

The Orchid Enthusiast

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Editor's Note:

Contributions to the Orchid Enthusiast by members of the CNYOS are welcome. Articles, pictures, or ideas for discussion subjects should be submitted by the first week of the month before the next meeting to: egalson@twcny.rr.com

Next Meeting: Sunday April 3. There Will Be No Formal Meeting. We Will Meet at 11AM at the Parish Hall for a Brief Business Meeting and Then Car-Pool to Rochester for the GROS Show and Sale.

Remember – April 3 at 11AM

GROS Show

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The GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show will be held from Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3, 2011. Setup will take place on Thursday, March 31 from 9AM to 9PM, and teardown on Sunday, April 11, at 4PM. Friday is devoted to judging. There is an awards reception from 5:30 to 7 on that day. A registration form for the reception can be downloaded from their website <http://geneseeorchid.org/geneseeorchid/show.html>. The awards presentation is at 7PM Friday, and is free. The show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 5, and 10 to 4 respectively. It is located at the Rochester Museum and Science Center's Eisenhart Auditorium at 657 East Ave, and admission is \$7!! A \$1 discount coupon can be down loaded from the above web-site.

**DIRECTIONS: TAKE I-90W TO EXIT 45. MERGE INTO 1-490W
TAKE EXIT 20 TO MERGE INTO UNIVERSITY AVE
TURN LEFT AT WINSTON RD. N (400ft)
TAKE FIRST RIGHT INTO EAST AVE. (1.7mi)
TURN RIGHT AT GOODMAN ST. N. (430 ft)**

Send plant registration information the weekend ahead of the show or earlier to Iris Cohen for any plants you will be entering in the CNYOS Show Display. Indicate whether plants are windowsill grown or under lights. For Phals. and Cattleyas, also include the color.

Plants can be dropped off at the following locations, but call first. Sue & Jerry Finger's (458-3040), at Judi Witkin's (422-0869), or with Dave Ditz at the church from 9 to 5. Charles Ufford (768—7466) will accept plants from anyone in the Utica area.

STOS Show

Our club will also have an exhibit at the Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) Show and Sale which will take place at the Oakdale Mall, Center Court, at Exit 70N off Route 17 in Johnson City, May 6-8. Set up and take – down will be performed by Jan and Judy. Plant drop-off points will be discussed at the next meeting.

Gary Stensland, a longtime member, Has had an auto accident. He is recovering at home, and would appreciate getting cards and letters. His address is: 7822 W. Keeney Rd. Truxton NY 13158

President's Message

Surprise! Surprise! What a terrific feeling when you bloom an orchid!

And it really was a surprise when my husband and I discovered that we had a cattleya blooming that was trying to hide underneath everything else on the next bench over. C Drumbeat 'Heritage' has been in our collection for 4-5 years or so with each new growth showing a sheath that never put up a bud inside. The plant is huge and seems to like our conditions but nothing doing until today, 2 big flowers that are the classic lavender with darker lip and yellow throat. YEA!

So this is why we all have a passion for orchids, the excitement of growing well and then being rewarded. What finer things can there be in our growing areas, be it light, windowsill, or greenhouse?

Here's hoping that most of you will get out to an orchid show within the next couple of months. So many ideas can be popping up for what grows in your conditions. Let your club know what's doing well for you or what may not be so we can exchange our ideas. Who would have thought that Vandas can be grown well and flower in central New York as I found out at the last meeting.

Happy Growing!!!

Sue Finger

March Show Table

Please note all names, accent marks, and abbreviations that are in boldface.

Kindly **update your labels** with registered names or parents. Bring the information to the show table next time.

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph.</i> Deedmannianum (<i>victoria-regina</i> × <i>spicerianum</i>)	Galson
<i>Paph.</i> Winmoore (Winston Churchill × Farnmoore)	Witkin
<i>Paph.</i> Warmest Regards (Sarella × <i>spicerianum</i>)	"

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Lc.</i> Hsin Buu Lady (<i>L. anceps</i> × <i>C. Wendy's Valentine</i>)	Burritt
<i>Ctna.</i> Capri (Jamaica Red × <i>C. intermedia</i>)	"
<i>C.</i> Memoria Alvin Begeman (<i>esalqueana</i> × Beaufort)	"
<i>C.</i> Volcano Sunset (G.S. Ball × Coronet [1902])	Galson
<i>Jkf.</i> Appleblossom (<i>Cll.</i> Snowflake × <i>Rth.</i> Orange Nuggett)	Finger
<i>Rth.</i> Haw Yuan Glory (<i>Rlc.</i> Love Call × <i>Ctt.</i> Kauai Starbright)	Finger

