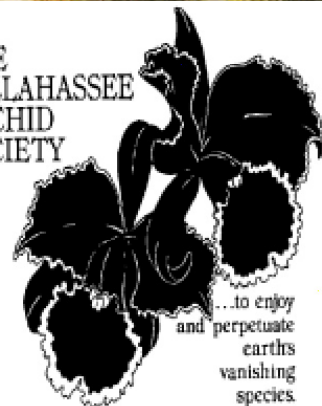


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Brassavola cucullata



Brassavola nodosa

Next meeting : January 5th 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Agricultural Extension Office at 615 Paul Russell Road, just a few blocks from the Fairgrounds! Come join us.

January Program - Brassavola Hybrids

Mary Ann Skalany has arranged for us to see an AOS slide show entitled "Brassavola Hybrids - The new look in Cattleyas." It will trace the modern usage of *Brassavola* species in creating the hybrids that we see today. A special emphasis will be placed on the role of *Brassavola nodosa* in creating our modern hybrids. It is supposed to contain something for everyone, and be a "highly entertaining treatment of the subject matter." The presentation was made by the well-known orchid personality and judge Marianne Matthews. Come one and all to see these unique orchids.

Past Program - Christmas Dinner

Our traditional Christmas dinner had a pretty good turn out. I apologize to all for the late announcement. I am going to attempt to get these newsletters out in a more timely manner. The dinner was quite nice. The food was very good... as always. The company was wonderful. Of course, a big thank you goes out to Bob Lundquist and his wife for hosting the dinner again this year. They have such a lovely home! We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a great new year!

REMINDER

Dues are to be paid at the beginning of the year. Please remember to pay Larry at our January meeting, or as soon afterwards as possible. Dues are \$15 a year for an individual or \$20 a year for a family/ couple.

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Spring 2006 AOS (American Orchid Society) Membership Meeting

You know, I have always wondered what these AOS membership meetings consist of? These meetings take place twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring, and they occur all over the country, and generally far away from where I can ever afford to travel. This year, however, it is practically in our backyard. It will take place from April the 4th to the 9th in Orlando at the Walt Disney World Hilton. The Central Florida Orchid Society will host the event. There will a number of internationally known speakers (more on these in a later issue) and vendors (i.e., people to buy beautiful orchids from) from Venezuela, Brazil, Japan, Europe, the United States (of course), and other places as well. During these meetings, the various alliance societies will also meet. At this particular meeting, there will be meetings of the Slipper Alliance, the Pleurothallid Alliance, the Encyclia Enthusiasts, and the Phalaenopsis alliance (as well as others I think). So, for those with a passion for certain orchids, now is the time to investigate groups that are also obsessed with these beauties.

The website for this event was still a little cryptic last I checked, but they did have a schedule. Here are the times for a few select events. For more information, see www.aosorchidmagic.com.

Wednesday - April 5th	1:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration
Thursday - April 6th	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Registration Show Preview Dessert Party
Friday - April 7th	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Show and Sales Open Lectures Slipper Alliance Meeting Pleurothallid Alliance Meeting
Saturday - April 8th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM 1:00 PM	Tour of Krull-Smith w/breakfast Show and Sales Open Encyclia Enthusiasts Meeting Lectures IPA Lunch & Lectures (Phals) Tour of Ratcliffe w/snack

Treasurer's Report - November

October account balance	\$1,565.34
No activity	
November account balance	\$1,565.34

Treasurer's Report - December

November account balance	\$1,565.34
AOS membership dues	(150.00)
October account balance	\$1,415.34

Upcoming Programs

January

Brassavola hybrids - AOS slide presentation

February

The Many Worlds of Orchids - AOS video

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President's Letter - January 2006

I hope that this letter finds you, your family and your orchids warm and safe. It is definitely time to move the orchids in (if you have not already done so!) since the weather has turned very cold. We are running through the propane quickly trying to maintain at least 50°F. There have been a couple of nights however when the gas ran out and the mercury dipped. We are hoping the orchids can withstand brief periods of cold temperatures.

It was very nice to see all of you who attended the Christmas party. I do want to thank Bob Lindquist and his lovely wife for opening their hearts and home to all for the party. We did notice some missing individuals and hope all is well with them.

Linda and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May each of you have all your wishes filled and your days full of healthy plants and many blooms. We hope to see everyone at the January meeting. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2006!

Chris Sedlacek

Updates on proper names for orchids

The taxonomists are at it again. Of course, being a taxonomist myself I cannot be overly upset with them, but name changes are difficult for everyone but are sometimes rather necessary. I shall try to keep everyone advised of major name changes of dominant species. Honestly, the list of name changes in one year is about 20 to 40 pages long. So, here they are. *Laelia rupestris* is now synonymous with *Laelia crispata*, and all of these are to be known as *Laelia crispata*.

The correct spelling of *Pescatorea* is *Pescatoria*. Someone, somewhere, misspelled this genus, and the name stuck. Well, someone just found out about the misspelling, and, according to the rules, we must now use the original spelling. Sorry guys. It will take me a long time to remember this one.

A little background for our last correction, all genera have some gender, either feminine, masculine, or neuter. The gender of a genus determines the spelling of the species. Well, *Aerides* was treated like a feminine name, but it is really neuter. Therefore, species name (also called epithets) must be changed from -a to -um. Now *crassifolia* is *crassifolium*, *falcata* is *falcatum*, and *japonica* is *japonicum*. I am sure that there are other examples. They also have officially acknowledged *Aerides falcatum* var. *houlettiana* as *Aerides houlettianum*. I don't know how long people have sold it as such, but now it's official!

