
Cape Fear Orchid Society

February 2019



Next Meeting

February 13

Doors Open: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

Speaker: Joy Lemieux

**Topic: Insects and
Pests on Orchids**



Did you buy
your Valentine
an orchid?

BLOOMIN' ORCHID DAY

MARCH 2 9A.M.-1P.M. ABORETUM

Volunteer to help with this fund raising event to make certain we can pay for our speakers and keep dues low. Contact Jeff Gibby [jeff.gibby @aol.com](mailto:jeff.gibby@aol.com) or Pam Layne pamelalayne@hotmail.com to add your name to the short list of members who signed up at the January meeting. Also, please post our fliers. We need to publicize the information!

Presentations include Growing Orchids in Your Home, Mounting Orchids, and Growing Orchids in a Greenhouse. You will also enjoy a continental breakfast and refreshments.

Show Table Winners January 2019

Standard Best in Show

***Cymbidium* N.O.I.D.**

Tyler Googe and Jonathan Ibasco

Mini *Cym* tend to be 2 or 3 feet tall; many of the current miniatures have small Chinese and Japanese species in their background. The flowers last for months on the plant and for weeks when cut. *Cym* can take low temperatures in the fall, down almost to freezing. In this area, growers can keep miniatures in the garage for the winter and expect them to bloom. Out of bloom, the plants look much like big thick-leafed grass plants. So they are terrestrials.



Second Place Standard

Laura Elliott

***Onc.Mendenhall 'Hildas'* (*Psychopsis*)**

This orangish-brown hybrid flower is notable for a large yellow blotch in the center of the lip. Mendenhall was subject to years of hybridizing, primarily by Carter and Holmes Orchids in South Carolina. Due to genetic studies, the genus name was been changed from *Oncidium* to *Psychopsis* several years ago. They have interesting shaped leaves: This particular leaf shape is designed to withstand fairly strong sunlight. Their fat bulbs are particularly attractive. On mature plants, the flower spike is indeterminate and will continue to bloom for almost a year, with staking required.

CFOS Show Table Points 2019

Member	January
Laura Elliott	18
Jeff & Jennifer Gibby	10
Googe & Ibasco	39
Pam Layne	23
Mary MacBarb	5
James Maeda	16
Joyce Pennock	5

**JAMES MADEA
GROWER
OF THE
YEAR
RECEIVES HIS
AWARD FROM
BYRON PRICE**



James earned the award by bringing plants to our show table. Members loved his plants and voted for them often. He has a special technique for growing winners. Ask him about it!

**Cape Fear Orchid Society Notes
January 2019**

President Price called the meeting to order and asked the seven visitors to introduce themselves. President Price presented James Maeda the Grower of the Year Award.

Treasurer Laura Overstreet reported a treasury balance of \$4,410.32 and asked members to pay their dues as quickly as possible. They can be mailed to her at **237 Cherokee Trail, Wilmington, NC 28409**. After much discussion at the bank, she managed to straighten out the credit card with BBT. The club's deposits will now guarantee the card. Signature cards are in the process of being changed. At the February meeting, she will have available one-ounce bottles of 7D insecticide for a suggested donation of \$10.

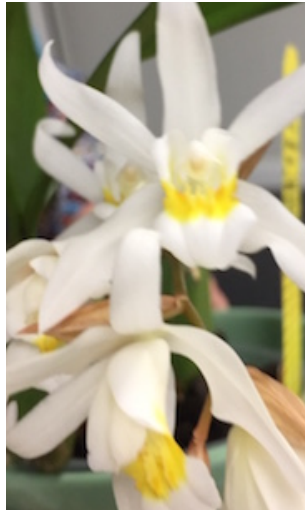
Hospitality Chairman Elaine Shober asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for the rest of the year.

Show Table Chairman Jane Ranny asked members to be responsible about turning in their entry sheets early in the meeting.

