



## *Speaker at the November 20 Meeting*

### ***Cordelia Head***

#### ***"Growing Miniatures in the Home"***

Cordelia Head is one of three previous owners of J&L Orchids and is proud to be associated with the new owners, the Carreno family. She has been growing orchids for more than forty years. Cordelia is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and orchid judging. She is an American Orchid Society accredited judge and served on the Awards Committee for several years.

Cordelia has been fortunate to travel extensively throughout Central and South America in search of orchids. She has discovered many new species and has three named for her. Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally including the World Orchid Conferences in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glasgow and many others.

Cordelia will bring plants to the meeting but if you want to pre-order from the J&L website ([www.jlorachids.com](http://www.jlorachids.com)), they are offering a 10% discount. Use the code STOS2022 and order online or 203-261-3772.

## ***Letter from the President***

Hello members!

Hope you all are enjoying the warm fall weather, raking leaves and doing other outdoor chores or activities. Last month we voted for officers and we now have a new Secretary, Linda Mittel. Ben, our past Secretary, spied Linda, a new member, taking notes at the September meeting and thought that was a sure sign that she would make a good secretary. Linda is a veterinarian, originally from North Carolina and coming to Ithaca by way of Texas. She brought her orchids with her every move. She recently retired from Cornell and now has more time to devote to raising her orchids. We are very happy to have her as Secretary in our Society.

We had an Executive Board meeting on October which I forgot to advertise to all members. My error, but we welcome any comments or discussion on any topics covered. Please read the minutes in this newsletter. The date of our Spring Show has been set for April 22-23. This is the same weekend as in 2022 and in 2019 (pre-covid) and we have reserved the Museum space again, though at an increase in price. We will need everyone's help and I am happy to say that has not been a problem in the past.

## *Letter from the President, cont.*

We do like to offer housing for our vendors who come to our show. If anyone has a spare bed and is willing to host one of the vendors for two nights, you will find this to be a very rewarding experience. Imagine an experienced orchid grower available to answer all of your questions right there in your home! And you will likely get a free orchid. Please consider this opportunity.

The board discussed having a club trip to see Orchids at the New York Botanical Garden or the Philadelphia Flower show or something similar. We could rent a bus and make a long day of it. STOS would help with expenses for members. We need to know how many of our members (and their families or friends) would be interested in such a trip. We will have further discussion at the meeting. Ideas are welcome.

### **November Meeting:**

- The highlight of our meeting this month is our Speaker, Cordelia Head. Cordelia will be bringing plants. See article on page 1.
- The meeting is on Sunday Nov 20, 2-4 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY. We will meet in our normal meeting place, which is the library on the main floor in the church. Please enter through the **front door**, which is up a wide flight of steps.
- We will start collecting membership dues for 2023. Dues are \$20/individual or family. Bring cash or a check made out to STOS. New members can fill out a membership form available on our website or we will have some forms at the meeting. Dues can also be paid via Paypal on our website.

### **Highlights of this newsletter**

- Another new member, Loi X Tran, shared with us his project building a movable cart for his orchids. I hope you enjoy learning about his experience.
- Many Show Table Photos (not including the ones taken at the meeting, that didn't work out too well).

I hope to see you all at our meeting. Bring refreshments if you are able.

—Carol Bayles



# Member Info

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### President

Carol Bayles

### Vice President

Gail Gunsalus

### Treasurer

Jane Trey

### Secretary

Linda Mittel

### AOS Representative

Bernice Magee

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Jean Mint

Colin Dimon

Loi X Tran

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**Librarian** Laura Shaefer

**Show Chair** Carol Bayles

**Program Coordinator** Jean Mint

**Auction Committee** Pete O'Connell, Jane Trey

### Web Site:

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### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernTierOrchidSocietyNY>

### Email address:

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## STOS Calendar 2022-2023

Meetings are 2-4 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY.

**November 20** Cordelia Head "Growing Miniatures in the Home"

**December 18** Holiday Party

**January 15** Zoom meeting with Speaker TBA

**February 19** Zoom meeting with Speaker TBA

**March 19** Spring Auction (in person)

**April 16** Show planning meeting

**April 22-23** Orchid Show at Roberson Museum

**May 21** Repotting Workshop

**June-Aug** Summer Break

## Meeting Raffles

We have raffles at most meetings. Anyone can bring an orchid or orchid-related item for the raffle. Tickets are \$1 each.



