

# Sandpiper Orchid Society



July 2010

## 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.](#)

**July 22nd**  
**7:30 PM**

At our July 22th meeting, Walter Off of Waldor Orchids will present a digital program on the growing, selling and promotion of orchids in New Jersey dating back to the early 1800's with an emphases on the Cattleya orchid.

**July '10 Newsletter**  
in a  
**MAGAZINE FORMAT**

## The Orchid Help Guys



**Before the Meeting**  
**7:30 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.

# First Annual Shore Orchid Festival

July 23-25, 2010

**Silva Orchids**  
635 Wayside Rd. Neptune, N.J.

website: <http://www.silvaorchids.com/>

*Announcing the first annual*

## SHORE ORCHID FESTIVAL

Friday, July 23 - Sunday, July 25, 2010 • 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Held at Silva Orchids

### Guests:

Andy's Orchids	Main Street Orchids
Arcadia Glass House	Oakhill Gardens
Blue Moon Pottery	Orchid Phile
Brennan Orchids	Parkside Orchids
Cal-Orchid	Piping Rock
Canaima Orchids	Silva Orchids
Celebrate Orchids	Stony Brook Orchids
Fishing Creek Orchids	Suwada Orchid Nursery
J & L Orchids	Waldor Orchids
Just Pat Orchids	Woodstream Orchids
Little Brook Orchids	

**Food Vendors:** Allenwood General Store  
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Free orchid workshops on Saturday & Sunday for beginners & experienced growers  
Great food on site • Free admission • Free parking • Rain or shine • All activities tented

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

Email: [SandpiperOS@gmail.com](mailto:SandpiperOS@gmail.com)

**SHOW TABLE & Orchid Shows**  
Point Standings thru  
**June 2010**

Bollenbach, G.	88
Bruno, P.	3
Cassioli, P.	60
Cassioli-Gotwals, C.	6
Class, B.	90
Connolly, C.	9
Ellingsen, B.	94
Errickson, B.	7
Fontaine, A.	131
Jankowski, L&R	84
McClellan, J&M	10
Michalenko, R.	96
Peacock, J.	4
Kruckner, R&R	14
Schairer, C.	40
Tusone, R.	32

**How the Points are Earned**

- Rosette Award ..... 10 pts
- 1st Place ..... 5 pts
- 2nd Place ..... 3 pts
- 3rd Place ..... 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.

*“Orchids you should have in your collection”.*



**Andy Fontaine**

At Sandpiper’s last meeting, Andy Fontaine presented a slide series on ‘Orchids you should have in your collection’. These slides were taken from the Red and Trudi Marsh collection of their many various species.

The enjoyable part of collecting species is the variation in blooming times. Something is always in bloom. The following is a list of some of the diverse slides presented: *Aerides fieldingii*, *Angraecum sesquipedale*, *Bulbophyllum lobbii*, *Cattleya acklandiae*, *Cattleya bicolor* ‘brasiliensis’, *Cattleya* ‘Green magic’, *Cattleya harrisoniana* ‘Violacea’, *Cymbidium canaliculatum* var. ‘sparksii’, *Dendrobium aggregatum*, *Dendrobium pierardii*, *Epidendrum diurnum*, *Gomesa recurva*, *Laelia perrinii*, *Oncidium jonesinum*, *Oncidium lanceanum*, *Paph. chamberlainianum*, *Phrag. longifolium*, *Trichoglottis brachiata* ‘Philippinensis’, and *Trichopilia suavis*.

*Floral Art Show*  
at the  
*Hammonton Arts Center*



Congratulations to **Rita Michalenko** of the *Sandpiper Orchid Society* for receiving the **First Place Award** in the “Live Plant” category for her orchid **Tolumnia Red Barry**.



**Rita Michalenko**

Rita accepted her award on Thursday, June 17th at the Awards presentation.



**Tolumnia Red Barry**



## Phrag. wallisii

**Phragmipedium wallisii** is native to Peru and Ecuador. It grows at an elevation of 1600 meters. It can also be found growing side by side with *Phragmipedium boissierianum*. Its roots grow in a rich, volcanic clay just below the surface of moss. It is actually a form of *caudatum*, i.e. *caudatum* var. *wallisii*. It is one of the long-petalled species with petals 2 feet or more in length.

### Light

Grow in light levels of 1000-3000 footcandles. Plants grown in lower light will produce longer leaves that are dark green in color. Plants grown in higher light have shorter light green foliage. During summer months, reduce light levels as the days are longer and the plant accumulates more light energy. During winter, increase light levels to 2000-3000 footcandles.

