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FROM THE PRESIDENT  
November 2010

Almost forty of us enjoyed a beautiful day for a picnic and potting party at Ken and Barbara Andersen's. We ate, laughed, and potted some very nice mini Catts. The plants were LC Colin McCully P. F. X BLC Mem. Frank Main P. F. AM/AOS. Some are near blooming size, and some have already bloomed. They are seed crosses, so no two will be exactly alike. Most will be pink/purple splash petals. A few plants are still available if you couldn't make it to the picnic. I'll have them potted up at the next meeting. Cost is \$5.00.

Speaking at our next meeting will be Patti Wilson. Patti originally worked at Carter & Holmes. Her topic is prepping plants for shows. Don't miss it.

Speaking of shows, the Sarasota show will be held Jan. 8-9, 2011. Setup will be Jan. 7th, and we will collect plants a day or so before. The theme is "WILD ABOUT ORCHIDS". We need your plants, all types, sizes, and colors. Start prepping them now. Clean them, stake them, and orient them the right way so the flowers face forward and up.

Mary Harte has graciously volunteered to host this year's holiday party in December. ( Or was your arm twisted, Mary?) We would like a committee of helpers to assist Mary. Be ready to sign up at the November meeting.

Our January speaker will be Megan Wilkinson of Tropical 1/Ritter Orchids. Megan is also a free lance fine arts photographer.

As November rolls in, and the days get >>>>

>>>> shorter and cooler, it is time to harden your outdoor plants for winter. Many of them, Catasetum and it's relatives, nobile dendrobiums, and other deciduous ( leaf shedding) types need a dry rest. Little or no water and NO fertilizer until you see new growth.

Other varieties need less fertilizer because there is less light and less warmth. You don't want new growths shooting out only to be immature when the cold cold winter rolls around.

( Remember last January and February)

Phals like the cool nights and should be setting spikes. Ditto for your Cymbidiums if you watered and fertilized heavily all summer. I check mine every day. Spikes are bursting forth every day, including three on one small ratty looking yellow Cym. in a cracked plastic pot. So much for care and culture!

Also, be sure to clean up your growing area. You don't want trash and debris to harbor unwanted surprises over the winter.

For those of you with green houses, watch the light. As the trees shed leaves, you might end up with too much sunlight on the high side of your growing area. Keep the air moving and look for signs of burning. ( Foliage turning red or too yellow )

## Happiness

Happiness like a butterfly. The more you chase it, the more it will elude you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and sits on your shoulder.

## MOS Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by president Roy Kreuger.

The minutes of the September meeting and the September treasurer's report were accepted as published in the newsletter.

The pot-luck picnic and orchid potting at Ken Anderson's will be on Sunday, October 24, beginning around noon. The Society will provide a cooked ham. Members were asked to inform Lucille Negin or Carol Douglas if they plan to attend. Orchids for potting will be LC Colin McCully P.F. X BLC Mem. Frank Main P.F. AM/AOS. As these are seed crosses no two will be exactly alike but the common thread should be a dark lip with a yellow throat. Petals and sepals will be various shades of pink/purple with some splash petals. Ken will provide potting mix and plastic pots; the cost of potting will be \$5.00 per orchid.

The Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show October 22-24 will be outdoors at the USF Botanical Gardens.

The theme for the Sarasota Show on January 8-9, 2011 will be Wild About Orchids. There will have more information about the show at the November meeting.

Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids will be speaking on the Black Catasatum at the Sarasota Orchid Society's meeting at Selby Gardens on November 1, 2011.

At our November meeting, Patty Wilson from Carter and Holmes will discuss "Preparing Plants for Shows". Future speakers will include Stig Dalstrom who will discuss "Chasing the Ghost Orchid" and the Wild Orchid Man movie, Megan Wilson of Tropical One and Michael Sinn of Canaima Orchids. Potting sessions will alternate with guest speakers at upcoming meetings.

The members agreed to have a holiday party in December; location to be determined. >>>>>

>>>>> Master Gardener Becky Moreland said her organization is seeking donations for a greenhouse that would be used for education and display of plants from the various plant and orchid societies in the area. Chris O'Grady will research the possibility of joint meetings with the Bradenton Garden Club and other societies and MOS.

Refreshments were provided by Sylvia Harmon, Bernice Gordon, Marylou Krueger, and Sharon Kinkaid.

Barry Reese demonstrated how to divide a large C. Bowringiana and prepare the cuttings for repotting.

Maryanne Hazen and Sharon Kinkaid read the names of the orchids on the show table. First place was awarded to Bill Miller for his Dendrobium/Phal "Heidiford". There was a tie for second place with Olivia Gruen's C.Ardmore Alba x C. Catherine Alba; Bill Miller's Cymbidium "Genji Murasaki" and Chuck Gest's Bobpetalum, "Midnight Blue".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM  
Respectfully submitted, Mercedes Kratz

### Aug. - Sept. 2010 Treasurer's Report

Balance as of July 31, 2010	\$3,395.11
<b>Income</b>	
August raffle	\$ 76.-
September raffle	27.-
Dues receipts ( 4 )	80.-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$183.-</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
News letter prep ( for Aug- Sept.)	\$107.76
Speaker gift orchid	41.48
Liability Insurance	108.38
Treas. Receipt book & stamp	17.76
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$275.38</b>
Balance September 31, 2010	\$3,302.73

### Thought

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

## USE OF CLUB EMAIL LIST

The Manatee Orchid Society makes our member email addresses available to members for the purpose of sharing orchid growing information.

