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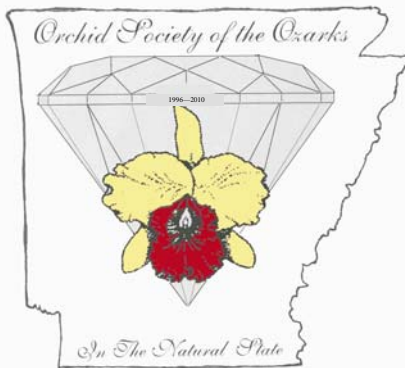
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Spotlight on Hardy Orchids Greg Alikas



Stimulating interest in Orchids and their culture as a nonprofit, educational organization...

Special Points of Note

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The Orchid Society of the Ozarks meets the 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues: \$10.00 for individual and \$15.00 for joint membership.

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I was talking to Beth and Doug Martin at the recent Oklahoma Orchid Society show and AOS Spring Meetings and before long, a crowd had gathered to listen to what the Martins had to say. The show was of exceptional quality all around, but their exhibit was arguably the one that brought the most comments. And everyone wanted to know how they succeeded growing not only cypripediums, but calopogons, pogonias, platantheras and other terrestrial orchids in what looked like plastic sweater boxes. Many American orchidists have a sentimental spot for these native orchids, often based on childhood memories of woodland outings. It was a rare treat to be able to examine these orchids up close in Oklahoma City. Look for an upcoming article in *Orchids* magazine on the Martin's culture secrets.

Another plant in the exhibit, *Cypripedium reginae* fma. *albolabium*, was pulled for judging but could not be scored because of damage to the pouch.

The exhibit, *Growing Hardy Orchids in Containers* received an Educational Exhibit Certificate award of 88 points. Not only did the exhibit itself receive this high award, but *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *makasin* 'Doug's Delight' received an 80 point Award of Merit and an 82 point Certificate of Cultural Merit. The hybrid, *Cypripedium* Aki 'Kristin



Martin' (*Cyp. parviflorum* var. *pubescens* x *Cyp. macranthos*) received a Highly Commended Certificate of 77 points. And finally, a plant in the Martins's exhibit was awarded the Slipper Orchid Alliance Trophy which is awarded by the SOA to the best plant in the slipper alliance in the show. SOA president Barbara Tisherman told me, "In OKC, Doug and Beth Martins' *Cyp. parviflorum* var. *makasin* clearly demonstrated the best culture in the slipper alliance". The trophy is a beautiful hand-blown glass slipper orchid on a wood base.

The show and meeting hosts, members of the Oklahoma Orchid Society, were extremely gracious and made sure that attendees' needs were well taken care of. The hospitality room was open, convenient and staffed with friendly volunteers. The lecture series was diverse and presented by speakers hand-picked for their expertise. And of course, the show and sales room featured a wide array of orchids for viewing and shopping pleasure, from *Masdevallia* to *Vanda*. I offer a personal note of thanks to Johnita Turner and Carolyn and Lowell McCabe for making the spring AOS meetings a pleasurable event.—Greg Alikas, May 5, 2010

Editors footnote: In addition the exhibit also got the Orchid Digest Trophy and the makasin got the SWROGA Trophy for best in show. A total of six trophies and four awards on an exhibit with only seven plants.

Notes from your Program Chair Sarah Waddoups



May 23, 2010: This month, we are thrilled to welcome Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn. Sam is a premier hybridizer of paphs and phrags. He will be speaking to us on multi-floral paphs—their hybridizing and culture. He will also be bringing plants for sale. Having purchased plants from Sam and having seen his booth at the Oklahoma City show – you aren't going to want to miss this meeting. The meeting will be held Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 1p.m. at NTI.

Sam Tsui and his wife Jeanie started growing orchids in the early 1980s in his basement. In the 90s he started hybridizing. As Orchid Inn has grown, Sam's growing space has also increased to six acres and a 6000 sq foot greenhouse. In the past 10 years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, and lecturing. Orchid Inn, Ltd specializes in Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums—particularly species, Brachypetalum, Parvisepalum and Multifloral hybrids. Only select the best, most vigorous parent plants are used for hybridizing. Occasionally, outstanding plants from our friends around the world to improve our breeding stock. Orchid Inn offers you quality plants at a reasonable price. A wide variety is available as Orchid Inn currently produces 4,000 to 5,000 flasks or approximately 100,000 seedlings annually.

Looking Forward:

June 27, 2010: Tom Nasser of Carolina Orchids will be our guest speaker and will have plants for sale. Pre-orders are welcome at either www.carolinaorchids.com or 803-548-1682. Carolina orchids has an incredibly wide variety of orchids. A large list of available plants is available on the website, and there are many, many orchids that aren't listed. So email or give Tom a call if you are hoping for something in particular. Chances are good Tom will have it.

July 25, 2010 Back to Basics: Our society has had many new and newer growers join, so this month we'll focus on the basics of orchid growing. Members are encouraged to bring specific or general questions, problem plants or any mysteries of orchid growing you would like help to solve.

August 22, 2010 Let there be light. We'll discuss lighting options, light needs and optimizing your light and grow space.

September 19, 2010: 14th ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION – great plants, dirt cheap!

March 28th Meeting Highlights

The March meeting featured the sales of various orchid medias as well as a question and answer session on various aspects of Potting, dividing, mounting etc.

Members carted off loads of their favorite media. We thank Sarah and the 'bagging crew' for putting this together. Again, Thanks to the Maraks and Shari Loftis for the Pictures.



Pictures of Note:



The exhibit of the Greater North Texas O.S. at the OKC Show



Paphanatics exhibit (Norito Hasegawa) at the OKC Show



The group exhibit of Sarah Waddoups and Suzanne Hobbs, as displayed at the OKC Show at the End of April.



