



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

June
2011
Newsletter

Online at <http://eaos.org>

From the President's Desk

Sorry to have missed our May meeting, but I heard that Paul Phelps was a great speaker and everyone learned lots about pests and diseases that affect orchids. I got to spend a week in my Santa Fe cruising up and down I-75 to my nephew's graduation in Dayton with side trips to the USAF Museum, Chattanooga's Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga Civil War Battlefields and the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. A nice trip but 2300 miles in one week was way too much windshield time for me. Springtime in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee was lovely though – being from NJ, I do miss springtime. Nice to get away, nice to be back.



June is our indoor picnic and orchid swap and I hope everyone will attend. We've lowered the cost to only \$2 per member. Such a deal! Come one – come all. We'll be supplying the pulled pork and pulled chicken as well as soft drinks, coffee and paper products. We need members to bring in side dishes and desserts. We'll vote for the best side dish and the best dessert and the winner will receive an orchid! Such a fitting prize – such imagination!!!

If you haven't attended an orchid swap before – just bring in your plants or bare roots that you no longer want or have too many of and swap them with other members for their extra stock. It's a great way to increase your orchid stock – and also a push to get your plants repotted, separated and cleaned up. There's plenty of time to prepare your stock before the meeting.

Here's the details:

The June 13th meeting is our annual **Orchid Swap & Picnic**. The cost is \$2 per person. If you didn't sign up at the May meeting, just call Ann Baldwin on 941.475.5097 by June 8th to reserve your spot. You can pay at the door but we need to know the headcount.

Our menu is pulled pork and pulled chicken from *Food is Love* with side dishes and desserts supplied by our members.

We'll vote on our favorite side dish and dessert and the winner will get a prize!

The meeting will begin a little earlier than normal so we can swap and eat.

Here's the plan:

Doors open at 6:00. Set up and browse but no swapping!

Swap period is 6:15 – 6:30 (and throughout the evening, if necessary)

Picnic starts at 6:30

We'll have a raffle table and a members' display table but there will be no judging of plants for this meeting. Just bring in your pretty plants for all to enjoy if you'd like.

We're also having a hat and tee shirt contest – decorate and wear your hat or tee shirt and you may win a prize!

Please come to the picnic and bring a side dish or dessert and join in the fun!

Gail Hopper
EAOS President



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

June
2011
Newsletter

Online at <http://eaos.org>

Minutes

MAY 9, 2011

Our Vice President Mary Anne called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The Treasurers report was read, voted upon, and approved as read. Mary Anne then welcomed our guest Cathy Schae and our new members; Shari Armstrong, Rob and Barb Dana, Karen and Hank Irvine, Jeanne and Ralph, and Jean Soto. Welcome all to our fine organization.

Thanks to Sandi for her presentation, which was held earlier this evening. She did a great job with the limited number of members who showed up.

Members were reminded of the orchid swap and picnic to be held at the June meeting. The doors will open at 6:00 PM, with the orchid swap starting at 6:15 PM. There will be plenty of food afterwards. Admission is two dollars for members and four dollars for guests. Signup for the picnic is until June third. Call Anne Baldwin with any questions.

Mary Anne states that the T-shirts are almost ready to go. There are sign-up sheets being passed around at the meeting.

Paul Phelps of Phelps Farm was our speaker for the night. He spoke to us on the topic of Orchid Pests and Diseases and how to best deal with them. Thanks to Paul for a very interesting presentation. The information will be valuable to us all.

A food break was taken; then we had our raffle. After the ribbons were awarded, Mary Anne adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM. Thanks to the 27 members that attended tonight's meeting.

Recording Secretary
Jerome Thompson

The EAOS Newsletter is published by the Englewood Area Orchid Society, P.O. Box 257, Englewood, FL 34295 --- <http://EAOS.org> ---

President:.....Gail Hopper
Vice President:.....Mary Anne DiGrazia
Treasurer:.....Ann Baldwin &
Noreen Spencer
Corresponding Secretary:....Kay Heisner
Recording Secretary:.....Jerome Thompson



Paul Phelps of Phelps Farm Orchids was the May speaker. He also sold some orchids to lucky society members.