# Meeting Minutes

## Southern Tier Orchid Society Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2022

Call to order by President Carol Bayles ~2:10pm EST

### Reports

- **Secretary,**( Ben Cabot), Minutes approval from last meeting as written in October, 2022 newsletter.
- **Treasurer** (Jane Trey) **report:** Final total from auction is \$1194
- **AOS (American Orchid Society) Rep, Bernice Magee** --not present

### Old business

CNYOS show was October 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 in Baldwinsville, Beaver Lake Nature Center. Went well, we received a number of ribbons. Jane Trey and Laurel Shaefer and I set up on Friday and took down on Sunday. Taking down is very fast. Thanks to everyone who contributed orchids.

### New business

- Voting today. Nominations for
  - Pres -Carol Bayles, VP -Gail Gunsalus, Treas. Jane Trey, Sec Linda Mittel
  - Member at large: Loi Tran
- VOTE for nominations
- ~approx 16 people present, all voted Aye
- Schedule EB meeting before Nov meeting. EB Meeting will be via zoom

### Break

### Raffle

- Multiple items were raffled including several orchids

### Gifts for New Members

- New members = Susan Pompeii, Susan Szczotka (Zotka), Linda Mittel, and Loi Tran were given orchids from John Zygmunt. Orchids were *Gomesa radicans*, mounted on bark.

### Show table

### Guest speaker

Dr.Luis Matienzo

Luis J. Matienzo, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Chemistry) has been involved with orchids as a hobby for more than 40 years. He has served in many positions in the Southern Tier Orchid Society of New York and he is a virtual member of the Peruvian Orchid Club (Club Peruano de Orquideas). As an avid orchid grower, he has special interest in orchid species, miniatures and lady slipper orchids, and he raises many plants under lights. He has visited and photographed orchids in their natural habitats in North and South America and has presented lectures to orchid societies and other organizations in the U.S. and overseas.

### Adjourned at 4:00pm

Notes were from Recording by Carol Bayles and were transcribed by Linda Mittel and Carol Bayles

# ***Executive Board Meeting Minutes***

## **Southern Tier Orchid Society Executive Board Meeting October 27, 2022**

**Meeting:** at 7 pm via Zoom in two different 30 minute sessions.

**Attendees:** Carol Bayles, Colin Dimon, Gail Gunsolus, Jean Mint, Loi X Tran, Jane Trey, Linda Mittel

**Absentees:** Bernice Magee

### **New Business**

- Zoom's free program has changed and fees are required for > 30 min meetings
- Purchasing Zoom Plus program was suggested
- Members did not receive notice of the board meeting
- Annual STOS show will be April 22-23, 2023 at Roberson Museum (same as last year) rate has increased, but it was decided to have it at the museum.
  - Show Set up will be on April 21, 2023.
  - The contract will be signed and the deposit paid (if requested)
  - Judges and Vendors are being contacted for show
  - Three vendors will be invited including J & L, Fair Orchids, Wade's orchids, Fragex, and Mainstreet ( will attend only if J&L go to the Ottawa Show)
  - Volunteers to house vendors are needed
  - The show poster will be the same one from last year
  - Additional activities will be considered to increase attendance including a repotting demo, tours of the orchids at the show, and other activities.
- Club trip to NYC or another place
  - Will survey club members for interest and if there is an interest further research into a trip will be done
- Social Media discussion included ideas to give more visibility to the club
  - Facebook, and Instagram
  - Determine the club member who is responsible for all Social Media now and Tran may assist with this. A final decision on this was not made.

### **Future Club Meetings Dates**

- November 18, 2022 Topic pending from J and L
- December 18, 2022, Traditional Christmas party
  - Dish to pass and free orchid for all members in attendance
- January 15, 2023 and February 19, 2023 Zoom meetings: Pending speaker confirmation
- March 19, 2023, in-person auction

### **Future Action Points**

- Carol will sign the show contract and make a deposit ASAP
- Jean Mint will get the final topics and speakers for future meetings
- Tran will review the social media position for the club at the next meeting
- Carol will purchase a Zoom platform for club use before the next meeting where it is needed

