# The Orchid Enthusiast

## The Newsletter of the Central New York Orchid Society

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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

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It's time to renew your membership!

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Individual \$20 Family \$22

Show

Send check to: Carol Haskell, Treas. 102 Wynthrop Rd Syracuse NY Next Meeting: Sunday April 6. There Will Be No Formal Meeting. We Will Meet at the Church at 11AM to Carpool to Rochester For the GROS Show

#### GROS Show

Sue and Jerry will not be at the church meeting point, because they have no room in their car, but please call Sue if you need ride or are driving and have room in your car for a passenger or two.

The GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show will be held from Friday, April 4 through Sunday, April 6, 2014. Setup will take place on Thursday, April 3 from 9AM to 9PM, and teardown on Sunday, April 6, at 4PM. Friday is devoted to judging.

The show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 5, and 10 to 4 respectively. It is taking place at a new location: Monroe Community College, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, 1100 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623. Attendees should use parking lots M & M1. The show is in Building 3, just south of Parking lot M. A campus map can be downloaded at

http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/webmaps/brighton.htm

Admission is \$7!! A \$1 discount coupon can be down loaded from the GROS web-site: www.geneseeorchid.org

Directions to 1100 E. Henrietta Rd: **From the east (Syracuse area):** Take New York State Thruway 90 west to exit 46. Take 390 north to exit 16, the second East Henrietta Road exit (Rt. 15A). Turn left off of the exit and continue south on 15A for about 1/2 mile to the Brighton Campus, entrance B, on your left.

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. Please make all plants available by April 2 at the latest.

#### 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, April 26 -27. Set-up is on the 25<sup>th</sup> from about 2 to 7PM Set up and take – down will be performed by Sue and Jan. Plant drop-off points are the same as for GROS, but be sure to call first. Attached to this newsletter

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Is a form to be used for submitting art works to the STOS show. It must be submitted by April 15.

# President's Message

Busy times coming up now for the club. ANYTHING with flowers should be registered with Iris for the GROS show on the first weekend of April. PLEASE try to email a list to Iris by the weekend before. At the same time, email the person to whom you would like to drop your plants to so a convenient time can be set.

For anyone wishing to car pool on Sunday to GROS, there should be instructions included in this newsletter or just email me.

Spring starts a busy season for the club but then we break over the summer and have even busier times preparing for our own show. If you have not volunteered before for anything for our show, please consider what job you could do. Hospitality Desk is a great way to start out because you get to talk to everyone coming in and find out what they grow! Contact Eva to see what you can do for the club.

SEPOS is coming up on April 12th. This trip will be a blast!!

And a BIG welcome to our new members - we're glad to have you with us! All members are willing to share their expertise so always ask.

Don't forget our big auction in May!!!

### **Happy Growing**

Sue Finger

## March 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.

Cattleya Alliance

Lpt. bicolor Ditz

Dendrobium Alliance

Den. parvulum Finger

**Pleurothallids** 

Rstp. sanguinea Finger

Miscellaneous

Phaius tankervilleaeDitzMed. decoratumFinger

#### Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, iriscohen@aol.com or 315-461-9226.

# Minutes – CNYOS Meeting March 2, 2014

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Sue Finger opened the meeting at 2:15 PM.

She asked those who still owed money for the bus trip to please pay it so that she can send the money to the bus company.

On March 9, Sue will be at the Carol Watson Greenhouse. Anyone else who wants to come should let her know. The African Violet & Gesneriad Society, and the Bonzai Society will be there also. It will be called Tropical Plants Day.

Our next meeting is on April 6. We will meet promptly at 11AM to carpool to Rochester (see page 1).

The Southern Tier Orchid Show will be on April 26 & 27. (see page 1)

Our May meeting will be our auction.

about orchids.

June will be our own picnic. If you have any ideas of where to hold it, let Sue know.

There will be an orchid show at Sonnenburgh Gardens in Canandagua.

There will be an African Violet and Genseriad Show the 26 &27 of April at Beaver Lake.

Respectfully submitted, Monica Kot

## Refreshment Volunteers

April No refreshments necessary. GROS trip
May 1. Honey Goshorn 2. ?

June Spring Picnic Everyone Contributes

July & August Summer Recess, No Meetings

September 2014 1. Jack and Deb Hasse 2.

October Show

November 1. Dolores Capella 2. David Ditz

#### Events Calendar

April 6 Car Pool to Rochester for GROS Show (download \$1 off coupon from their website)

April 6 STOS Monthly meeting

April 5&6 Celebration of the Senses at Carol Watson Greenhouse 10AM-5PM. Free

April 12 CNYOS Bus trip to Philadelphia for SEPOS Show

March 1 – April 21 NY Botanical Garden Orchid Show

April 26-27 STOS Show and Sale

April 26 African Violet & Gesneriad Soc. Show & Sale Beaver Lake, 1PM -5PM April 27 African Violet & Gesneriad Soc. Show & Sale Beaver Lake 10 - 4

May 4 CNYOS Club auction

June 1 or later CNYOS Picnic July & August No Meetings

September 6

October 4-5 CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake (Set-up Oct 3)

# Arundina Graminifolia from Bellaonline

Arundina graminifolia is a common perennial terrestrial orchid from the tropical Asia. In its natural environment Arundina graminifolia grows in open sunny areas. A large number of these orchids can be seen growing together. The local people of north-eastern India grow it as a hedge and is locally known by the name of 'Banns ful'. Its common English name is 'Bamboo orchid'. It requires warm to hot temperatures with

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humidity on the higher side.

