

# Sandpiper Orchid Society



SEPTEMBER 2009

## Sandpiper Meetings

### Location

Galloway Branch of the  
Atlantic County Library  
system located at  
306 East Jimmie Leeds Road  
Galloway, NJ  
Phone 609-652-2352

[Map of Meeting Location.](#)

## Upcoming Meeting September 24th

7:30 PM

At our **September** meeting, **Walter Off**, of **Waldor Orchids** will present a talk on how to choose a plant that is in excellent condition as opposed to a plant that is just average or not in healthy condition. He will also discuss flower quality and what makes an awardable bloom from a judging perspective as compared to a non-awardable flower.

**Walt** will also offer many secret growing tips and other ideas that will help you excel on the Show Table.

## September '09 Newsletter in a MAGAZINE FORMAT

## Welcome New Members

As President of the Sandpiper OS, I would like to welcome **Paul & Toni Bagliani** of Vineland, NJ, to the **Sandpiper Orchid Family** as **New Members** and we are looking forward to seeing them at our future meetings.

*Ron Ference*

# Next Month Annual Orchid Auction



**OPEN  
to the PUBLIC**

**October 22nd**

Doors open for Previewing at  
6:30 PM

Auction begins at  
7:00 PM



**It's time to add to your collection from some of the finest plants, divisions, and duplicate items that you have ever seen.**



**Lively Bidding**

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**No entry fee, just come in and enjoy an evening of  
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*Orchids pictured are not necessarily included in this Auction.*

Website: <http://www.SandpiperOrchidSociety.com>

Email: [SandpiperOS@comcast.net](mailto:SandpiperOS@comcast.net)

# Mounting Orchids

At our last meeting, **Andy Fontaine** took us through several different ways to creatively mount orchids at his "Hands-On Workshop".



temporarily used to wrap and hold the orchid's roots to the sphagnum moss covered mounting materials.

He finished his workshop by explaining the differences of the watering requirements between mounted orchids and potted orchids. A great learning experience was realized by all who participated.

that could be used to successfully mount orchids on. However, he pointed out that any wood found in salt water should definitely not be used. He stressed that the size of the orchid is often a determining factor on the size of the mounting material used.

**Andy** demonstrated the use of different tying materials that are



**Andy Fontaine**



[Click here for additional candid Workshop pictures](#)



## MEMBERS - Free Orchid Early Membership Renewal -2010-

Renew now, or before Sandpiper's upcoming January Awards Banquet, and have your name placed in a drawing for your choice of 1 of 3 beautiful Blooming Orchids, to be drawn at the Awards Banquet.

Please mail or deliver at your next meeting, your Membership Renewal Application to **George Bollenbach**, Membership Chair.



## SHOW TABLE & Orchid Shows Points thru August 2009

Benedict, B.	16
Bollenbach, G.	91
Bruno, P.	13
Cascioli, C.	24
Cascioli, P.	61
Class, B.	73
DelGuercio, M&S	3
Ellingsen, B.	179
Errickson, B.	14
Fontaine, A.	206
Kruckner, R.	39
Jankowski, L&R	135
McClellan, J&M	124
Michalenko, R.	167
Montgomery, A&B	85
Rosenberg, M&R	3
Schairer, C.	30
Trease, R.	4
Tusone, R.	30

### How the Points are Earned

Rosette Award ..... 10 pts  
 1st Place ..... 5 pts  
 2nd Place ..... 4 pts  
 3rd Place ..... 3 pts  
 Honorable Mention .. 1 pt

**Joe Myers Award** - Awarded to the member that accumulates the highest point total for the year as determined from Society Displays and the monthly Show Table results.

**Lisa O'Neal Award** - This award was established in 2006 upon the untimely death of then president Lisa O'Neal. Lisa was renowned for displaying her finest orchids on the monthly Show Table. The winner of this award is acknowledged as having grown the most outstanding orchid of the year which is chosen from those plants that received the 10 point Rosette Award.

# Deep Cut Orchid Society Fall Auction

**Saturday, Oct 10th  
10 AM to 4 PM**

**Colts Neck Firehouse #1  
Rt 537 in Colts Neck, NJ**

Phone 732-615-0447 for [DCOS Auction Details](#)

## Dyakia hendersoniana

This is a miniature orchid from the heavily orchid populated country of Borneo. It was originally classified as an *Ascocentrum* years ago. The leaf span is generally 3 to 5 inches in width. These plants can be grown on cork or tree fern slabs, or in pots.