### **Closing**

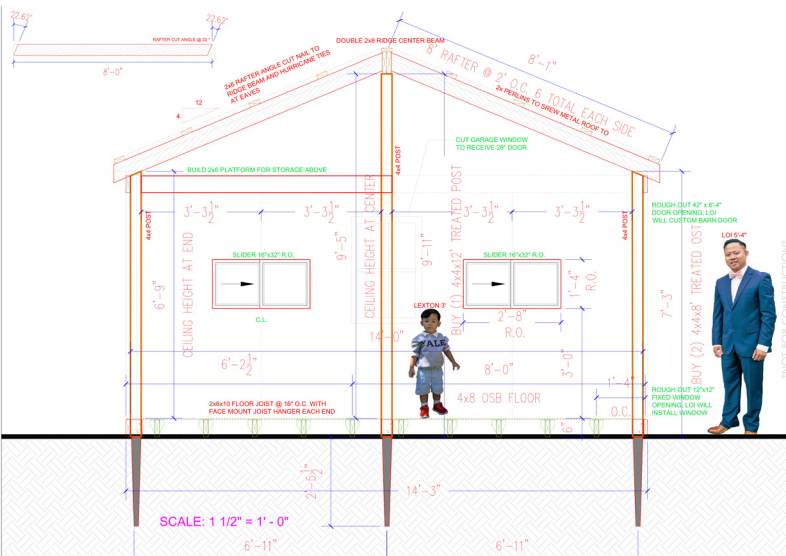
- Meeting Adjourned at 8 PM

Linda Mittel  
Secretary



# 'MY LITTLE GREEN CART'

Hello Everyone, I guess this would be a good time for me to officially introduce myself to the club. My name is Loi Xuan Tran. I am originally from Vietnam and moved to the US when I was 10. I'm the youngest of 7 siblings. I am an architect with a private practice studio in downtown Binghamton. My love of orchids began shortly after I received my Masters degree in Architecture from the University of Buffalo in 2006. I became more heavily involved in orchids after I met my wife while on assignment in Ithaca in 2016. We share an apartment in the town of Enfield and a house in Binghamton, and while commuting between the two cities we often stop by places like the Ithaca Orchid Garden on Dryden Rd to buy several Phalaenopsis. When I design something, I always want to get involved in the actual building and this summer was special for me as I worked on several projects around the house. We renovated the kitchen, the second floor and a built a backyard shed. The 10' x 14' shed, behind the garage, was the spark for my little green cart project.



