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An AOS Affiliated Society

President's Message

Our October meeting was our usual great success thanks to the great generosity of our members who donated plants for the auction and to those who bid on those plants. Also thanks to our great auctioneer George Heuser and his assistants.

At our November 1, 2009 meeting we will be treated to a talk by Frank Slaughter who has been instrumental in getting the award slides at the American Orchid Society digitized. The TOS has supported this project in the past with some large donations so this will give us a chance to see where this money was spent.

Our Holiday and Awards Banquet this year will again be held at ODU on December 13th in our usual meeting place in the Webb Center Cafeteria. Remember we will NOT be meeting on our usual first Sunday date due to a scheduling conflict. The party will begin with appetizers and a cash bar at 5:30 PM followed by a wonderful buffet dinner (if last year's party was any indication) and then the presentation of Show Table Awards and a review of the plants brought in for display. The cost to the members will be \$25.00 per person with TOS contributing the balance. You may



Blc. Owen Holmes 'Mendenhall'

make your reservations and payments at the November meeting or you can mail you reservation and payment to our treasurer Sharon Peterson, 623 Bartell Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322-5754. I look forward to seeing you at this function so make those reservations! It should be a great time for all.

Don't forget to attend the Merritt Huntington Symposium this year on November 13th and 14th.

It is just a little more than a couple of weeks away and we have great speakers and vendors lined up. You can get more details on our website: <http://www.mycommunityis.com/tos/>

As an added bonus this year we will also be having a full day meeting of the Region 13 International Phalaenopsis Alliance on the Sunday following the symposium at the same location, the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach. Again more details are on the website.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting and remember bring in those show plants so we can impress our speaker.

Thanks,
Ken Peterson

TOS Wins Red Ribbon for display in National Capital Orchid Show!



C. Penang 'Black Caesar'

Frank Drew and his team put in a beautiful 50 square foot display at the National Capital Orchid Show on Columbus Day Weekend and won second place as a reward for all their efforts! We would like to thank everyone who was involved for donating their time and for all their hard work. Frank, Lori Delbridge, Randy Schonk, Tom and Peg Ward put the show in. Plants were sent in by DeCoudres, Pierce, Walch, Wade, Grasso, Bryan, Ward, Weston, Krochmal, Temple, Ken and Don Peterson Delbridge, Drew, Warren, Blaylock, Marquitz & Scott. Dave and Joanne did computer entry and prepared the plant tags. Take down crew was Drew, Delbridge, Schonk and Bryans.

It was a lot of work and we would like to give a special thanks to Frank Drew for all his efforts. He has now been fully initiated into out-of-town plant show displays. Well done!

The setting up and breaking down of the exhibit was easy compared with the adventures we had getting to DC and back TWICE!!

The rewards for our hard work are as follows:

Blue Ribbons: First Place

Paph. primulinum - Walch
Phrag. Inca Embers - Bryan
Phrag. Cardinale - Bryan
Den. unknown - Wade

Red Ribbons: Second Place

Blc. Keystone Gold 'Redwing' - Drew

Cym. Golden Arches - Drew

Phrag. Andean Fire - Delbridge

Yellow Ribbons: Third Place

Lc. White Spark - Krochmal

Blc. Ivan Sng x Lc. Startrack' Vipa porn' - Drew

Paph Gold Dollar - Temple

Paph. Pinocchio - Delbridge

Phrag. Appalachian Sunset - Bryan

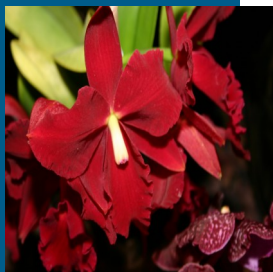
Phrag. Cape Sunset - Drew

Den. Unknown - Wade

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Honorable Mention

Bc. Little Mermaid 'Janet' - Warren



I'm sorry this newsletter is being sent out a bit late! I'm still trying to get it all together after taking over the responsibility of producing it from the very capable hands of Charles. We want to thank him for his years of service to the Society!

Feel free to send me comments, suggestions and any articles that you come across that you feel will be of interest to the members. (or write one yourself) With your help we will try to make this both informative and fun!

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