Big Bloomin' Orchid Day Chairman Jeff Gibby asked for volunteers to work at the event. He also asked that we take flyers to distribute among friends and neighbors. February 22 is the deadline for early registration which will save non-members \$5.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Swanson, Secretary

Miniature Best in Show: Pamela Layne's Coel. 'Unchained Melody'



This small Coelogyne Unchained Melody, a primary hybrid of *C. cristata* and *flaccida*, has about 5 pristine white flowers with a big yellow blotch in each lip. In some ways, the flower shape reminds us of a small *Laelia* with a different shaped lip. The bulb shape is entirely different, however. It would appear in the photo that I have, that most of the bulbs lost their blades, which is probably why it was placed in the minis. Expect multiple flower spikes as the plant matures. The original plant species hail from China, Himalayas, locations that might favor cooler conditions.

Some of us at the February meeting were not familiar with *Coelogyne*, but we discovered from our speaker that *Coelogyne cristata*, *Coelogyne mooreana* and *Coelogyne mossiae*, as well as Pamela's hybrid *Coelogyne Unchained Melody*, are among the largest-flowered in the genus. Carol Shores offers us advice about

How to Get More information on Orchids

1. Join the CFOS and listen to the speakers, talk to your local members, go to Growers Day
2. Join the American Orchid Society, AOS, our sponsor; read the monthly magazines
3. Join the International Phalaenopsis Alliance
4. Join the Orchid Digest Corporation - California based
5. Join the International Paphiopedilum Society, etc.
6. Ignore most "junque" posted on Facebook, etc., by amateurs
7. GO to AOS society judged shows and symposiums

Speaker notes: Tom Wise, Jan. 16, 2019

Thanks to Jan Denny

Tom Wise of John's Island, SC, sold the orchids left in his greenhouse after he had severe damage from the storms of 2018. His talk was "A Baker's Dozen: Favorite Orchids for Southern Growers": Twelve orchids which should be in everyone's collection. Tom's number 13 in the "baker's dozen" would remain a mystery to the very end.

1. Cattleya coelandiae – pretty orchid; purple lip, strongly spotted petals/sepals, waxy petals. When used in making hybrids, if bred with a tall orchid, it reduces the size and the waxy petals can prolong the life of the blooming orchid.

2. Brassocattleya Maikai - a cross made with *Brassavola nodosa* x *Cattleya bowringiana*. It blooms several times a year. Has lots of flowers but no fragrance.

3. Cattleya intermedia - many different variations in color and type. Good grower from Brazil; likes heat/humidity. Put outside in spring; semi-shaded area. Loves rainwater. Tom says rainwater is magical for orchids. Cattleyas and *Oncidium* plants also like to be outside in summer.

4. Cattleya Buford - very good for warm climate. Comes in a variety of yellow and reddish colors; nicely rounded shape. Also, *Cattleya leuteola* - very small cattleya; probably good for windowsill growers.

5. Coelogyne Unchained Melody - from Northern India/Nepal. Coelogyne crostata - from cool areas in the Himalayas and Vietnam. Blooms in early spring just before the snow begins to melt. Coelogyne flocata looks pretty on the Internet; but Tom said it was a good warm grower, but not pretty. When crossed, it is a warm grower, fragrant. Grows well in baskets in sphagnum mixed with large sponge rock. Blooms near Valentine's Day. Has small flowers on an arching spray.

6. Dendrochilum - from the Philippines/Indonesia. Likes heat/humidity. Many tiny flowers on an arching inflorescence 6 to 8 inches long. Tom said it is easy to grow. Can grow in pots but do not over pot. Dendrochilum glumaceum is hay-scented and likes intermediate to warm temperatures. Dendrochilum magueuss has vegetation that can be light and grassy. The leaves remind Tom of the leaves that women in Charleston use to make sweet grass baskets.

7. Parvisepalum or "Parvi" - small group; fragrant; only 8 species. All resemble each other. Have the Paph look; large rounded lip; sometimes called the "toilet bowl orchid." *Parvi armeniacum* - one of a few yellow lady slippers. Caused a stir when first shown. *Paphiopedilum armeniacum* - from Vietnam Nam/South China is a bright yellow. All have mottled, cardboard type leaves and are good growers. In Paph magic lantern, breeders are looking for better looking flowers than either of the parents.

