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**Dallas Judging Center Training 2024**

**You only completed the first 6 months of slipper lessons before you went on hiatus. This is modified to review and up date what has been done.**

**January**

* **Write a report on Cypripedium Breeding Trends. Has there been an appreciable change in accessibility of species and/or hybrids. Are they more common at the judging table today?**
* **Update a Species Data Sheet for Mexipedium xerophyticum.**
* **Update judging and hybridization activity associated with Selenipetalum. Are we seeing more at judging tables?**
* **5 descriptions for these genera.**

**February – Tricenter in Houston has been moved to April.**

* **Genus Summary** has been completed, up date if needed.
* Write a **Species Data Sheet or Building Block** on assigned species.
  1. lindeniii
  2. tetzlafianum
  3. vittatum
  4. christiansenianum
* **5 descriptions for the genus.**
* **In either the Phrag summary or the Paph summary please discuss the differences between Paphs and Phrags.**

**March – Paphiopedilums**

Again, since you are a single student I will approach the assignments differently. Rather than studying from the species to the hybrids, we will study the types of hybrid and species that make them up.

* **Subgenus Brachypetalum - What species are included? Discuss breeding uses. Do they breed well out of the subgenus? Are there preferred types of parents with which to breed? Are they a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**April – Paphiopedilums – TriCenter mtg in Houston**

* **Subgenus Parvisepalum - What species are included? Discuss breeding uses. Do they breed well out of the subgenus? Are there preferred types of parents with which to breed? Are they a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**May – Paphiopedilums**

* **Subgenus Polyantha - What species are included? Discuss breeding uses. Do they breed well out of the subgenus? Are there preferred types of parents with which to breed? Are they a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**June - Paphiopedilums – Student presentations, pick a subject from the first 6months, run it by me.**

* **Subgenus Cochlopetalum - What species are included? Discuss breeding uses. Do they breed well out of the subgenus? Are there preferred types of parents with which to breed? Are they a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**July - Paphiopedilums**

* **Bulldogs - What species are included as parents? Discuss breeding uses. What are the primary breeding lines? What is currently being done with bulldogs? Are the species used as a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics? What do we look for when judging bulldogs?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**August/September – Paphiopedilums**

**Webinar: Maudiae Paphs- Past, Present, Future 12/13/16**

* **Maudiae type:albums, vinicolors, coloratums, flames - What species are included as parents? Discuss breeding uses. What are the primary breeding lines? What is currently being done with these colorful slippers? Are the species used as a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics? What do we look for when judging these color forms?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**October – Paphiopedilums, Sigmatopetalums**

**Webinar: Judging Tiny Slippers 8/9/21**

**Webinar: Paphiopedilum venustum: a flower for the ages. 9/19/22**

* **Teacup paphs – a lot of people have been talking about breeding “Teacup Paphs”. What species would/do form the basis of the breeding lines? What is the current breeding trend. How would you address any judging issues you perceive?**
* **Subgenus Sigmatopetalum - What species are included? Discuss breeding uses. Do they breed well out of the subgenus? Are there preferred types of parents with which to breed? Are they a single infusion parent or are they re-used down the breeding line to strengthen certain characteristics?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**November – Megastaminodiums**

* **P. canhii and P. rungsurianum. Tell me about them. Are they being hybridized? How long until WE can see progeny?**
* Write **5 award descriptions** using any of the species or hybrids from the genus studied this month. Be sure to put award type with description. Note any descriptive terms that may be common to these flowers.

**December – Presentations, pick a subject from the last 6 months, run it by me.**