

The Orchid Enthusiast

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Editor's Note:

Next Meeting: Sunday April 12 at the Church.

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

The Program will be a AOS Webinar – Phragmipediums, Species and Hybrids.

These AOS webinars are interesting, instructive, and enjoyable. You'll be sure to learn something new.

Bring plants for the raffle table, and of course your blooming beauties for all to admire.

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GROS Show

CNYOS won third place in Orchid Society exhibits.

Donna Coleman won Best of Pleurothallid Alliance for *Secklinia tribuloides*

Other CNYOS ribbon winners:

Ribbon Winners	Plant	Ribbon
Sue Finger	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance	3d
	Onc. Sweet Sugar	2d
	Phal. Snow Fairy	2d
	Den. kingianum var. silcockii	1 st
	Den. chrysotoxum	1 st
	Paph. Hsinying Alien x sib)	2d
	Paph. JAF Maud 'Haley Suzanne'	
*David Ditz/	Colm. Masai Red	1st
Jack Hasse	Leomesezia Lava Burst 'Puanani'	2d
	Rth. Burana Beaurt 'Burana'	1 st
	Den. laevifolium	3d
David Ditz	Paph. Dreaming Emerald	2d
Donna Coleman	Phal. Timothy Christopher	2d
	Ctt. Exotic Mini Treat	2d
	Specklinia tribuloides	1 st

It's time to renew your membership !

Individual \$20
Family \$22

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	Den. capitulifolium	3d
	Den. Suwan Beauty x lasianthera	1st
Iris Cohen	Phal. Formosa Cranberry 'F404	3d
Jan Woodard	Psychopsis Butterfly var alba	1 st
	Den. bracteosum	2d
	Paph. Fairly Sauced	2d
	Paph. Magical Venus	3d
	Paph. Avalon Love Stone	2d
	Paph. Macabre Ladey	3d
Lori Burritt	Den. lindleyi	3d
	Den. Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe'	3d
	Den. Micro Chip	3d
Judi Witkin	Paph. sukhakulii	3d
	Paph. Venus Knight	3d
	Paph. Winmore	2d
	Paph. (Thunder Cat x Red Dominion)	2d
	Paph. (White Legacy x Jenna Marie)	3d

*On my copy of the STOS results, David Ditz and Jack Hasse were listed together for some plants.

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 2d and 3d. Set-up is on May 1st from about 2 to 7PM.

STOS will have their monthly meeting on April 19, and it will be their Orchid Auction.

President's Message

Dare I hope for warmer weather?! Suppose it will eventually happen but seems to be much later this year. The orchids under lights can be managed easily to increase the amount of light and heat so most are starting to put on new growth. Our Dendrobium kingianum var silcockii looks amazing! (It's Jerry's plant really). What else can you grow in South and West windows (no artificial light) in an unused bedroom with the heat shut off? When you find that exact location for a specific plant -- what a rush! Here's hoping that you all find that

special place.

Check out the results for the GROS show. They had a very small turn out from the public though so we'll see later what's up for them next year. They did have a lot of very amazing plants as they usually do and lots of vendors (which we visited often!).

STOS show is up next for your club's show team. It is the first weekend of May, Saturday and Sunday. More info will be available at the next meeting. Be sure to register your plants early and get them to a drop off site TBA.

I've been working a lot of overtime, 12-13 hour days, but I promise to be I've been working a lot of overtime, 12-13 hour days, but I promise to be awake and on my feet for the April meeting. Looking forward to a great meeting and program arranged by Honey Goshorn.

Don't forget that we're still looking for a Show Chairperson for September, step up and help out.

Happy Growing!

Orchid Junkie-

Sue Finger

March Show Table

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or **complete** your records.

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. *Dreaming Emerald* (*Dreaming Green* × *Emerald Lake*) Ditz
Paph. John Nicholas (*Wellesleyanum* × *delenatii*) "

Oncidium Alliance

Erycina pusilla Witkin

Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Baby Pink (*dicuphum* × *lithocola*) Finger
Den. Thailand (Busaba × Hickam Deb) "
Den. Sea Marian (Lovely Virgin × Cassiope) "

Pleurothallids

Lpths. *astrophora* Witkin
Pths. *condorensis* "

Miscellaneous

Cym. Autumn King (Autumn Leaves × Imperial) Finger
***Keforia* (Kfr.)** Alice Marlow (*Pes. ecuadorana* × *Kefst. tolimensis*) Witkin
Bulb. maxillare Capella

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

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting March 2, 2015

For the treasurer's report the amount in the bank is \$ 4100.46 at this time.

No formal meeting was held. A quick recap by Sue was discussed. We were reminded to look in the February

Newsletter for upcoming events.

Again, our April meeting is the 12th due to Easter. We hope to have Black Meadow Orchids do a program for us but the catch was if the weather is good they would be here.

The June meeting is slated for the first Sunday which is the 7th. This will be a combination of our picnic and our auction.

