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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm on May 23rd at the Phoebus Library at 1 South Mallory St., Hampton, VA 23669



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Hi POS members,

The April purchased plant auction of the Carmela Orchid shipment plus a couple of the Youman's Carter and Holmes orchids were sold to the highest bidders. As usual, there were great bargains for nice plants. After the trip to Florida with Paul I didn't plan to bid on any plants but there were a couple of orchids I couldn't resist.

For the May meeting on the 23rd at the Phoebus library, I will present a program on Phalaenopsis, Types and Cultural considerations. It will be a conglomeration of personal experience growing under lights, windowsill, and in a greenhouse, professional growers' advice, and current hybridizing trends.

As of today, the June meeting will have a program by Wade Hollenbach of Wade's Orchids. He will give a presentation he calls "Orchids to grow your collection on" where he talks about 50 orchids and their culture. It is a good talk for all levels of growers. Was hoping we would be back in the Hampton Main Library for June 20 but apparently it won't be reopened by then. The June date and place could change.

July 18th's meeting will be with Linda Thorne, owner of Seagrove Orchids in North Carolina. She has two new talks, 'The Jewels of Africa' It is a talk on Madagascar and the surrounding Island system Angraecoids.

'Dendrobiums and their diversity' Focus on growing Dendrobiums in warmer climates and warmer growing situations. We can choose one of them at the next meeting.

Meeting Dates

Jan 17

Feb 21

Mar 28

Apr 25

May 23

Jun 20

Jul 18

Aug 15

Sep 19

Oct 17

Nov 21

Dec 19

In August, we may have a presentation by Ron Miller on his trip to Quito's Botanical Garden in May and maybe a little bit of the Galapagos Islands. The Botanical Garden in Quito is advertised to have more orchids than our Smithsonian Museum's orchid collection.

September 19th Kim Feddersen from Fair Orchids in New Jersey will give a presentation. He has multiple talks and we will choose one that appeals to our membership after discussing the topics at a meeting. We usually have our POS picnic in September. Maybe we can combine the presentation with a potluck style of an indoor picnic. We will figure it out.

Thanks again for everybody's contributions to making the POS an interesting and friendly group. We all learn from each other and appreciate a common fascination of orchids.

Take good care,

John

Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by President Jim Pajot about 1:30 P.M. at the Phoebus Library.

On April 11, several POS members joined Jim Pajot for the CNU landscape symposium. POS sold orchid plants from Carmela's with the leftovers being auctioned off at the April POS meeting.

Show and tell was done by: Paul Chung, Ron Miller, Rick Hopson and John Whistler. Paul and John had just returned from a trip to Florida where they enhanced their orchid collections.

The meeting was adjourned around 4 P.M.



What's Blooming?

(Send your photos and text to orchidad@cinci.rr.com [Ron Miller] for the next Newsletter and many thanks to those who helped me with this newsletter.)

Ron Miller Collection



Bletilla striata



Paphiopedilum venustum



Gomesa Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho'
FCC/AOS

Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection



Bletilla striata



Dendrobium Anosmum Purple



Oncidium Aloha Kapoho



Phalaenopsis KV Beauty

Joyve Carpenter Collection



Ascf. Cherry Blossom 'Carmela'



Cattlianthe Mayan Gold



Epicattleya Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'



Hygrodirea Nagasaki 'Orchid Classic Gem'
x Vanda Cristina 'Classic Green Dragon'



Rlc. Tsiku Amante



Slc. Jewel Box 'Sheherezade

Vijai Singh Collection



Phrag Jason Fisher



Slc Hazel Boyd'Debbie'



Dendrobium fimbriatum and aggregatum



Paph Susan Booth



Catt Park Ridge 'Thorn Ridge'

John Whistler Collection



C. aclandiae var. *coerulea*



Paph Wossner Norihang (Norito Hasegawa x hangianum)



Phrag Irina Ramos



Vanda Mem Ted Carter