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## **CENTRAL NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY**

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# **IT'S AUCTION TIME!!!**

t's finally here, the event CNYOS members wait for all year: THE AUC-TION!!! One month later than usual, this year's auction will be held on Sunday, June 10<sup>TH</sup>, at 2:00<sup>PM</sup>, St. Augustine's Church in Baldwinsville. Here is your opportunity to pick up orchids for your collection at a fraction of retail prices. And it's also the Central New York Orchid Society's largest fund raiser of the year. CNYOS Newsletter Editor, Jeff Please Note special date for Auction: June 10th Stuart, has sent out requests soliciting donations from many nationally known vendors, including Andy's Orchids, our friend Joe Kunisch at Bloomfield Orchids, Carter & Holmes Orchids, Fox Valley Orchids, Hoosier Orchids, J&L Orchids, Marlow Orchids, Piping Rock Orchids, and Zuma Canyon Orchids. Several vendors have already sent plants. Club members are welcome to put their own plants on the auction block, as long as they are

insect and disease-free; 50% of the final bids for members' plants

goes toward the club. Unfortunately, a list of orchids to be auctioned is not yet available. Be on time-the auction always takes a while and we want to get started early!

n addition to the auction, a number of business items will be discussed. This summer we will once again be participating in the Great NY State Fair, by setting up a both in the Horticultural Building on the first weekend (August 25-26). Members will be needed to help with set-up and break-down of the display, as well as with manning the booth, answering questions, and handing out lit-

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erature. The club must also start planning for our annual Fall Show & Sale, to be held in mid-September, several weeks earlier than in previous years.

uly 15<sup>™</sup> will be our annual summer picnic, this year to be held at the home of your humble newsletter editor, Jeff Stuart. As in past years, the picnic will be a pot-luck affair. The rain date will be July  $22^{\text{ND}}$ . Look for details in the July newsletter.

### **MAY MEETING: FORMER AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT MILTON CARPENTER**

The Central New York Orchid Society **L** was indeed fortunate to have **Milton Carpenter**, the immediate past president of the American Orchid Society, as our guest for the May meeting. Milton spoke on the introduction of warmth tolerance to the genus Cymbidium, a group of orchids typically associated with needing a chill during the autumn months in order to initiate blooming. His talk was both informative and entertaining, as he interjected a good amount of humor while addressing the club. Milton has been the leader in introduction of warmth-tolerance to not only Cymbidium hybrids, but also to Oncidium intergeneric hybrids. After the meeting several members of the club took Milton and his wife Nancy out to dinner at the Fireside Inn. Look for a picture of Milton in this month's issue of Orchids!

CYM. NANCY'S TREASURE 'PRECIOUS' Photo © Milton Carpenter

1. Thanks to all those who helped to put up and take down for the Shows recently. At the STOS Show, our club display won first place.

2. Our show is scheduled for Sept. 15&16. Deb Coyle reports that we have 5 judges. The list of jobs that we need to fill will be brought to the next meeting. There was discussion about an annual Andy Myers award; this was passed. The award will be for best amateur Phrag. We also need to modify definitions for other awards.

1. What is an amateur?

2. There is always the possibility of no winner each time.

We now have an award committee. Gary Stensland (Chair) & Iris Cohen.

3. June auction. Jeff spoke to Tony recently and he did not display his usual enthusiasm for this assignment. Tony usually sends \$ 10. to each contributor to help defray the cost of shipping. Charles Ufford can help with the auction. If members auction off their own plants, there is a 50/50 split with the club. Jeff will not be at the auction.

4. Club members need to sign up for times for our display for the State Fair.

5. Please bring back library books.

6. Suggestions for new library books should be submitted to David Ditz.

The Eastern Orchid Congress will be held in 7. Washington D.C. this year over Columbus Day Weekend.

8. Introduction of guests and new members.

9. Iris continues to need the clonal name for the Miltonia on the raffle table from the Christmas party.

10. Thanks to Dolores and Ken for the refreshments.

11. Milton Carpenter was our speaker on warm growing cymbidiums.

> **Respectfully submitted, Barbara Weller CNYOS Secretary**





### IN MEMORIAM: DR. BENJAMIN BERLINER

A well-known & much-loved member of the orchid world, Dr. Benjamin Berliner, passed away on May 23<sup>RD</sup> after a long illness. He was a longtime orchid judge & orchid grower. Ben specialized in Lycastes, but also had expertise in white cattleyas, oncidiums, and other genera. He received numerous AOS awards, including the FCC on *C. percivaliana* 'Summit,' and registered a number of novelty hybrids. Dr. Berliner used to judge Upstate shows, and spoke at our club. He was a retired pediatrician and a professor of pediatrics. Those of us who knew him were enriched & honored. May his memory be for a blessing.

Iris Cohen

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# **CNYOS CALENDAR**

June 10 Annual CNYOS Spring Auction!