May Plant Table

First Place: Walter Roberts - Phal. Taisuco White 'Mano Snow'

Second Place: Rose Hutchinson - Oncda. Jimbo 'Swarm'

Third Place: Catherine Varney - Rlc. George King 'Serendipity'

Members' Choice & Best Species: Michelle Glembocki - Paph. philippinense

Speaker's Choice: Jan Plummer -C. Flambeau



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

June
2011
Newsletter

Online at <http://eaos.org>



The First Place award went to Walter Roberts for Phal. Taisuco White 'Mano Snow'.



Michelle Glembocki's Paph. Philippinense took both Members' Choice and Best Species.



Rose Hutchinson's Oncida. Jimbo 'Swarm' won Second Place.



Rlc. George King 'Serendipity' won Third Place for Catherine Varney.



Speaker's Choice was Jan Plummer's C. Flambeau.

Library Books

Society Librarian, Anna Sibille asks that members who have borrowed books or magazines please return them at the next meeting.





ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

June
2011
Newsletter

Online at <http://eaos.org>

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

*June 4 – Byrd's Orchids
Sale*

*June 13 - Annual picnic
and orchid swap*

*July 11 – Joint meeting
with VAOS at Englewood*

Byrd's Orchids Annual Spring Sale

**Saturday June 4, 2011
9am to 5 pm**

**6302 Green Road,
Lakeland, FL 33810**

Directions: from I-4 take Exit 32 (US Hwy. 98 N)
north to Daughtery Rd. Turn left and go to traffic light.
Turn right onto Green Rd. Phone: 863-859-5060

Treasurer's Report

May-11

Checking Account

INCOME

April. Raffle	\$136.00
Membership Dues	\$15.00
Coffey donations	\$6.45
card sales	\$10.00
Picnic deposits	\$22.00

**Total deposits to
4/11/11**

\$189.45

Expenses:

Meeting room rent (1526)	\$100.00
Food for show (1527)	\$16.71
Misc. for show (1529)	\$92.70
5 extra orchids for raffle (cash)	\$35.30
Speaker Fees and Plants (1528)	\$195.00

**Total expenses to
5/9/11**

\$439.71

Respectfully
submitted:

Ann Baldwin/Noreen Spencer
Treasurers



Online at <http://eaos.org>

Reading an Orchid Label

By Susan Fender

During our recent orchid show, Bill and I noticed that far too many people do not know how to read an orchid label. Reading an orchid label is a very important part of the orchid hobby. The labels give you a wealth of information in a very abbreviated form. Understanding this information will guide you in purchasing orchids because you will know from the label what type of orchid you are purchasing. Understanding the type of orchid will guide you in knowing its proper care, its potential color, its parentage, etc. In fact, the label will tell you whether you can even grow this orchid!

Orchids compose the largest group of flowering plants and the second largest groups of plants in general. The only plant group larger than Orchids is Grasses. In this article I will only discuss some of the common orchid names, but the information is the same for any orchid type. (Please note that I will use the "old" or "commonly used" names although many have recently been changed by taxonomists and will be modified again and again.)

Let's look at an example of an orchid label:

Blc. Burning Love 'Venice', AM/AOS.

The first abbreviation is the genus name. (The plural of genus is genera.) In the label above, the "Blc." stands for Brassolaeliocattleya. Some of the abbreviations commonly used for natural genera are:

Dendrobium Alliance

Den. = Dendrobium

Cattleya Alliance

C. = Cattleya
Epi. = Epidendrum
Enc. = Encyclia
B. = Brassavola
Bro. = Broughtonia
Schom. = Schomburgkia
S. = Sophronitis
L. = Laelia
Diacm. = Diacrium

Vanda Alliance

V. = Vanda
Asctm. = Ascocentrum

Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phal. = Phalaenopsis
Dor. = Doritis

Paphiopedilum Alliance

Paph. = Paphiopedilum

All of the above are abbreviations for the names of natural genera. Man in his infinite wisdom has combined some of these natural genera to make even more genera. There are many of these but below are some commonly used man-made genera:

Cattleya Alliance

Bc. = Brassocattleya (brassavola x cattleya)
Blc. = Brassolaeliocattleya (brassavola x laelia x cattleya)
Lc. = Laeliocattleya (laelia x cattleya)
Sc. = Sophrocattleya (sophronitis x cattleya)
Slc. = Sophrolaeliocattleya (sophronitis x laelia x cattleya)
Epc. = Epicattleya (epidendrum x cattleya) or (encyclia x cattleya)
Ctna. = Cattleytonia (cattleya x broughtonia)
Pot. = Potinara (brassavola x laelia x cattleya x



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

June
2011
Newsletter

Online at <http://eaos.org>

sophrontitis)

Iwan. = Iwanagara (brassavola x cattleya x diacrium x laelia)

Phalaenopsis Alliance

Dtps. = Doritaenopsis (doritis x phalaenopsis)

Vanda Alliance

Ascda. = Ascocenda (vanda x ascocentrum)

An Alliance means that these orchids are closely related. In fact, they are closely enough related to be bred together.

