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September meeting and planning for our 2007 Fall Orchid Show and Sale Hello everyone,

A quick notice that our September regular meeting will be held on the 9th (second Sunday of the Month) due to the Labor Day Holiday.We did hold our extra Show meeting in August, and a decent number of Members were able to attend and assist with planning for the Fall Show (meeting minutes are included in this newsletter for more details). We still will be conducting planning sessions for the Show during our September meeting as there are several details to be ironed out, like where Judges will be staying. I believe we will also have a Beginner's Meeting at 1:30p.m.where we will likely be talking about how you should prepare your plants for an orchid show. Also we'll be having our usual Show Table, and can use some of these plants to show how they could be prepared for display. If you have orchid-related artwork, photographs or educational material, please consider entering it in our Show. Having a broad range of material makes the Show that

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Meeting/Event Calendar

Sept 9th CNYOS meeting - please note the meeting will be the second Sunday of September due to the Labor Day weekend

Sept 22nd-23rd Our Show will again be at the Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville, NY

We possibly will be having someone from R.F. Orchids for our October meeting.

All other meetings are tbd

much more interesting to people with a wide range of interests. Our June picnic went very well, despite the sudden thunderstorm that chased us from Club Member Dave Ditz's back yard to the St. Augustine's Church where we hold our regular meetings. Everything was delicious and the orchids looked great! Thanks to Dave for hosting our picnic for at least part of the day and to everyone who brought wonderful goodies.We would also like to extend a Get-Well greeting to Member Carol Clemens. She recently had surgery and is still recuperating.

Please note that there was no formal newsletter for the August Meeting due to computer complications.

Misc. Business

2007 CNYOS Dues are now due, and should be paid to our Treasurer Carol Haskell as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, please contact Carol Haskell 102 Wynthrop Rd. Syracuse, NY 13209 315/468-0811 chaskell33@earthlink.net

If any of your contact info has changed, then please let Carol know asap. It is our policy that if members have not paid their dues after a few months, they will no longer receive their newsletters. Please keep your membership up-todate! We don't want anyone to miss out on all of the activities happening this year. Yearly dues are \$15.00 per individual, or \$17.00 per family. Club Vice-President Kim Boronczyk has orchid supplies for sale. Please contact Kim at 315-455-7587 before regular meetings to discuss what she has available and can bring to the next meeting. The club has an orchid book library at our meeting location. Please contact Judi or Tom to find out what is available and to sign out a book.

Anyone who has ideas for Beginner's Session topics please feel free to contact Tom D. by phone at 315-687-3449 *Don't forget to bring your flowering orchids for the Show Table!*

CNYOS Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2007

Judi opened the meeting at 2:28PM by explaining that we would have a business meeting to discuss our show preparations and work assignments:

- 1. Judi asked for a volunteer to do the club display for our show. She will be doing plant registrations in Iris' stead and can not handle that and the club display. She will be glad to provide props and advice, however. John Bradley volunteered to do the display table.
- 2. Judi also asked for a volunteer to help her with registration on Friday evening and Saturday. Dianne Bordoni volunteered.
- 3. This year's CNYOS Show will be held the weekend of September 22nd and 23rd. The show will be held at Beaver Lake Nature Center. Show set-up will take place on Friday, September 21st. Set-up (move tables and mark out vendor and display areas) will start at 9AM. Greeters to help vendors set up will be needed by 2 PM. Plant registration will start about 4 PM. Also needed are volunteers to bring food for all the set-up helpers, greeters and entry volunteers.
- 4. Show judging will start at 9AM on Saturday. We need people to work as clerks during the judging.
- 5. Show plant drop-off will be at either Judi's home or at St. Augustine's. Call Judi or David Ditz respectively to arrange plant drop-off. Please pre-register your plants with Iris Cohen prior to the show.
- 6. Judi sent around volunteer sign-up sheets. We need volunteers on Friday to help with set-up and as greeters and to bring food for the show helpers. On Saturday, we need clerks for the judging as well as people to bring food for the judges' and clerks' breakfast at 8AM. On both Saturday and Sunday, we need show monitors and volunteers to man the club information table. We also need some willing members to bring food for the vendors' lunches on both days. Finally, we need volunteers to help with show teardown at 4PM on Sunday.

