Next meeting: **Sunday FEBRUARY 13, 2011 at 1:30 PM at**  
The **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy, (Rt. 151) East Falmouth MA 02536(White fences on North side of Hwy.)

**CAIOS presents**

**A CAROUSEL(OR 2) OF ORCHIDS**

*WITH JEFF BOOKBINDER*

As President of our friends at the Ocean State Orchid Society, Jeff has collected favorite slides (remember them?) and we welcome his choices and comments. Yr. ed. has known Jeff as a fine grower and active member of the Pilgrim Colony Orchid Society. He is a real contender at PCOS auctions and a friend.

Bring Show Table Plants as usual and would MEMBERS M---Z try to top culinary Show hero Del Thurston with munchies, to feed the ravenous horde of orchoholics. A small raffle will take place and there will be books, friends, orchid gossip and a report on the Society Show, and a chance to sign up for Boston Show Crew and for the March Meeting greenhouse trip.

**2011 Orchid Odyssey Show Roundup:** from Tina, our fearless Show Leader

Well it was an experience I won't soon forget - due to storms during the week the normal work schedule was pushed up a day. So I must thank the gentlemen and ladies who were able to help out even on short notice. I’m not sure what we or the vendors would do without Mike SULLIVAN. He can do most anything and moves like the wind, can carry heavy plants and makes the best clam chowder from clams he dug earlier in the week. He can fix and build just about anything and even has a Construction Supervisors License so if you have construction needs give him a call 508 775 4694.

Del Thurston, the 'MAN', manning the Hospitality Room who does all - with a smile. A prominent duty is to make many, many pots of hot coffee. I am sure he is really tired of drip filters, sliced meat and cheese in addition to the myriad of items brought to the hospitality room for all of us to enjoy.

Dave Nicholson, our Show Judging Chairman this year, did a superb job of adjusting the teams on the fly since there were numerous cancellations. I really appreciate the extra time the judging teams put in reviewing the exhibits for the various show trophies. Thank you all who judged and clerked your efforts are appreciated. One special note of thanks to Bruce & Olga Hausser who they are the best plant spotters anyone has ever experienced!

Special Thanks to Joanna Eckstrom, Dick Phillips, Nimtuk and Adrienne Giovino. They are to be commended this year for the smooth pre-registration and onsite registration for plant judging. As many of you know it is not always easy to make computers and motor vehicles obey in cold weather! I bet Nim knows the names of many obscure orchids now.

Long time members John and Kathie Porteous who have faithfully shown up year after year to photograph the AOS Awarded plants and exhibits. Not a trivial task given the list of requirements and photo gear that needs to be hauled in every year. Plus they were assigned an additional task to take individual photos of each exhibit so we could create a poster for the Professional and Hobbyist categories for the Members Choice Award Voting area. Kathie was nice enough to show up early to clerk as well. Thank-you both for everything you do.

We need to thank the workers on the CAIOS display this year they outdid themselves this year! Val Knott provided the fantastic huge containers (from Haskell's Nursery in New Bedford) and many hours of labor. Jean Cochrane, Marsha Fredericks and Lucille Pavel were primping and mossing pots for hours. Thanks to our exhibit designers Jo Mayzel and Elizabeth Wolff. But the focal point of the display was the FANTASTIC Arbor from Walpole Woodworkers. I want to specially thank their great manager Rick Kolbert. What a professional it was a joy to work with him and his crew. Plus they have a very high quality product and their customer service is excellent. Please consider Walpole Woodworks when considering any outside project, everything is custom built for each customer.
We need to thank Nim for everything she does: bank displays, web page management, sign creator, judging data entry in addition to her leadership and management of the Instant Raffle Table. I want to thank all who helped make the instant raffle table a success once again!

Thank you Cathy Fewore for making a quick trip to Country Gardens for replacement bamboo poles as well as being a master label maker. In addition to staffing the Membership table along with Nancy Burtis and a few others who are very good at getting new people to join our group.

The front Admissions desk was handily managed by Nancy Couts and Jean Cochrane. Of course Nancy's management skills are superior and vast which clearly showed! The teams of people who regularly work Admissions did a fantastic job! Of course we could not run the Admissions, Raffle and Membership stations without our excellent accounting team of Joyce Kodis and Treasurer Jack Martinelli. We must also thank Joyce Kodis for continuing to manage the Banquet Reservations and creating a wonderful watercolor painting for the recipient of Diamond Award of Excellence.

