

HOUSTON 38th CONSECUTIVE SUMMER WORKSHOP 2017 Lecture Information

George Hatfield is currently the American Orchid Society's President. He is also owner of Hatfield Orchids in sunny California. George is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Prior to being elected AOS President George served in many other positions including most recently Chair of the Judging Committee. George will talk about happenings at the AOS and modern day Cymbidiums.



Tom Harper has been growing orchids for 50 years. He is owner of Stones River Orchids from Franklin, TN. He has spoken to the Houston Orchid Society and at the Houston Summer Workshop. Tom is a founding member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) in 1989 and has served in many responsible positions including Vice President, President, and *IPA Journal* contributor on many occasions. Tom has traveled coast to coast and internationally speaking on various aspects of Phalaenopsis. Tom lectured at the 16th World Orchid Conference in 1996 in Brazil, and the 19th WOC in January 2008 in Miami. Additionally, he was invited to speak in March 2005 and again in 2007 at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and Symposium in Hsinying, Taiwan, Republic of China. Tom has received many AOS quality awards for Phalaenopsis. In 2008, he received his first FCC/AOS on Dtps. Brother Success, 'Laura' (The highest award given by the American Orchid Society which is very rare in this genus) at the Heart of Dixie Show in Huntsville, Alabama. Tom will lecture on Phalaenopsis culture in sphagnum moss and bark medias as well as the other basics of successful growing techniques.

Peter Lin is an orchid enthusiast who has been growing orchids for over 25 years since he was 10. He is originally from Taiwan and came to United States at age of 12, Peter found his passion in collecting and hybridizing with Phalaenopsis orchid. Peter graduated from University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and worked in the Information Technology industry for 12 years. To pursue his passion to expand and to upgrade his Phalaenopsis collection, Peter turned his orchid growing into hybridizing and Big Leaf Orchids - a family owned mail-order operation in Southlake, Texas. Named after the pretty and round leaves of Phalaenopsis, Big Leaf Orchids specialize in Phalaenopsis, with emphasis on novelty which includes flowers that are fragrant, waxy, and multi-colored. Peter makes frequent trips to Taiwan to see in person the latest Phalaenopsis development, and to learn from Taiwanese nurseries and Phalaenopsis hybridizers. To date Peter has made 288 crosses and registered 101 Phalaenopsis hybrid. He has received two Award of Quality awards for his Phalaenopsis hybrids Phal. Pylo's Sweet Orange and Phal. Pylo's Eagle Passion. Peter will lecture on Hybridizing and growing novelty Phalaenopsis

Leo Schordge comes to us from Zion, Illinois a town near the Wisconsin border north of Chicago. He is an amateur orchid grower of more than 30 years. He has been active in the Illinois Orchid Society serving as President for two years. His talk will discuss a few strategies for building an orchid collection that always has something in bloom, with a minimal number of plants. The focus will be on selecting orchids with one or more of the traits that qualify the orchid as ever blooming. Some of these traits are extremely long lived flowers, a frequent bloom habit, or long lived inflorescences with a sequential bloom habit. The orchids Leo will highlight include species and hybrids for a range of temperature and light, from warm growing, to cool growing, orchids for the sunny south windowsill and some ideal for the shade of the northeast exposure and under light growing. Tips on good culture, and on the benefits of growing plants to be show specimens will be provided.