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Hwra.</i> Lava Burst (Mini Primi × <i>Rdza. lanceolata</i>)	Galson
<i>Pyp.</i> Pisgah Forest (Memoria Bill Carter × Mendenhall)	Finger

Vandaceous

<i>Dtps.</i> Taida Little Sunny (<i>Phal.</i> Sogo Lit-Sunny × <i>Dtps.</i> Little Gem Stripes)	Burritt
<i>Phal.</i> Brother Digger (Golden Sands × Taipei Gold)	"
<i>Dtps.</i> unknown	"
<i>Dtps.</i> DeLeon's Kisses (Happy Smile × <i>Phal.</i> I-Hsin Red Lip)	"
<i>Dtps.</i> Melody (Casablanca Joy × <i>Phal.</i> Join King)	"
<i>Dtps.</i> Yu Pin Summer (<i>Phal.</i> Modern Stripes × <i>Dtps.</i> Sun Jye Diamond)	Galson

<i>Dtps.</i> Sogo Vivien (Sogo Alice × <i>Phal.</i> Zuma's Pixie)	Cohen
<i>Phal.</i> Brother Gemstone (Snow Leopard × Brother Fancy)	Finger
<i>Ascda.</i> Leurcharusmee (<i>V.</i> Manop × <i>Ascda.</i> Roman Choice)	Corey

Dendrobium

<i>Den.</i> Yellow Chinsai (Chinsai × <i>heterocarpum</i>)	Burritt
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Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail

<mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table>.

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting March 6, 2011

Sue Finger opened the meeting at 2:20 PM by welcoming the club members and a visitor:

1. The secretary was not present, and the February minutes were read from the newsletter by Eva Galson. As there were no additions to the minutes, they were accepted as read.
2. The treasurer was not present, so there was no treasurer's report.
3. Instead of a formal meeting in April, we will meet at the church to car-pool to the GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show. A sheet was passed around so the people who plan to drive or who desire a ride can list their phone numbers, so that no-one is left behind.
4. Iris Cohen will handle plant registration for any CNYOS member sending plants to the GROS Show. She asked that everyone sends their plant list to her by the weekend before the show.
5. Charles Ufford will collect plants for the GROS Show for anyone in the Utica area and bring the plants to setup on Thursday, March 31; please contact Charles to arrange a drop-off time. Judi Witkin and Sue Finger will also accept plants; contact them to arrange a drop-off time. Plants may also be dropped off at St. Augustine's Church, 9AM to 5PM.
6. There was a request to publish directions to the Rochester Show in the newsletter. Eva responded that she would do so. (See p 1 of this newsletter)
7. CNYOS 2011 Show – Eva gave a short report of the progress of the Show committee: Nancy Loveland has contacted and lined up the judges and paid the fees to the AOS. Dave Ditz will take care of ribbons and trophies and also work on publicity. Eva asked for volunteers with e-mail to work with Dave on publicity. Sue Finger will contact Carol Bradford for publicity in the Syracuse Post Standard. Sue is also contacting the vendors and clubs which will be at our show, and will contact Honey Goshorn to help with this job.
8. The CNYOS Auction will be held at the May meeting on May 1. Sue wanted to know how we obtained the plants and the auctioneer for the auction. She was told that usually Carol Haskell sends money to the vendors, who then send their choice of plants. Sue will ask Tom Dailey if he is willing to act as auctioneer.
9. Sue closed the business meeting and we proceeded to the "Show and Tell" of the Show Table, followed by introducing our speaker, Leon Glicenstein, who presented a very enjoyable slide show on "The Orchids of the Dominican Republic."
10. Thanks to Sue and Jerry Finger and Pamela Gotjen for providing refreshments for the March meeting!

Eva Galson, 3/6/11

Treasurer's Report (received from Carol Haskell by e-mail)

Total Assets	\$ 3754.51
Year to date	\$ 448.72

Refreshment Volunteers

March	1. Sue and Jerry Finger	2. Pamela Gotjen
April	No refreshments necessary. GROS trip	
May	1. Pat Cotter	2. Barbara Weller
June	Spring Picnic	Everyone Contributes
July & August	Summer Recess, No Meetings	
September	1. David Ditz	2. ?

