

# OSMT Newsletter

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## Announcements

- Next society meeting: **Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Potter Meeting Room in Botanic Hall Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. The OSMT board meeting will convene at 6:30.



*Andros nocturnus* 'Gotham'?  
A mysterious visitor that appeared on the show table last month. Appreciations to the Joker who shared it with us. \*

## Expectations!

Last month, we were treated to a presentation by Tom Mirenda from the Smithsonian Institute about his experiences with orchids and general information about orchids. It is always interesting to hear from people who have had the ability to travel widely and indulge in some of their life's passions.

When those passions include orchids, they have a way of connecting with OSMT. I filed that invitation for a tour of the Smithsonian orchid collection in a special spot in my mind. I hope to retrieve it someday before it expires!

This month, we are anticipating another special treat as David Johnson of Jewell Orchids shares his expertise. Blue cattleyas have attracted attention in recent years.

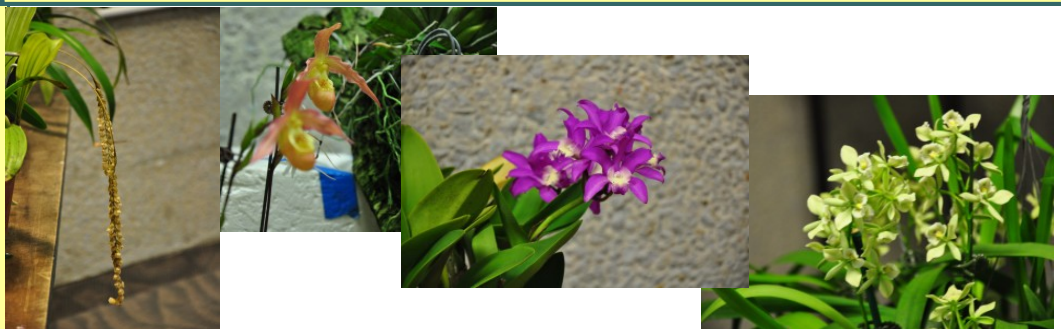
So, purely from that vantage point, the program will be of interest to orchid enthusiasts. Add a program on breeding cattleyas and the program should provide a challenge on many levels. Especially after some of the articles that require frequent use of a scientific dictionary, a presentation of this type is one not to be missed for those of us without botanical training.

In the next few weeks, I want to set a date for our next show so we can confirm the availability of facilities and get the date on the AOS calendar. I know some vendors prepare their schedules a year in advance. I would like to be on the front end of the effort to schedule a facility and vendors. We will also be looking for a chairperson and people to help in other areas for the show.



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## SEPTEMBER OSMT MEETING PROGRAM

### David Johnston of Jewell Orchids New Trends in Blue Cattleya Breeding

David Johnston of Jewell Orchids has been growing orchids for over 35 years and has been hybridizing orchids for 20 plus years. David graduated in Botany and Horticulture from Iowa State University. He served as director of the ISU Botany and plant Pathology Research and Teaching Greenhouses for several years and then decided to venture out on his own as Jewell Orchids.

David was a member of the Central Iowa Orchid Society for almost 30 years and spent a number of those years as president, vice president, and also served in other elected offices. He has a great interest in educating orchid growers and developing their skills in growing orchids.

Members should NOT bring plants to sell at the meeting.

—Jan Lawrence

## AUGUST PLANT TABLES



## Events Calendar

### September

- September 16-18—Alabama Orchid Society Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- September 16-18—Mid-America Orchid Congress, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### September—October

- Tuesday 9/20—September OSMT Meeting—BOARD MTG at 6:30
- October 28-30—Kentucky Orchid Society Show, Louisville.



\* From page 1: Bat plant flower native to Malaysia. The actual name is *Tacco chantrieri*. But, it resembles the night man of Gotham—  
**BATMAN!**