7. Judi also sent around a sign-up sheet for meeting refreshments for the remainder of the club year.

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 8-30-07

Volunteer Schedules

Meeting Refreshments Sept. 9th Donna Coleman and Pat Cotter Oct. 7th Carol Haskell and Tammy Pomietlasz Nov. 4th Monica Kot and Jan Woodworth December meeting Christmas Dinner details tbd Jan. 13th Liz McCormick and Charles Ufford Feb 3rd Dorothy Brock and ? March 2nd ? and ? May 4th ? and ? June meeting Spring picnic details tbd

Show volunteer lists not available at this time

August Show Table

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations. Next time you present the plant, include name and parents.

Cypripedium Alliance

Neof. falcata	Coleman
Neof. falcata 'Gojo Fukurin'	Haskell
Phal. Porcelain Doll (James McPherson x Mi	isty Green) Bordoni
Phal. cornu-cervi	Ufford
Phal. bellina three plants	"
Phal. deliciosa	"
Phal. lindenii	"
Aërgs. citrata	Daily
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Oncidium Alliance	
Mcm. manabinum	Ditz
Brsdm. Kenneth Bivin (Onc. cariniferum x B	
Mtssa. Shelob (Olmec x Brs. Edvah Loo)	Coleman
<i>Mtsa.</i> Shelob (Onnec x Bis. Edvan Loo) <i>Mtdm.</i> Bartley Schwarz (Beall)* (Red Pali x	
Mium. Barney Schwarz (Bean). (Red Fan x	
	Pleurothallid Alliance
	Weller
Rstp. trichoglossa	wener
	Dendrobium Alliance
Den. Burana Sunshine (Betty Goto x Halawa	Beauty) Frost
	Miscellaneous
Sinningia 'Treva McDaniel' (Gesneriaceae)	Cohen
Sinningia 'Bright Eyes' (pusilla x [pusilla x concinna])	concinna]) "
Bulb. makoyanum	Ditz

*Due to a change in genera, there are now two grexes named *Miltonidium* Bartley Schwarz. Therefore, (Beall) is now a permanent part of this plant's name. Iris Cohen

Show Preparation; How to Win Ribbons

Even if you are a small under-lights or windowsill grower, your blooming orchids will enhance the orchid show and add to your enjoyment of the hobby. Don't hesitate to enter them. Here's how to exhibit them at their best.

Make sure there are no insects or diseases lurking about. Spray your plants with a broad spectrum pesticide/fungicide well before the buds open. Since we have a Fall show, you can safely do this outdoors before you bring them in for the winter. Carefully examine under the leaves and remove all signs of scale or other stationary pests. Remove moss or weeds from the potting medium. For the Cattleya alliance and similar orchids, wet the pseudobulbs under a faucet and remove all dead bulb sheaths and other dead tissue. Remove yellow or dead leaves or leaf tips. Also remove any flowers that are starting to go by, or probably will not last through the show. Use a separate new, disposable razor blade for each plant. If your plant shows salt residue from hard water, go over it with a solution of detergent and water with 10% household bleach. Thick leaved orchids like Phals and Cattleyas can take some scrubbing with a washcloth. Rinse with plain water and dry immediately with a soft cloth. Staking is extremely important. Don't expect the show committee to do this for you. If you don't have a stake, make one from a piece of fence wire or a coat hanger. Long inflorescences, such as on Phalaenopsis, should not be staked in a rigid upright position, nor should they be allowed to flop down. They should be staked just below the first blossom, and the upper stem allowed to curve gracefully. Do this as soon as the first buds reach a noticeable size. Keep the buds facing the light until they open. On a plant with multiple flower stems, arrange them in an orderly way. They should radiate outwardly as naturally as possible. Buds in the Cattleya alliance often need some help. There is much controversy over what is ethically permissible, but this doesn't enter into ribbon judging, as long as all the helps are removed before the show. If the buds tend to crowd

