

TUCSON ORCHID SOCIETY

October 2011

Samantha Kha & Terry Root

Samantha will be presenting on Paphiopedilums with a question and answer period on orchid culture with Terry Root from The Orchid Zone.

Samantha has been interested in growing plants since she was a small child, raising flowers and vegetables from seeds. This interest in plants led to her interest in cacti and succulent plants. Samantha not only grows orchids but also has a very extensive collection of succulent plants, mainly from South Africa.

The succulent plants led to her discovering Orchids over 14 years ago. Interestingly she became enamored with the Slipper Orchids early on. She has put together an extensive collection of Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, focusing primarily on the species. Samantha started making Paph crosses about 12 years ago and has flowered out many of her own crosses. For the past 10 years she has been making Paphiopedilum crosses for The Orchid Zone, using the Zone's extensive breeding collection.

Meeting Information

WHEN: Wednesday evening October 19th

WHERE: The Gem & Mineral Society Bldg.
3727 E. Blacklidge Dr.
Tucson, AZ.

TIME: Doors open 7 pm; meeting starts 7:30 pm



November meeting is Wednesday the 2nd !!!

President's Corner by Wes Addison

As the night temperatures dip into the high 50's I find myself already longing for the old 60's mainly because I try and keep my greenhouse temperatures in the low 60's and I hate to go from cooling to heating in one week. Actually I get to run my coolers during the day and my heater at night during this time of year. It never ceases to amaze me how we can go from what seems like 70's at night to the 50's in a week time. I think Tucson must not like the 60's.

Regardless the temperatures have changed and it is now time to winterize the growing area, take your last slug at the bugs, complete any delinquent repotting and do an overall cleaning of your growing space. If you are growing Phalaenopsis in a greenhouse drop the temperature down into the high 50's for a couple of weeks to initiate spike development. If you are growing phalaenopsis indoors then move them next to a window, open the window at night if you can or move them outside for the evening for the next couple of weeks. Cattleyas are ready for a fertilizing of a high phosphorus fertilizer and phalaenopsis will benefit from a fertilizing of potassium phosphate.

Two important events are coming up soon: the auction on November 2, and the annual potluck on December 11. Mike Barretti is organizing the auction and can use help in running it. We also need all of you to show up for the auction and to go through your plants and contribute any duplicates you have or ones you simply want to move on from. Remember to check them thoroughly for bugs and weeds so that we don't spread them throughout the club. Let Mike know in advance the plants you plan on contributing. Remember that this is our major fund raiser for the year and that we need all of us to make it successful. Also if you are looking for deals and special orchids this is the time and place to find them.

The potluck will be on Sunday, December 11th. Bring whatever you like. In the past we have had some wonderful dishes contributed by members who were sharing some of their favorite recipes. The greenhouses will be open and hopefully cleaned up some. We will also be electing officers during the meeting part of the potluck.

This year we have openings for the President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Newsletter editor. If you are interested in any of these positions please give me a call at 772-7754. Only the Newsletter editor position is time consuming so please volunteer. It really is easy and rewarding.

See you at the meeting.

Terry Root - The Orchid zone - Paphiopedilums Breeding and Culture

Our program for October is a great opportunity to ask questions and get answers from one of the best Paphiopedilum growers in the United states.

The Orchid Zone is primarily known for their work with Paphiopedilums, but many other genera are cultivated, including Odontoglossums, Miltoniopsis, Masdevallias, Phragmipediums and Zygopetalums.

Their mission is to produce the finest orchids in the industry. They flower out thousands of new seedlings from hundreds of crosses each year. They breed not only for quality of flowers, but also for vigorous plants that are free blooming, long lasting and disease resistant. Bring your questions to the meeting and ask the experts!