Above: final green cart

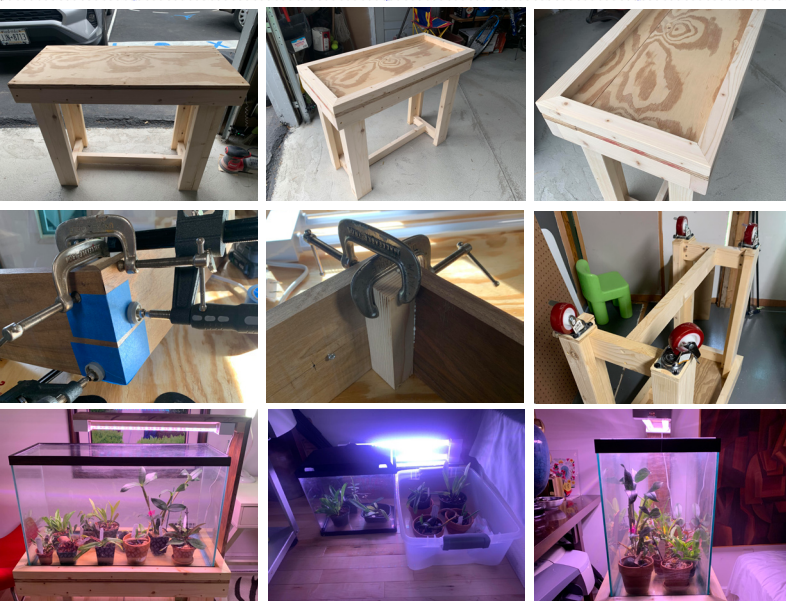
Left middle: process photos

Left top: shed drawing with our son and me

Left bottom: green cart before painting

Recently I have focused my love for orchids more on rare miniature plants and was trying to find a way to keep them in our small, indoor space. My initial thought was to bring the environment of a typical outdoor greenhouse into an indoor living space and to do it with materials that I already have from past projects. The leftover plywood and 2x4 from the shed construction started the project. I also found an old 29 gallon glass aquarium measuring 12" W x 30" L x 19" H to house the plants. The concept is to have a portable cart that can hold the aquarium and be movable to different places in the house. I used 3" swivel casters with brakes (just \$5.99) and mounted a 2 foot 2-light 19W full spectrum LED grow light fixture (\$46.97). I had 1/8" thick plexi-glass leftover from the shed window and was able to cut a perfect sized cover for the aquarium. Currently I have these orchids inside: a Bulbophyllum, Pleurothallid, Pleurothallis acestrophylla, Brassidium Nittanny Gold, Restrepia brachypus, Paphiopedilum, Gomesa radicans and Epidendrum 'Miura Valley'.

Also, I hope by now you realize the cart isn't painted green, but holds green plants!





# A VIRTUAL DISPLAY OF FLOWERING PLANTS AT OUR HOME

L.J. MATIENZO (November 2022)

## SPECIES:



*Masdevallia herradurae*: A species from Colombia. Left image shows a portion of the 60+ flowers of this 3 inch plant. Right image: size of flowers compared to a 1-cent coin

## PHRAGMIPEDIUMS:



*Phragmipedium* Inca Embers 'Matienzo'  
(*Phrag. longifolium* 'Windy Hill Burgundy AM/AOS x Andean Fire' Daddy Mac' AM/AOS)

## PAPHIOPEDILUMS:



*Paphiopedilum Deperle* (coloratum variety)  
( *Paph. delenatii* fma. *vinicolor* x *primulinum*  
fma. *purpurescens*)



*Paphiopedilum Dreaming Emerald*  
*Paph. Dreaming Green* "Green Smile"  
x Emerald Lake 'Lehua' HCC/AOS)

## COMPACT PAPHIOPEDILUMS:



*Paphiopedilum Elsa de Matienzo*: (*Paph. tranliianum* 'Mrs. Song' x InCharm Topaz 'Mrs. Song')  
Note: This is a hybrid I registered with RHS in 2020 to honor my mother



## *Show Table – Geof Gould*



Phal. Lady Jersey – Geof Gould



Phal. Golden Pecker – Geof Gould



*Miltoniopsis* Bert Field



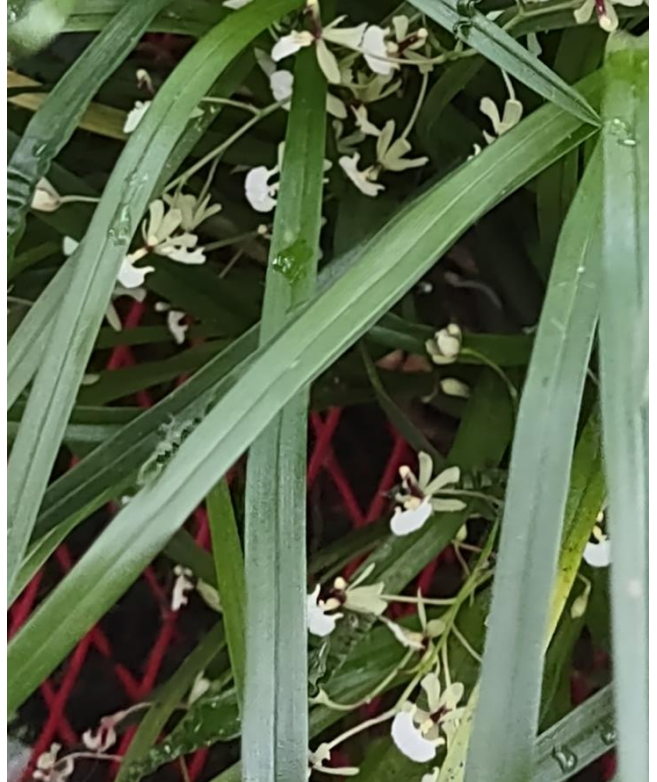
## Show Table – Laurel Shaefer



*Dendrobium* Burana Stripe



*Cattleya* Motte Spot x *Epiarthron* Kevin Mark Ragbir 'Pinky'



