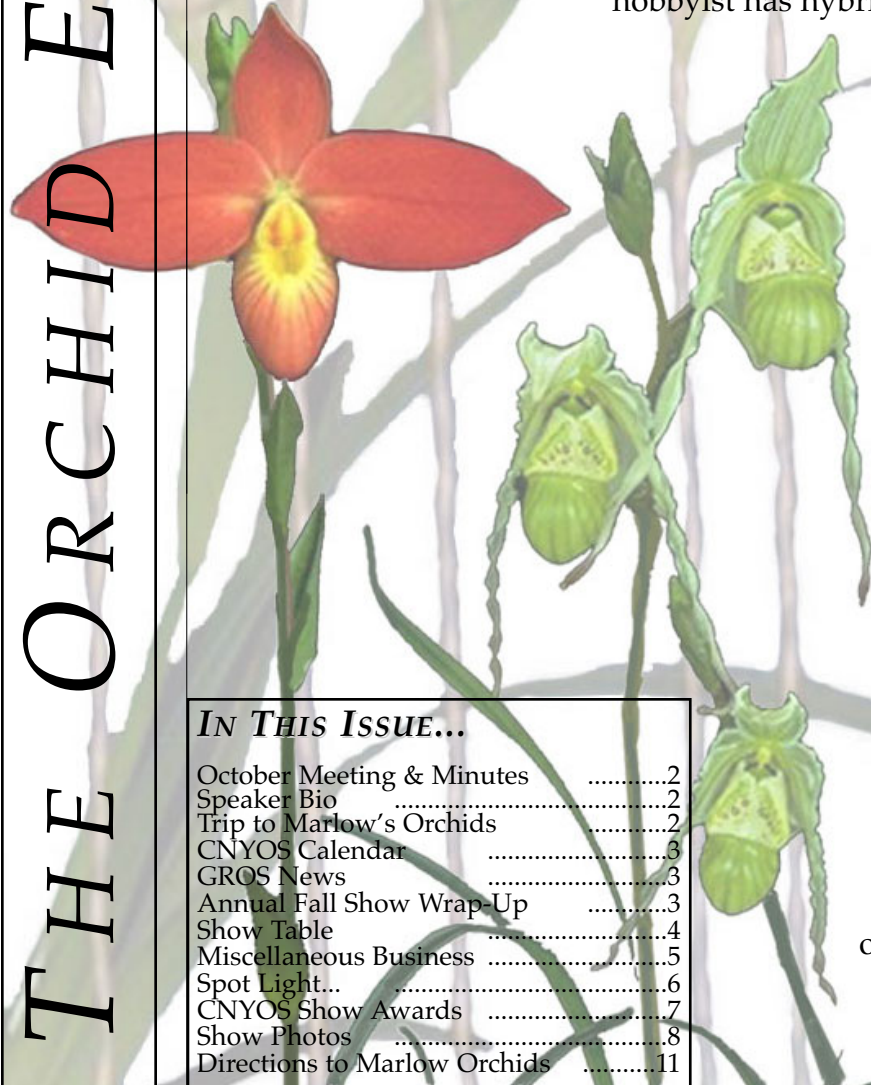


GLEN DECKER: PHRAGMIPEDIUMS

Phragmipediums are the New World's primary contribution to the orchid hobbyist obsessed with Slipper Orchids. Strikingly similar to their Old World cousins, Paphiopedilums, yet remarkably different, these Central and South American Slippers have undergone a renaissance during the last decade. Up until 1981, Phragmipediums, or Phrags, available to the hobbyist were characterized by a fairly limited range of colors—soft greens and browns predominated, with one species that ranged from white to pink. And then came *Phragmipedium besseae*, discovered in Peru in 1981 by Elizabeth Locke Besse, while on an expedition for the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. *Phragmipedium besseae* is brilliantly colored in hues that range from deep to scarlet red, to orange, to even salmon and yellow, and its introduction into horticulture has revolutionized hybridization within the genus. Now the hobbyist has hybrids to choose from that range from deep red to bright yellow, in addition to all those green and brown-hued hybrids & species, some with petals that reach over two feet in length.



