



## February Meeting – Native Orchids of Australia

Thursday, February 16, 2006

7:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners' Corner

### G'day, mates.

At long last, the much anticipated visit by Brian Gerhard of Down Under Native Orchids is finally at hand. We will welcome Brian and his wife Phena on Thursday, February 16. Brian will be speaking about rarely seen orchids that are native to his Australia. (Personally, I haven't seen a *Sarcochilus* in or out of flower in ten years and I've been to a lot of orchid shows in ten years. They are lovely star-shaped smaller cousins of the *Phalaenopsis*.) And *Sarcochilus* might be the least rare of the plants Brian will be discussing and bringing for sale.



Besides an excellent selection of seldom seen epiphytes, Brian is bringing flasks of Australian terrestrials for sale. We have decided that these plants must stay right here. Opportunities to acquire such material simply never occur in our neck of the woods. What we need now is for a few of you to buy these flasks and grow these plants to perfection. And then to propagate them so we never lose them. Terrestrials are more of a challenge than epiphytes. Perhaps much more of a challenge. We will stand by you and provide all the encouragement and knowledge that we have at our disposal to help you succeed with them. But we need you to step up now.

Now back to the *Sarcochilus* for a little story. My favorite of all of them was a *Sarcochilus pallidus* that I grew many years ago. And it's not even a *Sarcochilus* anymore. Some taxonomist reclassified it and it's now *Pteroceras pallidum*. (Though Google proves it is far better known by its original name.) Anyway, *S. pallidus* would bloom several sprays of flowers, maybe a couple dozen flowers over three or four inflorescences. The flowers would open at about 11:00 AM and stay open until 2:30 or 3:00 PM when they would wilt and fall off. And it would repeat doing this at about ten or eleven day intervals for a couple months. Think of that. What does a plant have to do when its flowers are open? Attract a pollinator, you say? Go to the head of the class. And what if those flowers are only open for 4 hours at most? What does it have to do in that case? It has to REALLY ATTRACT A POLLINATOR! AND NO FOOLIN' AROUND! (Talk about a ticking biological clock!) So

what does that suggest? No first dates, no boxes of candy, and you can't be coy. Those flowers pump out so

much **perfume** that it is almost impossible to be in the same room as they are. With windows open, the fragrance spills throughout a neighborhood. Literally a city block in all directions it beckons to its pollinators. You may have experienced what a flowering Mother-In-Law's-Tongue will do to attract moths on a summer's night. *S. pallidus* is a Mother-In-Law's-Tongue on steroids.

As usual you're invited to join us at the Old Bag O Nails restaurant for a bite to eat before the meeting. 6-ish, again as usual. People who want to reminisce about *Sarcochilus pallidus* and people who want to reminisce about snowstorms back in the old days are equally welcome.

**Tom Franczak**

## President's Message.

Shows, shows, shows. At its January meeting, your Board did approve applying to MAOC to host its 2009 Spring Show and Conference. Our MAOC Rep, **Screll Jones**, has been directed by the Board to make that application. Even as our Publicity Chair, **Nancy Heath**, scrambles to issue press releases about our upcoming show, (March 25-26, 2006), Show Chair **Tom Bell-Games** is in conversation with the Cincinnati Judging Center and the Franklin Park Conservatory to secure a spring date for our 2007 show. Meanwhile **Jon Young** has prepared numerous bookmark advertisements for distribution to patrons of local libraries. (Thank you to everyone who took a stack and delivered them far and wide! We know that all orchid growers are book readers. Now we want all book readers to be orchid growers.) And Away Show Chair **Naila Caruso** has prepared postcard advertisements for distribution to Tom B's mailing list. I should mention that **Hollis Humphries** has joined the cause of publicizing our shows. She and Nancy H are trying to get our message into every medium available to us and they wouldn't mind some last minute help from anyone with an idea or with influential contacts.

