



New Mexico Orchid Guild Newsletter

January 2010



JANUARY PROGRAM

A JUDGED SHOW**WOW !**

But, what does that REALLY mean? AOS judge and Albuquerque resident Ray Gabaldon will educate us about judging and holding an AOS judged show. As always, a great selection of plants on sale. Don't miss this one!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Steve will present a program on Phalaenopsis species and their affect on hybridization. Steve's programs are always very well researched and informative. Another "don't miss" program.

MARCH PROGRAM

This is very exciting ! Our March speaker will be orchid taxonomist Francisco Miranda. Francisco will speak on orchids of the Brazilian Amazon. Steve will be collecting pre orders for this meeting. Visit Miranda orchids.com and start your wish list. Order deadline will be announced in the February newsletter.

ORCHID WIZ

Don't you just love Orchid Wiz ? Don't you wish you had access to it any time you want to use it? Well now you have the opportunity. The good folks at Orchid Wiz have donated a copy of the program for us to use as a fundraiser. Your board of directors have decided to hold a raffle with the winner receiving Orchid Wiz. Tickets will be available at the monthly meetings. Five dollars a ticket. See page 5 for a complete description of this exciting software.



This month our meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management 435 Montano NW on Sunday January 3, 2010 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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2009 WRAP-UP

Steve Fischer

Since NMOG is an educational organization, take the quiz below to see how much you learned this year. All the questions are either true or false. Answers are on the bottom of page 3.

1. Dendrobiums from monsoon forests tend to shed their leaves during the dry season.
2. The low elevation forests of New Guinea have a distinct dry season.
3. Martin Motes has probably accumulated more “husband points” than any man in the world because his wife, Mary, has more awarded orchids named for her than anyone else.
4. The 2009 NMOG show was named “Orchid Obsession” even though there is nothing obsessive about growing orchids.
5. *Masdavellia herradura* has the largest flower of any of the Pleurothallids.
6. Les and Barbara’s *Phalaenopsis* Baldan's Kaleidoscope won both People’s Choice and the Roger Easton Award at NMOG’s spring show.
7. An incredible number of *Coelogyne* hybrids are now available.
8. Winter is the best time to repot because so many orchids are dormant.
9. Glen Decker spoke to us about growing *Paphiopedilum kovachii*.
10. Many of the orchids seen on TV were grown by Norman Fang.
11. Although mealybugs are difficult to control indoors, outdoors they are vulnerable to predatory insects such as parasitic wasps.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Dodson, Gary Goodman
and
Patricia Russell

have joined the NMOG family

**INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND MAKE THEM
FEEL WELCOME**

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.

Membership Renewal

NMOG membership is on a calendar year basis, January through December. Please use the membership form attached to renew your membership for 2010. You may mail it to NMOG at the PO Box listed or bring it to the January meeting. Dues are still a great value at \$25 per household.

LIBRARY

Did you know that we have an incredible library available to you? Each meeting our librarian, Walter Prah, displays a wide variety of books for you to check out. There is no charge for this membership benefit. All we ask is that the books be returned in a reasonable time.

Advance your knowledge, check out a book at the next meeting.

Answers to quiz: 1—T, 2—F, 3—probably T, 4—F, 5—F, 6—T, 7—F, 8—F, 9—F, 10—T, 11—T

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Annual Dues are \$25.00 for individual or family membership.

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2009 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
AT THE SAVOY



Thanks Rona for the beautiful music



"Santa" Clark Haskins



Steve the "orchidholic"



Joanne and Steve share a moment



Steve and Debby amidst the orchids

WORLD'S SMALLEST ORCHID

December 3, 2009--The world's smallest known orchid (pictured)—just over 2 millimeters (0.08 inch) across and nearly see-through—has been discovered nestled in the roots of another flower in Ecuador, scientists announced this week.

Lou Jost, an ecologist with the EcoMinga plant conservation foundation has studied the plants of the South American country's mountainous forests for 15 years.

Earlier this year he'd collected an orchid of a larger species to study in his greenhouse. "Several months later I saw this tiny plant," he said.

Ecuador's mountains are havens of biodiversity, where plants on one mountain may be entirely different from those on a neighboring peak.

In the region where the tiny orchid was found, Jost also recently discovered 28 new orchids in the *Teagueia* genus, a group previously thought to contain only 6 species. Ecuador as a whole is home to 4,000 known orchid species—a thousand of them discovered in the past 12 years alone.

The newfound orchid, part of the *Platystele* genus, hasn't yet had the type of scientific review that would lead to its official designation as a new species. But, Jost said, orchid expert Carl Luer, a researcher affiliated with the Missouri Botanical Garden, agrees that the plant is a unique species.

The bloom has, for now, no name. "It's just sitting here with lots of others that need to be described," Jost said. "These forests are just filled with new things."

—*Rachel Kaufman*

Photograph courtesy Lou Jost



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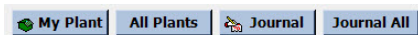
What is OrchidWiz



OrchidWiz is an easy-to-use software application for orchid research, discovery and to help growers keep track of their orchids. It was designed with three primary goals in mind: (1) Ease-of-use; (2) Accuracy; and (3) Completeness.

OrchidWiz is so intuitive that anyone who can use a computer mouse can benefit from it. There are thousands of OrchidWiz aficionados around the world. Many world-class institutions use OrchidWiz for their basic research needs, i.e., Selby Gardens, the Smithsonian Greenhouse and the Singapore Botanic Gardens. More than 200 orchid nurseries and 330 Orchid Society judges have licensed OrchidWiz, another testimony to its breadth and accuracy.

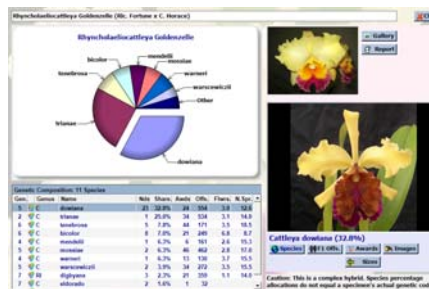
Discover Orchids



- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal
- Add your own photographs into the Journal.
- Almost 40,000 color photographs of orchids.



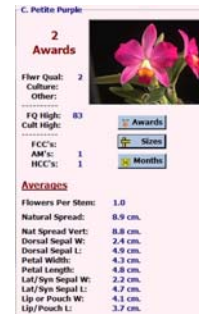
- Photographic references for almost 16,000 species.
- Look-up orchids by new taxonomic names or by older more familiar Sander's names
- Information on more than 29,000 species.
- Genealogy charts for more than 127,000 hybrids.



- 16 distinct breeding groups provided for ease of search and analysis.
- Geographical distributions of over 26,000 species.
- Month-by-month flowering times for more than 5,300 species.
- Data from 2,649 Charles Baker cultivation sheets displayed in graphical form.



- Light intensity and night temperature recommendations for 4,100 species.



- Award data from the AOS, CSA, AOC, and the OCNZ, a total of more than 73,000 awards.

Excited about Orchids

"I have observed an interesting reaction in myself since I started using OrchidWiz to inventory my collection...I am actually getting EXCITED again about my orchids in a way I haven't felt in awhile." --Cynthia Hill

MORE GOOD NEWS

You asked for it
Your board did it

Beginning with the January meeting there will be a printer available for you to use with Orchid Wiz at the monthly meeting. Our only request is that it be used to print text only as printing the beautiful flowers EATS INK !