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Annual Summer Picnic!

et another CNYOS season comes to a close with our Annual Summer Picnic, to be held this Sunday, June 1, 2:00^{PM}, at the home of Co-Vice President Dianne Bordoni. What better way to round out a busy spring season by relaxing with friends and discussing our favorite genus of plants! Let's take some time to recap this spring's activities—our schedule included meetings that featured the orchids of Central NY, taking seedling orchids out of compot, growing orchids under lights, and the amazing world of miniatures. CNYOS participated in several public venues, including the CNY Flower & Garden Show, and orchid shows put on by our nearest neighboring societies, the Genesee Region Orchid Society and the Southern Tier Orchid Society, where our displays and members' plants fared very well! And finally, the season was capped off by a very profitable auction, which sent members off with over a hundred and thirty new orchids to add to their collections! Whew—it's definitely time for a breather! Dianne Bordoni has graciously offered to open her home to the society and host the picnic. Festivities will start at 2:00^{PM}—members are asked to bring a dish to pass and a chair to sit in. The club will provide paper plates, etc., as well as non-alcoholic beverages. If you're planning on attending, please RSVP to Dianne as soon as possible, and let her know what you're planning to bring (446-3836). Directions to

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is no longer available, additional parking will be available in her neighbor's circular driveway (same side of the road, past Dianne's home). Street parking is not recommended. There will be a short meeting during the picnic to discuss some of the upcoming fall activities, including our show, scheduled for October 11-12. And don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for the last show table of the season!

Dianne's home are given on page 11. Members are encouraged to car-pool because parking will be limited. If parking

MAY MEETING: ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Our annual orchid auction made its regular

annual appearance last month with over a 130 orchids on the auction block! CNYOS Newsletter Editor Jeff Stuart sent out requests for donations, along with \$25 incentive checks to various reputable vendors around the country. The response was, to say the least, remarkable! In a typical year, we bring in on the order of 75-80 plants, some 50 plants less than this year. In order to ease the job of the auctioneers (Dolores Capella & Jeff Stuart), about 20 of the plants were put into a silent auction-members could examine the plants and check the status of their bids while the regular auction proceeded. This approached worked incredibly well, so look for more silent auctions in the future! Proceeds from this year's auction tallied something more than \$1500! CNYOS owes a great deal of thanks to all those who helped out, but especially to Kim Boronczyk & Judi Witkin, who handled the book keeping, Carolyn Pace & Cynthia Busic-Synder for back-up records, our auctioneers, and all the members who donated plants toward the auction (special thanks go out to David Churchill for his generous donation of orchids from Marlow's Orchids).

CNYOS DOES WELL AT SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW: APRIL 26-27

CNYOS had a great showing at the Southern Tier Orchid Society Show in April, with a display littered with ribbons and even a few trophies!

And in a first for the Central New York Orchid Society, the club's display was awarded the American Orchid Society

Trophy for Best Exhibit! Members Judi Witkin and Dolores Capella set up the award winning display with a theme similar to that used for the GROS show in March—unpacked wooden crates overflowing (overflowering?) with blooming orchids and packing material. Several members showed up to help break the display down after the show, including Charles Ufford and Kim Boronczyk. Many thanks to all those who

helped out! Details on page 7.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Our club did well at both the GROS and STOS Shows. At the Binghamton Show, our club's display won first place and an AOS award.
- 2. Treasurer's report is that we have ~\$4,000.

New Business

- 1. The picnic will be held at Dianne Bordoni's house June 1, 2003. Please bring a chair, a dish to pass. Also please park either in Dianne's driveway or the circular drive next door. Please call Dianne to tell her the food item you intend to bring.
- **2.**Thanks to Bev Costello and Joanna Kweik for the refreshments.
- 3. We then had a wonderful auction.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Weller, CNYOS Secretary



A BLOOMING CATTLEYA ORCHID GROWING OFF OF A PALM TREE IN THE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF THE AOS HEADQUARTERS IN DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA. PHOTO BY JEFF STUART, © 2003. STORY PAGE 8.