Even if you aren't a next door neighbor to a television station owner or first cousin to a newspaper publisher, there will be lots of ways for you to contribute to the success of the Spring Show. Not the least of these will be to grow and groom your plants to perfection and bring them to the Society's display at that show. That is, after all, what the public comes to see.

Returning to the topic of the 2009 MAOC Show, we need to be realistic about what we are undertaking. I've been a volunteer worker at several MAOC shows and I am keenly aware of the labor that goes into making such events successful. We're hoping to find certain skill sets within our membership that we can tap leading up to the show. But mostly we will simply need many, many volunteers for the voluminous ordinary tasks that large shows entail. So we need to grow. We need all of our members to renew their memberships for 2006, (and receive the new membership card that Jon prepared), and in addition I'd like to see us recruit as many as 50 new members by the end of this year.

How will we do this? You all have friends whose first question when they see you is, "Do you have anything in bloom?" Those friends of yours are already halfway through the door. Why not bring them along to one of our meetings? Let them see we don't bite. Need a membership application in a hurry? **Tennis** put one on the COOS website. Print, fill out, mail with check.

But to reach and recruit from the public at large, **Nancy Wagener** has agreed to be our Outreach Chair. Already she is booked to speak to the Worthington Garden Club on our behalf in April. I am hoping that a



small group of you will join Nancy W in outreach activities. I'd like to see us utilizing the display cases that are made available to community groups at libraries and other public buildings. There we can create exhibits explaining our activities, (and provide membership apps). We want to solicit invitations to have a presence at nurseries on the occasion of their open house days. These are the sorts of things that Outreach will be responsible for. If this is your cup of tea, don't be shy, tell Nancy W.

Filling the Publicity and Outreach committees were two of my top three priorities and I'm very pleased that the Nancies and Hollis have already begun work. Now may I please have equally capable volunteers for Ways and Means?

Stay tuned. Stay involved. And get your 2006 membership renewals in!

**Tom Franczak**

### **AWAY SHOW BULLETIN**

Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, has been really busy and intends to keep the society really, really busy during the upcoming spring show season. Here is an updated list of shows. She has registered COOS to attend the ones with the date highlighted in red. She is making inquiries for the others. **Again, please keep in mind that she will need plenty of your blooming plants in order to construct exhibits at the various shows. Please bring plants to the February meeting that she can take to the Miami Valley show. Please call her at home during the week prior to each show if you have blooming plants that she can take and to make arrangements for getting the plants to the drop off.** She will also need plenty of help for this ambitious schedule **so please consider volunteering to assist on one of the show weekends.** Remember, this also provides ample opportunity to have your prized bloomers judged. We will give an updated list in the newsletter each month as we move further into show season. Remember, if there are two shows scheduled for the same weekend, Naila is looking for someone to take the second show if there is someone interested in doing so provide we have sufficient plants for two shows. **Naila also needs green plants, ferns etc. for the displays. Donors are welcome.**

**Feb 18,19 - Miami Valley Orchid Society Show**, Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, W. Carrollton, Ohio

**Feb 25,26 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show**, MSU, Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, East Lansing Mi.

Mar 4,5 - (conflict-anyone interested?) Greater Akron Orchid Society Show, Tadmor Shrine Center 3000 Krebs Dr. Akron OH

**Mar 4,5 - Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show**, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr. Cincinnati, Oh.

**Mar 11,12 - West Shore Orchid Society Show**, Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd. Strongsville, Oh.

**Mar 18,19 - Ann Arbor Orchid Society**, Ann Arbor, Mi.

March 25-26 – (conflict with our show – anyone interested) Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA.

April 1-2 - Central Indiana Orchid Society Show. Contact: Russell Vernon, 12661 W SR 32, Yorktown, IN 47396.

April 22-23 - Kentucky Orchid Society Show. Contact: Jim McCulloch, 302 Caroldale Ln., Louisville, KY 40243.

Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Ag Arena, Penn State Campus, State College, PA.

May 6-7 - Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Franke Park Pavilion #1, Fort Wayne, IN.

