



North Hampshire Orchid Society



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The meeting was on Sunday 17th September.

Our speaker was Francis J Quesada-Pallares who gave a talk and slide show about growing Orchids indoors. All the slides were of the orchids he had grown over quite a few years in his flat. He collected species and his favourite being Phalaenopsis, also Bulbophyllums and some Dendrobiums. He ended up with about 1,000. He grew them on windowsills, coffee tables and 2 units with 4 shelves which were lit by 4 tubes over each shelf. Most of the orchids were imports from Germany.

He moved house and as the greenhouse was not ready he lost a lot his orchids as they got too cold.

Phalaenopsis Brother Pico Valley is one hybrid. He has terrariums with Pleurothallis, watered with spray jets and air, also Lepanthopsis, Angraecum and Restrepias.

Everyone enjoyed the talk which was very informative and there were lots of slides which were lovely.

Thank you Francis. I asked him if he would visit again later next year.

The competition table had 2 orchids for judging plus 2 of David's for display. David Martin and Francis judged them.

1st was Wally with a Phalaenopsis Artic

2nd was Mike Sharman with *Oncidium charlesworthii*

The winners photographs follow with David's.



The Auction in July was a flop as there were 8 of us and also no visitors turned up. We bought a few things and had some tea and went home.

Thank you to all who helped with REFRESHMENTS, SETTING UP AND CLEARING UP.

THE NEXT MEETING IS 15th OCTOBER and Maureen Cole will be talking about her Peru and Ecuador trip.

Have not booked anything for November but perhaps should have a members meeting/chat about next year etc.

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