For this Sunday's meeting, November 2ND at 2^{PM}, CNYOS is pleased to have Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids as our invited speaker. Glen's presentation will be on the genus Phragmipedium, and will feature slides of Phrags in their natural habitat—including the coveted & controversial *Phrag. kovachii*, the newest discovery that has the potential to revolutionize Phragmipedium horticulture in a way not seen since the arrival of *Phrag. besseae*. *Phrag. kovachii* boasts flowers that range in color from pink to purple, and is better than twice the size of any other Phragmipedium species known to date. Plans for lunch or dinner with our speaker are uncertain at this time—for more information, see page 2. Glen will be bringing plants to sell. *Hope you can make it!*

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OCTOBER MEETING: AOS SLIDE SHOW ON ORCHID JUDGING

Last month's meeting prior to our fall show focussed on last minute planning and how to properly prepare your orchids for display. In addition, Judi Witkin presented the AOS slide show on orchid judging, which gave viewers some insight into what makes an award-worthy flower. Word has it, however, that some members (probably most members!) were left somewhat befuddled as to why some flowers in the presentation deserved awards, while others did not... Nonetheless, it was well worth the time to see some nice photos of orchids grown and bloomed to full potential.

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. The reading of minutes was deferred.
3. Treasurer' report was given by Elinor Burton.
4. There was no old business to attend.
5. New business:
Election of the office of Treasurer was held. Carol Haskell was voted in as new treasurer. The final plans for the show were discussed.
6. Business from the floor:
Monica Kot talked about the upcoming African Violet Show at the Ramada Inn on Buckley Road.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Coyle, CNYOS Secretary Pro Tem

Piping Rock
Orchids



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: GLEN DECKER OF PIPING ROCK ORCHIDS

This month's invited speaker has a long history with growing orchids, having started when he was just 15 years old—some 27 years ago! He received his first AOS award in 1983, but it took another 10 years before he received another. Since then, he has received over 100 additional AOS awards including the Nax Trophy in 1994, W. W. Wilson Award in 1998 and the Butterworth Prize in 1999. Glen presently serves as the Chairman of Publications for the AOS, and will be joining us soon after his return from the AOS Trustees meeting in Sacramento, CA. Check out his selection of orchids for sale at <http://www.pipingrockorchids.com>. Preorders might be possible: (518) 882-9002.

As is the club's usual custom, we hope to take Glen out to either lunch or dinner the day of the meeting. However, at present we are unsure of his travel plans. Once we know whether Glen will be able to accept our invitation, on-line members will be informed by e-mail. If you do not have access to e-mail, and are potentially in lunch or dinner with the speaker, please contact Judi Witkin by Friday, October 31ST (422-0869).

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH: TRIP TO MARLOW'S ORCHIDS

On Saturday, November 8TH, CNYOS will be taking our annual fall trip out to visit our friend Jim Marlow in Scottsville NY. As in past years, Jim and Mike have invited the club to peruse the greenhouse and to enjoy a relaxing lunch inside their beautiful home, located at 2272 Scottsville Road, Scottsville NY (right outside Rochester). Our previous visits to Jim & Mike's have not only been enjoyable for passing the time away in the greenhouse, but also for some great food and hospitality. Complete directions are given on page 11. Jim has asked that we plan on arriving around 11-11:30—members interested in going should **plan on meeting at St. Augustine's Church in Baldwinsville by 9:30-9:45, so we can get on the road by 10^{AM}**. Jim needs a head-count, so please let Judi Witkin (422-0869) know if you're planning on going by Wednesday, November 5TH.