May 12-14 - Longwood Gardens Orchid Show, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.

## More on Orchid Names

Some of you may recall an opinion piece I wrote a few months ago relating my confusion regarding orchid names. I have discovered that there are others among us who have similar difficulties with the naming of orchids. My husband, Tom Nagel, has created a possible solution. I hope it provided some clarity.

**Nancy Heath**

## Orchid Nomenclature for Dummies

The names of orchids, Latin or Latin-sounding-Greekspeak, are inflicted upon the flower loving public by pretentious Botany professors. These names are often difficult for orchid newbies to understand or decipher. This brief article is designed to help you through these difficulties and to identify some of the more common orchids you will encounter.

The Thanatopsis orchids: this large family of orchids includes all of the ones you buy at Walmart for about \$20.00 and you take home and it dies right away. The Thanatopsis orchids are generally named after dead rock stars, for example:

Thanatopsis Jimmorrisonum

Thanatopsis Elvissia

Thanatopsis Mommacassia

Thanatopsis Joplinea

Thanatopsis Jimihendrexii

Closely related to the Thanatopsis orchids are the Cattlefeedyas. A Cattlefeedya orchid is generally of such low quality that its primary usefulness is as cattle fodder. Any orchid that refuses to bloom is a Cattlefeedya.

The Dumbonium orchids have very large, broad, stiff leaves and are inevitably potted in a light potting medium so that whenever a good breeze comes up they will sail right off the potting bench.

The Pulphepotia are noted for their pharmacological properties. Many growers never show these plants but wind up smoking them instead.

The Cymponia family of orchids is sometimes also known as the Du'Ohnia orchid. The Cymponia family has several notable members:

HomerCymponia            large and dull

MargeCymponia            towering purple foliage

BartCymponia            short and sassy, often becomes strangulated by nearby growths of HomerCymponia

**Tom Nagel**



## Greenhouse Blues

I received a call from Dr. Tom Wagner during the week of January 20<sup>th</sup>. Besides expressing his regrets at seldom being able to get to meetings these days, he called to bring a potential problem to the attention of fellow orchid growers. Like all of us, he has felt the bite of high gas heating bills. His greenhouse, attached to his house, has been heated by gas until this year. In attempt to economize, he switched to a propane heating system in the fall. He installed a vent free infrared propane heater. A propane tank was installed behind the house and when cold weather came he fired up the new system. Within days of firing up the new heater his plants were suffering from yellowing leaves and lost blooms.



Tom's son did a quick search for information and came upon a website [www.orchidlady.com/air](http://www.orchidlady.com/air) that sheds light on the problem. Non-electric heaters (gas, propane) that are not vented or are not operating properly will put combustion by-products in your greenhouse. Among the most problematic for orchid growers is ethylene gas. While a vent free heater may not create a toxic atmosphere for people, as little as one part of ethylene gas to 300,000,000 parts of air, produced from incomplete combustion of petroleum products (coal, natural gas, gasoline, oil etc.) can cause your orchids, particularly cattleyas, to yellow and drop blooms. .

Some additional searching that I did revealed another potential problem more closely associated with newer greenhouses. Newer greenhouses are more tightly sealed to conserve energy in the winter. Gas and propane heaters can consume the oxygen in the greenhouse if there is not a ready source of fresh air. The result is imperfect combustion, which leads to the build up of carbon monoxide, also toxic to plants, not to mention the production of ethylene. The key seemed to be, in either case, improving the ventilation in the greenhouse and/or checking the combustion of the heaters. Tom solved his problem by moving the combustion out of the greenhouse. He won't know for a while if the switch will save ducats. He also provided a site, [www.qcsupply.com/Products/327.aspx](http://www.qcsupply.com/Products/327.aspx), with information and/or vent free equipment, if any of you looking into changing heating systems.

