January Meeting (New Winter time = 12:30 PM to help travelers and finish earlier):

Penny & Azhar Mustafa of A&P Orchids will present
“Orchid Care and Culture, Including Some Innovative Growing Techniques”

A&P Orchids are innovators of new growing techniques and are perfectionist plantmen. Hybridizing remains a keen interest with their intent to create new hybrids and select superior species plant material. On top of growing the region’s best orchids, they have developed user-friendly potting mixes to facilitate the transition of caring for their plants from their nursery to your home. See their website: http://aandporchids.com/

Yr Ed. recalls one long friendly sunny afternoon spent in the Armory in Arlington, MA, unpacking countless lovely Paphs from Madonna Orchids for Azhar & Penny (Mass O. S. Show). The resulting display was a knockout!. Ever since then, they have had the most impressive selection of gorgeous slippers ever seen. Today they will share with CAIOS pictures and probably some of the best East Coast Paphs available. A&P will be bringing some exceptional plants for sale ... so bring your pocket money! Show & Tell but save plants for the BIG Show! Members M -- Z food please, more lunch oriented if possible

Cover your shivering plants if 'tis cold

When Last We Met: Members enjoyed December’s Annual CAIOS Solstice Party and Auction. Many have acquired new and different plants to grow. We’re looking forward to seeing the members accomplishments at growing these new orchids. It was a jolly time of surprising friendliness! 47 CAIOS types gathered last time to enjoy fine food and each other’s company. It seemed unusually comfy and friendly with hugs, smiles and cheer. The food supply was outstanding and after pigging out, we changed our spots and tore into each other’s pocket books and wallets with vicious abandon. That abandon netted us $2523 for CAIOS use and we especially thank all members who got poorer and plant laden. Thanks to Tim Culbertson for his auctioning and accurate comments on plants. Yr Pres. is sorry to not have let Tim auction more, but he got carried away by the rush.

Kaleidoscope of Orchids, Jan. 25-26, 2014
9AM – 5PM at Resort & Conference Center, Hyannis, 35 Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA 02601 866 828-8259

BRING all your blooming plants or arrange to get them to the Resort on Thursday Jan. 23rd!

Need Your Help: Don’t forget to sign up to volunteer to help at the 2014 CAIOS Show – January 25 & 26 from 9-5 both Saturday & Sunday. If you can not attend a CAIOS meeting, please feel free to call Tina(508 540-5006) or Email her at tina@plaid.whoi.edu. There are many different jobs for all abilities and talents.

Set-up: Volunteers needed to sign up for Thursday to help set up the show and display.
Clerks: More volunteers needed who are willing to Clerk at Judging on Friday morning - don't forget you are treated to the Judges lunch, which is typically very good. Tina(508 540-5006, Email: tina@plaid.whoi.edu) only has 7 people signed up; we normally need about 15-20 people for that task.
**Admission-Raffle-Membership**: Time slots available to work at the Admissions table, Instant Raffle and Membership table for most time slots on Sat & Sunday, especially later in the day from 11-5 all shifts are two hours intervals

**Hospitality Room**

We are also looking for assistance in supplying the hospitality room with great homemade treats for Wed, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. We will have crock pots available to heat items and coolers to keep perishable items cold. The fantastic homemade food and great hospitality is what makes this show so special for the vendors and exhibitors. So let Tina know what you can help out with.

**Breakdown**

Tina really needs help with the END game – of cleaning out the venue. Everything must go somewhere on Sunday evening and not everything goes to the lock-up. Tina has been frustrated more than once about being one of two or three people left at the very end. Hoping desperately that they can fit it all of the stuff into the available vehicles so they don’t have to make a 2nd trip back at 9:00 or 10:00 on Sunday night. Please Sign up and stay to the end for Your Show Chair’s sake!