- November 2** **Invited Speaker: Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids.** Phragmipediums; orchids will be available for sale.
- November 8** **CNYOS to visit Marlow Orchids,** in Scottsville, NY. Details inside this issue.
- November 7-9** **CNYOS to participate in the annual Holiday Shoppes,** Price Chopper Horticulture Bldg, NYS fairgrounds. Free parking. Admission \$6 at the door. Reduced advanced sale tickets available at Peter's Grocery in Syracuse. Deb Coyle will have discount coupons available to CNYOS members. Contact Deb or Dianne Bordoni for more info.
- November 16** **Regular meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society.** No information on the program is available at this time. For details, all STOS president Kenneth Lattimore at 570-553-2753 or e-mail him at <klatt@epix.net>.
- December 14** **Annual Holiday Party** at the home of Deb Coyle.
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GROS NEWS: NEWS FROM THE GENESEE REGION ORCHID SOCIETY

The next GROS meeting will be on Monday, November 3 and will feature their own member Bob Wyman discussing his orchid-growing experiences in his presentation, "Bob's Orchid Odyssey." Bob has been growing orchids since he was 11 years old, and he recently had his spectacular *B. nodosa* 'Linda' awarded with an HCC/AOS at the CNYOS Show. In his presentation he will show a few slides of his greenhouse construction and many slides of the orchids he has grown there. He will talk about some of his growing experiences and entertain questions about culture. His slides represent the "cream of the crop" from his collection (of both slides and orchids), and the presentation will be undoubtedly and enjoyable one.

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CNYOS HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL 2003 ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

CNYOS held its annual show over the Columbus Day weekend, October 11-12. Although a number of competing factors kept attendance down—beautiful weather, the Columbus Day Parade, Apple Fest, and (lest we forget) Super Dirt Week—the show was a successful one from the standpoint of the quality of the plants and displays that were entered. In what must be a club record, the show netted 7 national awards, 6 of which were for plants! Considering there were only 7 displays containing plants, 6 national awards is an impressive feat, and certainly forwards our small show's high-quality reputation. Pulling off a show is never an easy task, and there's plenty of thanks to go around. First and foremost, CNYOS owes thanks to Dave Ditz and Deb Coyle for their efforts in making the arrangements for the show and pulling in the judging team. We also owe

special thanks to all of our judges—Diane Strack, John Sullivan, Peter & Inge Poot, Paul Sheetz, and Jeanne Kaeding—for taking the time to make the long drive out to Syracuse. Without judges the show would not be AOS certified, and all those national awards would not have been possible. Thanks also to the vendors, including Bloomfield Orchids, Frier's Orchids, Marlow's Orchids, and JustPat Orchids, whose displays and vending areas are vital to the success of the show. Please remember them when purchasing orchids in the future. And finally, CNYOS is indebted to all its members who volunteered their time and efforts to make the show a success. You know who you are, and there's not enough room to list everyone here. Without the efforts of our members, a successful show would not be possible. A listing of member's & national awards, & photographs from the show, can be found on pages 7-11.

PLEASE NOTE ESPECIALLY ALL NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS IN BOLDFACE—PLEASE CORRECT YOUR LABELS!

CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE

<i>Paph. moquetteanum</i> x <i>wilhelminiae</i>	Loveland
<i>Paph. Wössner Vollmond</i> (<i>niveum</i> x <i>armeniicum</i>)	Ditz
<i>Paph. henryanum</i>	"
<i>Phrag. Eric Young</i> (<i>besseae</i> x <i>longifolium</i>)	Pace

