

New Mexico Orchid Guild Newsletter

January 2015

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Our next regular meeting will be:

January 4, 2014

at 1:30 PM at the

Albuquerque Garden Center

10120 Lomas Blvd NE

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

*As always please bring a snack to share
Members are encouraged to wear their
membership badges*

Growers' Forum | 1:00 PM

(Prior to our regular monthly meeting)

Watering your orchids, by Steve Fisher

Meet and Greet for

Guillermo Salazar

Saturday, January 3 @ 6:00 PM

To welcome Guillermo we will be having a "meet and greet" at El Patron restaurant at 6:00 PM Saturday, January 3rd. He WANTS New Mexico chile! El Patron is at 10551 Montgomery Boulevard Northeast. They offer gluten free and vegan selections. The menu is online at www.elpatronabq.com.

This is a no host event.

If you would like to join us, please email me your RSVP by December 31st.

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Program:

African Orchids



Guillermo Salazar

Guillermo Salazar was born in Miami and grew up in El Salvador in Central America. As a child of a nursery owner Father and a interior and floral designer Mother, Guillermo was able to develop his natural design ability and appreciation for plants and flowers even before attending college. He followed his dream of becoming a professional landscape designer in Florida, receiving his degree in Landscape Design & Management, later he received a Master's in Science in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida.

As a 9 year old living in El Salvador, Guillermo found orchids were the most attractive plants in this tropical environment and he started collecting them. He became the youngest member of the San Salvador Orchid Society. During his college years back in Florida, he learned the importance of protecting natural resources especially orchids in Florida.

His credentials include: ISA certified Arborist, Certified Landscape Inspector and Certified Horticulturist. His specialty in orchids is Angraecoids, Bulbophyllums, and rare and miniature tropical species.

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From the President's Desk | *Keith Mead*

The close of one year and the promise of the next is always a good time to stop and reflect.

During 2014 the Board of Directors of NMOG has endeavored to fulfill our mission of education. We have brought you numerous guest speakers (some more well received than others !) as well as creative in house programs. We provide quality plants at very reasonable prices and offer orchid related supplies that would be otherwise challenging to find.

As with all organizations, we lose members for many reasons and gain new ones interested in sharing this "affliction" with others equally addicted. We miss those no longer attending and extend a warm welcome to our new comers. 2015 promises to be an exciting year for NMOG. We already have commitments from several well-known speakers and plans to repeat some activities that were popular in the past. If there is a program you would enjoy, please make a Board member aware of your wishes.

Our January meeting will be held on the first Sunday of the month, January 4, 2015. Our guest will be Guillermo Salazar from Miami, Florida. His topic is African orchids. Guillermo does not have a web site for pre orders, but promises to bring us a good selection of sale plants, many relating to his subject.

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On February 8th we will hold a short "State of the Guild" business meeting to be followed by a plant exchange. This was a very popular program last year. Start looking at your collection to see what may not be doing well for you or plants you have in multiple. Then you may exchange them for something new. We will have a selection of seedlings to repot for those not wanting to (or in addition to) exchange plants.

We are pleased that Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids will be joining us on March 8th. Watch your newsletter and email for pre order opportunities.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, orchid filled New Year.

Keith

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New Show and Tell Format

One of the suggestions from our January group discussions was the need to “standardize” show and tell information. We would like to try using a form to provide information on your plant. This will also be useful to the newsletter editor.

When you present your plant you can use this information in discussing it. We will allow time for questions from the membership so we can all learn from your successes.

Forms will be available at the meeting, but should you prefer to complete the information prior to the meeting here is what we are proposing: Leave the form with your plant on the Show and Tell table.

Print Then Tear Here

Your Name: _____

Division (Circle One): Novice | Intermediate | Advanced

Plant Name: _____

How long have you had the plant?: _____

Where did you acquire it?: _____

How do you grow it?

Light: _____

Water: _____

Fertilizer: _____

Location: _____

Has it bloomed previously?: _____ How often?: _____

Additional Comments: _____

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Monthly Checklist for January

<http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=185>

Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

Paphiopedilum

The standard *Paphiopedilum insigne*-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a *paphiopedilum*, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of *phalaenopsis* at orchid shows and sales.

Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

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October Show and Tell Winners



Advanced—First Place
Pam McKenzie—Cyc. Herrenhusanium ‘SVO’ x
Cyc. Herrenhusanium ‘Cindy Hill’



Advanced—Second Place
Sean Houtman— Blc. Volcano Plum ‘Volcano
Queen’



Intermediate—First Place
Robert Steinberg—NOID



Beginner—First Place
Kelly McCracken— Lepadopsis astrophora
‘stalky’

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NEW MEXICO ORCHID GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone: Home_____Cell_____

Email_____

What orchids do you currently grow?

What would you like to acquire?

Meeting topics or speakers that would interest you?

Areas of volunteer interest: Newsletter_____Photography_____

Hospitality_____Show Committee_____Publicity_____

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