**Postcards & Posters**: -- Don’t forget to pick up your post cards for mailing to your local friends in your Christmas Cards. Lots of both are available to be picked up at the next meeting

**Judging** list, instructions, and fillable forms will be available at the www.caios.org web site. If you have a problem with the web site forms please contact webmaster Nimtuk, email her from our web page. Pre-registration for plant judging is available until 8:00PMon Jan 20, 2014. To pre-register plants for AOS judging send each form by email to Joanna Eckstrom at Jkeckstrom@comcast.net. If you want to fax forms call first at (603) 654-5070. As many of you know, it is easier to remove a plant from registration than to add an additional group on set-up day. Please take the time & pre-register as many plants as you possibly can, it will save all of us time.

**MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2014 at 8 p.m. – Deadline for Plant pre-registration**

**WEDNESDAY – JAN. 22, 2014**

8:30 AM - meet at lockup and move props & lights to Hyannis set up venue

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 23, 2014**

8 A.M.-9 P.M. Exhibit set up and Plant registration: Bring Plants!
3 P.M.- 6 P.M. No Photography session this year
6:00 P.M. Plant registration deadline

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 24, 2014**

8:30 A.M. Clerk orientation, Judging team formation
9:00 A.M. Deadline for exhibit set up
9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. Vendor set-up in sales area
9:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Ribbon judging followed by American Orchid Society Judging
6:00 P.M. Preview party begins
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Dinner; Awards
After dinner Sales area open

**SATURDAY – JANUARY 25, 2014**

8:00 A.M. Exhibit areas open for grooming
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Show and Sales areas open to members and press for photos & viewing
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Show and Sales area open to public

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 26, 2014**

8:00 A.M. Exhibit areas open for grooming
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Show and Sales areas open to members and press for photos & viewing
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Show and Sales area open to public
5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Breakdown and cleanup

**Members** admission will be by check off on the MEMBERSHIP List at the door, No tickets needed.

**Announcements: CAIOS Feb. Meeting: To be announced**
**CAIOS still needs a volunteer to act as treasurer.** Yr. Pres. has done it in years past and found it to be interesting and not too time consuming. Experience helps of course, but is not necessary. The “Quicken” software is straightforward and a recent computer comes with the job. The main duties are collecting and posting dues, paying bills and managing show funds in and out. Many helpers can be assigned especially at Show time. For the time being, bills and loot to VP Tina Balog, 64 Carol Ave. E. Falmouth, MA 02536 or Yr. CoEd/Pres, Tom Gregg at 26 Pond Rd. Falmouth, MA 02540

*From Tom our Senior (co)Editor:* Please advise the senior editor of any e-mail and address changes so you don’t miss your newsletter! Membership list available.

**Orchids Questions – Answers – Helpful Hints**

Many of the members acquired new plants over the holidays or at our annual auction, which they have no growing experience with. First, thank you for your e-mails with your questions. I have done some research (AOS and other growers) and found the following information, which I hope, is helpful. Should any of the other members have additional hints or comments regarding their experience growing these different varieties please feel free to contact me and I will add the information in subsequent newsletters and/or on our website www.caios.org. Please keep you questions and suggestions coming. I welcome your e-mails, snail mail or talking to you at the meetings. You may contact me via e-mail (OakH35@yahoo.com) (or see me at one of the monthly meetings) with your questions, hints or something you would like to share with the members. In the meantime, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**Dendrochilum magnum** seems to grow easily under Cattleya conditions (60 F nights and 80º F days with bright light). Use a medium similar to what we would use for Paphiopedilums or Oncidiums, and prefer an underpot. Keep evenly moist while in active growth and repot in spring before new growths emerge.

**Masdevallia coccinea** is one that is least tolerant of heat as it originates at fairly high elevations. Days under 80º F and nights in the 50s will suit this plant. It does not seem to have any particular resting period, and tends to flower in late winter and early spring.

**Paphinia herrerae** need day temperatures of 75º to 85º F and night temperatures of 60 to 65º F. and with reasonably high humidity. Paphinias need conditions similar to those required for Phalaenopsis including somewhat subdued light and steady moisture all year. You may wish to transfer your plant to a 4- to 6-inch hanging wooden basket as it matures because the inflorescence, while starting out horizontally, becomes pendent.