Tucson Botanical Gardens - update

The 'Mad about Orchids' exhibit at the Tucson Botanical Gardens has come to a close. It was very well-received by guests, volunteers and employees alike. We are ecstatic that so many people are excited about orchids! During the three months of the exhibit, I was assisted by so many helping hands, and I would like to thank all who helped me to create and keep the exhibit in bloom. Thanks to Ron Norman and Dave Halla for their words of wisdom and numerous blooms-on-lend. Thank you, Mike Barretti for providing an array of bark/media for display. Thanks to Wes Addison for providing some phalaenopsis potting mix. A total of 73 students attended the beginner orchid classes at the gardens, each repotted and took home a phalaenopsis. 17 copies of the Desert Magic handbook were sold in the Gift Shop. A big thanks for making it a success!

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Tucson Orchid Society Holiday Potluck



WHEN: Sunday December 11TH noon - 4

Hosts: Wes Addison and Susan Philips

WHERE: 6650 N. Los Arboles Circle, Tucson AZ.

PHONE: 742-7754

Bring whatever you want - we don't even try to organize this! Wes provides his beautiful home, silverware, napkins, cups, etc. Things to bring include appetizers, main dishes, salads, deserts and nice beverages! We will not have a guest speaker so the meeting is filled with great conversation, great food, and of course the election of our new officers. The directions are below, hope everyone can make it.

Directions: From the corner of Oracle and Orange Grove, go north on Oracle 1/4 mile to Los Altos and turn west (left). Go 1/3 mile on Los Altos to Los Arboles Circle and turn north (right). The house is 100 yards ahead on the east side of the street. 6650 N. Los Arboles Circle. Contact Wes with any questions, 742-7754.

REMEMBER - there is no meeting on December 21st

The first meeting of 2012 is Wednesday January 18th

TOS annual orchid Auction Wednesday November 2ND

Please mark your calendars for the change of the November meeting date.



The auction will be held on Wednesday November 2nd so that we can all buy orchids to give at Thanksgiving!!

Are you interested in expanding your orchid collection? TOS will again be holding a live plant auction (live plants, live auction) during a special meeting on **Wednesday, November 2nd**. Please make your friends aware of the event and bring some them along.

Start thinking about what you can do to help make this a successful fundraiser for our society. Now is the time to start dividing your plants and putting some aside for TOS. A tax deduction letter can be requested for all donated items. Cash and checks accepted. Coffee and great snacks will be a part of the evening. There will be no speaker or Show and Tell table.

We look forward to each of you taking part in the evening. It takes a lot of hands to make an event happen so please offer yours.

Do not come on Wednesday Nov. 16th - there will be no one there!



COFFEE TALK NOTES FOR 2011

All the beverage supplies are stored at the Bridge Club in 2 blue tubs which live behind the partition separating the room in half. Please get to the meeting early, say 7 pm, to start the coffee (it takes about 20 minutes) and make the lemonade. The club provides all the supplies. Directions on how to make that super TOS coffee are in the blue tubs along with sugar, creamer, napkins, cups, etc., for you to put out. Lemonade instructions are on each package.

Treats

Bring cookies or whatever strikes your fancy. We love it all.



HOST OF THE MONTH

January	Linda Papworth
February	Ed Busch
March	Nancy Miller
April	Angela Stith
May	Wes Addison
June	Carol Addata & Emily Rocky
July	Marie Hirsch
August	Mark Dimmitt & Linda Papworth
September	Mike Barretti
October	Sheri Musil
November	Frances Kelly
December	Christmas Potluck

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HOSTS



mark your calendar

TUCSON ORCHID SOCIETY

<i>DATE</i>	<i>SPEAKER / EVENT</i>
October 15 - 16	Desert Valley Orchid Society show - Baker Nursery
November 2nd	AUCTION - Wednesday the 2nd - hold the date!
December 11th	HOLIDAY POT LUCK at Wes Addison's home

Upcoming Events and Shows 2011

October 15-16	Orchid Society of Arizona Show, Arizona State Veteran Home, Liberty Hall, 4141 N. 3rd Street., Phoenix, AZ.
November 2nd	TOS annual plant auction
Nov 5-6	Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Fall Open House www.sborchid.com

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SPECIAL AUCTION MEETING
NOV. 2ND



Happy Thanksgiving

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Tucson, AZ.

7:30 pm

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