A sympathy card was passed for members to sign for Jim Marlow whose mother, Alice, died recently. We wish Jim the best and hope he enjoys all the pleasant memories he has of his mother.

Thanks to Carol Haskell and Bob Pfromm and his wife for the refreshments.

Refreshment Volunteers

April	1. Chris Smith	2. ?
May	No CNYOS Meeting this month	
June	Spring Picnic and Auction Everyone Contributes	
July & August	Summer Recess, No Meetings	
September 2015	1. Jack and Deb Hasse	2. Lori Burritt
October	1. ?	2. ?
November	1. ?	2. ?

Events Calendar

April 12	CNYOS Meeting – AOS Webinar – Phagmipedilum – species and Hybrids
April 19	STOS Monthly meeting and Auction
May 2d & 3d	STOS Show and Sale set-up May 1st
May	No CNYOS Meeting
June 7 or later	CNYOS Picnic and Auction
July & August	No Meetings
September 13	CNYOS Meeting –Get Ready for the Show
Sept 25-27	CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake (Set-up Sept 24)

Ars Botanica *(This article was published in last Sunday's New York Times Magazine)*



When I was about 12, my grandmother went to work for rich people as a live-in governess. I don't know what rich people do on Sundays, but they're never home. So all of us — my parents and my brother and I — would go visit my grandmother where she worked.

I grew up in a typical three-bedroom, two-bath house in a little subdivision in Fort Lauderdale. But this house where my grandmother worked had a winding driveway with palm trees on either side. It was a two-story Spanish Colonial on Biscayne Bay, and in the back it had a pool and a cabana. I thought, People live like this? I had no idea. Right then I decided that maybe someday I could design my own house. Then I could have this. I still don't have my dream house, but soon, soon.

My grandmother, Mary — anything she stuck in the ground was going to grow. My dad would call me little Mary; like her, I always had a vegetable garden out in the yard. When I was in college, in north Florida, I joined the bromeliad society, a tropical-plant group.

My obsession with orchids, though, began when I moved to St. Thomas in the fall of 1987. The next spring, there was an orchid show at Bluebeard's Castle Resort. When you walked in, the perimeter was lined with fold-up tables with plywood partitions two feet deep and three feet wide, where members of the orchid society displayed their plants. I remember big *Oncidiums* — they had a long spray with little side branches and little yellow-and-brown flowers the size of a nickel. Dancing Lady Orchids, they're called.

That's where I saw it — a New Guinea *Dendrobium*, creamy yellow with little brown spots. The weirder and stranger something is, the more I tend to like it. And that one was weird. It wasn't your typical corsage orchid. It probably cost about \$8. I decided I had to have it.

I've since gone to orchid shows where I could have easily spent \$3,000. Picture a room the size of a Kmart, all orchids. I brought a list of what I wanted, tropical plants I'd seen in books and from visiting botanical gardens. *Gongoras*, *Stanhopeas* — they're bizarre. Most people have never heard of these orchids before. *Encyclias* are fabulous. Oh, they're intoxicating, they smell so good. Some bloom only once a year, at Mother's Day. You know it's a one-time shot, and you enjoy that one time. There's always something coming. And there's always something going.

This all started pre-Hugo; in the Virgin Islands, we date things by the hurricanes. In 1993, I bought a house — then I didn't have to grow my plants in pots anymore, as when I was renting. I could put them all in the ground and on the trees where I wanted, across two acres.

The guy who was with me for a long time helped build a lot of my garden. He was big on wanting to tie the orchids up in the trees. After 20 years together, he went his own way, but I kept on. The garden was where all my money went. I went from having just the *Dendrobium* to more than a thousand orchids. I didn't invest in anything else. So when the market crashed, I still had my plants. They did not crash, you know.

As I found homes for each plant and built pathways through the property, I started to think that St. Thomas needed a botanical garden. Maybe I could turn this obsession into a business. It would be a way of justifying my insanity.

In the meantime, I want the trees literally dripping in orchids. There's just something about them that hooks you. That's *Brassavola nodosa*, they call that Lady of the Night. During the day it's pretty, but at night it smells really good. Its pollinators are moths that come out only at night. The moon reflects off the white flowers, and then it sends off this scent; the moth finds it and pollinates it.

Orchids grow in virtually every type of climate and on every continent in the world except Antarctica. If something wants to grow in the Himalayas, it might grow here, but it will never bloom. From that first orchid that I bought at Bluebeard's Castle, I had to make sure I was buying for St. Thomas.

I bring them back here, put them on a tree and say, "Grow," and they just grow. Up here on the mountain, even if it doesn't rain at night, it gets so cool that the moisture condenses, and the orchids get water out of the air that way. I just put them up there and leave them alone. They do their thing.

I just opened this place as a botanical garden. I hope the orchids will help me build my fancy house, finally. But this is already home. If I found you growing in nature, where would you be living? High on a tree? Low? Would you be living where it's really sunny? Where it's really shady? That's what I think about with the orchids.

Patsy Breunlin, 61, is an architect, a general contractor and a gardener specializing in exotic orchids.

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