### Temperature

Intermediate temps are best with nighttime lows of 58-63 degrees F., and daytime highs of 75-85 degrees. During the summer months this plant can develop a bacterial rot at the base of the leaves. Keep well-watered and if you see this rot develop, try to reduce the temperatures, remove the diseased leaf and apply cinnamon or sulfur powder to the affected area.

### Humidity

50% or above. In nature, it is not uncommon for there to be heavy dews at night. It must be remembered that these plants grow on steep hillsides or cliffs and receive good air movement. Try to duplicate the air movement with a fan blowing air across the tops of leaves but not directly on them.

### Water

This plant receives abundant rainfall in nature but the roots are shallow-growing and due to the steep hillsides on which they grow, there is fast drainage. The pH of the water falling on these plants ranges between 6.3 and 6.7.

Use rain, distilled or reverse osmosis water for best results. If utilizing a bark mix, municipal water with a pH of 7.5 or lower is acceptable as the bark acts like a buffering agent bringing the pH down. Water as the plant approaches dryness, but do not allow it to become totally dry between watering.

### Fertilizer

If you are using rain, distilled or reverse osmosis water, you can use 20-10-20 GrowMore Urea Free at the rate of ½ tsp per gallon. To supply calcium, blend 10% of your well water or municipal water back in at least once a month. Fertilize every third watering.

### Flowering

These plants typically bloom in the spring to early summer and produce 2-4 flowers that are colored in



cream, white, green and light tan. Petals can be up to 2' long. Flowers usually last 3-5 weeks. To help encourage flowering, we suggest increasing the light levels during the month or two preceding spring.

### Repotting

Repot in the late spring to early summer just after flowering when new growths emerge. Do not repot during the stress periods of hot summer or the dead of winter. Utilize a medium grade bark mix.

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[Orchid Web](http://OrchidWeb.com) website.



## David's Monthly Orchid Tips

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

## Water and Summer Heat

In these "dog days of Summer", your orchids will need extra water. If your plants are outside or they're in a greenhouse they will need to be sprayed down almost daily (this depends on the amount of rain you get) when the temperature reaches the mid to upper 90's.

Greenhouses can become extremely hot this time of year and soaking down the floors is a great way to cool the environment down. We can drop the temperature 15 degrees or so with a good soaking.

Even if you grow indoors, plants will need some extra water too. If you grow your orchids in window sills, a couple of hot sunny days will dry them out. And even if you grow under lights, since this is the growing season, most of your plants will benefit from a little more H2O to fatten up those bulbs.

## AOS Monthly Newsletter

..from the desk of Ron McHatton

**AOS June 2010 Newsletter**

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

To obtain Sandpiper OS Membership information and a printable Application Form, click on the link below.

[Printable Membership Application Form](#)

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## Congratulations to Chris Rehmann    **PRESIDENT of the American Orchid Society**



While on a Hawaiian vacation with his wife Loretta in 1980, Chris purchased three orchid plants and the mania began. Once back in southern New Jersey, he found Waldor Orchids and George Off, the long-time owner and one of the early pioneers in the cut-flower orchid business. Chris was fascinated by the stories of early orchid growing in the United States as told by Mr. Off. He also listened for hours to Mr. Off as he potted orchid plants and discussed cultural information about growing orchids.

Chris was born and raised in southern New Jersey and resides there with his wife Loretta. After graduating from Drexel University with a BS in Civil Engineering and an MS in Environmental Engineering, he spent two years in the U.S. Public Health Service before returning to a family engineering firm in New Jersey. Chris and Loretta have two

sons and four grandchildren. Chris Jr. is an Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Iowa State University. Richard heads the Information Management Division of Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates.

Chris has balanced the management of his Civil-Environmental engineering firm of 100 professionals and staff with his passion for orchids. ***As a member of the Sandpiper Orchid Society, he has served in many offices, including President of the Society. "Meeting orchid hobbyists has always been a rewarding experience. They are just nice people," said Chris.***

Chris and Loretta have traveled to Ecuador, Costa Rica and Belize to meet orchid people and view orchids in their natural habitat. "I was thrilled seeing *Cattleya maxima* in full bloom or the single *Sobralia* flower by the roadside. Seeing Costa Ricans cataloging the orchids of Montverde Forest Reserve with the same passion we see in our hobbyists was exciting," says Chris.

