

# DEEP SOUTH ORCHID SOCIETY

Newsletter

August 2016

# **August Meeting**

**Date: Sunday, August 14th** 

Place: Coastal Georgia

**Botanical Gardens** 

**Time: 2:00PM** 

## **Dee Takes Best of Show**

Dee Van Meer wins Best of Show for July's meeting. Her Paph. Lebaudyanum was a beauty. Congratulations Dee. See all the winners on page 4.



# The President's Column

#### The Rise of NOIDs & Hybrid Name Sloppiness

I would be very surprised if any you have a collection where all the plants are correctly identified. Like me, you are likely the proud parent of multiple NOIDs (NO Identification). Large scale production of orchids targeting folks who just want something pretty for their home or as a gift has produced an industry that it unimportant to properly identify their product. Unfortunately, these plants are also the entry point to the orchid hobby for more and more people and their naivete makes some think that they can actually identify their lovely white Phalaenopsis. It might be a Phal. Sogo Yukidian 'V3' or it might be one of the several hundred other similar hybrids that have been produced over the years. Frankly, unless you have something VERY unique and VERY new, you are unlikely to ever be able to confidently and correctly identify it.

Just as frustrating are those plants that have partial, incorrect or fudged names. The International Registration Authority for all orchid hybrids is the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) of London. This has been the standard for orchid breeders and growers for over 100 years. Sadly, large scale breeders and growers focused solely on the mass market are ignoring this step.

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Other suppliers may simply not be aware of the name error as that is how they received the plants. A whole-saler I use has sold several different clones of *Oncidium* Hula Halau. I was doing some digging around on the internet and learned that the name is actually Oncidium Volcano Hula Halau. This makes for quite a mouthful when the clones are 'Volcano Queen' and 'Volcano Splendor.' Interestingly, the nursery who registered this hybrid has also dropped Volcano from the hybrid name on their own website.

Patent applications for clones are another source of confusion. Did you know that orchids can be patented? They can and the name submitted with the patent does not have to be RHS registered. I have found several situations where someone on social media (Facebook, etc) posted a photograph of a pretty orchid with a name. You go hunting for the name and you 1) find nothing on one of several sites that allow you to look up registered names, 2) learn that the posted name is part of the full name (as above or maybe just the clonal name) or 3) find a patent application. What is really surprising is that the patent application includes the parents of the hybrid and, in every case so far, an RHS registered name already exists for this hybrid. So, what you really have is [Genus] [RHS registered hybrid name] 'Patent application name' where the name on the patent application could simply be considered the clonal name. Together, the combination of no names, made up names (patent application or not), or sloppy labelling creates a mess for the serious orchid grower and total confusion

for the newbie. So what do you do? 1) Just try to grow it well and enjoy it – perfectly acceptable! 2) Unless you know and trust the grower, put little confidence in names on tags or pots or tossed out by someone until you've done some research.

How to attempt to verify/track down a name? Start with your favorite web browser, search with whatever you have. You may find that, due to changes in nomenclature that the hybrid genus has changed. Even then, the name used in the marketplace may be incomplete. So, back to your browsers, type in "bluenanta" (<a href="http://orchidroots.org">http://orchidroots.org</a>) and all or part of the name you have. I've found this site to be a great way to hunt down full names, updated hybrid genus names and parentage. You can also check your tags with the parents to see if a registered name exists.



Happy Name Hunting, David Jarrell

# August Meeting brings the Return of a Good Friend & Accomplished Grower

Our speaker for the August meeting is Mark Reinke from Marble Branch Farms. Mark is always interesting and informative. This is a meeting you don't want to miss.

Marble Branch Farms is the dream of two lifelong horticulturists, Gary Collier and Mark Reinke, who share a mutual passion for unique and unusual plants. Their goal as orchid hybridizers has been to produce something a little different from the same old hybrids that everyone seems to sell these days.

Mark, as always, will be bringing plants with him to sell. If you have something special in mind give him a call and he will bring it. A link to their website is on our website, but then you already knew that.

### **Orchid Pronunciation**

#### by Stanley Konter

The pronunciation of orchid names is daunting to newcomers and even to experienced growers. Fear not my little Padawans, I will coach you in the ways of the Orchid (A force to be reckoned with). Below you will find a simplified guide to the most common pronunciations. Say slowly each syllable between the hyphens and then put them together quickly. You'll be a pro in no time.