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CNYOS CALENDAR

June 1 **Annual Summer Picnic** to be hosted by CNYOS Member Dianne Bordoni.

Details in this newsletter.

July 26-27 Parkside Orchid Fest 2003! Parkside Orchid Nursery in Ottsville, PA. Two

day educational & sales event (free admission). At least 20 orchid vendors scheduled to participate. Contact Info: (610) 847-8039, http://www.parkside

orchids.com/fest 2003.html

October 11-12 CNYOS Annual Fall Show & Sale! Set up on Friday, October 10.

Shoppingtown Mall, DeWitt. Contact Dave Ditz, Show Chair, for more informa-

tion (315/635-8148).

GROS News: News from the Genesee Region Orchid Society

To round out their 2002-2003 season, the Genesee Region Orchid Society will have its annual summer covered dish picnic on Sunday, June 1st at the Pond View Shelter at Mendon Ponds Park, from about noon until whenever things wind down.

Taken with permission from The Orchid Collection, Newsletter of the Genesee Region Orchid Society, Vol. 25, No. 7, April 2003, Phil Matt, Newsletter Editor (716) 288-7025.

STOS News: News from the Southern Tier Orchid Society

On June 29, STOS will be having its annual summer picnic at the home of club president Ken Lattimore. Festivities will begin at 2[™].

Monthly meetings begin at 2:00[™] in the Vestal Public Library. For directions, etc. call STOS president Kenneth Lattimore at 570-553-2753 or e-mail him at <klatt@epix.net>.

THE ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC marks the end of the 2002-2003 CNYOS Season, as we

take a well-deserved break for the summer. There will be no regular meeting until September. And then we'll be jumping right back into the thick of things with our upcoming Fall Show, scheduled for October 11-12!

So see everyone this fall, and...

Have a Great Summer!



APRIL & MAY SHOW TABLES

April Show Table

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. gratrixianum	Stuart
Phrag. Grande (longifolium x caudatum)	"
Paph. haynaldianum	Capella
Paph. delenatii	Wilson
Paph. (?) Olenus (bellatulum x ciliolare)*	Tupper
Paph. Prime Child (rothschildianum x primulinum)	Churchill

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Lc</i> . Bryan Wheeler (Irene Finney x Harold Carlson)	Bordoni
Nanodes medusae	Stuart
Kalopternix sophronites	"
Slc. Jewel Box (Anzac x C. aurantiaca)	Braue
Lc. Betty von Paulsen (Hazel Abel x C. aurantiaca)	"

Vandaceous

<i>Phal</i> . Golden Buddha x Miniflash	Boronczyk
Phal. Brother Girl (Brother Canary x Cindy Danseus	e)
	Churchill
Phal. equestris	Ufford

Oncidium Alliance

Mtdm. Issaku Nagata (Onc. leucochilum x Onc. [sic	c] fuscatum)†
	Capella
Trpla. maculata	Ufford
Odm. Serendipity (praestans x cirrhosum)	Stuart
Odm. Rawdon Jester (Rossioglossum grande x R.	
williamsianum)†	"
Wils. Kolibri (Intermezzo x nobile [sic])	Churchill

Dendrobium

Den. lithocola (?)§	Churchill
Den. lawesii	Stuart
Den. Frosty Dawn (Dawn Maree x Lime Frost)	Tupper

Miscellaneous

Bulb. wallichii	Ditz
Lths. calodictyon	Stuart

*Please remember to put the genus name on your show table slip, as sometimes there are hybrids from several different genera with the same grex name.

†Plant hybrids are named under a different set of rules from species, and they may not always match.

§The miniature species which used to be classified as *Dendrobium bigibbum* subvar. *compactum* is now called *Den. lithocola*.