Chris entered the AOS student judging program in 1990, and became an Accredited Judge in 1996 with the assistance of Accredited Judges Bill Smith, Rainforest Orchids; Mark Werther, Sentinel Orchids; and mentor Walter Off, Waldor Orchids. "These people shared their passion for orchids, their knowledge of orchid judging and the obligation for judges to service the orchid hobbyist and exhibitor. The thrill of participating in ribbon judging was to listen to icons of orchid knowledge such as Dr. William Wilson, Dr. Ben Berliner, George Vazquez and many others who were willing to share their knowledge." Chris has served as the Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center for five years, and has judged throughout the United States. Chris had the pleasure to judge the first Quito, Ecuador orchid show, as well as the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

Chris, a former Vice-President, is now the President of the AOS, served on the Judging Committee and is a member of the Library Committee of the AOS. "It is my obligation to give back to the members of the AOS for all of the good times shared, satisfying experiences given, and friendships graciously extended to me in all the orchid venues I have attended," says Chris.

.....thanks to the AOS website

# Calendar of Events

## August 2010

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				

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

26 Sandpiper Orchid Society Meeting  
7:30 PM Galloway Branch of the Atlantic  
County Library system Absecon, N.J.

[EXTENDED CALENDAR DETAILS](#)

## Sandpiper Orchid Society

### Officers

President	Ron Ference
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Trustee 2013	George Bollenbach

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### The Benefits Of Membership

Whether a beginner or an expert orchid grower, you will find membership in the American Orchid Society a truly rewarding experience. You'll join 18,000 others worldwide who share a passion for orchids, as well as furthering conservation and research efforts for these wondrous plants. And you'll enjoy a wealth of membership benefits.

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## ORCHIDS August Preview



**Phalaenopsis lobbii fma. flava 'Fajen Too', AM/AOS**  
exhib: **Fajen's Orchids & Exotics;**  
photo © **Dan C. Backhaus**

**Orchid of the Month: Isabelia**  
**A Portrait of Epipactis helleborine**  
**Hybridizing with Phalaenopsis gibbosa, lobbii**  
**and parishii**

**Spotlight: Dendrobium anosmum**

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## Sandpiper Orchid Society

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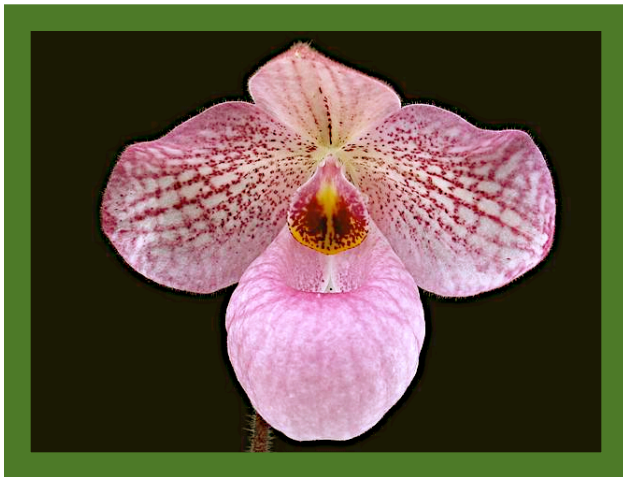


**June 2010**  
**Show Table**  
**1st Place Winners**

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**C. dowiana**  
Grown by **B. Class**



**Paph. Magic Lantern**  
Grown by **A. Fontaine**



**Dtps. Malibu Chablis**  
Grown by **C. Connolly**



**Paph. Mount Toro album**  
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



**Pyp. Kalihi**  
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



**Phrag. Lutz Rollke**  
Grown by **B. Class**

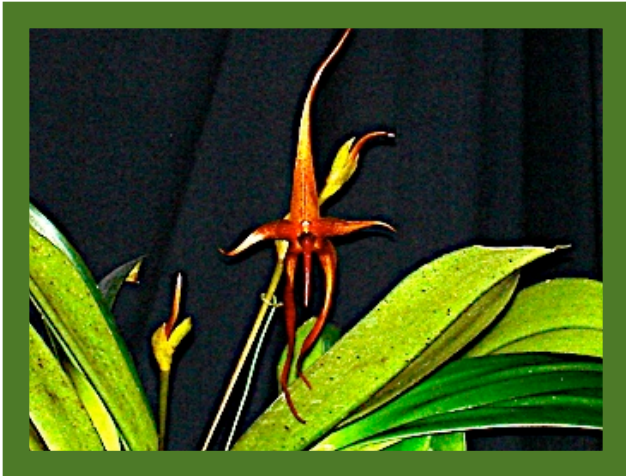


**V. Bogus Sunspots**  
Grown by **A. Fontaine**



**Epi. Green Hornet**  
Grown by **G. Bollenbach**

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**Bulb. Hybrid**  
Grown by **R. Michalenko**