Events Calendar

April 1-3	GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show & Sale (set-up 3/31)
April 3	Meet at 11AM at the Parish hall for a short business meeting and then to car pool to the GROS Spring Show & Sale in Rochester
April 2,3	Celebration of the Senses at Watson Greenhouse see www.watsongreenhouse.com
Through April 25	The New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show
May 1	CNYOS Meeting: Orchid Auction
May 1	African Violet Society Show & Sale 10-4, Beaver Lake Nature Center
May 7&8	STOS(Southern Tier Orchid Society) Show & Sale
June 4	Trip to Piping Rock Orchids
June 12	CNYOS Picnic
July & August	No Meeting
September 11	CNYOS Meeting: Jerry Fischer of Orchids Ltd. Of Minnesota
October 1-3	CNYOS Show and Sale
November 6	??
December 4	Holiday Covered Dish Party- Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids will give a talk

CNYOS Show and Sale October 1-3 Progress Report

1. Nancy Loveland has contacted the judges, confirmed the date with the AOS, and paid their fee. Andre Levesque will be our chief judge for the show, and many of the other judges will be familiar faces.
2. Sue Finger and Honey Goshorn are in charge of contacting the vendors and other clubs. It was decided not to have a single vendor for materials and supplies, but to have each vendor bring some to sell. Contact has been made with some of the vendors, and it looks as though we will have room for at least one new vendor this year.
3. David Ditz is in charge of the ribbons and awards. The AOS has sent the AOS trophy to our chief judge Andre Levesque, and he will bring it to the show if we want to give it out this year. We are not obliged to use it, and usually we alternate each year between giving the AOS trophy and the Orchid Digest trophy. This year it's the turn of the Orchid Digest trophy.
4. David Ditz will also handle publicity. This involves calling and e-mailing the many venues where free publicity can be obtained, putting up notices on public message boards, etc. David could use some help. Anyone who is interested in working with him or has ideas for sources of publicity please contact Dave at dditz7733@hotmail.com
5. Charles Ufford will be our photographer
6. Iris Cohen will handle registration. Anyone interested in working with her to learn the procedure, contact her at iriscohen@aol.com
7. There are many jobs to be done during set-up for the show, and during the show. At the May meeting we will be passing around sign-up sheets, and I have listed some of the jobs below so that anyone who may not be at the May meeting can sign up by contacting me egalson756@gmail.com , 446-0224, or Nancy Loveland

Clerks – Lots of fun and very educational. Go around with the judges and record their results. Judging starts at 8:30AM Sat, and there is lunch with the judges afterwards

Man the Club Booth – Answer questions, run the raffle for 2 1/2 hour shifts on Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday

Friday Room/ Table set-up – Starting at noon on Friday, help set up the room for the show. Help vendors and clubs bring in their plants

Our Display – Set up on Friday afternoon; take-down on Sunday

Registration – Help Iris register plants. On Saturday noon, a good typist is needed to enter the judges' results

Copying Help – After registration on Friday, copy required sheets on Beaver Lake copier.

Food – Either bought or home cooked for:

Friday afternoon – cheese and crackers, cookies, drinks

Saturday breakfast – bagels and cream cheese, fruit, coffee

Saturday, Sunday – Drinks, cookies crackers and cheese, plus a substantial dish such as goulash, chili, or pasta

Remember, putting on the show is a big job, and we are a small club. To be successful, everyone in the club must pitch in and help. There is a job for everyone, so Please Volunteer !

Collector's Item: Cattleya percivaliana (Rchb.f.) O'Brien



Although *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Sonia de Urbano' appears to be an alba form, it actually has a faint trace of pigment

Cattleya percivaliana was discovered in 1881 by William Arnold, a collector for the firm of Sanders. The plants were found in the Venezuelan Andes. When originally described by Reichenbach a year later, it was given only varietal status. Reichenbach favored the concept that all of the labiate cattleyas were merely varieties of *Cattleya labiata*, a concept which persisted well into the twentieth century. In 1883 James O'Brien gave it specific status in the same publication in which Reichenbach first mentioned it, *Gardener's Chronicle*.

Cattleya percivaliana is primarily a Venezuelan species from the northwestern mountains although it has been reported from neighboring Colombia as well. The species is generally found between 1400 –

2000 meters but seems to be adaptable to lower elevations. Indeed, even growers in warm sea-level South Florida can grow *C. percivaliana* without problems. It usually grows as an epiphyte, but is also found growing lithophytically on rocky cliffs where it receives nearly full sun.



Generally, *Cattleya percivaliana* is a somewhat smaller plant than other labiate cattleyas with the total height around a foot. Flowers are produced 2-6 in the autumn or winter. In nature, they bloom earlier but we always see them at Christmas and the species is often referred to as the "Christmas Orchid". The form of the flowers is generally better than the typical form of other labiate cattleyas; they are fuller and flatter although sometimes smaller. The full form of the flowers has been an attraction to hybridizers, *C. percivaliana* has been used as a parent more than 130 times.