May Show Table

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. Stone Lovely (Elfstone x Autumn Gold)	Churchill
Paph. leucochilum	Rossler
Paph. Lyro Williem (sic) (liemianum x wilhelminiae)	Ditz
Phrag. Grande (caudatum x longifolium)	"

Cattleya Alliance

C. (sic) lueddemanniana Churchill

Vandaceous

That. Sogo Grape (Super Stupid X Timeess Kaidiani)	DILL
Phal. Carmela's Stripes x Carmela's Pixie	"
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope	
(Hausermann's Candy x Daryl Lockhart [sic])	Tupper

Phal Sogo Grane (Super Stunid* v Princess Kajulani)

Oncidium Alliance

Onc. sphacelatum Churchill

Dendrobium

Den. lindleyi	Lloyd
Den. Wee Wee† (Wee Wonder x gouldii)	Witkin

Miscellaneous

Pths. grobyi	Rossler
Cal. sylvatica	Witkin

*The story goes that the name of this hybrid was due to a feud between two rival orchid breeders.

†If your newsletter is a little damp this month, you will know why.

Iris Cohen

Dita

Our Future Show Tables are bound to be graced by plants picked up at last month's auction! CNYOS is indebted to the following vendors for their generous donations. Please go to these vendors first when considering those new orchid purchases! All are linked from our web site:

Andy's Orchids, AnTec Orchids Bloomfield Orchids, Carter & Holmes Orchids, Everglades Orchids, Frier's Orchids, H&R Orchids, Hoosier Orchids, J&L Orchids, JustPat Orchids, Marlow Orchids, Oak Hill Gardens, Petite Plaisance, Piping Rock Orchids, & Zuma Canyon Orchids.

Miscellaneous Business...

CLUB REMINDERS

Orchid-Growing Supplies are now available, including fir bark, sphagnum, sponge rock, charcoal, and 40W fluorescent tubes. Call Dianne Bordoni for details on pricing and availability (446-3836).

The **CNYOS Club Library** is now located at St. Augustine's church. Make arrangements with Val Introne (682-8595) if you want to borrow an item from the Library.

Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for the Monthly Show Table!!!

CNYOS IS NOW ON-LINE!

CNYOS is on-line at
www.paphiopedilum.net. The site is regularly updated and will be changed as the club's two crack web-masters (Jeff Stuart & Charles Ufford) have time to do so, so check back frequently!



REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

Good with a recipe???
Volunteers for next fall's refreshment schedule are needed!

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You'll get the same great format and content, but without the extra paper for the recycling bin! Contact Jeff Stuart, jastuart@syr.edu.



SPOT LIGHT ON...

ASCOCENTRUMS MINIATUM & CURVIFOLIUM

This month we focus the Spot Light on the small vandaceous genus, Ascocentrum. Member David Churchill's *Asctm. miniatum* took a blue ribbon at the recent STOS show. Consisting of about 7 species, this old world genus found in Asia and the Philippines is characterized by smaller plants with dense inflorescences of usually brightly colored flowers. The genus is largely responsible for bringing smaller size and brighter colors to the Ascocenda hybrids (Ascocentrum x Vanda).

Diminutive size and ease of culture make Ascocentrum miniatum a favorite amongst many orchid growers. This species is widely distributed from the Sikkim Himalayas through Burma and Java, into the Philippines and Thailand. Mature plants produce many keikis, making it an excellent choice for specimen culture. Basket culture with plenty of light, water and regular fertilization will encourage it to live up to its potential; masses of brilliant orange flowers in the early spring.

A well-grown *miniatum* should have thick, rigid leaves liberally sprinkled with purple anthocyanin spots. This species plays prominently in producing the brilliantly colored Ascocendas common in collections.