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

<i>B. cucullata</i>	Braue
<i>Blc. Hilo Glory</i> (Norman's Bay x Kapiolani beauty)	"
<i>Blc. Lawless Parsifal</i> (<i>Lc. Mari's Song</i> x Toshie Aoki)	"
<i>Lc. Red Gold</i> x <i>B. nodosa</i>	"
<i>Bl. Memoria Bernice Foster</i> (Richard Mueller x <i>B. subulifolia</i>)	Coleman
<i>Epi. Fantasy Valley</i> (Joseph Glow x Crystal Valley)	Bordoni
<i>C. harrisoniana</i>	Tupper
<i>C. harrisoniana</i>	Witkin
<i>Slc. Angel Eyes</i> (Bright Angel x <i>C. Little Dipper</i>)	"
<i>L. pumila</i>	Boronczyk
<i>C. Wilsoniana</i> (<i>bicolor</i> x <i>harrisoniana</i>)	Capella
<i>Slc. Vermilion Cherub</i> (<i>S. coccinea</i> x Anzac)	Loveland
<i>Ctna. Gabby Quest</i> (Capri x <i>Guarianthe skinneri</i>)	Pace

VANDACEOUS

<i>Phal. fasciata</i>	Braue
<i>Phal. bellina</i>	"
<i>Dtps. Abed-nego</i> (Inferno x <i>Phal. Malibu Imp</i>)	"

V. Sankamphaeng x *Ascda. Su Fun Beauty* ?
Phal. pulchra Pace

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

<i>Rhynchostele bictoniensis</i>	Ditz
<i>Milt. clowesii</i>	Witkin
<i>Adgm. Summit</i> (<i>Rhynchostele bictoniensis</i> x <i>Ada keiliana</i>)	Capella
<i>Miltoniopsis santanaei</i>	Braue
<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i> (<i>Aloha Iwanaga</i> x <i>varicosum</i>)	Pace
<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i>	Olney

DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE

<i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Coleman
<i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Witkin

PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

<i>Masd. Sunset Jaguar</i> (<i>chaparensis</i> x Copper Angel)	Coleman
<i>Masd. floribunda</i>	"
<i>Masd. Angel Tang</i> (<i>veitchiana</i> x <i>tonduzii</i>)	"
<i>Masd. Shinichi Komoda</i> (Copper Angel x <i>tonduzii</i>)	Rossler
<i>Masd. exquisita</i> x <i>aureopurpurea</i>	"
<i>Platystele dasyglossa</i>	Witkin
<i>Platystele stenostachya</i>	"

MISCELLANEOUS

<i>Gga. galeata</i>	Coleman
<i>Gal. batemanii</i>	Witkin
	Iris Cohen

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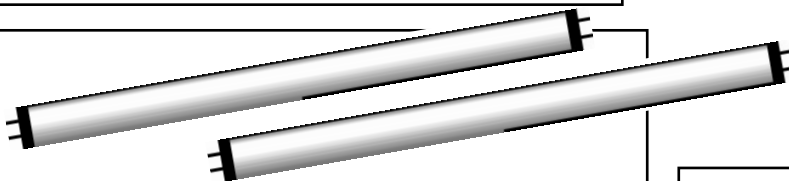
Orchid-Growing Supplies are now available, including fir bark, sphagnum, sponge rock, charcoal, and 40W fluorescent tubes. Call Dianne Bordoni for details on pricing and availability (446-3836).

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!!!



Phalaenopsis bellina (violacea),
photograph by Vagisha
Sharma, with digital enhance-
ment by J. Stuart.



Fluorescent light bulbs are now available! A new order of Phillips Ultralume fluorescent tubes will be available for purchase at the November meeting. Price is \$7.50 each.

SILENT AUCTION THIS JANUARY

After the success of the silent portion of our auction last spring, CNYOS is planning a totally silent auction as a fund raiser for this January. The current plan is for each member to bring a disease-free plant or orchid-related item to donate; a donation will be needed in order to participate in the auction—so keep this event in mind when repotting & dividing orchids in your collection! We're still working on the details, but that's the general plan. Since CNYOS may lose its spot at the Flower & Garden in March, the silent auction will be another way we can raise money for our activities.

Got any other ideas? Let us know!