*Arundina graminifolia* has large beautiful flowers, which grow near the tip of the stem and at a time it bears one to two flowers. Stems are erect, long and thin, looking like a small bamboo stem. These reach the approximate height of three to four feet. Leaves are light green in color and arranged alternately to each other on the stem. Arundina graminifolia is an evergreen orchid, which means it does not shed leaves during the lean season.



The flowers are large and rosy purple in colour, though Arundina from different regions shows a slight variation in the colour of their flowers, ranging from whitish to deep magenta. It blooms throughout the year. There may be a gap of about a month between each flowering.

For propagation: Being a terrestrial it has to be potted. It grows well in a mixture of soil and leaf mold. It fares well in open situations. A good way of propagation is by separating and repotting the kiekies. New shoots also come out from the base; these can be carefully separated and replanted in separate containers.

This orchid is susceptible to a number of pest and diseases. Pest like molluscs such as snails and slugs, attack the leaves and flowers. Aphids are also

observed. I found the easiest way to handle molluscs was to encircle the pot with a line of salt. Slugs would not cross this line. For aphids, I found spraying a little kerosene every six months to a year on the leaves was more than enough to stop infestations; depending upon the frequency of rain. If it rains frequently than you need to spray more often. In case of fungal and viral infections prevention is the best policy. While watering keep the leaves dry, to avoid fungal growth. If there is infected plant, seclude it immediately to stop the spreading to other healthy plants.

## New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show

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Pillars of colorful Phalaenopsis hybrids reflect in the palm Garden pool to greet visitors entering the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.

"Key West Contemporary" is the theme of this years NY

Botanical Garden Orchid show which runs through April 21.

Inside permanent tropical gardens of the Victorian-style

Conservatory Francisca Coelho, NYBG VP of Glasshouses and Exhibitions, has recreated an award-winning

Key West Garden packed with orchids. Throughout the Conservatory orchids are arranged in garden beds with

bromeliads, tropical aroids, and other showy flowering plants popular in Key West.

Huge blue toned Bismarckia nobilis palms, a species from Madagascar, form bold accents and a support for

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orchids. Small tropical trees and other palm species are perfect places in the displays for epiphytic orchids, most

hung still in pots hidden by clumps of Spanish Moss, the bromeliad Tillandsia usneoides.



Cymbidium Vidar 'Harlequin' in ground bed.

Central to the design is a rendering of the Jones and Eaton Garden, originally designed by Landscape Architect Raymond Jones. A pool reflects orchids clustered on garden walls, tree trunks, trellises, and pergolas. Clumps of potted *Oncidium* and *Phalaenopsis* hybrids in bunches of fluffy Spanish moss hide some of the steel grids inside the main conservatory. *Cymbidium* hybrids are massed in beds throughout the show. Most of the orchids have labels showing correct genus/species and some clone names as do many of the accompanying tropicals.

In the Rain Forest wing many epiphytic orchids are hung from established tropical trees. A walkway continues around the multi-section Conservatory past a water garden and into a dense jungle setting. To one side is a large glass case with climate-controlled environment for assorted compact to miniature orchids. The walkway continues into a sunny dry American desert habitat, then into a bright slightly cool Old World desert planting. Finally the path leads into the dramatic orchid displays with Key West Contemporary gardens. Each of the big habitat sections is behind closed glass doors to preserve specific climates within.

The New York Botanical Garden at 2900 Southern Boulevard is across the road from Fordham University and the Bronx Zoo. Garden hours and show details are found on the website nybg.org. The information telephone is 718-817-8700.



Garden inspired by Landscape Architect Raymond Jungles design for Key West, Florida Jones & Eaton Garden, recreated for "Key West Contemporary'.

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April 2014 Issue – CNYOS Meeting April 6, 11AM at the Parish Hall Car Pool to GROS Show in Rochester CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) 2014 Orchid Art Show

Where: Center Court, the Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY When: \*April 26 and 27, with set up April 25

Please deliver original orchid art works to the Oakdale Mall between 3:00 and 7:30 pm Friday, April 25. Works will be judged and ribbons awarded in four categories: Painting & Drawing – Photography (Traditional or Digitally Enhanced, and labeled as such) – Sculpture and Other media. A set of ribbons also has been reserved for K-12 student artist works. Paintings, drawings, and photographs *must* be mounted and framed with wire attached for hanging or cannot be displayed. If foam board is used without a frame, you may attach two self-sticking Cloth Eyelets to the back and put a string, fish line, or wire between them for hanging. Other items will be placed on tables. Pick up unsold items between 5 and 6 pm Sunday.

You may offer items for sale or not, as you wish. We will make a label from your entry form for each work and will include your sale price or NFS (not for sale). Prices must allow for 20% STOS commission and 8% NY State sales tax. Artists will be paid for sales when the show closes at 5 P.M. on Sunday, April 27. PLEASE complete and return this form by April 15 to Geoffrey Gould at 500 Magnolia Drive, Vestal, NY 13850 or send it as a Word document via email. Address questions to: ggould@binghamton.edu or call 607/757-0499. Thank you.

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(If more than three works will b	oe entered, please list them on the reverse side)
*Show hours will be posted to t	the STOS website: www.storchidsociety.com