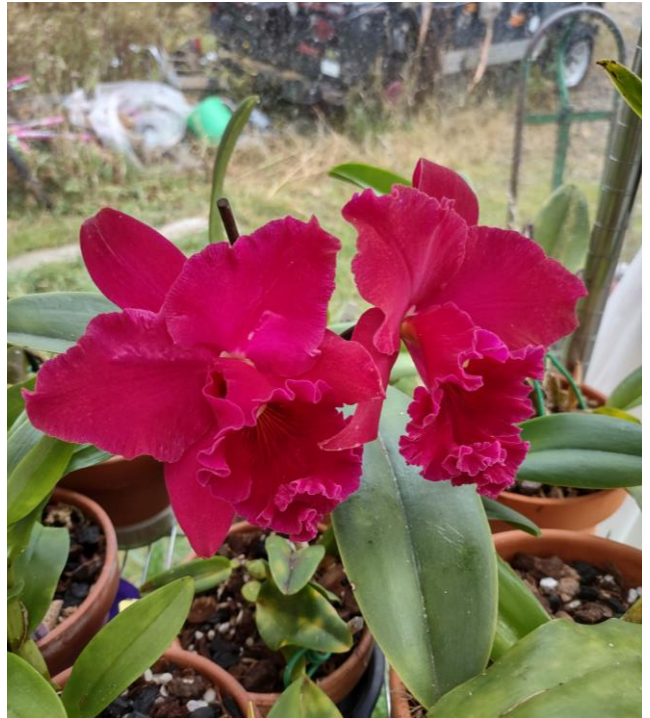
*Gomesa radicans*



## Show Table – Laurel Shaefer



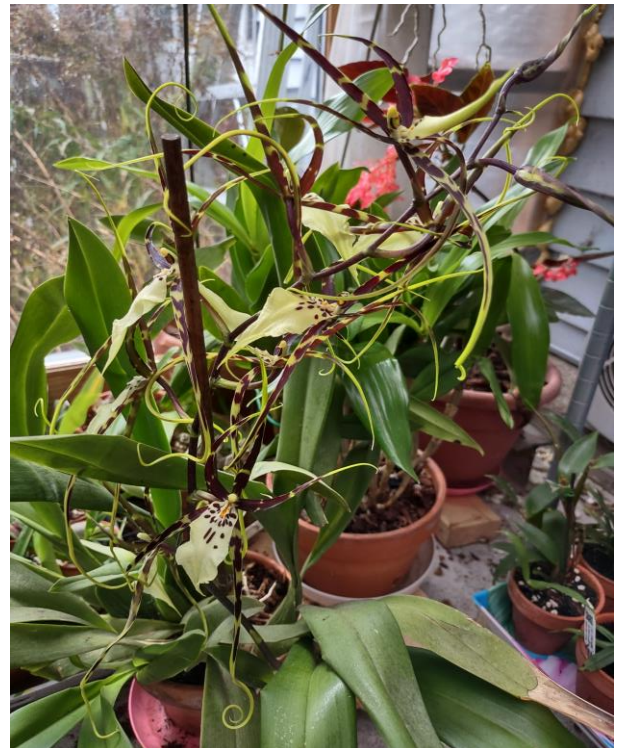
*Lemboglossum rossii*



*Potinara Walnita Char 'Big Red'*



*Odontocidium Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'*  
HCC/AOS



*Brassia Santa Barbara*



## Show Table – James Rowley



*Brassidium* (Brsdm.) Fly Away 'Miami'



*Beallara* Ysabella 'Lunar Eclipse'

*Beallara* (currently re-classified as *Aliceara*) is a hybrid of *Brassia*, *Cochlioda*, *Miltonia* and *Odontoglossum*.

To achieve this cross breeders usually cross *Miltassia* (*Miltonia* x *Brassia*) with *Odontodia* (*Odontoglossum* x *Cochlioda*).