In an hour or so of web searching I did not find a great many references to similar problems but that may be more a deficiency of the searcher than of the content searched. So we have a forum of sorts. If you have

experienced similar conditions or know someone who has, and you have knowledge or advice, please feel free to contribute. If not, and you are someone heating a greenhouse with similar heaters, take warning. And thanks to Tom Wagner for the heads-up.

### Bill Cavanaugh

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"Long time members, Janet and Clarence Cardwell, who are now living in Florida, have a new e-mail address: [Ccclarence@aol.com](mailto:Ccclarence@aol.com) Although they will not be able to be with us at our annual show this year, they extend a hearty hello to everyone, old friends and new, up here in the chilly north."

### **Lost and Found**

Ed Davis reports that he has lost several computer discs containing his copy of the Wildcatt Orchid Program. He last saw them at the November potluck. The missing disks would include Spring 2005 update and September 2005 update with papers of instruction with two sets of invoices for cost of \$34.95 each in their original mailing envelopes: First Class stamped on the envelope with return address of: Wildcatt Database Co. 5614 Valley Road-- Ames, Iowa 90014. These original disks have their identifying labels thereon with title and copywrite information. Please keep an eye out for these items. Check the nooks and crannies If things happen like at my house, you never know what will turn up where, when you least expected it.

It is that time of year again. With the new year comes the membership renewal season. Please renew your membership in the Central Ohio Orchid Society **TODAY**. Send your check (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society" to our **new membership chair, Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223)**, OR bring your check to the next meeting. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.



## CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY – 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW

Our big annual show will be held at the Franklin Park Conservatory, March 25 and 26; show set-up will be all day Friday, March 24. We will be setting up tables and stanchions Thursday evening.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – In order to make this a successful event, we need your help. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be added to our web site in the next few days. Please visit <http://www.coosinfo.info> to sign up for one or more of the following:

**Clerks:** We need a good number of clerks (about 20) to help during ribbon judging. If you haven't clerked before, it is fairly easy and is a great way to learn more about judging. Ribbon judging will last about 2 to 3 hours depending on the number of plants on display. We will start very early Saturday morning, March 25. We will need you to be on hand at 7:00 a.m. We need one person to volunteer as head clerk. This person will give instructions to all of the clerks ahead of time so everyone knows what to do. In general, we will have 3 or 4 clerks who will be assigned to each judging team. Clerks assist the judges in locating plants and placing ribbons. Listening to the judges evaluate the flowers is enlightening (but keep your opinions to yourself – proper clerking etiquette is to not participate in the discussion unless asked).

**Additional Help:** In addition to clerks, we still need help with the following activities.

**Hospitality** – Please bring a covered dish to help stock our hospitality room which is provided for judges and show volunteers. In addition, we need a few people to work in the hospitality area to be sure things are tidy and food is available as needed.

**Publicity / Advertising** – Thank you to Nancy Heath, Matina Ross, and Hollis Humphries who are working hard on publicity. Also, thank you to Jon Young for working on the printing for this show.

**Set-up** – Show set-up will start Thursday evening (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) when we will need to set-up stanchions and tables so we are ready for vendors and exhibitors who will be arriving the following day. All day Friday, we can use your help in assisting vendors and exhibitors in bringing in their plants. If you can spare an hour or two any time, especially in the afternoon and early evening, we could really use your help.

**PLANTS!** – We definitely need blooming plants. Please plan on bringing your plants to the Conservatory on Friday so we can incorporate them into our society exhibit. Plants should be properly groomed. Please be sure your entries are clean and pest/disease free.

**Tear-down** – We will need people to help clean-up after the end of the show on Sunday afternoon. This usually starts around 4:30 to 5:00, depending on show attendance. The more people we have, the faster this goes.

**Society Table** – We will have a Society table where we will have information about joining the Central Ohio Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society. In addition, we will hand out orchid culture sheets and have a sign-up sheet for announcements about future shows. We will also have a raffle of orchid related items. We need to have one or two people at this table at all times throughout the show.

