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## President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

A new year, 2010, is now upon us and we look forward to another exciting year filled with lectures, fun, educational and social events and more orchids to fill our growing spaces. We will be having the AOS Trustees Fall Meeting here this coming October in conjunction with the Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium. We have our continued excellent monthly speakers and auctions coming up this year and we start anew with our Show Table Judging. Let's make 2010 the best year yet for the Tidewater Orchid Society!

Please make a note now that our January 2010 meeting will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at our usual location in ODU's Webb center, the second Sunday of the month due to the New Years Holiday weekend being the week before. Our speaker will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in California. He will be speaking on catasetums, mormodes, cynoches and their hybrids. We were fortunate to have him speak this last year on Cattleya and we look forward to hearing him speak on this wonderful and bizarre group of orchids. Please take some time before then to go to his web-



Blc. Owen Holmes 'Mendenhall'

site ([www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)) and see the diverse and beautiful breeding he has done within this group as well as the plants being offered in other orchid alliances as well. It is my understanding that we can go online and preorder the plants we want and he will bring them with him. I know there are several I am going to order in advance. Fred will also be bringing a selection of plants for sale at the meeting but you might want to go online and preorder since his plants usually sell out quickly. Fred is an excellent speaker so this meeting should be exciting as well as being quite educational.

Don't forget to bring in your display plants for the Show Table and enter them for judging. You, too, might win one of our categories and get an award at our Award's Banquet next December. We had an excellent banquet last month with some really nice orchids as the prizes for the year's winners as well as more orchids and poinsettias as door prizes plus the food was even better this year than the year before. Thanks to Charles Scott for arranging this banquet. I know I had a wonderful time!

I look forward to seeing you on January 10, 2010 at 2:00 PM!

## 6th Annual Merritt Huntington Symposium



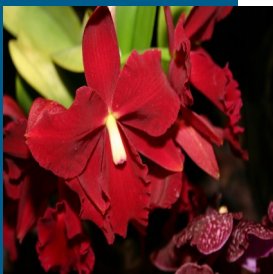
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Those of you that attended the symposium this year know what the members that didn't attend missed! (Lots of fun, orchids & information) Everyone start making plans for next years event. It will be held in conjunction with the AOS Trustee's meeting. 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](http://www.mhsymposium.org) for more information & updates.



### 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!) talk to Mitzi Lipford at the meeting this month. If you prefer to call her phone number is (757) 464-6678. Don't miss these classes! I've taken them and they are great!!!



## January Meeting — Fred Clarke Of SVO

Don't miss the next meeting! (which is the 2ND Sunday this month!!) Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will be talking to us about catasetums, mormodes, cycnoches and their hybrids Those of us that were lucky enough to hear him talk last year about the Cattleya orchids know what a treat this will be. Fred has lots of interesting information that he has acquired with 'hands on' experience. He will be bring a selection of orchids that will be available for purchase. If you want to go to his website at [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com) you can pre-order any orchids that you want . This will insure that you get what you want and he will bring them with him to the meeting. This will save you any shipping charges. He does have great plants so take advantage of this opportunity to expand your collection!

See you on the 10th at 2:00 pm.



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