So, back to our sample label: **Blc. Burning Love ‘Venice’, AM/AOS:**

The second word in our sample orchid label is “Burning Love”. This is the grex or name of the particular brassolaeliocattleya. “Burning Love” is capitalized which indicates that it is a hybrid. If this second word or grex is written in lower case, the label indicates that the orchid is a natural species. For example, *C. aelandiae* or *Cattleya aelandiae* is a natural species made by Mother Nature. Another example is *L. purpurata* or *Laelia purpurata*, a South American species.

The name of the cultivar is enclosed in quotation marks: “Venice”. A cultivar is an individual plant selected (from a group from the same seed pod) for its desirable features, and this cultivar may be propagated in ways that perpetuate those desirable features. These cultivars may be propagated by division, offshoots or keikis, or mericlone. When you examine a plant with a cultivar or clonal name, the plant should grow and bloom exactly like its “parent.” For example, from the 100 or so

Blc. Burning Love that we grew, we selected this particular plant and gave it the cultivar name of “Venice”.

The last part of the orchid label on Pot. Burning Love ‘Venice’, AM/AOS is its award from the American Orchid Society. **AM/AOS** indicates that it received an Award of Merit from a panel of American Orchid Society judges. This is quite an honor and indicates that its bloom is of high quality. When awarded, the award becomes part of the name. Following are some possible awards from the AOS:

HCC = Highly Commended Certificate, 75 – 79 points

AM = Award of Merit, 80 – 89 points

FCC = First Class Certificate, 90 – 100 points

CCM = Certificate of Cultural Merit, an award for the grower

JC = Judges’ Commendation for recognition of distinctive characteristics

Many times you see an orchid label with two or more names. This indicates an orchid hybrid that has not yet been named. For example: **Blc. Arabesque ‘Sultan’s Dream’, /AOS x Blc. Mary Forrest’Amy’**. The pod parent is *Brassolaeliocattleya Arabesque ‘Sultan’s Dream’, AM/AOS* and it has been crossed with *Brassolaeliocattleya Mary Forrest ‘Amy’*. After several years when the hybrid blooms, the hybridizer may name the hybrid or may give permission for another orchid grower to name his hybrid. All grex names are registered with the Royal Horticultural Society in England. An “Application for Registration of an Orchid Hybrid” must be filled out with 2 choices of the grex name, the seed and pollen parents, the date the cross was made and the date of the first flowering of the cross, along with a brief description of the first flowers. The cost is currently \$12.50 for each application. To avoid confusion, no two orchids in the same family may have the same name. Genera are grouped



ENGLEWOOD AREA ORCHID SOCIETY

June
2011
Newsletter

Online at <http://eaos.org>

into larger entities called families. So, for example, in the family that includes cattleyas, brassavolas, epidendrums, etc. no two orchids may have the same name or grex.

This hybrid of Blc. Arabesque 'Sultan's Dream', AM/AOS x Blc. Mary Forrest 'Amy' was named Blc. Burning Love by Bill and Susan Fender of Fender's Flora, Inc. Bill is the hybridizer of this cross. Bill made this hybrid in November, 2000. It first flowered in February, 2005.

Finally, if the hybrid is not a common one, we like to indicate on our labels the parents. So we may print the full name of the orchid with its awards and after this in parentheses the parents.

For example:

Blc. Burning Love 'Venice', AM/AOS
(Blc. Arabesque 'Sultan's Dream', AM/AOS x
Blc. Mary Forrest 'Amy')

All of this information is helpful to you when purchasing and growing this particular orchid.

Orchid labeling is a very organized process and really very easy to understand with just a little practice. With so many natural genera combined with so many man-made hybrids, you can easily understand why the label is extremely important. Learn to read the label and be sure to keep the label with the plant. Your orchid may be beautiful but without a label to identify its parentage, it is not nearly as valuable.