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New Mexico Orchid Guild Newsletter

April 2017

Our next regular meeting will be:

April 2nd at 1:30 PM

Albuquerque Garden Center

10120 Lomas Blvd NE

*(Just West of Eubank on the South Side of
Lomas in Los Altos Park)*

As usual, please bring something to share.
Cakes, cookies, and other snacks are
appreciated

Members are encouraged to wear their
membership badges



Using plants that YOU bring for
show and tell, AOS judge and
NMOG member Karl Siegler will
speak about "What Judges Look
For"

He will discuss the judging
process, writing descriptions,
and awards

From the President's Desk:

April 2017

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our friend and NMOG member Jayne Pilley. Jayne left us on March 15th following an extended illness. She was an active member of NMOG and the Albuquerque Area Extension Master Gardeners. She will be missed.

On a happier note, THANKS to Dave and Marlene Roberts for opening their home to host the "meet and greet" for March speaker Tom Mirenda.

Tom's Sunday presentation was heard by nearly 80 members and guests. I am not sure that is a record, but I bet close to it. His easy speaking style, beautiful photos, and personal comments made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

We are so pleased to welcome NMOG member and AOS judge Karl Siegler to speak at the April meeting. Remember the April meeting is held on the **FIRST SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd** as the Cactus and Succulent Society have their show and sale on the 9th.

We are depending on you to bring your plants for show and tell so that Karl will have something to speak about ! To be sure there is a good selection of plants **we will be removing our three plant limit for this meeting**. Also, if you are shy, no one will need to speak about their plant. We will let Karl do the talking,

Marlene will present the Grower's Forum at 1:00 PM preceding the meeting. Her topic will be "preparing your orchids for the show"

Speaking of the show, information will be presented at the meeting as to check in time and volunteer opportunities.

The New Mexico Orchid Guild
Presents

ORCHID ADVENTURE

at the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden
May 5-7, 2017

INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION



ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden
2601 Central Ave. NW Albuquerque, New Mexico
505.379.6786 or 311/711 in Albuquerque
www.cabq.gov/biopark/garden or www.nmorchidguild.org



March Show and Tell Winners

Photos taken by Barb Beil



Advanced Division--First Place
Daniel Perry
Guarianthe coccinea



Advanced Division-- Second Place
Mary Ann Moreno
Paph Pinochio's Story



Novice Division-First Place
Jeff Dobisch
Phrag.Frank Smith
grande x kovachii



Judith Richey, Ed Plunkett and Dan Richey
at the Meet and Greet
Photo courtesy Mable Orndorff Plunkett



Judi Mead and Sue Brych
sharing a moment
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Joanne Bodin and Tom Miranda

The authors sharing experiences

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ORCHID OF THE NIGHT

Joanne Bodin, a NMOG board member, has published her second novel, *Orchid of the Night*, a dark psychological thriller inspired by true events. **You are all invited to the book launch on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Bookworks at 3pm. The book is also available on Amazon.**

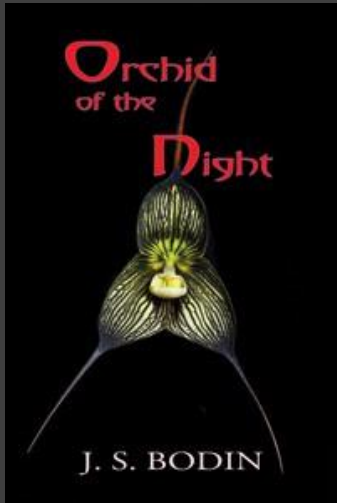
Kyle O'Sullivan's life begins to unravel when a terrible fire consumes his aunt's orchid estate on Maui destroying their livelihood, and killing his only living relative. Realizing that the fire was meant for him he must flee for his life. He moves to Tempe, Arizona, bringing the only orchid to survive the fire; the *Dracula vampira*. Finding solace in the gay community of Ixtlan, Kyle begins to heal from his troubled past, but even his new identity as Tom Tanner cannot protect him from his tragic fate.

Blurbs on the back cover of the book:

"Murders, assumed identities, a Yaqui medicine man, a gay commune in the desert, eerie dreams, a gold bracelet, and *Dracula vampira* orchids await the reader of *Orchid of the Night*. The two protagonists, Kyle O'Sullivan and Andy Gomez, become entangled in the secrets and lies of both gay and straight lives, each with their own abuses and duplicities. This novel is truly an exciting read." - *David Leon Higdon, Ph.D., Paul Whitfield Horn Professor of English at Texas Tech University and Honors Professor of English at the University of New Mexico.*

"Bodin seeds her characters with the kinds of unique, off-course experiences that make eccentric people magnetic. She relies on accurate research in areas like orchid discovery and Native American history to bring detail and credibility to the protean Kyle, leaving the reader drawn to his tales in fascination, yet suspicious of his identity-shifting ambitions." - *Gary Meyer, Ph.D., President of the Pleurothallid Alliance*

Learn more about this novel and other publications on Joanne's website: www.joannebodin.com



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Joanne Bodin, Ph.D., is an award-winning author, poet, and retired educator. Her novel, *Walking Fish* won the New Mexico and International Book Award in GLBT



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