



New Mexico Orchid Guild Newsletter

October 2009

This month our meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management 435 Montano NW on the Sunday October 4, 2009 at 1:30 PM

The BLM is almost one mile west of Interstate 25 Take the Montgomery/Montano exit and go past Bob Turner's Ford Country turn at the Sonic Drive In one block East of Edith

The BLM building is the dark brick building on the North side of the street. Enter the main door and proceed to the conference room straight ahead.

As always please bring a snack to share

Members are encouraged to wear their membership badges

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WELCOME BACK NORMAN FANG

Norman Fang earned his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. As a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. He received a number of scholarships to study plant tissue culture, eventually studying under the renowned Dr. Murashige at the University of California at Riverside, and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii. In 1986, he won the First Place Research Paper Award and was named Outstanding Horticulture Student by the American Society for Horticulture Science. In 1987, he started his own highly successful nursery, Norman's Orchids, which has received more than 350 AOS quality awards and 18 AOS Show Trophies. In 1994, the California Junior Chamber of Commerce named Norman their Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Norman is active in a number of organizations that help him continue to develop his skills, as well as teach others about the fine science of orchid propagation. He is a frequent guest speaker at orchid societies and conferences. Norman is an accredited AOS judge with, and the leading commercial-grower donor to, the Pacific South Judging Center. He also endeavors to generously support several other judging centers and societies. He served seven years on the Research and the Education Committees of the AOS.

Norman is a veteran exhibitor at major American shows such as The Fascination of Orchids Show, San Francisco International Orchid Show, Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, New York International Orchid Show, Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show and Miami International Orchid Show, bringing back new insights to help improve California's Southland Orchid Show, on whose board he served many years. He has traveled and judged in Asia, South Africa, Canada and South America. Norman is AOS Representative for the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association, and has been the AOS Judging Coordinator for the Taiwan International Orchid Show since 1996. He is also one of the founding members of the International Phalaenopsis Association.

Norman will speak on new developments in Harlequin Phalaenopsis.

Pre orders will be accepted through Wednesday, September 30th at www.Orchids.com or call (909) 627-9515

Norman will have plants for sale.



SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids



Glen presented a wonderful program at the September 13th meeting. His presentation was a travelogue (Peru), a history of Phrag. kovachii, and a lesson on Phrag culture. Glen generously provided plants for our raffle table. (Your editor can testify to that!)

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that I report the August 30th death of Charles Baker who died peacefully at his home in Portland, Oregon. Charles, with his late wife Margaret, co-authored three editions of Orchid Species Culture and those of you who use orchid wiz will recognize much of the cultural information included in that software is from Charles research and publications.

NOVEMBER

**“PESTS, REPOTTING AND PROBLEMS”
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!
November 1st**

DECEMBER

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th
from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM
AT THE SAVOY**

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBER BERT NORGDON
PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND MAKE HIM FEEL WELCOME TO THE NMOG FAMILY**

Message from Steve

For those of you who have had orchids on summer vacation outside--it was 54 degrees this morning (9/18) at my house in the valley; the NWS had predicted 50 degrees. That's in the cool temperature range for orchids, which means that now is the time to bring in your warm to intermediate growing plants. This would include things like most Cattleyas and Phalaenopsis-type Dendrobiums. Deciduous-type Dendrobiums that grow in monsoon forests can stay out and actually prefer cool nights, as do you Cymbidiums. Stop fertilizing your Cymbidiums now because they need to stop growing and let the cool nights snap them into flowering cycle. Although Phalaenopsis are warm-growing plants, they can benefit from a week or two of 50-60 degree nights to help them initiate flower spikes (they don't want to be that cool normally during their growth cycle, however). Most of the Laelias and other cool growing orchids can stay out with the Cymbidiums a little longer. Just don't let them freeze. If you're in doubt about what to bring in and what to leave outside, do a little research--our wonderful NMOG library, Orchid Wiz, the web.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Remember, we offer free classified ads in our monthly newsletter. If you have any plants or plant related items you would like to advertise for sale or trade (no commercial enterprises please), just send the editor an email with the specifics and the ad will "run" free of charge in the next newsletter.

ARE YOU?

New to growing orchids? Uncomfortable asking questions in a large group? Please join us in the BLM break room at 1:00 PM prior to the monthly meeting. "Seasoned" growers will be on hand to answer your questions, one on one, and act as mentors.

SHOW TIME !

WHAT? You must be crazy ! The annual show isn't until May 2010. Well, crazy maybe, but putting together this show requires a great deal of time and advance planning so expect to be hearing a lot about it in the coming months.

We have a show theme **Orchid Odyssey**. We have a show date **April 30- May 2** We have a location. **Albuquerque BioPark**. What do we need ? **YOU**. It is not too early to be thinking about where you would like to volunteer. Committees are being formed for BioPark liaison, volunteer coordination, treasury, plant sales, awards & judging, conservatory plant display, and conservatory arrangement display. . **We are looking for a volunteer to help with show publicity.** Contact any Board member to volunteer.

September Show and Tell Winners



Division I First Place
C. Summer Spot 'Carmela'
Shown by Pam McKenzie

This tropical American genus is highly popular and highly hybridized. It's showy flowers are often fragrant. It likes high light and intermediate to warm temperatures. Grown in coarse medium drying out between watering. This plant is grown in an atrium, under lights with 70 percent humidity.

Division I Second Place
Rlc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Pearl', AM-OSROC
Shown by Clark and Vickie Haskins

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Haw Yuan Beauty (Rhyncholaeliocattleya Haw Yuan Moon x Cattleya Mari's Song) was awarded HCC by AOS in 2004. It blooms twice a year with two flowers per inflorescence. This plant has received awards at the New Mexico State Fair and at the NMOG show in 2008. The parents of this plant are surprising. Rlc. Haw Yuan Moon is bright yellow. C. Mari's Song has pink sepals with white/purple/yellow picotee petals and lip. The combination in this cross is clean and crisp, white and purple. It is grown in intermediate to high light with temperatures ranging from 55 to 85 degrees.



ANOTHER WINNER



Division I Third Place
Cirrhopetalum makoyanum
Shown by Clark and Vickie Haskins

This plant was a gift from Roger Easton . It is an amazing daisy-shape orchid! This plant is native to southeast Asia. It is an intermediate grower.

What Roger bought as *Cirr. makoyanum* is probably *Bulb. Daisy Chain*, a primary cross between *Bulb. makloyanum* and *Bulb. cumingii*.

It had over twenty inflorescences.

Cirrhopetalum makoyanum buds

A promise of more to come!



AND MORE WINNERS



Division I Fourth place (tie)
Catt. Bicolor
Shown by Steve Fischer

Three populations with distinct morphology in southeast, and west central Brazil. Grows from 200 to 6000 ft elevation. It is cold tolerant and must be repotted as new root growth starts.

Division I Fourth Place (tie)
Sobralia decora 'Santa Barbara'
Shown by Steve Fischer

