

Cape Fear Orchid Society

JANUARY 2016



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**Happy
New
Year!**



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JANUARY MEETING
ARBORETUM
JAN 13, 7pm
HADLEY CASH
Paphiopedilums

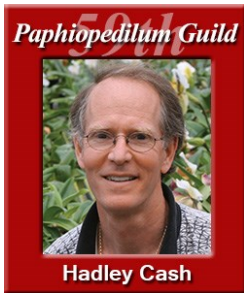
Ann's Article ...
Happy New Year!

I want to personally welcome everyone back to join us for the 2016 Cape Fear Orchid Society monthly meetings. We anticipate an exciting year! We have a nationally renown Paphiopedilum orchid grower, Hadley Cash, to speak at our January meeting about the Big Dog Paphiopedilums. He will be selling those gorgeous paphs in bloom. (Paphs are Lady Slipper Orchids.)

For February, we have made contact with two different speakers in NC and are awaiting their response. Then Linda Wilhelm, the president of the Piedmont Society and an orchid grower, will speak on Miltonias. This just whets your appetite for what is coming. This will be the best year yet.

Be sure to join us for fun, educational talks. And bring a flower-loving friend to join us!!

See you this coming Wed.!
Ann, CFOS President



January Speaker Hadley Cash began growing his first orchids over thirty years ago and formed Marriott Orchids in 1985, by which time he had begun growing *Paphiopedilums* almost exclusively. In the early 1990's, he built his first greenhouse of approximately 2,500 square feet. Shortly after, he started a breeding program focused on producing *Paphiopedilums* of the highest quality. Hadley married his wife Deborah in 1997, and in 1998, just before the birth of their son Austin, he began the orchid business as a full time career. The rest, as they say, is history!

Marriott Orchids has now received over 375 American Orchid Society awards, including 15 First Class Certificates (FCC/AOS) and six Awards of Quality (AQ/AOS). Additionally, *Paphiopedilum* Winwine 'Dark Spell', FCC/AOS, a cultivar from one of his own crosses, received both the W.W. Wilson (Best *Paphiopedilum*) and Merritt W. Huntington (Best FCC) Awards for 2004.

Mr. Cash has lectured throughout the US and internationally, sharing both his love and expertise of Slipper Orchids. He has also written a number of published articles on the genus *Paphiopedilum* and its hybrids.

Hadley will bring plants to sell. Bring your check books if you want to add some of these special plants to your collection! (Article copied from the Paphiopedilum Guild web site.)

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PAY NOW!

\$25

WHY?

CFOS meetings are educational events. Ann and the 3 other orchid societies with which we coordinate speakers have chosen excellent speakers for our 2016 meetings. Speakers cost money. Your dues plus our fund raisers go to pay for the speakers. Please bring your check books and pay your dues for 2016 to our treasurer, Laura Overstreet! Many thanks!

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December Standard Winners 2015



Best in Show Standard

Fdk. After Dark
'SVO Black Pearl'
FCC/AOS
owned by
Ann McGee



Standard Second

Blc. Amy Wakasugi 'Yamashashi'
owned by
Steve Tobiassen



Best in Show Table Standard Size Plant - Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS Proud Owner - Ann McGee

THE Best in Show Table Standard Size plant is a smasher owned by Ann McGee. Her plant is the famous black orchid hybridized by Fred Clarke of SVO Orchids in California. The *Fdk.* is a complex genera combining *Catasetum*, *Mormodia* (which is *Clowesia X Catasetum*). One would think that such a combination would make the plant easier to flower; however, in this case that may not be true. Ann's plant, as are many in this complex group, is deciduous. It usually loses its leaves in the late fall and starts to send up a flower spike at about the same time. Overwatering a plant with no leaves could be a fatal mistake. Once all leaves have dropped, put the plant up so that it will not be accidentally watered. When new growth is emerging and new roots are a couple of inches long, and the days are getting longer, then is the time to slowly add a little water and think about repotting. Ann has gotten the conditions down very well as her plant is really remarkable in both color and shape.

To the best of my knowledge this is the darkest of any of this group of hybrids and also has more dark pigment: black, than any of its closest dark burgundy *Catasetum* competitors. Some *Paph.* vini-color hybrids have some very dark colors also. Ann purchased this plant when Fred was a speaker here about 3 years ago and has been doing very well with it. *Fdk.* is the abbreviation for the genus: *Fredclarkeara*. This genus is becoming very popular.

Second to Best Standard

**Blc. Amy Wakasugi 'Yamashashi'
Owners - Steve & Karen Tobiassen**

Steve and Karen's hybrid *Cattleya* has really good/ large flower shape and color. The contrast of the medium lavender petals with the large dark lavender lip set off with the yellow throat is a plant anyone would be proud to own.

The plant has a compact growth habit which will make an impressive specimen plant when it has multiple flower spikes. The one parent: *Lc. Bonanza* is one of the most famous lavender *Catts.* ever and is a great parent.

[Both articles written by
Carol Shores.]

