

October 2016 Newsletter

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New Mexico Orchid Guild Newsletter

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Our next regular meeting will be:

October 9, 2016 at 1:30pm

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

Growers Forum Topic: Mounting

Bring plants and questions, our members will give demonstrations and answer questions about mounting and growing mounted orchids. Growers Forum begins at 1pm



Main Program: Hands-on Repotting Workshop

Bring your overgrown orchids to re-pot at our next meeting. NMOG will provide media and expert help. Pots and Media will be 10% off during the October meeting.

From the President's Desk:

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Fall is officially here. If you have had some of your orchids outside for the summer, now is the time to bring them in. Remember to check for insects and reduce your watering.

Thanks to Dave and Marlene Roberts, Ed Plunkett and Sean Houtman for their help with our State Fair display. It was a mini version of our May show display (minus the fairies). From what I have heard it was the highlight of the flower building with many families using it as a background for their photos.

October 9th meeting will be a hands on repotting session. Bring a plant or two to repot. NMOG will provide orchid media which you may use to mix as you desire. **Please do not bring sick plants or those with insects. There will be a 10% discount on pots and potting media in October.**

Our very special sale plants will be from Ecuagenera in Ecuador. These plants will be bare root so take advantage of the sale and repot your purchases during the meeting. Many will lend themselves to successful mounting so bring an appropriate mount. We will be discussing orchid mounting techniques during the grower's forum at 1:00 PM.

Our **November 13th** guest is **Francisco Miranda**. He will speak on Brazilian orchids. Pre-orders from his website (mirandaorchids.com) will have a 10% discount and cutoff date for those orders is the last day of October.

Just a reminder that you may bring plants to sell at silent auction. Simply fill out a bid sheet with your name, description of the plant and your minimum bid. At the end of the meeting you will collect from the winning bidder and pay our NMOG Treasurer 20% of the price. Plants not gaining the minimum bid will go home with you.

See you on the 9th.
Keith

September Show and Tell

Winners photos by Barb Biel



Advanced Division--First Place
Robert Steinberg Dendrobium NOID



Intermediate Division-- First Place
Kelly McCracken
Masdevallia floribunda 'Purple'



Novice Division-- First Place
Melanie Yanke
Cattleya Summer Spot



Novice Division-- Second Place
Matthew Polmanter
Dendrobium Enobi 'Purple Splash'

Interview with an NMOG Member

If you would like to be interviewed or know someone who would please contact
Kelly@dunnassoc.net. Dont be shy!

October Grower: MaryAnn Moreno



Here is MaryAnn showing off one of her impressive specimen orchids. This Vanda was quite old (decades!) and was likely taller than MaryAnn herself!



The flower of the Vanda from the previous photo

Maryann grows in a small greenhouse in her backyard. This lovely space is stuffed with all kinds of plants, not just orchids, and everything looks well cared-for and healthy.

The greenhouse itself is quite shady, as it grows under a large mulberry

tree. MaryAnn acquired the greenhouse from a neighbor who passed away almost 40 years ago. Inside, she has a gas furnace, a swamp cooler, and rows of misting jets that spray her plants several times a day. She also grows some curious succulents, a few Hoya and Bromeliads inside the greenhouse.



Here is a view from the door to the greenhouse. MaryAnn has benches along the sides of the greenhouse, as well as a bench down the middle and plants hanging from racks on the roof.

MaryAnn has many decades old orchid and succulent specimens populating her greenhouse. Happy blooms abound!



MaryAnn says she likes "the odd ones", with Stanhopeas being a major favorite of hers. None of these curious flowers were in bloom at the time of my visit, however.



MaryAnn has been growing orchids since 1972. She got her start from seeing an orchid display at the State Fair many years ago. As soon as she saw the curious flowers, she was hooked.



Check out those spiraled sepals!



MaryAnn clearly has a caring nature about her. Her plants are healthy and happy, and her house is filled with critters and other non-orchid plants. She has an angora rabbit, a pair of songbirds, Guinea pigs, a handful of quirky Chameleons, cats, a dog, and various light carts with African violets and more orchids, violets and succulents populating the windowsills of the house. She also has a truly beautiful and inspiring flower garden in her front and back yards. Roses, perennials and bulbs make her yard a sight to behold.

A special Thank-you to MaryAnn for agreeing to be interviewed!

If you are interested in being featured in our newsletter, contact me, Kelly at kelly@dunnassoc.net

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Orchidaceae
text - P. Francis Hunt
plates - Mary A. Grierson
Bourton Press 1973
144 pp including index
burgundy fabric sleeve
gold on unbound edges

Venezuelan Orchids Illustrated
Vol 1- 1959
Dunsterville & Garay, Deutsch ltd pub.

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G.F.J. Pabst, F.Dung
Brucke Verlag 1977

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Atlantic Printers and Litho. 1966

Orchids, Flowers of Romance and Mystery
Text Jack Kramer, photos Burgess, Wilson et cetera
Abrams – 1927

Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids
Alex Hawkes, Faber & Faber, 1965.

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Herman Sweet PhD
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