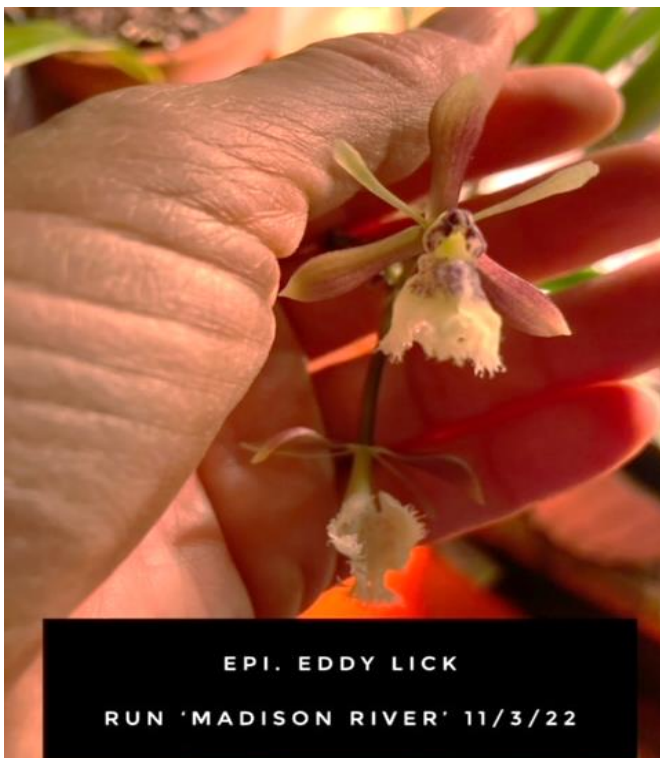


*Stenoglotis longifolia*



*Cattleya* of unknown lineage, cutting from Linda M. May, 2019

## Show Table – Jean Mint





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DENDROBIUM LEONIS 11/3/22



PSYCHOPSIS [PYS.]

PAPILLIO 11/3/22



PROSTHECHEA  
COCHLEATA 11/3/22



PYP.

PAPILLIO V. ALBUM

'COVE'S CANARY'

X SELF 11/3/22





## Show Table – Jean Mint

PLEUROTHALLIS LORANTHOPHYLLA 10/4/22



DRACULA  
NYCTERINA 10/4/22



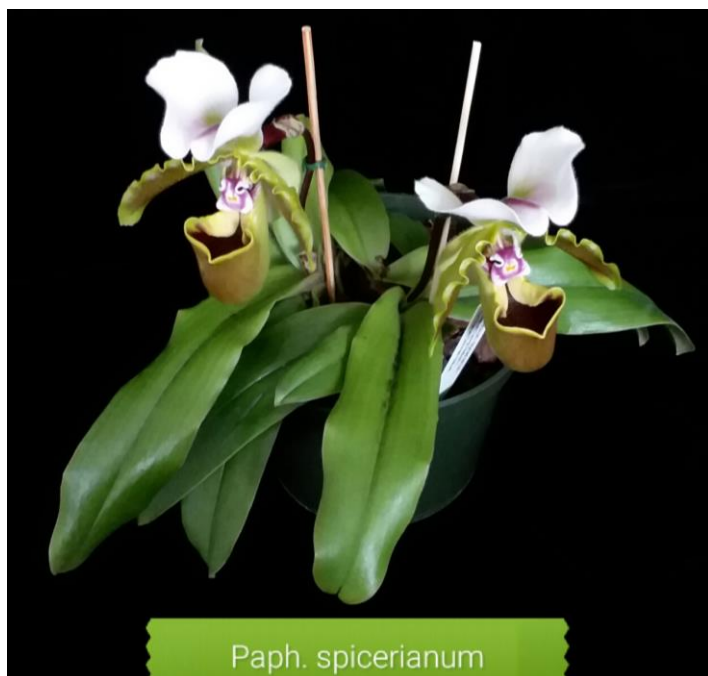
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KATHRYN BANKS X  
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BLUSH 11/3/22



BLC. [BC.] YU TOUNG STAR 'ATHENA' 11/3/22



## Show Table – John Zygmunt



Paph. spicerianum

This unique species grows in NE India, Myanmar, and China. It likes dappled light, cool to warm, and is usually found in shallow humus-filled pockets in limestone. Usually flowers in the fall in the Northern Hemisphere. – John Zygmunt



Mps. Maui Mist

*Miltoniopsis* Maui Mist 'Golden Gait' likes shade to dappled light, cool to warm. I likely got this at the Spring 2022 auction. The volunteer fern adds interest.  
-- John Zygmunt



Phal from Wegmans. I just gave it to some friends who are about to get married. – Carol Bayles



## Show Table – Carol Bayles



*Cattleya maxima* coerulea. Seems to have a virus causing unusual coloring..



*Bracidostele* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'



*Oncidium* Gower Ramsey. Holiday plant 2021