- July 15 Annual CNYOS Summer Picnic to be held this year at the home of Newsletter Editor Jeff Stuart. Rain date July 22. Further details in the next newsletter.
- July 28-29 Parkside Orchids' 2001 Summer Orchid Fest: Visit historic Bucks County in 2001 and attend the fourth annual Summer Orchid Fest: An event featuring orchid sales, and summer fun! Presentations will cover basic and advanced topics. A total of 18 vendors are expected to participate. For more information, call 610-847-8039. Web site: http://www.parksideorchids.com/
- August 25-26 The Great New York State Fair. Just as last year, CNYOS will again participate in the NY State Fair, in the Horticultural Building. We will set up a small display and hand out literature on both growing orchids and the club. Hopefully this will be a good opportunity to boost membership. Details to be announced.
- September 11 Guest speaker, Howard Ginsburg: Proprietor of Bedford Orchids (Montreal, Quebec, http://www.bedfordorchids.com/) and AOS Judge (regular at the CNYOS Show). Howard specializes in *Phalaenopsis* hybrids and will discuss new trends in hybridization of perhaps the most popular of all orchids. Meeting will be on a Tuesday evening!

September 14-16 CNYOS Fall Show & Sale at Shoppingtown Mall in DeWitt.

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# **MAY SHOW TABLE**

Cypripedium Alliance	Phal. Golden Hat (venosa x Mad Hatter)
Paph. barbigerum 2 plantsCohenPaph. hirsutissimumWitkin	Coyle "
Paph. urbanianumStenslandPaph. Royal Dear x leucochilum	Oncidium Alliance
Capella Phrag. Don Wimber (Eric Young x besseae) " Phrag. Grande ( <i>longifolium</i> x caudatum) Stuart	Milt. Leo Holguin (Franz Wichmann x Hamburg)Renno Odm.Odm. (sic) nobileStuart Onc. stramineumOnc. stramineum"Onc. Charlotte Ray x Tafsan"Rdcm. Choice Red x Onc. Wave Dancer
Cattleya Alliance	Lloyd Onc. morenoi Capella
Encyclia cordigera Bordoni Encyclia (Euchile) mariae "	<i>Odcdm.</i> Tiger Butter x <i>Odm.</i> Golden Halls
Bl. Morning Glory (L. purpurata x B. nodosa)Capella DitzKalopternix sophronitesDitzC. intermediaBraue	Onc. flexuosum " Miltonia (sic) (Miltoniopsis vexillaria x bis- marckii*) Rice Onc. sphacelatum Kot Hwra. Mini-Primi (Rdcm. Primi x Lchs.
Vandaceous	oncidioides) Cohen
Schoenorchis fragransBrauePhal. Brecko (sic) Freegold x Dtps. HappyValentineLloydDtps. Taisuco Firebird (Happy Smile xTaisuco Candystripe)RennoPhal. bastianiiUffordDtps. Ramsden x Phal. DeventerianaBordoniPhal. Demorou x Torraduno	DendrobiumDen. primulinumDitzDen. harveyanumWitkinDen. Hawaiian King (HawaiianSpectacular x Formidible)KotDen. Nora Tokunaga x atroviolaceumCoyle
<i>Phal.</i> Pomeroy x Terradyne " <i>Phal.</i> (Queen's Touch x Frisson [sic]) x	Miscellaneous
<i>Phal.</i> Pomeroy x Terradyne Ditz <i>Dtps.</i> Brazilian Legend x Kobe " <i>Phal.</i> Mini Mark (Micro Nova x <i>philip</i> -	<i>Prom.</i> Meadow Gold (Limelight x <i>xanthina</i> ) Capella
<i>Phal.</i> Cloud of Butterflies x Kathleen Ai Cohen	* <i>Miltoniopsis bismarckii</i> Dodson & Bennett, 1989, Peru
Phal. Leucorrhoda x Ho's Amaglad "	Iris Cohen

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### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS...**

#### **CLUB REMINDERS**

**Orchid-Growing Supplies** are now available, including fir bark, sphagnum, sponge rock, charcoal, and 40W fluorescent tubes. Call Rich Groll for details on pricing and availability.

The **CNYOS Club Library** is now located at St. Augustine's church. Make arrangements with Dianne Bordoni if you want to borrow an item from the Library.

Don't forget to bring your BLOOMING ORCHIDS FOR THE MONTHLY SHOW TABLE!!!

#### **Refreshment Schedule**

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GROS NEWS: NEWS FROM THE GENESEE REGION ORCHID SOCIETY

**GROS PICNIC!** 

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Mendon Ponds Park

Taken with permission from *The Orchid Collection*, Newsletter of the Genesee Region Orchid Society, Vol. 23, No. 9, May 2001, Phil Matt, Newsletter Editor (716) 288-7025.



The Long-Awaited Coconut Husk Chips should be in by the July Picnic! Contact Jeff Stuart for details! 471-1404

STOS News: News from the Southern Tier Orchid Society

June 17 is our annual pot luck picnic at Fernwood Manor. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a beautiful spot in the country as well as an outstanding orchid greenhouse.