P. Deena Nicol 'Whippoowill' received a provisional JC at the OKC Show for Suzanne Hobbs.



Olin Karch contributes these pictures of *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens*. The one on the left he grew in the Garden, the one above is growing in nature.

OOS / AOS Members meeting Show April 28—May 2





Welcome

Here at TOF we work very hard to cultivate some of the finest orchid species available anywhere in the world. Our location on the North Shore of Maui provides an ideal environment for producing unusual and well-grown orchid species, as well as a few interesting hybrids. Modern delivery methods (Federal Express) insure timely and guaranteed safe arrival of plants anywhere in the continental U.S. More details about ordering from TOF are available under [Ordering Information](#).

We invite you to visit the [Orchids](#) section to review our current offerings (or try the [Index](#) if you'd like to see all our offerings on one page, ordered by genera). Order online or call us Toll-Free. Enjoy the exceptional photography of Masako Cordray found in our Gallery and the interesting and hopefully informative articles, written from our viewpoint, available in the [Articles](#) section.

We hope you find this site a useful resource and check back often. Aloha and thanks for your interest in Tropical Orchid Farm.



Aerangis citrata x sib.

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Dendrobium spectabile.

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Masdevallia auropurpurea.

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Cattleya lueddemanniana
 var. semi-alba 'Elisa' x
 self.

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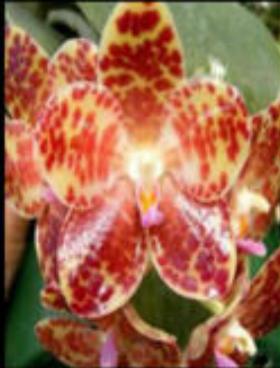
BIG SPRING UPDATE

HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED!

We have been working overtime to add all our new 2010 plants and to update all the other hard-to-find, interesting, unusual and proven species. This Update contains only a partial listing of all the species that will become available this year. Please check our website frequently to see all the latest species as they are added.

Laboratory and propagation news:

With a lot of persistence, we are finally able to germinate seeds of some species that have previously been elusive to make. Just to mention a few challenging genera; Pleurothallis, Masdevallia, Oeococlades, Arpophyllum and Rodriguezia – all happily underway in our lab.



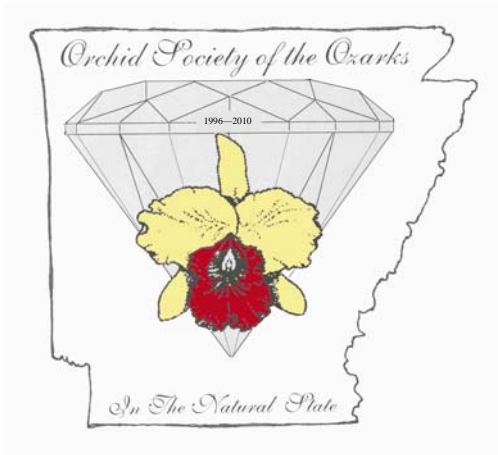
Big Leaf Orchids

Named for the round leaves of the phalaenopsis plant, Big Leaf Orchids specializes in novelty phalaenopsis. Available plants include a variety of phalaenopsis from Asia, including Taiwan, and crosses from our own breeding program. Our inventory is changes often, so please check our website frequently.



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Suzanne's Musings!

Sarah and I had another exhibiting experience at the OOS and AOS Members meeting show in Oklahoma City the end of April. We did get Best of Class for the exhibit and several other recognitions for which we are very pleased.

It was a most enjoyable experience, we recommend you try it.

Cheers, Suzanne

What's Ahead

May 23, 2010

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd.,
Springdale AR. 1:30

**Program: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn,
Chicago, IL**

June 27, 2010

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd.,
Springdale AR. 1:30

**Program: Dr. Tom Nassar,
Carolina Orchids**

About OSO...

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks came into existence with the Organizational Meeting of April 28, 1996, in which ten local orchid growers met with the purpose of forming the group. Since then, the Northwest Arkansas based Society's membership has grown considerably and now consists of over 100 members.

The OSO meets on the 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues are: \$10.00 for an individual membership, \$15.00 for a joint membership. For more information, please contact Membership Chairperson Suzanne Hobbs 479-236-0760 email shobbs@sellingnwa.com, or, visit our website at www.oso-web.org and click the "Join" link.

Back Porch Special News from SWROGA Directors Meeting

To the SWROGA Affiliated Societies Officers, Directors, and Newsletter Editors:

Several changes were voted for at the SWROGA Directors meeting held on May 1, 2010, in Oklahoma City that you and your membership should be aware of:

- 1) Beginning this year, 2010, the SWROGA dues are reduced from \$2.00 per member per year to \$1.00 per member. Dues remain payable as of December 31 of each year-end and no later than January 31st of the following year.
- 2) The SWROGA News will be published semi-annually, rather than quarterly, six weeks before the spring and fall SWROGA shows.
- 3) The News will be delivered via e-mail to all members who have a valid e-mail address on file and will also be posted on the SWROGA Website.
- 4) The designated SWROGA Representative for each affiliated society will be responsible for printing a hard copy for distribution to their members who do not have e-mail access.

Please poll your membership for updated e-mail addresses and let me know if there are any changes I need to make to the SWROGA e-mail database. I will gladly make any and all changes necessary to assure that your members have the e-edition of the SWROGA News readily available for perusal.

For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the 2010 SWROGA Directory. The last section of the Directory contains a listing of each affiliated society's membership. The directory is also posted on the SWROGA Website, is available to all of your members, and can be quickly accessed by using the following link: <http://www.swroga.org/node/6>