Upcoming Events

January

20-22 Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show at the War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

27-29 Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show at Singing River Mall, Gautier, MS.

February

4-5 Venice Area Orchid Society Show at the Venice Community Center, 326 S Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL.

10-12 Martin County Orchid Society Show at Indian Riverside Park, 1707 NE Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach, FL.

11-12 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show at the Safe Schools Institute campus of Don Estridge Middle School, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL.

25-26 Daytona Beach Orchid Society Show at the Casements, 25 Riverside Dr., Ormond Beach, FL.



Prosavola Nodoprismo (*Brassavola nodosa* x *Prosthechea prismocarpa*) from Allen Black's Orchid Photo Site. This is one of the new intergeneric hybrids discussed on the next page.

New Orchid Intergenerics

Many of you are probably asking, what is an “intergeneric”? Well, it is a name given to a plant that has been hybridized and which has two or more genera in its background. For instance, if you cross a *Cattleya* and a *Laelia*, you get a *Laeliocattleya*. Now if you take that *Laeliocattleya* and cross it with a *Cattleya* then you would still have a *Laeliocattleya*. If you crossed it with another genus though, you would have a new name. For instance, if you crossed it with a *Sophronitis*, you would get a *Sophrrolaeliocattleya*. Typically though, if more than three genera are in the background of a plant then you would end the intergeneric name with “-ara.” Obviously, there are many exceptions.

Every year, many new intergenerics are formed because we are learning to cross genera that were difficult to cross before, and we are constantly trying new combinations. Below is a list of the new intergeneric hybrids, their abbreviation, and what genera makes them up.

Aciopea [Aip.] = *Acineta* x *Stanhopea*
Anagymnorhiza [Agz.] = *Anacamptis* x *Dactylorhiza*
Aspomesa [Apm.] = *Aspasia* x *Gomesa*
Anabaria [Anb.] = *Anacamptis* x *Barlia*
Cattleychea [Ctyh.] = *Cattleya* x *Prosthechea*
Caularstedella [Clt.] = *Caularthron* x *Oerstedella*
Christanthera [Chrt.] = *Christensonia* x *Renanthera*
Cymbipetalum [Cbp.] = *Cymbidium* x *Zygopetalum*
Davidsonara [Dvd.] = *Brassavola* x *Cattleya* x *Laelia* x *Prosthechea*
Dixuanara [Dix.] = *Aerides* x *Arachnis* x *Ascocentrum* x *Paraphalaenopsis* x *Rhynchostylis*
Encyleyvola [Eyy.] = *Brassavola* x *Cattleya* x *Encyclia*
Epithechea [Etc.] = *Epidendrum* x *Prosthechea*
Gongorhaea [Grh.] = *Cirrhaea* x *Gongora*
Grammoglottis [Ggt.] = *Grammatophyllum* x *Porphyroglottis*
Hagsavola [Hgv.] = *Brassavola* x *Hagsatera*
Hagsechea [Hgc.] = *Hagsatera* x *Prosthechea*
Haraeopsis [Hnp.] = *Haraella* x *Phalaenopsis*
Laeliocathron [Lcr.] = *Cattleya* x *Caularthron* x *Laelia*
Lycastearia [Ly.] = *Bifrenaria* x *Lycastes*
Maccorquodaleara [Mcq.] = *Aganisia* x *Batemannia* x *Cochleanthes* x *Otostylis* x *Pabstia* x *Promeneia* x *Zygopetalum* x *Zygosepalum*
Marvingerberara [Mrv.] = *Brassavola* x *Caularthron* x *Laelia*
Maxidium [Mxd.] = *Cymbidium* x *Maxillaria*
Mizunoara [Mzu.] = *Ascocentrum* x *Neofinetia* x *Renanthera* x *Vanda*
Nuccioara [Nuc.] = *Cattleya* x *Caularthron* x *Laelia* x *Sophronitis*
Procatacola [Pcv.] = *Cattleya* x *Laelia* x *Prosthechea*
Prosavola [Psv.] = *Brassavola* x *Prosthechea*
Prostonia [Pros.] = *Broughtonia* x *Prosthechea*
Rebeccaara [Reb.] = *Cattleya* x *Encyclia* x *Laelia* x *Prosthechea* x *Schomburgkia*
Rhynochiloglossum [Rcg.] = *Cochlioda* x *Odontoglossum* x *Rhynchostele*
Ronmauderara [Ron.] = *Baptistonia* x *Brassia* x *Odontoglossum* x *Oncidium*
Takakiara [Tak.] = *Lycaste* x *Pabstia* x *Zygopetalum*
Tetrarthron [Ttt.] = *Caularthron* x *Tetramicra*
Waiyengara [Wyg.] = *Aerides* x *Arachn*Cais x *Ascocentrum* x *Renanthera* x *Rhynchostylis* x *Vanda*
Yinwaiara [Yin.] = *Aerides* x *Christensonia* x *Rhynchostylis* x *Vanda*
Yithoeara [Yit.] = *Aerides* x *Ascocentrum* x *Doritis* x *Phalaenopsis* x *Rhynchostylis* x *Vanda*