December Miniature Size Winner 2015



Best in Show
Mini

Dendrobium kingianum
Tasman Lady
'Autumn Belle'
owned by
Jim Lanier



Best in Show Table - Miniature Size *Dendrobium kingianum* x Tasman Lady 'Autumn Belle'
Owner - Jim Lanier

This species is undoubtedly one of my favorite Australian *Dendros*. It has been used extensively in hybridizing in Australia and is outrageously popular there, but unfortunately the hybrids seldom make it to the U. S. The color on the tips of the petals is very distinctive with an especially dark purple in this particular plant. This species is one that can actually tolerate near to freezing temperatures for a short while. Jim is doing very well with the plant growing on a slab, which is his specialty. Of all the *Dendros*, this one can be the last one to come inside in late fall. It can take a fair amount of light and does not seem to need a drying out period. This is also a species which can send out lots of keikis, which makes propagation simple. (A keiki is a small plant which sprouts usually at the top of an existing mature growth.) This is common in many *Dendros* and is thought to be due to poor culture; however, it seems to be a common characteristic, not to be downplayed in this particular species. Even though it was the only mini entered this month, my own prejudices about the excellent color of this clone make me think that it would have won the best place no matter what.

FYI: Fred Clarke also has *Dend. kingianum* species and hybrid crosses along with *Sarcochilus* hybrid crosses (my other favorite Australian genus) for sale on his online catalog. Many of his original black orchid crosses: *Fdk.* are sold out but some new crosses are available. His web site is worth looking at to find some unusual crosses and he does provide good growing directions. [By Carol Shores.]



HOLIDAY MEETING 2015!



Ed. Notes: **ORCHID Ideas**

1. Pest control: *Orchid* magazine, sent out monthly by the AOS, is a fantastic place to learn things about orchids. For several months now, Ed Wright and Bill Tippitt have been writing an article called “**greatideas.**” The ideas come from past issues of the magazine. Each one is documented in the article.

Recently, the great idea was a pest control method used by a professional grower. It can be used in an enclosed space without the danger of using a chemical and is not expensive. Here it is:

Prepare a clean one gallon container. Pour a one pint bottle of rubbing alcohol into the container. Refill the one pint container with Formula 409 Cleaner/Disinfectant. Pour the 409 into the gallon container. Then, fill the container with water to the top and agitate to mix the products.

Pour this into a spray bottle and spray your plants when you see bugs. Very easy to use as you water your plants

2. Name Tags: Ever need to recopy a name tag which is wearing away? Or make other tags for your plants? Here is a money saver:

Purchase a very inexpensive plastic mini blind. Cut the slats apart. With simple scissors, cut a tag the size you want. Write on it with a permanent marker. Works perfectly!

3. Plant cutters: Since most orchids are not stiff or large, scissors work well for cutting. You can buy good scissors in the kitchen section of Dollar Tree. Look on the wall—they are usually hanging. If they rust, \$1 will buy you another pair. Also, in the early spring, Dollar Tree has nice, smaller, sharp cutters for \$1 per. Go early and buy as many as you need because the word gets around quickly and they are soon gone. (*Anyone else have suggestions? If so, send them to cforchidsnc@gmail.com.*)

CFOS Show Table Winners December 2015

<u>Best in Show Table</u> -	<u>Standard Size Plants</u> (over 6 inches tall or wide)	<u>Owner</u>
	<u>Plant</u>	
<u>Standard Size Best</u> –	Fdk. After Dark ‘SVO Black Pearl’ FCC/AOS	Anne McGee
<u>Second to Best</u> -	<u>Blc. Amy Wakasugi ‘Yamahashi’</u>	Steve & Karen Tobiassen
<u>Class Winners</u> -	<u>Standard Size</u>	
Cattleya Alliance		
First	Blc. Amy Wakasugi ‘Yamahashi’	Steve & Karen Tobiassen
Second	Lc. Binoso?	Jim Lanier
Dendrobium		
First	Den. N.O.I.D. purple	Joyce Pennock
Second	Den. Enobi Purple ‘Splash’	Carol Shores
Miltonia/Odont. Alliance		
First	Mtsa. Charles M. Fitch ‘Dark Monarch’	Steve & Karen Tobiassen
Second	Milt. Alliance N.O.I.D.	Joyce Pennock
Oncid/Brassia Alliance		
First	Onc. N.O.I.D.	Jim Lanier
Paphiopedilum/Phrags		
First	Paph. N.O.I.D.	Pamela Layne
Second	Paph (Makuli-Curtisii) – Maudiae x ?	Joyce Pennock
Other		
First	Fdk. After Dark ‘SVO Black Pearl’ FCC/AOS	Ann McGee

<u>Best in Show Table</u> -	<u>Miniature Size Plants</u> (under 6 inches wide or tall)	<u>Owner</u>
	<u>Plant</u>	
<u>Miniature Size Best</u> -	Den. kingianum Tasman Lady ‘Autumn Belle’	Jim Lanier

<u>Class Winners</u> -	<u>Miniature Size</u>	
Dendrobium Mini		
First	Den. kingianum Tasman Lady ‘Autumn Belle’	Jim Lanier

Show Table results tabulated and reported each month by Jane Ranney. Only categories with entries listed in results



COMING EVENTS IN THE ORCHID WORLD— MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



These plants we love are more popular than ever! Look at the shows where you can find fine examples of different plants. And can buy plants and supplies!

