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An AOS Affiliated Society

President's Message

The Tidewater Orchid Society will be having its next meeting on February 7, 2010 at 2:00 PM at ODU's Webb Center. We will be meeting in a new room which is 2 rooms to the right of our regular room. It can also be accessed from outside but not from the usual doorways. Our speaker will be Stephen Shifflet from Floradise Orchids. He will be speaking on growing orchids holistically. Stephen is an excellent grower so I am sure we will receive some growing tips and techniques we can put into use in our own collections.

The Tidewater Orchid Society is also sponsoring a lecture to be given at ODU on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 6 PM. The speaker will be Carol Allen who gave us an excellent presentation last year on pests and diseases. She will be talking on "Growing Native Orchids In and Out the Garden". More details such as location will be given out at the regular meeting on Feb. 7th. Dave Bryan is doing an excellent job acting as our liaison with the university and

procuring speakers for the university. Please make an effort to attend so that we can show ODU that we do support them.



Blc. Owen Holmes 'Mendenhall'

I also want to thank each of our members who support our Show Table by bringing their flowering orchids in for display and/or for judging. This is really one of the most educational portions of our meeting.

It shows new members and guests the vast scope of orchids that can be grown here in the Tidewater region. Even though it was really cold last month we had a fantastic showing and I am sure we will have another great showing this month. Don't forget that when you bring in plants you get one additional ticket for our door prizes.

I look forward to seeing you on Feb. 7, 2010 at 2 PM for another wonderful meeting.

Ken Peterson

President

6th Annual Merritt Huntington Symposium



C. Penang 'Black Caesar'

Those of you that attended the symposium this year know what the members that didn't attend missed! (Lot's of fun, orchids & information) Everyone start making plans for next years event. It will be held in conjunction with the AOS Trustee's meeting. This is an important event and we need EVERYONE to attend. More details to follow for or you can go the to symposium website www.mhsymposium.org for more information & updates.

Welcome To Our New Members!

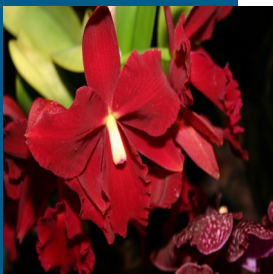
Michael Robison
Donna Bluemink
Madeline Mair
Rebecca Fegan

Member Birthdays



New Beginner Training Classes Are Here Again!

For all of you out there that are interested in different aspects of basic orchid care (those of you that are new or just want to refresh the old brain cells!) There will be more information and a sign-up sheet at the meeting this month. Even if you can't make all of them go to any that you can make. I've taken them and they are great!!!



ODU Lecture Series – Carol Allen - Native Orchids

This will take place in the Mills Godwin Room 101 (former TOS meeting location) on the 9th at 6 PM

Her talk will be on "Native Orchids In and Out of the Garden" which surveys the most prominent of the terrestrial orchids in the Mid-Atlantic states. It tells where they are found, how they grow, their status as to common or endangered and their adaptability to the home garden.

Ms. Allen has been involved in gardening and horticulture since childhood. She has worked in almost all aspects of the horticultural industry and confesses to being a confirmed 'plant-a-holic'. She enjoys teaching people about orchids and their care. She has been an avid orchid hobbyist for over twenty-five years and grows exclusively under artificial lights. Fascinated by the interplay of pest and prey, Carol has continued her education on plant pests and diseases. She is an integrated pest management specialist and a licensed pesticide applicator in the state of Maryland and Virginia. Carol confesses to growing a wide range of plants in and around her home that she shares with cats, chameleons, tropical fish, and pet snakes.

This Month's Meeting

Our speaker this month, Steve Shifflet, is from Floradise Orchids in Gordonsville VA. He will be speaking on growing orchids holistically. He sent me a note letting me know that he will bring a number of orchids from his greenhouse to sell.. Steve is an excellent grower so I am sure we will receive some growing tips and techniques we can put into use in our own collections. If you want to take a trip one weekend to visit to his operation it is an easy 2 to 2 1/2 hour drive from our area. (depending on your 'driving technique'!)

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