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2003 - MAY 2004

November	Carolyn Pace & Cynthia Busic-Snyder
January	David Churchill & Barbara Weller
February	Jennifer Wilson & Charles Ufford
March	Valerie Introne & Cliff Rossler
April	Monica Kot & Donna Coleman
May	David Ditz & Need Volunteer!

CNYOS SHOW COMMITTEE

For future shows we've decided to take a new approach, by setting up an ongoing show committee. CNYOS members are encouraged to sign up so that the efforts of arranging and setting up a show are not placed squarely on the shoulders of only one or two people. At the next meeting, President Deb Coyle will be passing around a sign-up sheet—please consider participating. There will be more discussion at the meeting on exactly what the committee's responsibilities will be.

LAELIA EYERMANIANA & ONCIDIUM ORNITHORHYNCHUM

Laelia eyermaniana (or perhaps *x eyermaniana*) comes from the Mexican west coast and is often assumed to be a natural hybrid between *Laelia albida* and *Laelia speciosa*. It is found growing both epiphytically and occasionally lithophytically at altitudes between 1050 and 2500 meters. Indeed, it is often found growing in the same tree as both *albida* & *speciosa*, lending credence to those who believe it to be a naturally occurring hybrid. However, taxonomists tend to be split on this plant, and many believe that it is a species in its own right. Regardless of its origins, the result is a floriferous *Laelia* with 3" lilac flowers situated on tall inflorescences. The form of the flowers is slightly cupped. To grow *eyermaniana*, provide intermediate to cool temperatures and very bright light (full sun, although the species is adaptable to growth under artificial lights). It is probably best grown mounted, which allows the roots to dry out between waterings. Flowers appear in late summer into autumn. If *L. eyermaniana* is a natural hybrid between *albida* & *speciosa*, it is arguably an improvement over at least one of the purported parents; *L. albida* is a delightful plant (to be featured here soon) that produces smaller white fragrant flowers and is relatively easy to bloom, but the magnificent *L. speciosa* tends to be recalcitrant in both growth and flowering.

Although in a different league than the *Laelias* discussed above, *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* is a Central American orchid that no collection should be without! Ease of culture and a free flowering nature make this orchid an ideal subject for growth on the windowsill or under artificial lights. Grandparent to the immensely popular *Onc.*

Sharry Baby, *ornithorhynchum* is much more compact, demands less light, and is just as fragrant! Grow on the cool side of intermediate, with ample water while in active growth. A unique hybrid was produced by our own Rich Groll's father, who crossed *Onc. ornithorhynchum* with Howeara Mini Primi to produce Howeara Leila Groll (named for Rich's mother). The result was a flower of the form of Mini Primi, with the pink colors and fragrance of *ornithorhynchum*!



Above: The lilac flowers of *Laelia eyermaniana*.
Below: The pink & gold flowers of *Onc. ornithorhynchum*



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Members of the **Central NY Orchid Society** had a lot to be proud of after our Annual Fall Show & Sale, held this past Columbus Day Weekend. Not only was our society display heavily littered with ribbons, but the display itself managed to garner both a national AOS award and the Orchid Digest award! In addition, 6 plants in the show were also recognized with national AOS awards. This represents a record for our small show, which consisted of only 7 orchid displays. Participants included, in addition to CNYOS, the Genesee Region Orchid Society, the Southern Tier Orchid Society, Bloomfield Orchids, Jim Marlow Orchids, JustPat Orchids, and Frier's Orchids. A listing of ribbons given out to CNYOS members, as well as the national AOS awards, is given below.