Although the typical color is pale orchid lavender, there

C. percivaliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS

are numerous other color forms and several awarded grexes with *C. percivaliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS perhaps being the most widely known. Some varieties are known as "grandifloras" and suspected to be tetraploids. Another notable "Perci" is the albescent *C. percivaliana* 'Sonia de Urbano' which has several awards in its native country. The flowers have the faintest trace of color offset by an old gold lip. *C. percivaliana* 'Carache' is a well-known semi-alba grex with a richly-colored lip, the lip color approaching burgundy wine.



C. percivaliana 'Carace'

Cattleya percivaliana is a rewarding, easy-to-grow species that belongs in any collection that includes cattleyas. Here in South Florida we grow the species in 6-8" clay pots using lava rock as a media. Farther north fir bark might be more appropriate. We water the plants 3 or 4 times a week during the growing season and a day less during winter. They are grown bright with only about 30-40% shade. Labiate cattleyas can also be successfully grown mounted providing that you supply ample water. – G. Allikas

Great Ideas

Articles on "Great Ideas" appeared in Orchids Magazine in the early 1990. This is one of them:

greatideas

By Ed Wright and Bill Tippit

Telephone Wire Loops to Support Phalaenopsis Spikes

SUPPORT FOR an emerging phalaenopsis inflorescence (herein called the spike) can present problems both horticultural and structural. We have tried various methods ranging from the common plastic clip to tying the spike to a galvanized-metal support rod. None of these methods worked to our satisfaction.

Plastic clips seem to degrade after a while and either break or fail to retain enough spring tension to grip the support rod. Tying the spike to a support rod does not allow for growth of the spike, so we are constantly retying.

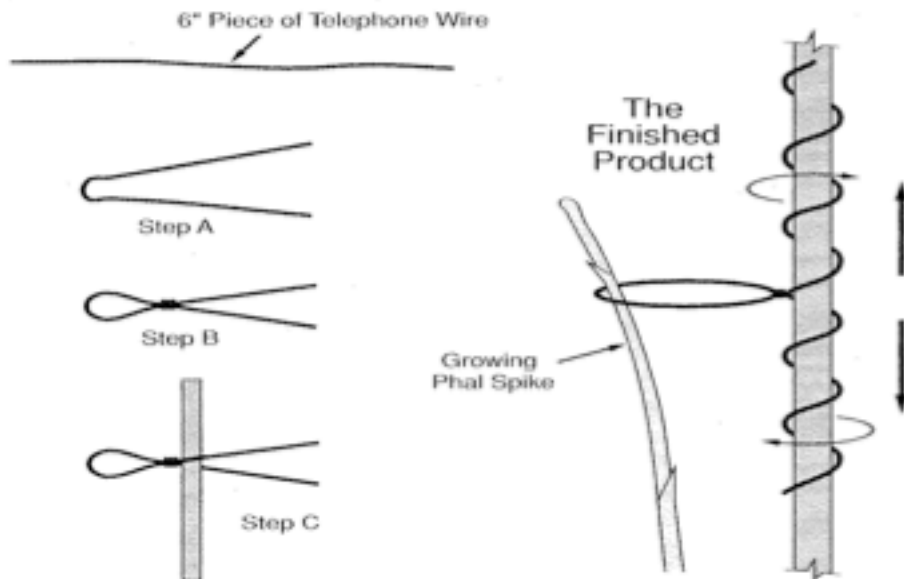
A technique we developed using lightweight telephone wire (22-24 gauge, plastic insulated) has solved the problem and is just about the ideal way to support a phalaenopsis spike. Attributes like economy, speed of assembly (or construction) and ease of adjustment are the pluses.

Start with a reasonably straight piece of telephone wire about 6 inches long. As shown in Step A, make a hairpin shape with legs of equal length. Now twist a loop (1/2-1/4 inches) in the U-shaped end (Step B). Spread the legs at the open end and place one on either side of the galvanized support rod (Step C). Wrap one leg clockwise

around the galvanized support rod, then wrap the other leg counterclockwise around the rod. Wrapping the two legs in opposing directions will cause the resulting coils to grip the support rod firmly while still permitting the loop to slide up or down the rod as needed to support the growing spike.

Each completed support loop should look like the drawing of the finished product. When a new phalaenopsis spike first needs support, insert a galvanized support rod, with loop attached, in the pot. Slide the loop up and down until an appropriate support level is obtained. Gently force the emerging spike into the loop. Check each staked plant frequently and adjust the level of the loop as often as necessary to keep the spike supported fully. □

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