**Upcoming Events:**

**February 14-16, 2014:** New Hampshire Orchid Society 23rd Annual Orchid Show and Sale - “Orchid Love Affair” Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH. Speaker program and free guided tours daily Exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork, and more More information on their website www.nhordhics.org CAIOS will go, keep your plants lovely for 2 weeks after the CAIOS Show. Call Tom Gregg with plant offers and when and where to get them to me.

**February 22-23, 2014:** Amherst Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale At the Smith Vocational High School, Northampton, MA - located at 80 Locust Street (Route 9 West) next to the Cooley Dickson Hospital. www.larchhillorchids.com/amherst_orchid_society.html Contact info: marc d gray 802-348-7896 or bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net - Tina will lead the CAIOS pack there, helpers welcome!

**GOT a good plant? American Orchid Society Judging** on first Saturdays at the TOWER HILL BOTANICAL GARDEN, West Boylston, MA, near Worcester. 10:30 AM - student or judges’ presentations. Serious, but often a lot of laughs. Lunch is Brown bag or deli sandwich (nearby farm stand) or good on-site cafe with view. Afternoon, see/join AOS judging. Learn to speak orchid! ? Sled the rolling hills! 495N to 290W, off at Churchill St., Go Rt 3.5 mi., nearly to end, Sign on Rt, Free, just say “Orchid Judging” at gate. (11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505 - 508 869-6111) <90 min. from CC Canal, Easy drive.

**The Orchiata** Bark caper is still on. There’s lots more bark available in the 2 middle sizes: Power 3/8” -1/2 “, suits young and mature orchids, AND Power+ =1/2”-3/4” , suits mature orchids; $25 a bag of 1.4 cu ft.; Tom at 508 540-2054 tf.gregg@verizon.net

**Reminder! CAIOS 25th Annual Orchid Show:** “Kaleidoscope of Orchids” Mark your calendars, Prep your plants! -- Plants needed **Thursday, Jan 23, 2014 at Hyannis.**

Second Warning: The January meeting is at **12:30 PM, NOT 1:30 PM**
BUFFET CHOICES:
Watercress salad with Pears & Blue Cheese
Dijon mustard-Maple Glazed Chicken with bacon and baby onions
Green peppercorn Roast Beef Sirloin with Guinness Mushroom Jus
Poached Salmon with double Licorice Butter and Fennel Pollen
Vegetable Green Beans with Chestnuts
Warm Cranberry Walnut Souffle Cake with brown sugar –Bourbon Glaze & Cheese plate

A No Host Bar will be set up onsite for your convenience by 6:00 p.m.
Dinner is to begin at 7:00 P.M.
To make reservations please remit a check to: Joyce Kodis, P.O. Box 301
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
Dinner Questions? phone (508) 758-2888

No. of people _______ Total @ $45 each ________________
Your Name _____________________________________________
Your Address ___________________________________________
Your reservation will be held at the door for your party
More Show information & directions at www.CAIOS.org

Annual Membership: New and Renewal

Looking for a gift suggestion? Why not give a year membership to CAIOS! Free Entry to our Show!
Membership dues annually, starting in Jan. Feb. 2014 = $20.00 official renewal date is Feb 1, 2014
Each additional member at same address is only $10.00 more.
Forms are also available at meetings
Please mail this form along with a check payable to CAIOS to:
Tom Gregg
26 Pond Road
Falmouth, MA 02332-5206
(Or -- return to any CAIOS Officer at meetings)

Name(s): ________________________________________________
Mailing Address: _________________________________________
Telephone*: ____________________ Cellphone*: ____________________
Email* **: ______________________
(Use for Newsletter and any correspondence, late breaking news, faster, saves CAIOS postage and color will look better)
Newsletter preference: (Please check one) Email: _______ Snail Mail: _________
*Optional

Final Warning: The January Meeting is at 12:30 PM!