CNYOS MEMBER AWARDS

Cheryl Lloyd
Phrag. longifolium (Class 50) Third

Donna Coleman
Masd. floribunda (Class 150) First
 Odcdm. Susan Kaufman 'Red Wonder' (Class 103) Third

Iris Cohen
 Sc. Mini Collins 'Pink Sherbert' HCC/AOS (Class 36) First

Central NY Orchid Society
 Exhibit (Class 6) Best Exhibit, Orchid Digest Trophy, AOS Trophy

Kim Boronczyk
L. pumila (Class 30) Third

Carolyn Pace
 Ctna. Gabby Quest (Class 35) First
Onc. Sweet Sugar (Class 105) Third

Judi Witkin
Sarcoglyphis comberi (Class 63) First

David Ditz
 Cirr. Louis Sander (Class 157) First
 Lc. Mari Reyes (Class 36) Second
Macroclinium manabinum (Class 108) Second
Paph. henryanum (Class 41) Third
Paph. Wössner Vollmond (Class 46) Third
Orpha. radicans (Class 108) Third
Macroclinium manabinum (Class 154) Third
Stan. oculata (Class 156) Third
 Photo, *Den. griffithianum* (Class 191) Third

Rick Braue
 Blc. Lawless Parsifal (Class 33) Second
Paph. Doctor Jack (Class 46) Second
Miltoniopsis santanaei 'Snowflake' AM/AOS (Class 100) Second
 Dtps. Abed-nego 'Pine Ridge' (Class 76) Third

Charles Ufford
 Native Orchids of New York State (Class 4) First Place, Best in Section

Phal. equestris forma alba (Class 70) First
Phal. equestris forma alba (Class 77) First
 Photo *Spirantes ochroleuca* (Class 191) First
Phal. pallens (Class 77) Second
Phal. lindenii (Class 70) Third

Dianne Bordoni
Phal. Batik (Class 74) Second
 Lc. Jungle Gem (Class 38) Third

Cliff Rossler
Masd. Shinichi Komoda (Class 151) First
 Slc. Jungle Beau (Class 33) Third

Jeff Stuart
 Photo, *Macodes petola* (Class 191) Second
Max. meleagris(Class 156) Third

NATIONAL AOS AWARDS

Mark Gillette, GROS
Eria cristata (Class 156) First Place, CHM/AOS, 84 points

Paul Sheetz, Just Pat Orchids
Orpha. radicans (Class 154) First Place, Best in Section, CCM/AOS, 81 points

CNYOS (Gary Stensland & Judi Witkin) (Class 6) Best Exhibit, Orchid Digest Trophy, AOS Trophy

Robert Wyman, GROS
B. nodosa 'Linda' (Class 30) First Place, Best Species, M. Ummer Award, Jim Rice Award, HCC/AOS 79 points

Joe Kunisch, Bloomfield Orchids
Paph. Kolosand (Class 45) First Place, Best Hybrid in Show, AM/AOS 80 points

Paph. Quasimodo (Class 46) First Place, Best in Section, HCC/AOS 79 points

Paph. White Queen (Class 47) First Place, HCC/AOS 79 points



**NATIONAL AOS AWARDED PLANTS,
CNYOS 2003 FALL SHOW**



**PAPHIOPEDILUM WHITE QUEEN
'BLOOMFIELD'S SPECKLES' HCC/AOS
(79 POINTS)**

JOE KUNISCH, BLOOMFIELD ORCHIDS

OTHER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE



**PAPHIOPEDILUM QUASIMODO
'BLOOMFIELD'S PINK PANTHER' HCC/AOS
(79 POINTS)**

JOE KUNISCH, BLOOMFIELD ORCHIDS

**OTHER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE, BEST IN
SECTION**

PAPHIOPEDILUM KOLOSAND
'BLOOMFIELD'S RAPUNZEL'
AM/AOS (80 POINTS)

JOE KUNISCH, BLOOMFIELD
ORCHIDS

OTHER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE,
BEST HYBRID IN SHOW



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BRASSAVOLA NODOSA 'LINDA'
HCC/AOS (79 POINTS)

BOB WYMAN, GROS

OTHER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE,
BEST SPECIES, M. UMMER
AWARD FOR BEST CATTLEYA
ALLIANCE GROWN BY AN
AMATEUR, JIM RICE AWARD FOR
BEST SPECIES