Catasetum (kat-ah-SEE-tum)

Cattleya (KAT-lee-ah)

Cymbidium (sim-BID-ee-um)

Dendrobium (den-DRO-bee-um)

Epidendrum (eh-pi-DEN-drum)

Eulophia (yew-LOH-fee-ah)

Japonica (jah-PON-ih-kah)

Lycaste (lye-KASS-tee)

Masdevallia (mas-deh-VAHL-lee-ah)

Odontoglossum (oh-don-toh-GLOS-sum)

Oncidium (on-SID-ee-um)

Phalaenopsis (fail-eh-NOP-sis)

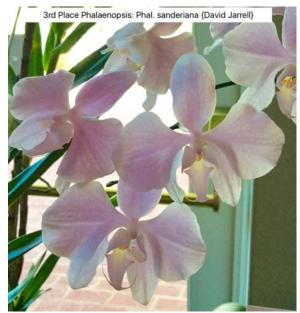
Paphiopedilum (paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum)

Stanhopea (stan-HOHP-ee-ah)

Tolumnia (toh-LUM-nee-ah)

Vanda (VAN-dah)

Check out our website Reference Section for a more complete list. (Coming soon)







July was the second meeting that featured a Society judging for members. Participation was even better than last month and there were lots of winners. We don't have space to show every orchid, but here is a complete list of winners. Throughout this newsletter I have featured images of several winners.

#### Cattleya Alliance

#### Blc:

1st: Bc. Richard Mueller x. L. splendida {Greg Moseley}

2nd: Blc. Yen Surprise 'SEIKO' {Jaime Yu} 3rd: Blc. Koa's Delight 'Sparky' {David Jarrell}

#### **Cattleyas**

1st: C. Leopoldii {Norm Schoppenhorst}
2nd: Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' {Jaime Yu}

#### **Dendrobiums**

1st: Micro Chip x Rhodostictum {Brenda Rithner}

2nd: Den. bracteosum (pink x white 'New Guinea species') {Christina Negrea}

3rd: Den. Little Atro x Atroviolacetum {Brenda Rithner}

#### **Phalaenopsis**

1st: P. Liu's Berry 'Trinity' {David Jarrell} 2nd: Phal. equestris {Norm Schoppenhorst} 3rd: Phal. sanderiana {David Jarrell}

#### **Oncidium Alliance**

1st: Oncda. Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen' {Kim Owens}

2nd: Oncda. Volcano Midnight 'Volcano Queen' {David Jarrell}

#### Vanda Alliance

1st: Schoenorchis fragrans {David Jarrell}

2nd: Renanstylis Azimah x Renanthela Bangkok Flame {Greg Moseley}

3 V. tessellata alba x ASPC Alexander Hatos {Greg Moseley}

#### Paphiopedilum Alliance

1st Paph. Lebaudyanum {Dee Van Mere} \*\*\* Also Best In Show 2nd Paph. Anna Bellchen {Brenda Rithner}

#### **Other Species**

1st: Encyclia Cochleata {Norm Schoppenhorst}

#### **Other Hybrids**

1st: Bulbophyllum Madeline Nelson 'Gary Allen' HCC/AOS {Greg Moseley}

#### **NOID** (No Identification)

1st: Vanda {Jeannie Laster}

2nd: Doritis Phal. {Jeannie Laster} David Jarrell ID'd it after the meeting







The meeting was called to order at the Savannah Mall Hospitality Room at 6:35 pm. The following were in attendance:

Cheryl Holesovsky Pat Keplinger David Jarrell Jim Keplinger Dave Holesovsky Greg Mosely Gail Mathews Guest: Jimmie Yu

The minutes were read, and approved as submitted.

#### Greenhouse Update

Our workday was a success

Several members showed up to help and they all left with a few orchids

A big thank you to Greg for the donuts and Hilda for the sand-wiches

Jim and Jaime Yu will host the Wounded Warrior Event They will do orchids 101

They will also recieve an orchid to take home

#### Show Update

The show is in preliminary stages and more information soon Cheryl would like to meet with the CGBG in November

#### **New Business**

Stanley would like all newsletter information as soon as possible Pat will call Liz for dates available to participate in Mrs. Claus's kitchen again in December

The Board would like to welcome Jeanie Clifton-Laster as our new member at large

## August 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Mark Reinke from Marble Branch Farms will be our guest speaker He will have orchids to sell

Peggy Burks and Jean Carson will have refreshments

Dont forget to bring your orchids for show and tell and judging

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm Next Board Meeting will be August 29th at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted Pat Keplinger Recording Secretary





# The EVERY ISSUE REMINDER

The 2017 Annual Orchid Show will be held at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens on April 28 - 30, 2017. Start making your plans, start getting ready, start deciding what job you want, ... why don't you just go ahead and get everything started!



Display from 2016 Show

#### **Purple Orchid**

by Michael David Coffey

In my mind you are
a purple orchid
Exotic, tender, passionate
and wild
Untouchable, fragrant
bloom of dark desires
Evoking my deepest thoughts
Lost in the dreamy wonder
of an eastern forest
You are there among
the whispering glades



Of soft green bamboo
Delicately embracing the moist
warm air of night
A lover of another world
Of fantasies ethereal,
yet profoundly real
Earthy, yet ether's child
My chocolate sweetness
in distant lands
A darkened flower of
refined passion
My purple orchid

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