**General Help**– Finally, we need a few folks to help our vendors throughout the show as well as to answer questions of the general public.

Please visit our web site in the next few days to volunteer for some of these duties. We have set this up so you can volunteer for just a couple of hours at a time. If enough of us volunteer, things will go very smoothly and we'll all have great fun.

**Tom Bell-Games**



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## Notes from the January Meeting

The January Show Table was abundantly filled with blooms of almost every sort. Thanks to all those who shared their orchids. Those of you who have orchids in bloom throughout the spring season remember our away show chair needs your assistance in putting together worthy displays at the various and numerous shows.

Ken Mettler and Screll Jones reviewed the show table. Where the judges felt it was warranted, multiple place awards were given. We hope we got all of the awards, our apologies to any we may have missed.

<u>Cattleya and Related Hybrids</u>		
Ken Mettler	<i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> 'Kenny' AM/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Blc. Cornerstone</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Edwina Carreon	<i>Lc. George Baldwin</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ken Mettler	<i>Leptotes bicolor</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Oncidium Alliance</u>		
Dave Evans	<i>Brassidium Shooting Star</i> 'Black Gold'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Naila Caruso	<i>Odontoglossum pulchellum</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Oncidium</i> 'Kukoo'	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Larry Samson	<i>Odontobrassia Kenneth Blevins</i> 'Santa Barbara'	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Paphiopedilum Green Leaf</u>		
Tom Franczak	<i>Paphiopedilum Mercatelli</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Franczak	<i>Paphiopedilum yappianum</i> (jogjae)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Franczak	<i>Paphiopedilum stonei</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Screll Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum Snowclad</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Paphiopedilum Mottled Leaf</u>		
Elly Campbell	<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i> 'Love Song'	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Paphiopedilum Macabre</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Phragmipedium</u>		
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Phragmipedium Eric Young 4N x Wallisii</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Dendrobium</u>		
Don Weber	<i>Dendrobium Audree Miller</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sue Dervin	<i>Dendrobium Goldlace</i> 'Jaguar'	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sue Dervin	<i>Dendrobium Benikujyaka</i> 'Symphony'	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Dendrobium Sum Light</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Phalaenopsis</u>		
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phalaenopsis Zuma Camreal</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phalaenopsis equestris v alba</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Doritaenopsis New Candy</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Other</u>		
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Holcoglossum flavescens</i> (repestre)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Bulbophyllum watsonianum</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Naila Caruso	<i>Cymbidium Dag x alba</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## 2006 COOS Calendar

February 16	Brian Gerhard, Australian Orchids [ <a href="http://www.duno.com.au">http://www.duno.com.au</a> ]
March 16	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
<b>March 25-26</b>	<b>Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Show</b>
April 20	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
May 18	Larry Sanford - Miltoniopsis
<b>June 3-4</b>	<b>Mini-show</b>
June 15	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
July 23	Picnic, tentatively set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 28	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
October 19	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
<b>November 4-5</b>	<b>Mini-show</b>
November 16	Potluck Dinner

**Board Meetings.** Board meetings will generally be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months with the exception of September:

January 10	July 11
March 14	September 19
May 9	November 14

Dates for Orchid Judging at the Cincinnati Center: Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, 2715 Reading Road, Cincinnati. Registration of Plants at 12:00, Judging starts at 1:00. February 12, March 12, April 9.