ERIA CRISTATA 'TENENOS'
CHM/AOS (84 POINTS)

MARK GILLETTE, GROS

OTHER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE

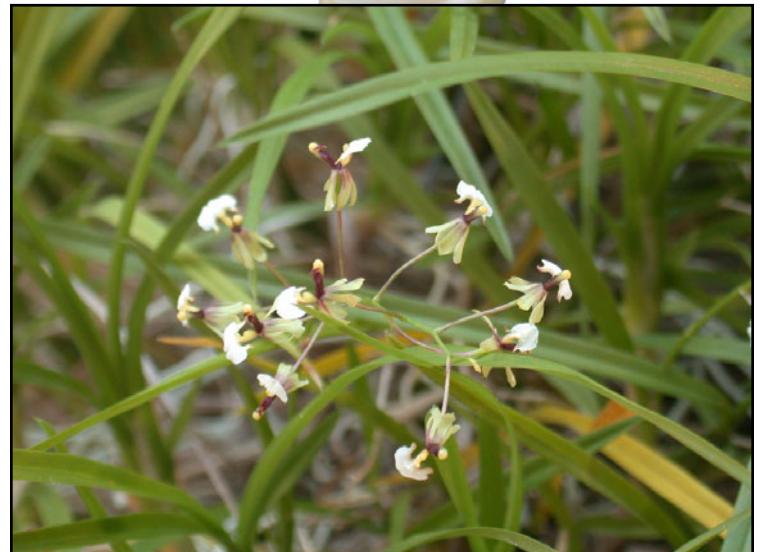


ORPHA. RADICANS 'WINDSONG'
CCM/AOS (81 POINTS)

PAUL SHEETZ, JUSTPAT
ORCHIDS

OTHER AWARDS: FIRST PLACE,
BEST IN SECTION

ORPHA. RADICANS 'WINDSONG', CLOSE-UP
OF SINGLE INFLORESCENCE.



Members Gary Stensland & Judi Witkin outdid themselves this year with a magnificent centerpiece display for our show. In what could almost be considered one of his miniatures done in full scale, Gary produced a Victorian style venue that featured antique furniture as a back-drop and display for member's orchids. And the judges liked it too, as they awarded it with an AOS show trophy and the Orchid Digest Award for best display!

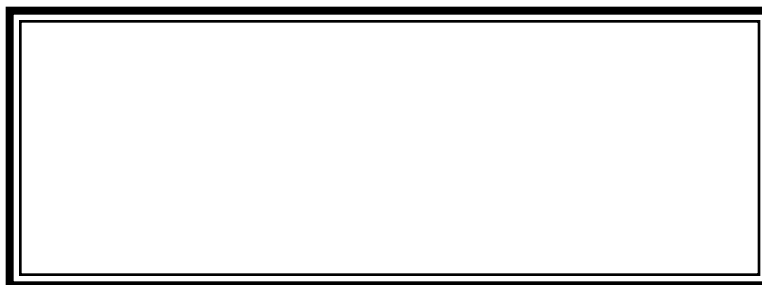


DIRECTIONS TO JIM MARLOW'S

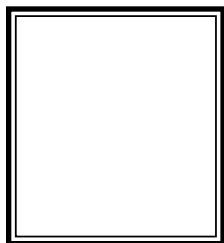
Take NY State Thruway west to the Henrietta / Rt. 390 exit (46). Take 390 North to exit 13 for Hylan Drive (CR-263). Turn left onto Hylan Dr. and proceed approximately 1 mile to Jefferson Road and take a left. Stay on Jefferson Rd. (NY-252 W) until Scottsville Road (about 2.65 miles). Turn left onto Scottsville Road and proceed ~2.5 miles. Jim's house is next to the Doubling Hills Inn at 2272 Scottsville Road.



Special invited speaker: Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids
Topic: *Phragmipediums*



Next Meetings: *Sundays, November 21*



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