Ascocentrum curvifolium was discovered in the early 19TH century in the tropical section of the Himalayan foothills. During its history it was confused with Asctm. miniatum, despite curvifolium's curving foliage (hence, its name). It is a popular species with hybridists for its red color and free-flowering habit. Asctm. curvifolium enjoys warm temperatures, basket culture and bright light for best growth and flowering. Provide copious water during bud development to prevent blasting. Spring flowering, usually April.





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CNYOS Does Well at STOS Show

The Southern Tier Orchid Society put on a great show (as they always do) during the weekend of April 26-27, with a great selection of displays, and vendors. And CNYOS did exceptionally well. Member's plants brought in a healthy 19 ribbons, two trophies, and a CHM/AOS! In addition, the display took best exhibit covering 25 square feet and the AOS Show Trophy! Congratulations!

Central New York Orchid Society

Dave Ditz

First	Exhibit covering 25 square feet
	AOS Show Trophy for Best Exhibit

First, CHM/AOS Third Forth Bulb. wallichii 'Bart' Lc. Mandarin Paph. Hideki Okuyama

David Churchill

Jeff Stuart

Ascocentrum miniatum
Onc. sphacelatum
Paph. lemianum
Phrag. Grande
Paph. Stone Lovely
Paph. Prime Child
C. intermedia

First Nanodes medusae
First, Jim Kie Memorial Award Phrag. Grande
First, Best Oncidium Alliance Odm. Rawdon Jester
Third Phrag. lindleyanum

Charles Ufford

Iris Cohen

Third *Paph.* Clair de Lune 'Edgard van Belle' AM/RHS-AOS **Third** *Den.* Candy Cane

SecondPhal. lamelligera 'Darkest'SecondPhoto: Showy Lady SlippersFourthPhoto: Calapogon and Orb Spider

Donna Coleman

First Onc. Fantasy
First Miltonidium Bartley Schwarz 'Highland' AM/AOS
First Paph. hirsutissimum

Congratulations to all award winners, and thanks for the hard work and dedication of all of those members who helped out. And special congratulations to Judi Witkin and Dolores Capella for our first AOS Show Trophy for Best Exhibit!

AOS AWARD
WINNING DISPLAY
SET UP AT THE
SOUTHERN TIER
ORCHID SOCIETY
SHOW, APRIL 2627, BY JUDI WITKIN
AND DOLORES
CAPELLA—THIS IS
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BEST EXHIBIT!



Jeff Stuart, CNYOS Newsletter Editor

Business travel recently took me to Ft. Lauderdale for a conference. As has become my habit, I took a look at the map for orchid-related sites, and discovered that I would not be far away from Delray Beach, home of the new headquarters for the American Orchid Society. So during some time off, I took the opportunity to put that AOS membership card to use (once I had actually found it!).

Having heard various orchid-growing friends refer to the new headquarters as the Vatican and/or Mecca, I was anxious to see it for myself. Anyone who is a member of the American Orchid Society will remember all the fund raising and planning that went into this complex—not to mention the controversy that surrounded its cost (the AOS is, after all, a non-profit organization, and there were some who felt that the money would have been better spent for other worthy causes). However, given the popularity of the hobby, and the fact that the AOS is one of the largest horticultural societies dedicated solely to one plant family, there's something to be said for having an operations base that can serve not only as the heart and soul of the organization, but also as a place where the hobbiest, member or not, can visit and get a taste of what the American Orchid Society has to offer.

The AOS International Orchid Center and gardens were dedicated in 2001, the organization's 80TH anniversary year. The need for a new headquarters and visitors' center became apparent when the original headquarters, the former Vaughn estate, could no longer fulfill the society's needs (zoning restrictions



A TERRACED PATIO THAT SERVES AS THE ENTRANCE TO THE AOS GARDENS FEATURES SEVERAL WATER FOUNTAINS.



did not permit public access by visitors or commercial sales by a book store). The new facilities are located in Delray Beach, just south of W. Palm Beach, adjacent to to the Morikami Japanese Museum Gardens and Park.