Jan. 22nd – 24th: the North Carolina Piedmont Orchid Society will host its annual show at the Stowe Botanic Gardens, 6500 S New Hope Rd in Belmont just outside of Charlotte. Those of you who have been to the Stowe Gardens know what an incredible venue this is, especially their water wall covered with blooming orchids. www.ncpiedmontorchid.org.

Feb. 12th – 14th: the South Carolina Orchid Society will host its annual show at the Columbia Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens. www.scoshome.com

➤➤ **March 5th: Morning event at CFOS (that's us)! "Orchid Extravaganza for Orchid Addicts!" Stay tuned for more info on this as it becomes available. But save the morning! It will fill up quickly!** <<<

March 4th – 6th: Triad Orchid Society will host their show in Greensboro at the Garden Council Building, 4301A, Lawndale Dr. There will be spectacular orchids on view and plant and supply vendors as well.

➤➤ **March 12th : Sandhills Orchid Society (SOS) Grower's Day!** To be held at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, NC. Information for all growers this year, not just the beginners we have usually focused upon. Presentations are designed to address the need of new growers, of course, but this year we are fortunate to have Art Chadwick Jr. to give a Master Class on Orchid Growing. Art gives classes at the nursery in Richmond, VA and is a practiced, polished speaker. He will also be bringing plants from the nursery to sell. Plan now to spend Saturday, March 12th with us for a full day of illuminating orchid lectures, lunch AND a blooming plant to take home. All this for only \$30. www.sandhillorchid.org. <<<

April 14th – 17th: American Orchid Society Members Meeting in Ashville. Dubbed an "Orchid Festival" the event will host vendors and speakers from all over the world. Special rates are available at the Hilton in Biltmore Park. The lectures/classes will be at the Hilton while the exhibits and vendors will be at the North Carolina Arboretum. There will be a regular shuttle back and forth between the two locations. The show has been timed to take full advantage of North Carolina's spring in the mountains and the gardens at the Arboretum should be bursting out all over. This show will be the largest this area has hosted for many, many years. Also, the Biltmore House has a special event that weekend.

REMEMBER: the **RAFFLE AT** our January meeting will include 2 - \$25 gift certificates from Carter & Holmes. C&H is a well-known grower of orchids in Newberry, SC.

CFOS Meeting Notes, December 2015

***President Gallman** opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and thanking the Christmas party committee, Martha Connor, Pam Layne, and Ann Gallman, for the beautifully decorated room.

*She then thanked the nominating committee, Joyce Pennock, Charlie Barrett, and Jan Denney, and presented the 2016 slate of officers.

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She then asked for nominations from the floor. Carol Shores moved that nominations be closed. Several members seconded the motion. Carol then moved that the officers be elected unanimously. Steve Tobiassen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

***President Gallman** reported on a successful year with speakers for 11 of the meetings and a controversial AOS presentation on fertilizers. The cooperative has 5 speakers planned for next year. If you have a speaker or topic that you would like to have at our club, please let Ann know.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Swanson, Secretary

Show Table Final Points 2015

Members	Previous	Nov.	Total
Pat Ahern	53	0	53
Charlie Barrett	43	0	43
Martha Conner	23	0	23
Jan Denney	39	0	39
Marilyn Freeman	18	0	18
Ann Gallman	85	0	85
Polly Kopka	20	0	20
Kathi LaBash	8	0	8
Jim Lanier	66	28	94
Pamela Layne	114	10	124
Sam Lipscomb	23	0	23
Anne McGee	20	20	40
Laura Overstreet	8	0	8
Hannelore Palmer	5	0	5
Joyce Pennock	110	16	126
Anita Potts	13	0	13
Byron Price	86	15	86
Jane Ranney	60	0	60
Fritz Rohde	15	0	15
Bill Schade	20	0	20
Carol Shores	166	10	176
Gail Taylor	56	0	56
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	349	20	369

ED. Note: CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE AND KAREN TOBIASSEN! Not only did they win the competition for 2015, but in my memory, no one has ever reached such a high number of winning plants in a year. Super!!!!

Getting Show Table Points

Have a plant in bloom?
Bringing it to the meeting?
Jane Ranney tabulates the points. You get points for bringing a plant as well as points for winning. These points add up.

To make sure you get credit for your plant, you must fill out a Plant Entry Sheet!

This sheet is available at the meeting, but to expedite the process, you can download a copy from the CFOS web site, www.capefearorchid.org.

List your plant and after your plant has been given a category and number, write them in. Put your name on your sheet and hand it in. That's it!

JANUARY BRINGERS

**SNACKS - Anne McGee
Linda Swanson**

DRINKS - Joyce Pennock

**RAFFLE - Ann Gallman
Includes: 2-\$25 gift certificates for Carter & Holmes Orchids!**

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HADLEY CASH
Paphiopedilums



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