkle 'Red'

James Maeda

Miniature Size Second to Best -

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'

Laura Overstreet

Class Winners - Miniature to Small Size

Neostylis Minis

First

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'

Laura Overstreet

Second

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'

Joyce Pennock

Other/Rare Minis

First

Onc. Twinkle 'Red'

James Maeda

Second

Aer. mystacudii x Aer. kotschyana

Carol Shores

Show Table results tabulated and reported each month by Jane Ranney.

Only categories with entries listed in results. Name checks by Carol Shores.





Speaker Notes November 2018— Brenda Oviatt spoke to us on Angraecoid orchids and the status of environment in Madagascar. Brenda's business, Botanica LTD of Missoula, Montana, specializes in rare and endangered species, especially Angraecoids native to Madagascar. She shared much information about the plight of the environment in Madagascar and feels that it is the duty of more fortunate citizens of the world to contribute to the conservation of species that are being threatened. For details of the factors threatening the environment in Madagascar, please google Madagascar environmental situations or try these links:

<http://photos.wildmadagascar.org/images/pictures/>
<https://www.usaid.gov/madagascar/environment>
<https://www.worldwildlife.org/places/madagascar>

Rare and endangered species can be helped both through contributions and field work (in situ) and through growing the species in a protected environment (ex situ). If you prefer to contribute financially Brenda suggested <https://www.durrell.org/wildlife> as a good recipient.

If you prefer to help protect these plants ex situ Brenda offered hints for growing Angraecoids—members of the vandaceous tribe. She encouraged us to begin by avoiding illegally collected plants. She reminded us that the GPS app on cameras can help poachers find the rare orchids when they are posted on line. Finally she reminded us that what works in Montana might not work in coastal North Carolina.

The roots of angraecoids are very temperamental, and all care should be taken not to damage them. They should be thick with green growing tips. They should only be repotted when there is new growth. The less they are disturbed the better. Never trim the roots or try to pry old media off them. Soak the roots in water until they are pliable, about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, and then carefully coil them into the smallest pot possible without cracking them. Even with all this care it might be a year before new growth is seen. If you notice damage to the roots or root tips shorten, change something that you are doing—water, media, etc.

Dormancy varies a great deal amongst the species Aerangis. It usually occurs right after blooming and may last as long as 6 months. In general the smaller the roots the less dry they should be kept. Even during the dry season these plants like high humidity. Brenda likes to mount these directly on cork with 2lb. test fishing line with the moisture pad over the roots rather than between the plant and the mount. As the plant grows, attach the mount to a larger one rather than trying to pry the plant off the mount.

Botanica LTD Orchids is located in Missoula, Montana. They can be reached at: 406-721-3256 and they have a website and a Facebook page.

Ed. Note: Many thanks to Linda Swanson for writing the speaker notes from November!

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November 2018

***Co-president Price** called the meeting to order at 7:22.

***Grace Manker** passed around a sign-up sheet for the potluck dinner which will be held at 6:00 on December 12. There will be a short meeting, election of officers, and a show table. There will also be a Chinese Auction. Items donated for the auction do not have to be orchid related. Dues will also be accepted at this meeting.

***Treasurer Laura Overstreet** reported a current balance of \$4436.26.

***Co-president Price** announced that the slate of officers for 2019 would not be presented until December.

***Ann McGee** will be taking over the newsletter. Please give her all the help you can.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Swanson
Secretary

Nominations for 2019
Officers

Pres. Byron Price
Vice Pres. Pamela Layne
Secretary: Linda Swanson
Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Nominations
will be accepted from the floor if
such persons have agreed
to serve in the specific position
before being nominated in this
manner.

If no further nominations come forth, a motion will be made to elect the officers by acclamation. If seconded and passed, the new officers will stand as stated above.

Many thanks to these people for serving and to the nominating committee for their efforts.

Members	Show Table	Points	November 2018	Previous Nov.	Total
Mark Galizio;	5	0	5		
Kate Bruce					
Jeff&Jennifer Gibby	25	0	25		
Tyler Googe	149	31	180		
& Jonathon Ibasco					
Gary Guthrie	29	0	29		
Doug Hughes	10	0	10		
Linda Hutchison	0	10	10		
Polly Kopka	10	0	10		
Kathi LaBash	0	23	23		
Jim Lanier	59	5	64		
Pamela Layne	88	0	88		
Merry MacBarb	8	0	8		
James Maeda	143	35	178		
Grace Manker	25	8	33		
Laura Overstreet	69	15	84		
Joyce Pennock	75	11	86		
Anita Potts	8	5	13		
Byron Price	43	13	56		
Bill Shober	5	0	5		
Carol Shores	115	13	128		
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	103	0	103		

**2019
DUES...
are due.
Still \$25**

(Only \$2.08 per meeting!)

[This includes a second person living in the same household.]

Please pay Treasurer Laura Overstreet in Dec. or January to keep your membership current!



Why dues? Because speakers cost money every month. Cost for the Presentation; cost for overnight accommodations; cost for sharing the cost for speaker's transportation.

Although our treasury looks good, we can easily wipe it out in one year. Members want good information. We hunt for speakers who will give the society just that!

All that to say please rejoin!

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Wilmington

PROGRAM:
Holiday Meeting!
Election of Officers
Show Table
Chinese auction



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