### Light

This plant prefers low to medium light. It can be grown in an east or south window (1000-2500 foot-candles). This plant also does well under artificial lights. Grow from 12 to 18 inches from fluorescent tubes.

### Temperature

Daytime temps should range between 72 to 85 degrees, and 60-65 degrees for nighttime temps are best.

### Humidity

50% or higher is ideal. When growing on a slab, keep the humidity as high as possible.

### Water

It is best to use rainwater, distilled or reverse osmosis water. Municipal water with a pH of 7.5 or lower can also be used. This plant should be misted or watered every morning when growing on a slab. When growing in a pot, water as the mix approaches dryness (generally every 3 to 4 days).

### Fertilizer

Use GrowMore 20-10-20 Ureafree for municipal or well water. Use at the rate of ½ teaspoon per gallon. If using rain, distilled, or reverse osmosis water, add back in 5 - 10% municipal or well water to supply the necessary calcium and magnesium. Fertilize every other watering in the summer and every third watering in the winter.

### Flowering

This plant flowers in the spring to summer months. Each flower stem produces about 15 to 30 miniature salmon pink flowers.



### Repotting

Repot this plant once a year in a net or clay pot using New Zealand sphagnum moss. These can be slab mounted as well. When growing on a slab, repotting is not necessary unless the slab develops a salt like coating on it.

...thanks to the [Orchid Web](#) website.



## David's Monthly Orchid Tips

David Off is a 3rd generation member of the highly respected **WALDOR ORCHIDS** family.

### Commitment

Everyone is looking for commitment, and your orchids are too. If we just take the time to pay close attention to what our plants are doing, we will all be much better growers. Sometimes it means taking just a few more moments when we are watering to look for problems like bugs or rot, or making a point to attend Society meetings and other orchid related events to help fuel our passion to try a little harder.

This year, I decided to make a concerted effort to bloom my *C. walkeriana* collection. Since they require intense light and long Fall and Winter days, I'll be employing the use of artificial lights to increase and extend the daylight period.

Like this idea, small investments of our time and energy will greatly improve the quality of our results. Whether it means just watering our orchids when they need it or fertilizing regularly, I think everyone of us could be better growers if we just invest a little more commitment into growing our plants.

## The Orchid Help Guys



Dr. Cary Stone



Bergie Ellingsen

**Before the Meeting  
7:15 PM**

Ask the **Orchid Help Guys** before any *Sandpiper Orchid Society* meeting for advice on any culture problems you may be having with your orchids.



## New Jersey Pine Barren Orchids

..... by **Chrissy Schairer**, a charter member of the Sandpiper Orchid Society, who is well known as an expert on the native orchids of the **New Jersey Pine Barrens**.

During late **September** into early **October** brings the last of the *Pine Barren* orchids to bloom. During this time you can find the last of the **Ladies-tresses**. They can be found along roadsides where the ground is drier. All of the **Ladies-tresses** are similar.



They are small white flowers lining a stem. Some have a speck of green in the center of the throat. To tell them apart it is best to have a **Pine Barren**



flower book with you. Many of the ladies-tresses can be found at Batsto and 5th Avenue in Mullica Township.

### Dr. Henry Oakeley

**SEPOS** and the **Delaware Orchid Society** are having **Dr. Henry Oakeley** speak at their October meetings.

#### **October 13 Delaware Orchid Society**

([www.delawareorchidsociety.org](http://www.delawareorchidsociety.org))

"Orchid Hunting in Peru" at 8 PM

#### **October 14 SEPOS** ([www.SEPOS.org](http://www.SEPOS.org))

"Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa" at 8 PM

**Dr. Henry Oakeley** has been growing orchids for 50 years, and his UK National Collection of *Lycaste*, *Ida* and *Anguloa* contains most of the species and many of the 100 hybrids that he has raised. He is President of the Orchid Society of Great Britain, Chairman of the RHS Orchid Committee; Garden Fellow, Royal College of Physicians, London; Honorary Research Associate in Orchid Science, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Honorary Research Associate, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Chairman of the *Lycaste* Club of Japan, etc. and holder of the National Collection of *Lycaste*, *Ida* and *Anguloa*.

He published his monograph ***Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa, The Essential Guide*** in 2008.

## The AOS Monthly Checklist for September and October

### Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

### Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

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### Cymbidium

Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

### Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the Dendrobium phalaenopsis and Dendrobium canaliculatum types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. Dendrobium phalaenopsis can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

### Lemboglossum bictoniense

Both Lemboglossum (syn. Odontoglossum) bictoniense and its hybrids bloom in this season. Lemboglossum bictoniense is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: sulphureum (green with white lip), album (brown with white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in Odcdm. Bittersweet and Odm. bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.

### Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

### Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be

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necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

### Rossioglossum grande

Once known as Odontoglossum grande, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

...thanks to the [AOS](#) and Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

# Sandpiper Orchid Society

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## American Orchid Society

# Calendar of Events

## October 2009

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Oct 12 Columbus Day  
Oct 31 Halloween

9, 10 Waldor Orchid's Fall Sale      Waldor Orchids  
9AM-5:30PM    10 E. Poplar Ave. Linwood, N.J.  
website: <http://waldor.com/>

21 Mid-Atlantic Judging Center  
Philadelphia Horticultural Center    Phila, Pa.  
website: <http://www.orchidjudging.com/>

22 Sandpiper Orchid Society Meeting  
7:00PM    \*\*\* Annual Orchid Auction\*\*\*  
**Open to the Public**  
Atlantic County Library system    Galloway, N.J.  
6:30 PM    Doors open for plant preview

[EXTENDED CALENDAR DETAILS](#)

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Membership Benefits

Monthly Meetings	Member's Orchid Greenhouse Tours
A Monthly Newsletter is sent to all Members	Orchid Raffles
Experienced Orchid Growers to Answer your Questions	Snacks, Beverages, Desserts
Educational Orchid Workshops	An Annual Membership Picnic
Guest Speakers	Participation in Annual Orchid Shows
Slide or Digital Presentations	An Annual Membership Awards Banquet
Member's Orchids displayed at Meetings	An Annual Orchid Auction

Renewing Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined Sandpiper OS \_\_\_\_\_ New Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Indicate: Individual \_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_ (2 People residing at the same Mailing Address)

\$25 Yearly Dues running from January thru December

### ***Web Users Please Print Out this Form***

Please bring this completed Membership Form and your check made out to:  
**'Sandpiper Orchid Society'** to ***your*** next Society meeting.

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Galloway Branch of the Atlantic County Library system located at 306 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ.

[Map of Meeting Location](#)

or

**Mail** this form and check to:

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## Orchids October Preview



**Dracula diana** is among the species in this New World  
genus of more than 100 species.

Grower: **Smithsonian Institution** Photo: **B.J. Ramsay**

**A Hybridizer's History: The Journey of Frank Fordyce**

**Living Legends: Honoring Ernest Hetherington**

**Tips for the Time-Challenged Orchid Grower**

**Growing and Flowering Barkeria spectabilis**

**Native Orchids: Epidendrum magnoliae**

**Draculas: Orchids that Bite**

...thanks to the [American Orchid Society](#)

## Sandpiper Orchid Society

Secretary

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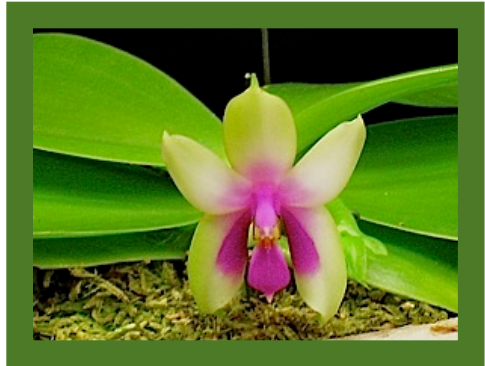
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**Phal. Pacific Red Star**  
Grown by P. Bruno

**August 2009**  
**Show Table**  
**1st Place Winners**  
*SHOW TABLE DETAILS*



**Phal. bellina (oval leaf strain)**  
Grown by L&R Jankowski



**Epi. Cindy**  
Grown by J&M McClellan



**Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS**  
**Raisin Pie 'Hsinying'**  
Grown by R. Michalenko



**Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Hong'**  
Grown by A. Fontaine



**Ascda. Praler 'Barbara Elmore'**  
**HCC/AOS**  
Grown by P. Cascioli



**Epi. Green Hornet**  
Grown by C. Cascioli



**Pyp. Mariposa 'Green Valley' var. alba**  
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



**Mtssa. Olmec 'Kanno'**  
HCC/AOS  
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**Phrag. Wossner Super Grande**  
'Meagan Sarah'  
Grown by **B. Ellingsen**



**Bolopetalum Midnight Blue**  
'Cardinal's Roost'  
Grown by **B. Ellingsen**



**Paph. liemianum**  
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



**Dor. pulcherrima**  
var. **champorensis**  
Grown by **A. Fontaine**



**Cattelya Hybrid**  
Grown by **R. Tusone**

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