The Wildmans were this year's recipient of the Diamond Award of Excellence ("Honoring a special member with this … award, a glass paperweight in the shape of a diamond, and inscribed "Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence"). Both Monika and Bill have and continue to do many things for CAIOS organization. Of course we all know of Monika's superior baking skills - she is amazing she starts baking at least a month before the event carefully freezing everything for the event. Bill willingly heads up to the Boston Flower market with me very early in the morning for the annual buying trip of ferns, plant sleeves, leaf shine, and wire. Plus he and Monika transport the ferns after the show to their temporary home so they can be used up at the Boston Flower Show.

(Ed.) -- Many are the unsung heroes that worked for the Show. Their names disappear under the weight of furious activities, so, if you aren’t mentioned, it is only because the world was too much with us to jot names down; bless you all!

**Awards to:**

**CAIOS**
- AOS Show Trophy – Best Exhibit
  - The Orchid Digest Show Trophy ("….may be awarded … to one Noncommercial …. orchid exhibit displaying the highest levels of: Artistry, Flower quality and cultural excellence. (given to encourage the growing of better quality hybrids and species and to encourage their culture.)")
  - AND Most Creative Display – The Laura C. Slavin Award

- **Liz Wolff**
  2nd. Dendrobium kingianum ‘Albert West’

- **Tom Gregg**
  3rd Epidendrum Jubilee
  2nd Lc. Ann Akagi ‘H & R’
  3rd Blc. Goldenzelle ‘Lemon Chiffon’
  1st Odontonia Fiona Isler
  And H R Smith Award – Best Miltonia
  1st Wilsonara Tiger Talk ‘Tango’
  And HCC/AOS 77 pts. (was 75 pts.)

- **Ron Stewart**
  1st Oncidium cheirophorum
  2nd Onc. Twinkle ‘Chian-Try Golden’
  3rd Cymbidium Skukuza - reds
  2nd Cym Red Beauty ‘Evening Star’ - reds
  1st Cym. Minette ‘Green Queen’ X Dag ‘Little Jewel’

- **Siegfried Hirtz**
  1st C. Hybrid

- **Olga Hauesser**
  3rd Paph. venustum X sib

- **Alison Arrouet**
  3rd Oncidium maculatum ‘Paolo’

- **Tina Balog**
  3rd Paph. Toni Semple X Paph. liemanum’ #5’
  2nd Phal. Sogo Meili ‘F’ 1751'
  2nd Phal. Gan Lin Royal-Yellow

**Other Trophies:**

- **Steven Paul Sethares Trophy** for Hobby Phalaenopsis
- **Michael Lincoln Trophy** for Best Bulbo, Coelo, D’chilum
- **Jack Mulder NHOS for Phalaenopsis Deventeriana x Amboinensis Amabilis**
- **The orchidPhile** for Dendrochilum convallariforme
Ralph Giombetti Trophy for Best Cymbidium -Hobby
Todd Drummey
Edith W. Gregg Trophy for best miniature – Hobby
Clifton & Paul Slavin Trophy for Best Cattleya Alliance
Yvonne Arrouet Memorial Trophy for Best Odontoglossum Alliance
Richard &Ellie Phillips Trophy for Best Species - Hobby
J & K. Porteous Trophy for Best Dendrobium
President's Trophy for Best Bloom/Plant
John Balog Memorial Trophy for Best Paphiopedilum alliance

Member's Choice Winners:

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The 2011 Raffle Team ROCKS!!!

Congratulations also to Mike Lincoln for his hefty exhibit ribbon count, to the Dynamic trio of Wisneski, Miller & Moran for their haul of loot and to Dick & Ellie Phillips(&Orchidius), all members with their own exhibits.

Gratefully, show weekend blazed beautiful & sunny. A break from the winter of wonders, (the wonder if it will ever stop snowing,) brought many smiling people through the door and almost past the raffle table.

Of course, who could resist the raffle? A blooming orchid for a $1.00, well a chance at one anyway. Team Raffle worked tirelessly, with great humor and charm to earn nearly $2,000 for the Cape & Islands Orchid Society. That is an awful lot of one dollars!

Moneys raised by the raffle, help CAIOS put our orchid show on for next year.

Thank you everyone who gave their time working at the raffle table this year. Special thanks goes to Marcia Fredricks and Estelle Blake who worked many hours on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you also to Joyce Kodis, Nancy Couts and Monika Wildman who stepped in frequently so I could get off my feet.

The hardest part of working the raffle is smiling and saying thank you to all the people who didn't win. You all have a grace that I can only admire. Wishing you all beautiful healthy blooms on all your orchids! Team Raffle Rocks!