together, push them apart with spacers made from Styrofoam peanuts. Cotton or florist's wax paper can be used to protect flowers on the way to the show. Make sure the plant is identified and labeled accurately. If you don't have the plant's name, it can still be in your club's exhibit, but it will not be entered. A beautiful unnamed orchid can help your club win an exhibit award. If you have at least part of the name, or only the parents, consult the entry clerk for the correct name. When you bring your plants to the show, remove the plant label or stick it way down in the pot so it is not visible. Put your name and the plant's name directly on the pot with indelible pen. Also put your name on your box, so it can be retrieved after the show. Have a list in the box with your name and the names of your plants. All this will make life much easier for the setup people and the show committee, as well as those taking down the show.

Iris Cohen

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

1.Read the Rules that came with the Show Announcement. If you have any further questions, please contact the Show Chairman before the show.

2. Read the show schedule. If you have questions, ask an entry clerk. For further details, refer to the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, 11th edition.

3. While checking the schedule, see if any of your plants are eligible for more than one class.

4. If you have not owned your plant for more than six months, be sure to check "NO" under "Ribbon" on your plant registration sheet.

5. If your plant is a registered hybrid, it is your responsibility to look up both the name and the parents. The clerks will show you how to do this. If this is a problem, you may call Iris Cohen, 315/461-9226, ahead of time. If any entered plant has had a previous AOS award, the clone name and award must be entered on the "Name" line of registration. Otherwise, please leave clone names out. If you do not have either the name or the parents, you may still label it and use it in your display, but it cannot be entered for judging.

6. If your plant is a species, try to ascertain the correct name. If you have a computer, look it up under the Kew Checklist of Monocotyledons: <u>http://www.kew.org/wcsp/home.do</u> If you know the genus, but not the species, it may be entered as XXX. sp.

7. If your plant is predominantly grown under fluorescent lights during the Winter, check Yes under "Lts."

8. If you are entering a display, be sure to register it in the appropriate class.

9. If your display contains plants borrowed or recently acquired, enter the display under your own name, and the plants under the names of the (previous) growers.

10. Keep a list of the plants you brought to the show, and their owners.

11. Details of the registration procedure will be given to you when you arrive. We will provide uniform labeling materials for you.

12. When you are done setting up and registering, each plant should have its uniform label, and a number on it. Similarly, your display should have a label - [name of exhibit, not the club or owner] - and a number. These numbers match the names given to the entry clerk.

13. Please show respect for our judges and exhibitors by remaining away from the exhibit area during judging. If you have any questions about the judging results, refer to the Chairman of Judging Activities.

14. Dismantling can begin at 4 PM on Sunday, and should be completed as soon as possible.

JUDGES AND AWARDS This show is sanctioned by the American Orchid Society. All horticultural classes and exhibits will be judged by accredited AOS judges and/or student judges. Any plant or exhibit deemed worthy will be judged for American Orchid Society awards. Artistic classes will be judged by AOS judges and/or experienced artists and artistic judges.

2007 Show Committee:

President: Judi Witkin

Registration Team:

Technical Advisor: Iris Cohen Head Registrar: Judi Witkin Please note: Elihu & Iris will not be available Friday evening and Saturday.

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO THE 2007 SHOW

Time: Set-up 3-8 PM, Friday September 21, 2007. Judging, 8:30 AM, Sat. September 22. Dismantle: 4 PM Sunday September 23.