8. Sagmatopalium - warm growers; grow in many countries in Southeast Asia. Sag. sukakulian has mottled leaves, but not as leathery, instead fleshier. Paph macabre - dark purple vinicolor; lots of variations. Paph Maudiae - the lady slipper orchid with the "Dairy Queen swirl" on top. Paph callousness and maudiae have dark, long lasting, waxy petals. They are terrestrial; do not require as much light. Paph White maudiae. has lots of flowers, mottled leaves. Paph raisin pie has warty bumpy leaves and fine hairs. A good parent for breeding. Paph supersuk and raisin pie are bred to create hybrids.

9. Dendrobium nobile - lots of kinds. Fictitious info abounds on these. Some in bloom now. Flowers - variations of white and purple. Grow in baskets. Produces a lot of flowers.

10. Neofinetia falcata, now called *Vanda falcata*, is a mini species. Grow well in this area in the heat/humidity. Tom puts them in lava rock. Often called the "samurai or wind orchid." Japanese pay a lot for these. They have a long spur or nectary, which is used by moths to pollinate the orchid. Flowers are white and are pollinated at night. The moth can roll up its tongue and put it in the nectary.

11. Angraecum orchids are from Madagascar; white; fragrant at night and pollinated by moths as in number 10. All species are similar with sizes of flowers different. Can be grown mounted.

12. Bulbophyllum - the "weirdos of the orchid world." Love heat/humidity – no cold!

B. lobbij is also "Kathy's Gold," a pretty yellow color. B. Falcatum is very unusual. The inflorescence extends out from the plant like wings and carries small flowers. Will grow easily into a specimen plant. Can be grown in baskets or mounted. Can divide easily. Fragrance of some is not pleasant. One in particular is pollinated by flies and its scent is that of rotten meat!

13. The Mystery Orchid? Whatever grows best and re-flowers for you!! Learn as you grow.

And now, on to our February speaker...Joy Lemieux Joy is active in the Sandhills Orchid Society where she has served as Secretary, Newsletter Editor and President. Joy has been growing orchids for 20 years and currently has about 500 orchids in her greenhouse. Her first orchids came from her mother, who had little faith in Joy's green powers. She mostly grows Cattleyas and mini-Cats, but is branching out to Dendrobiums, Lycastes, and Stanhopeas. She is an AOS certified judge with the Carolinas Judging Center. She will give us some information on the work of the center, as well as on Insects and Pests on Orchids.



Other highlights of our February meeting:

Tyler Gooze and Jonathan Ibasco will bring glazed orchid pots of various sizes, ranging in price from \$4 to \$10. They will also be bringing "blue rock" to sell for \$2 a gallon. They buy in bulk, so **BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER** if you would like to purchase some.

Laura Overstreet will bring 20 1oz bottles of DISTANCE, a 7D insecticide with a dropper in each bottle. Thirteen members signed the list requesting a bottle. We are requesting a donation of \$10 per bottle.

Linda Swanson and Laura Elliott will bring snacks for you. Joyce Pennock will bring drinks.

REMEMBER: PAY YOUR DUES!

CFOS Show Table Winners - January 2019

Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 10 inches tall or wide)

Plant

Owner

Standard Size Best in Show Table -

Cymbidium N.O.I.D.

Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

Standard Size Second to Best -

Oncidium Mendenhall 'Hildas' (Psychopsis)

Laura Elliott

Class Winners - Standard Size

Cattleya/Br/LC alliance

First SLC. Jami Hollingsworth 'Sun Bulb'

James Maeda

Second tie Cattleya Cimps Circle

Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

BLC. Little Mermaid x RLC. Cidum Dancer Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

Cymbidium

First Cymb. N.O.I.D. Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

Second Cymb. Dorothy Stock 'Still Forscun' Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

Dendrobium

First Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy' Jeff & Jennifer Gibby

Second Den. Frosty Dawn Laura Elliott

Encyclia/Epidendrum/Maxillaria

First Epi. Miura Valley James Maeda

Oncidium Alliance

First Onc. Mendenhall 'Hildas' (Psychopsis) Laura Elliott

Second Onc. Huk Halau 'Volcano Queen' Pam Layne

Paphiopedilum/Phrags

First Paph. caricinum x sib. Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

Second Paph. Maudiae James Maeda

Vanda Alliance

First Vanda sanderiana x sib. Tyler Googe & Jonathan Ibasco

Show Table results tabulated and reported each month by Jane Ranney. Only categories with entries are listed in results. Name checks by Carol Shores

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