I arrived late in the afternoon, and discovered that the headquarters closed a half hour earlier than I had anticipated. But I still had time, so I flashed my AOS membership card, and I was on my way. As I entered the main building, designed in the Spanish Colonial style that is typical of Southern Florida, I found myself in a central atrium that was lined with various pieces of artwork, all based, not surprisingly, on orchids. At this time the only option for the visitor is to enter the book & gift store, although future plans include a library, a museum, and an auditorium. Not having much interest in what the gift shop had to offer, I presented my membership card to the clerk at the cash register who promptly presented me with a token that would admit me via turnstile to the botanical gardens and the greenhouse. I'll add, at this point, that within ten minutes I had used my membership



THE AOS DISPLAY GREENHOUSE, AND THE PAVILION TERRACE (FOREFRONT).

FEATURE ARTICLE, CONT.



One of three groups of Phalaenopsis that greets visitors to the display greenhouse.

card more than in any other time during the decade that I've belonged to the AOS!

The first view of the gardens upon leaving the main structure is quite pleasing, including several fountains on a terraced patio, lath structures hung with orchids and flowering vines, plantings of palm trees, beautifully done walk ways, and the 5000 square foot orchid greenhouse. The landscape is graced by displays of tropical and subtropical plants, and I could see right away that orchids were not isolated to the greenhouse alone. The latter being the closest, I headed in that direction. The greenhouse foyer had several displays generously filled with blooming phalaenopsis hybrids grouped by color, with potted palms as backdrops. The main structure is accessed from the foyer, and is where the true enjoyment begins. The inner greenhouse is adorned



THE INTERIOR OF THE DISPLAY GREENHOUSE, FEATURING NUMEROUS ORCHIDS AND TROPICAL PLANTS.



PERHAPS THE MOST DRAMATIC FEATURE IN THE GREENHOUSE IS THE WATERFALL, A NICE BACKDROP FOR BLOOMING ORCHIDS.

with tropical foliage plants of a large variety shapes and sizes, a small pond filled with water lilies, lattice structures, and even a large waterfall in the back, all connected by a paver walk. All of these features, however, serve only as a backdrop to the orchids on display—and there was no shortage of blooming orchids of many varieties. Mostly hybrids, the orchids on display ranged from common Phalaenopsis and Cattleyas, to Encyclias, Oncidiums, Miltoniopsis, and Brassias. The waterfall at the rear of the greenhouse is truly a focal point, with water cascading over the rockface into a pool—orchids and ferns jut out of various locations and hang from the rockface over the pool below, which is surrounded by Vanda and Phalaenopsis hybrids. An adjacent connected greenhouse (no public access) undoubtedly serves as space to house and care for the orchids when not in bloom and/or on display.



VANDA (PAPILIONANTHE) TERES GROWS IN FULL SUN IN THE TERRACE GARDEN.



A TERRACED WATER FEATURE IN THE JUNGLE GARDEN, PLANTED WITH *ENCYCLIA CORDIGERA* AND OTHER ORCHIDS.

After exploring the greenhouse, it was time to take in the botanical gardens. The gardens are the true reason to visit the new AOS Headquarters, which offer shaded walks lined with sub-tropical plants and trees, several water features (both natural and manmade), interactive garden activities, and, last but not least, orchids displayed in naturalistic settings. There are three main areas, starting with the Jungle Garden. The Florida climate allows for a wonderful botanical collection, which includes many rare and unusual tropical plants—bromeliads, palms, aroids, and various tropical flowering trees and shrubs. Orchids of note include a large number of blooming Encyclia cordigera surrounding a man-made water feature and several stands of beautiful blooming Vanda (Papilionanthe) teres. Benches are strategically placed along the paths, and a covered deck that overlooks a pond provides some shade as well as a water



THE WALK THROUGH THE JUNGLE GARDEN IS LINED WITH ALL MAN-NER OF TROPICAL PLANTS.



