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MAY 2010

AN AOS AFFILIATED SOCIETY

President's Message

Don't forget that April Showers bring May flowers and May is the time our society has its purchased plant auction so there will be plenty of flowers at our May meeting!

The society has bought many plants from several commercial nurseries and will auction them off on Sunday, May 2, 2010 starting at 1:00 PM.

NOTE: THIS IS ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN OUR REGULAR MEETING TIME.

We will be meeting at our regular meeting place at ODU's Webb Center. Members will have one month to pay but visitors must pay that day. Remember this is one of the major fund raisers for the society and staying on budget depends heavily on this auction so bid high and often. You not only get a plant to take home but you support your society as well. I would like to thank our auction committee chairman, George Heuser, and his assistants for



Blc. Owen Holmes 'Mendenhall'

doing such a wonderful job of obtaining the plants, baby sitting them until the meeting, getting them to the meeting early and

actually performing the auction itself.

This is a lot of hard work and they do an outstanding job year after year.

Please bring your flowering plants to show this month but we will not have our usual informal judging due to time constraints and the plants will be discussed only if time allows.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Ken Peterson, President

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! (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.

Member Birthdays

Clara Spanos - 5/11

Adli Allis - 5/14

David Wheatley - 5/26

Bert Bennett - 5/28

New Member

Brian Stockwell



Paphiopedilum
Golddollar

Paramount Orchids ©

Officer & Trustee Elections

We had our election of officers for the 2010 - 2011 year and two new trustees for the period 2010-2013. The Nominating Committee presented a slate to the members in March and at the April meeting a motion was made, and seconded, to accept the nominated members as presented and the motion was passed. The Officers & Trustees to be installed in June are as follow:

Officers -

President	Ken Peterson
Vice President	Lori Delbridge
Secretary	Roseanne Wade
Treasurer	Sharon Peterson

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Trustees -

Bob DeCoudres & Randy Schonk

Leaving the Board will be Trustees Jamie Krochmal and Gary Mah and I wish to thank them for the service they have provided to the society. Also our current Secretary, Audrey Knall has served for many years as Secretary and has determined it is time to step down from that position. I also wish to thank her for her exemplary service all these years.



Maxillaria teneifolia



Isochilus Linearis

This Month's Meeting

Our Annual Purchased Plant Auction will be our next meeting. This year we have selected plants from 6 sites across the country to get a choice selection of items. New this year is Kalapana Tropical's and Oak Hill. In addition we have plants coming from H&R, Carmela, Windy Hill and Tropical Orchid Farm. There will be a diverse selection of genera, species and choice hybrids, something for everyone to add and expand their collection, whether you already have one or a hundred.

Remember our meeting will begin at 1 pm, Expecting to sell about 175 plants. We should have a list out by the end of the week, so watch your email and review it early. Please print a plant list and bring it with you. We should

be set up by 12:30 for all to peruse their future purchases! My thanks to Dot Pierce, Evelyn and Tony Walch, Cindy and Allan Adair and Dave and Joanne Bryan. They are the folks who receive and catalogue plants for us. And also a big thank you Dave for providing pictures for us to see what our treasures will become, and Sharon Peterson who keeps track (in the chaos of an auction house) of our purchases.

See you Sunday!

George Heuser

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Kiwi Bark

Frank Drew is working on getting another container load of Kiwi Bark sent to him from Fred Clarke in California. Frank got a load awhile back and feels that it is a very superior bark and he has been using it for all the repotting he has been doing this spring. The cost is very competitive with other barks when it is bought by the container load. He is trying to get together a list of people that might/will be interested in acquiring one or more bags of this bark. Please let Frank know your interest by sending him an email at fwDrew@cox.net. This is a quote from Fred Clarke's website regarding the Kiwi Bark. 'Kiwi Orchid Bark is one of the best orchid barks available due to its hard structure and excellent lasting qualities. Kiwi Orchid Bark is produced in New Zealand from managed, renewable forests of *pinus radiata* trees. This is the highest quality bark and is produced to my specifications. It is the best bark I have seen since the late 1980's. It is a hard, clean, uniformly graded, and contains no wood by products. I believe this is the best orchid bark available on the market today.



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Vendor Profile

Pine Ridge Orchids

A couple of issues ago I started my profile on Pine Ridge Orchids and the owners Terry & Barbara Glancy. The various *Catasetinae* plants I received from them are growing like crazy and I will be putting more pictures in the newsletter as they start blooming. Not only do they have great orchids they also have tropical's and unique teas that they sell. Make sure you look through the whole website. They have lots of interesting things to look at. I think one of the most important items is the fact that they use the income from their business not only for normal expenses but they have, over the last 30+ years, been putting in their time, energy & money into both protecting and returning a 15 acre Pine Rockland ecosystem to it's original pristine condition. (before man got a hold of it!) The link to information about their project is <http://www.pineridgeorchids.com/sanctuary.htm>. It is nice to see someone that is trying to improve their surroundings instead of the destruction of ecosystems all over the world that can never be replaced.

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My Orchids From Pine Ridge!

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Bc. Maikai 'Louise'



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