**REGIONAL SHOWS:** The following are upcoming shows within a reasonable distance from the central Ohio area:

- February 11 –12, 2006      Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show, Toronto Botanical Garden, Lawrence Ave. E, Toronto, Ontario. Contact Peter Poot, Box 241 Goodwood Ont. LOC 1AO; (905)640-5643; [sonja.poot@sympatico.ca](mailto:sonja.poot@sympatico.ca).  
*About a seven and one half hour drive according to mapquest. A good excuse for a weekend getawayyyy for the more adventurous.*
- February 18 – 19, 2006      Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, Cox Arboretum and Gardens, 6733 Springboro Pike, West Carrollton, Ohio. Contact Wes Ullery, 12956 St. Rt. 55, St. Paris, Ohio 43072. (937)308-4740.  
*Close to Home. Support your almost local Orchid Society.*
- February 25 –26, 2006      Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, MSU Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, Corner Bouge St. and Scenic Road, East Lansing Mi. Contact Pete Porciello, 515 N. Putnam Unit H, Williamstown, Mi. 48895; (517)855-1311; [pporciello@voyager.net](mailto:pporciello@voyager.net).  
*Another road trip to the land of the Wolverine, about 4 hours according to mapquest.*
- March 4-5, 2006      Greater Akron Orchid Society Show, Tadmor Shrine Center, 3000 Krebs Dr., Akron, OH. Contact: Cathy Green, 2019 36th St. NW, Canton, OH 44708; (330) 492-4534; [orchidlady50@hotmail.com](mailto:orchidlady50@hotmail.com).  
*Close to home. Support your almost local orchid society. Some can choose Akron, some Cincinnati, where do the relatives live.*
- March 4-5, 2006      Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Patricia June, 5794 Butler Warren Rd., Mason, OH 45040; (513) 398-1332; [rogerjune@aol.com](mailto:rogerjune@aol.com).  
*Same weekend as Akron, about the same distance. Pick one, pick both, you have two days in the weekend.*
- March 11-12, 2006      West Shore Orchid Society Show, Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH. Contact: Wayne Roberts, 12390 Root Rd., Columbia Station, OH 44028; (440) 236-5571; [rf@orchidmix.com](mailto:rf@orchidmix.com).  
*Two hours and five minutes on the shores of gitchigumee, er Lake Erie, well.... Almost. A good day or weekend trip to the North Coast.*
- March 18-19, 2006      Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show. Contact: Ann Bommarito c/o AAOS, PO Box 3006, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.  
*Buckeye fans can still go here for an orchid show. Orchids look good wherever you are. About 4 hours by land, shorter by air.*

Editor's Corner. OK. Two down and umpty ump to go. We continue to experience growing pains as we learn on the fly but I think the first edition came out well and hope you will like this one as well. It is also apparent to me that I will either run out of ideas (not soon mind you) or you will know way too much about my orchid questions, my preferences and my writing style. So I would like to thank those who delayed that state of events by contributing to this edition by writing (Nancy Heath and her husband Tom Nagel) and by calling something to my attention (Dr. Tom Wagner). Thank you folks. You have the idea. This is the members' forum and needs the members' contributions.

I again encourage your suggestions, contributions and ideas. Have a topic you would like to see addressed, let us know. Write a short article on a topic that you know well. Tell us what plant your looking for or which one you want to move to a new home. We can list them here (within reason). Have an idea on how we can serve the society better, or make the society better, this can be your suggestion box. As you can tell from the president's message, more and more of us are going to have to participate more actively to accomplish the society's agenda. So start small here and make it a habit. The more each of us contributes to the society the more each of us will get from it.

**Bill Cavanaugh**



*Sarcophilus australis* © Eric Hunt, [www.orchidphotos.org](http://www.orchidphotos.org)



*Pteroceras pallidum*

## Hospitality

Thanks to Tom and Pat James, Susan Allison and Sue Dervin for the January goodies. Also a huge thank you, in advance, to all of those who have signed up to provide snacks and goodies for the upcoming meetings. Below is a list of who has signed up and the month they signed for. Coincidentally, the blank spots have no volunteers. See Naila at the meeting to add your name to the merriment roster.

If you have to cancel try to get a person from the following month to switch or ring Naila to change months.

Feb. Ruth and Bill Cavanaugh  
Feb. Edwina Carreon  
Feb. Nancy Wagner

March Dorothy Burchfield  
March Ellie Campbell  
March Chris Bednar

April Tom and Rosina Bell-Games  
April Robin Morrison  
April

May Norman & Lori Baldwin  
May  
May

June  
June  
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