It has come to our attention that some members are using the list to distribute political and/or religious information. Please refrain from this practice immediately.

Thank you,

The MOS Board of Directors

## CATTLEYA SPECIES

Those of you who expressed an interest in purchasing Cattleya species plants that were made available to us should pay for them at the November meeting. We have commitments for about 40-45 of the 65 available plants.

Anyone else wishing plants may purchase them on a first serve basis for \$20-25/plant depending on the species.

The list includes varieties of the following Cattleya and Laelia species:

maxima	jenmanii	intermedia	mossiae
tennebrosa	lobata	mendelii	percivaliana
labiata	nobilor	aurantiaca	trianaei
gaskelliana	lawrenciana	harrisoniana	walkeriana
guttata	purpurata	skinnerii	bicolor
bowringiana	aclandiae	anceps	

## ORCHIDS YOU SHOULD ALL GROW

### BLC GLENN MAIDMENT 'ARANBEE'

I don't grow too many splash petal Cattleyas. They remind me of someone on LSD who got dressed in a used clothing shop. Too many bright and mismatched colors, mostly in the wrong places. But, sometimes the price is right. This spring I bought a group of cold damaged plants for a few dollars each. I figured that after a good year of growth, I could hack off the cold damaged leaves.

Glenn Maidment was advertised as a splash petal cross of BLC Toshi Aoki by C. Horace. Toshi is a gaudy yellow/orange with big dark red patches on the petals that look like spilled red wine. Guess what my favorite isn't. C. Horace is a mild mannered Catt., usually pink or light lavender that is a first generation cross of C trianaei.

To my surprise and delight, the cross came out near white with a brilliant dark lip complete with a full white piccote (a fine edge entirely around the lip showing only a single color), and a yellow throat. It wasn't a semi alba because closer inspection showed the petals and sepals to be a very light cream color, not pure crystalline white.

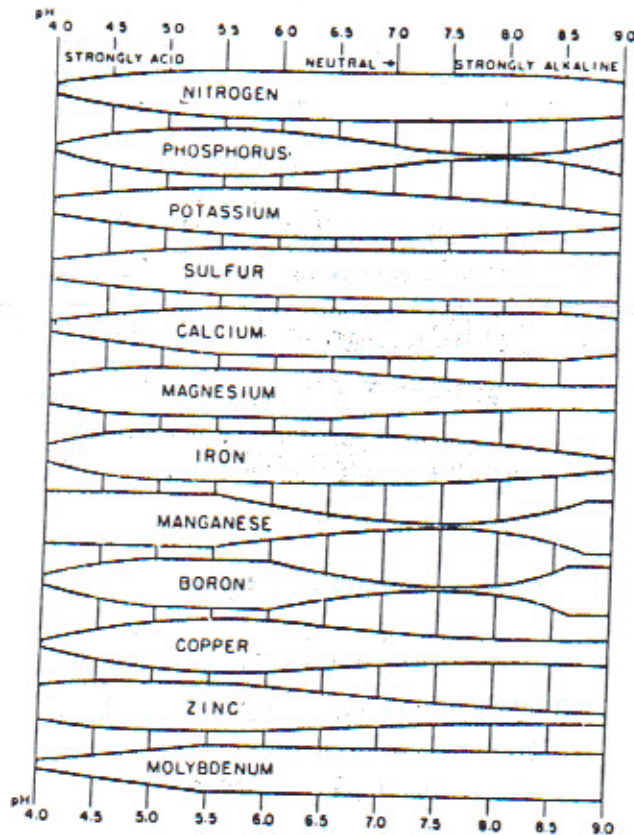
Two 5" blooms came off of one spike on a recently repotted plant that is only now making new roots. It was all last year's energy, so next year should be even better!

All in all, an easy plant to grow and a real eye pleaser, especially if you are partial to whites and semi albas. It was also a nice surprise when I was expecting a splash petal.

# QUALITY WATER AND WATER

**P**hals respond best to culture when the water which is used to grow, to fertilize and to spray pesticides is...or is conditioned to a slightly-to moderately-acidic state, or a pH of a little less than 7.0. (pH is the term used to describe a degree of acidity or alkalinity, 7.0 being neutral; below 7.0 is acidic and above 7.0

is alkaline.) At higher or lower levels on the pH scale, the various nutrients and trace elements are less available to the roots of the plant. At pH 5.5 TO 6.5 ALL ARE AVAILABLE. This is an oversimplification, but it is essentially correct and enough for our needs here.



Influence of reaction on availability of plant nutrients (organic soils) (widest part of bar indicates maximum availability).

Nutrient Availability (Lucas and Davis)

(Graph courtesy of Michigan State University.)