1. The show will be judged according to the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, 11th edition.

2. Pools or fountains may be used, with permission. Any leaks must be repaired immediately.

3. All exhibits must be registered in the show. Individual plants **must** be registered and correctly labeled with the species or cross name (if registered with RHS) and parents, in order to be judged. (Unidentified species should be labeled with the correct genus if possible.) Judges may exclude unregistered or mislabeled plants from ribbon judging. In the event a plant is in the wrong class, it may be reclassified at the judges' discretion. If that class has already been judged, the plant may be disqualified. Correct labeling of plants in the show will be the exhibitor's responsibility. Plants eligible for more than one class may be entered in both. The Show Committee will provide uniform exhibit signs and supplies for making plant labels. 4. The show schedule and a sample registration sheet will be sent to each exhibitor, as soon as the reservation slip has been returned. To aid the registration process, please register with Iris Cohen in advance, by phone, (315/461-9226), email, (IrisCohen@aol.com), or mail to 6 Bevell Lane, North Syracuse 13212. Fax registration may be sent to 461-9226 by calling first. Plants can always be deleted at the last minute. Please come to the show with a list of display plants, for referral purposes of exhibitor and/or show committee, and/or takedown.

5. All tropical (home or greenhouse) orchid plants entered for possible consideration for a Cultural Award must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least six months. Any hardy native plant (orchid or foliage) that is on this state's protected list must have been owned by the exhibitor or under cultivation for at least two years.

6. Exhibitors need not be members of the American Orchid Society or the Central New York Orchid Society. There is no entry fee. By entering this show, the exhibitor represents that all species orchids entered have been obtained in conformance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Plants that are not established will not be judged.

7. Every precaution will be taken, but neither the Central New York Orchid Society nor Beaver Lake Nature Center can be responsible for loss of, or damage to plants, blooms, containers, or other personal property.

8. Set-up must be completed by 8:00 Friday evening. Judging will begin promptly at 8:30 AM Saturday. Decision of the judges will be final.

9. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any plant or exhibit which shows signs of pest infestation, disease, or severe genetic defect. No plants or cut flowers may be entered for judging by exhibitors who are in arrears for failure to pay AOS award fees.

10. At their discretion, judges may divide a class that is too large. They may withhold awards if there is no worthy entry, or designate a special award for an outstanding specimen not covered in the schedule.

11. No plant or part of it, artifact, or accessory in any type of exhibit may carry a price tag, or be removed, sold, or tampered with during the show, except for the removal of wilted blossoms. Crafts-people

with items for sale will offer them at separate tables in the sales area.

12. Visitors who would like to observe the judging process or serve as clerks are welcome, but must inform the Chairman of Judging Activities in advance.

13. Only judges and clerks who have served in the entry or judging process and their spouses are invited to the judges' luncheon. Other show committee members or visitors may join us at their own expense.

14. For judging the Memorial Awards, an amateur is defined as a person who does not regularly advertise, and does not derive a substantial income from the sale of orchids or related supplies.

15. Foliage plants in exhibits may not be in bloom, except for inconspicuous grasses or the like.

16. Nomenclature and registration will follow the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. There may be occasional exceptions, at the discretion of the entry personnel.

17. AOS award judging will follow the ribbon judging. There will be a photographer on hand for award photos. There is no charge for this, but exhibitors are responsible for any AOS award fees.

Links to additional Club Show Documents

The links to the 2007 Fall Show and Sale Rules, Instructions for Exhibitors, Show Schedules, Show Entry Forms and Plant Preparation pdf documents can be found on the CNYOS Fall Show and Sale main page at http://www.cnyos.org/2007showfiles/pre2007show.html

click on the image of each document to download, view or print out each file. Some of these files are included in this newsletter.

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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, with Beginner's Sessions at 1:30p.m. right before the regular meetings. Yearly dues are \$15.00 per individual, or \$17.00 per family. Dues should be paid to the CNYOS Treasurer, Carol Haskell

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September Issue - Meeting Sunday September 9th

September Meeting: 1:30p.m. Beginner's Session - Show Plant Prep Regular meeting: 2p.m. Planning for 2007 Show and Sale