Monthly meetings begin at 2:00<sup>™</sup> in the Vestal Public Library. For directions, etc. call STOS president Dave Clemens at 570-879-4244 or e-mail him at <cclemens@epix.net>.

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### Cycnoches chlorochilon & Stanhopea wardii

This month, the spot light examines examples of two orchid genera that are not grown by many hobbiests. Both are larger orchids with incredibly interesting and unique flowers. Greenhouse culture is recommended for both.

The genus Cycnoches is allied to Catasetum and like them produces flowers that are male or female. The wonderfully scented "Green Swan Orchid" has long been a favorite among orchid growers. This nickname can refer to any of several species and there is often confusion between Cyc. chlorochilon and warscewiczii. The former can be distinguished by smaller floral segments and a thin, graceful column. Grow Cycnoches as you would Catasetum; warm to intermediate temperatures, bright filtered light, and plenty of water and fertilizer during active growth and a pronounced drying out after the leaves drop.

C tanhopeas are among the most unusual and rewarding of all the

Dorchids to grow. Maturing Stanhopea buds are indeed spectacular—they swell as if magically inflated to enormous proportions, some say you can hear an audible "snap" when they open. In this rarely seen view of *Stanhopea wardii* (bottom right) the golden-yellow flower almost resembles an orchid, perhaps one from another planet. The flowers can be large, up to 6 - 8" across and emit a warm exotic fragrance. Although they only last a few days some species can bloom several times each year.

Stanhopeas range from Mexico to Brazil and are primarily found at lower elevations. They are not particularly fussy in cultivation and will grow well under intermediate to warm conditions. It is mandatory that they be grown in baskets to allow the pendant spike freedom to develop from the base of the pseudobulb. A medium that doesn't dry out completely between waterings is preferred, sphagnum moss is a good choice. These orchids seem to do best in Cattleya or slightly lower light (2000-2500 foot candles) as the leaves tend to yellow if the light is too bright.

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SPOT LIGHT ON...

Cycnoches chlorochilon

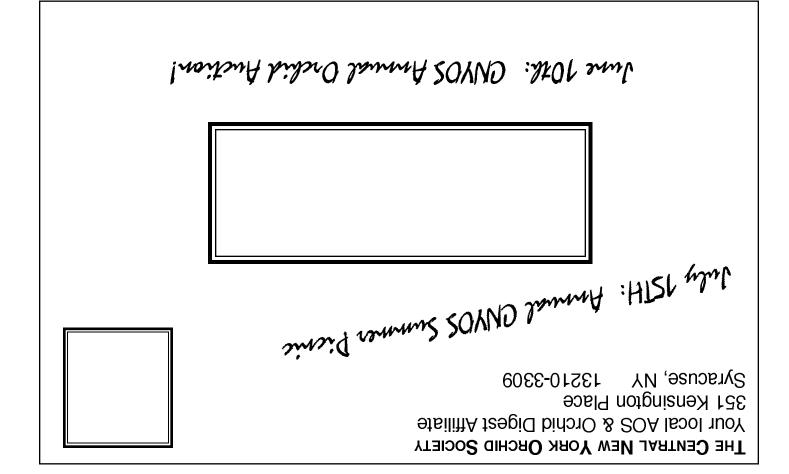




CNYOS MEMBERS DO WELL AT LOCAL SHOWS CNYOS NEWSLETTER 7

**B** oth the STOS and GROS Shows were held in April, and the CENTRAL NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY held its own against some stiff competition! Thanks to all of those members who donated their time and energy to setting up (and breaking down) two very well received displays, as well as all of those who donated much-needed orchids—the beautiful display done by Deb Coyle, Dianne Bordoni, and Val Introne took a First Place at the Southern Tier show. Look for photos of our display from the STOS show in the next newsletter. Awards from both shows are listed below.

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<i>Onc.</i> Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy' $2^{ND}$ <i>Phrag. kaieteurum</i>
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Dave Ditz
<b>Dave Ditz</b> <i>Phrag. caudatum</i> v. <i>sanderae</i>
Trichopilia tortilis 1 <sup>st</sup> Pot. Douglass North
Dtps. Brazilian Legend x Dtps. Kobe $2^{ND}$ <i>Kalopternix sophronites</i>
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3 <sup>RD</sup> Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana
<i>Phal.</i> Pomeroy x <i>Phal.</i> Terradyne $3^{RD}$
Rich Groll
Jeff Stuart Cym. Showgirl
<i>Oncidium</i> Charlotte Ray x <i>Onc</i> . Tafsan $1^{ST}$ <i>Cirr. picturatum</i>
Phrag. Grande 1 <sup>st</sup> Masd. ayabacana
Masd. Pixie Leopard
Judi Witkin
<i>Phal.</i> Mini Mark 'Maria Teresa' $3^{RD}$ Cheryl Lloyd
<i>Phal.</i> Breck's Free Gold x Dpts. Happy Valentine
GROS Show
Dianne Bordoni Jeff Stuart
Lc. Gold Digger $1^{ST}$ Max. picta



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