SEVERAL BLOOMING EPIPHYTIC ONCIDIUMS SEND INFLORESCENCES OUT FROM A TREE BRANCH.

cooler. One part of the gardens is dedicated to native Florida plants—a small cypress wetland traversed by a boardwalk and a small pinewood and subtropical hammock is complete with a selection of native Florida orchids [1]. The third major area in the gardens is the Vaughn Focus Garden. The Vaughn and Jordan families brought the AOS to South Florida in the early 1980s. Central to the Vaughn Focus Garden is a commemorative plaque donated by the South Florida Orchid Society (to the original Vaughn Estate) [1]. Even the casual visitor cannot help but admire the orchids that grow and prosper throughout all the gardens, including epiphytically grown Oncidiums, Encyclias, Cattleyas, and even Phalaenopsis. For those orchids that need more moisture than your average Cattleya, an extensive watering system sends tubes up into the trees that shade and house orchids, which are likely used to provide a good morning misting. Others thrive out in the open, soaking up the South Florida sun.

If you go, be sure and track down that AOS membership card—AOS members get admission to the greenhouse and gardens for free, and you'll be eligible for that 10% discount in the gift shop (Orchid Emporium). Hours are Tuesday through Sunday 10^{AM} - 4:30^{PM}.

Reference: [1]. Putting Down Roots: A spectacular garden will be the star attraction at the American Orchid Society's new home in Delray Beach, Florida, Darrin Dulling, May 2000 Orchids, www.theaos.org/publications/bulletin/issues/may00/roots.html,

General reference: AOS Web site: http://www.orchidweb.org

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DIRECTIONS TO THE BORDONI'S

61 Lyndon Rd. Fayetteville NY 446-3836

Dianne's place can be reached most easily from the West via Erie Boulevard, Rt. 481, or Rt. 690.

From the ThruWay (E or W): Take exit 34A to 481S, following 481S to Exit 3E for Fayetteville (E. Genesee St.). The exit will merge onto E. Genesee (going East). Go to the third light (Lyndon Corners) and take a sharp left onto Lyndon Rd. Go roughly 0.6 mile and look for house #61 on the left.

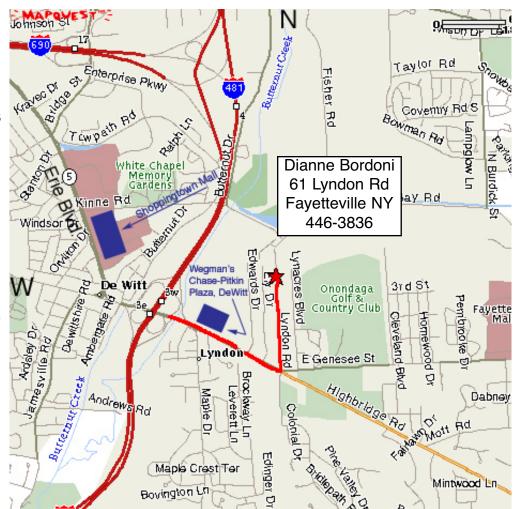
From Rt. 690: Take 690E to 481, and follow 481S to Exit 3E. See above.

From Erie Blvd.: Take Erie S/E until the intersection with E. Genesee St. in DeWitt. Go Left onto E. Genesee (at the fire-station), and follow directions as outlined above.

Parking will be limited, so please car-pool if possible. If there is no more parking in Dianne's driveway, proceed to the next house on the left and park in the circular driveway.

Don't forget to bring a chair for yourself.

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Next Meeting: Sunday, June 1!

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The Central New York Orchid Society meets at St. Augustine's Church, 7333 O'Brien Rd, Baldwinsville, at 2:00^{PM} on the first Sunday of each month from September through June. Yearly dues are \$15.00 per individual, or \$17.00 family. Dues should be paid to the CNYOS Treasurer, Elinor Burton.

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