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Hello All,

Summary of News:

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1. [The Orchid Ark](#), Chiang Mai, Thailand participates in the OCC



A group of orchid lovers, academic professionals and environmentalists have concluded that orchids are not safe in the national parks. An alternative is to create orchid arks, i.e. a network of fenced and controlled private areas where indigenous orchids can be grown and propagated by seeds to maintain genetic variation. Such an area should not just be a nursery, but woodland with orchids and many plant species to stimulate presence of natural pollinators and fungal symbionts, preventing degeneration in germination, morphology and fragrance by natural selection.

2. [Conservation Program for *Phragmipedium kovachii*](#) Abra Patricia Protected Area, Region of Amazonas – Peru.

Proposal to begin the process of acquiring *Phragmipedium kovachii* habitat located near the Abra Patricia Protected Area, Peru.



Asociación Ecosistemas Andinos (ECOAN, www.ecoanperu.org) is a leading Peruvian conservation organization specializing on working with local communities to establish and manage protected areas.

For more information on this proposal: <http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/pr/ecoanperu.html>

3. Donation total for 2010 (Donation amount given in equivalents)

\$ 2,635.61 Australian Dollars

\$ 2,726.89 Canadian Dollars

€1,970.37 European Union Euros

\$ 33,026.37 Mexico Pesos

\$ 17,955.66 Trinidad and Tobago Dollars

£ 1757.16 UK Pounds

\$ 2,827.66 US Dollars

Total Donations since start

\$ 58,526.90 Australian Dollars

\$ 54,638.54 Canadian Dollars

€35,645.34 European Union Euros

\$ 634,647.86 Mexico Pesos

\$ 324,673.85 Trinidad and Tobago Dollars

£ 32,645.34 UK Pounds

\$ 51,058.16 US Dollars

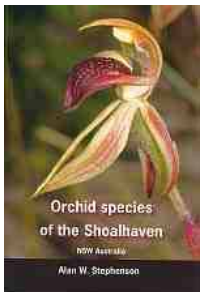
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\$ 102,255.00 US Dollars - Bosque das Orquideas get R\$ 170,000.00 Reais (~\$ 102,255.00 US Dollars) - 2011

4. AOS *Orchids* magazine August issue will focus on orchid conservation

I won't spoil the content here but there will be a push by the AOS, articles by myself, and an article by Alan Stephenson.

5. Alan W Stephenson's Book - Orchid Species of the Shoalhaven, NSW Australia



A book about Australian orchids, habitat, and conservation.

Available from:

affine@tpg.com.au

Alan has written many articles for orchid magazines and the OCC.

You can read his articles on the OCC website:

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/cpulchellus.html>

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/csuperba.html>

6. News from the Atlanta Botanical Garden

As a charter member of the GPCA (Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance) and a close collaborator with the GADNR (Georgia Department of Natural Resources), the Atlanta Botanical Garden has been active in plant conservation since the 1980's. With the installation of the Fuqua Orchid Center and Center for Conservation and Education in 2002, the garden has taken a leading role in rare plant conservation in the southeastern United States, with a special focus on pitcher plants and orchids. In 2008 the Atlanta Botanical Garden launched the Georgia Orchid Initiative, a collaborative effort to survey populations of native orchids, develop conservation plans and establish safeguarding mechanisms. Since its origin, the Georgia Orchid Initiative has succeeded in conserving several key species, including the Kentucky Lady's-slipper (*Cypripedium kentuckiense*), Chapman's fringed orchid (*Platanthera chapmanii*), upland spreading pogonia (*Cleistiopsis bifaria*), purple fringeless orchid (*Platanthera peramoena*) and monkey face orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*). In addition, seed from identified populations has been banked while we research their propagation. In fact, many of these rare orchids are already in cultivation, meticulously nurtured from seed, and some of these plants have been used to augment wild populations. With the help of GPCA members and volunteers, our surveys will undoubtedly turn up additional populations of key species in the near future. The Atlanta Botanical Garden remains poised and ready for the challenges ahead as a proven leader of orchid conservation in the southeastern United States.

7. Orchid Show Conservation Displays

If Orchid Societies have a conservation information table or display at their orchid show, take a picture and send it to me. Also if you have any suggestions you would like to share with other orchid societies in putting together an orchid conservation display, let me know.



The Illinois Orchid Society 2011 spring show focused on orchid conservation in "Wild Orchids: A Vanishing World"



Cathy Bloome's display "Orchid Recovery Project"

Cathy Bloome has written an article that is in the OCC Conservation Article section. It can be downloaded and used in society newsletter.

[Citizen Scientist, An Orchid Recovery Project](#) (50 kb pdf file)

A recovery story about *Platanthera leucophaea*, the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid.



Display of Minnesota's Native Orchids at the Illinois Orchid Society spring show.

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