The March Meeting: on March 19th - SATURDAY Field Trip to Westport, MA

(note; no regular CAIOS meeting on March 13th) Plan so far subject to change

We are planning a visit on Saturday the 19th of March to at least three CAIOS members orchid growing set ups. Each grower offers a different method or growing situation. In addition each of these individuals have exhibited annually at the CAIOS show for many years. For many new and experienced growers seeing how someone else grows their orchids is most valuable.

Bill Wisneski grows many types (anraceum, phals, paphs, phrags) of orchids under HID lights in his basement. John Miller 'Mr. Odont' had a greenhouse attached to his house and grows species Cattleyas and cool growing orchids like Odontoglossums. He is also the editor for the Odontoglossum Alliance newsletter.

Dick & Ellie Phillips grow many types of orchids to specimen size in their new state of the art Greenhouse. They will also be our generous host for a late lunch as of this planning stage. Depending on numbers we may split the visits to BilSl and Johns, swap locations in 1 hour and then convene at Dick & Ellie Phillips’ for lunch - Brown bag or ?

In addition there may also be several bonus side trips for those who are interested after the late lunch such as a visit to A & P Orchids in Swansea, Mass.

We do require each of you who are interested to RSVP either at the next CAIOS meeting on Feb 13th (sign up sheet), or by calling or emailing Tom 508 540-2054 or Tina 508 540-5006. We will be meeting at the Barnstable County Fairground Parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for the approximate hour long drive to Westport. What mode of transportation depends on the number of people who RSVP by March 10th. Car pooling seems to make sense if some don’t want to go to A & P orchids. Plans are flexible, final details in March Newsletter. Mark your calendars for a SATURDAY trip!
The Boston Flower & Garden Show: Will be held March 16th - 20th at the Seaport World Trade Center, 1 Seaport Boulevard, Boston MA

Once again Tina is coordinating the All New England Orchid Societies Exhibit at the annual event. This year the theme is Container Gardening! I immediately thought of our fantastic pottery expert Clay Trout Pottery - Kim Barry. I have convinced her to create three different looking designs of her custom hand thrown clay pots. The display is about 200 s.f. and will be divided into three separate areas using her fantastic containers.

As always I need your help to pull this all together. I will have sign up sheets for Set Up, Tear Down, maintaining and staffing the exhibit at the next meeting or you can email tina@plaid.whoi.edu or call me 508 540-5006.

Last year was the first year for the new venue. Clearly it is a different situation than the previous show location but we were lucky to have access to a quite, well lit and heated room to work on grooming and labeling all the orchids. Given the activity on the floor - heavy vehicles moving to and fro it would have been difficult to groom and label on the main floor. So we have reserved the classroom space again.

Set Up:
Sunday March 13 10:00 AM - Delivery of plants by societies, grooming & labeling
Monday March 14 7:00 AM - 5:00PM - Create Fantastic Display of Orchids in Containers
Tuesday March 15 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM - tune up exhibit only if needed.
Sunday March 20 6:00 p.m. Tear Down: Tear down exhibit at Seaport World Trade Center

Of course we will be looking for all your late blooming plants for this fantastic exhibit!

Tina

The New Hampshire Orchid Show is still on, despite a frozen pipe(or finances) at the Radisson Hotel, Nashua NH. Yr Ed. is leaving from the Cape around 10 AM on Thursday, Feb. 10 and plans to take 4-5 ready- setup baskets of labeled plants, mostly from Tina and Yr Ed (Tom Gregg). Anyone wanting to exhibit needs to call me at 540-2054 and get plants to me or Tina 540-5006 by Wednesday, Feb 9.

Remember! American Orchid Society Judging is held Monthly, on first Saturdays at the TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN, BOYLSTON, MASS, NEAR WORCESTER. Come at 10:30 AM for presentations. Enjoy Noon lunch by brown bag or good deli sandwich from nearby farm stand or cafeteria at Tower Hill. In the afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Ski the beautiful arboretum grounds, gorgeous views, big Orangerie and new Limonea Greenhouses! and garden/gift store. You learn a lot by listening + seeing quality plants critiqued by judges. Under 2 hours from Falmouth- Rt 495N to Rt 290W, off at Center/Churchill St, go L or North, nearly to end, Tower Hill on Rt, Free Admission for Orchid Judging attendees, tell the gate guard. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111)

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Membership renewal: As per new regulations, the Renewal for CAIOS is now February. New idea! E-mail edition including color pics! Save the Society postage! Print your own Color Newsletter! Get it earlier! So......, be sure to tell us if you’d like the Newsletter only by cyberspace or both, or mail only. E-mail version will start very soon.
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