

# THE ORCHID ENTHUSIAST

## The Newsletter of the Central New York Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society and Orchid Digest

### 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 **two weeks** before the next meeting to: csmith23@twcny.rr.com

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

2020 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

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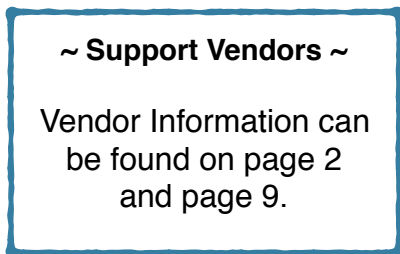
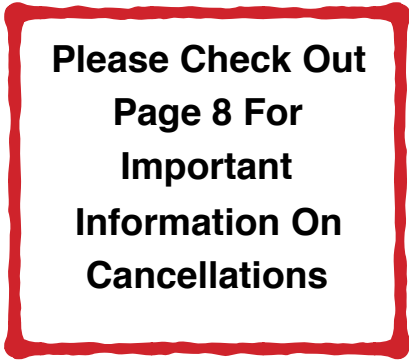
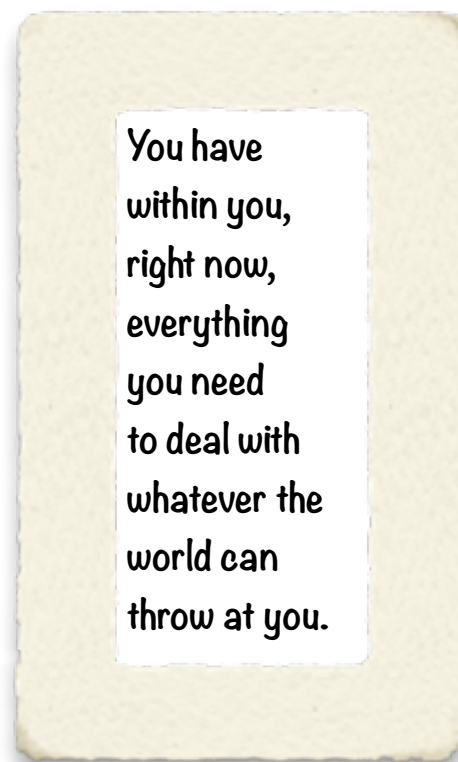
Carol Haskell, Treasurer  
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Dear Orchid Friends,

During this stressful time when many of us are 'forced' to stay home, I have to admit my orchids are receiving much better care than usual. They are appropriately watered, fertilized, repotted, checked for critters and virus. The saddest part for our orchids is that their blooms are beautifully staked up, with no place to go.

Speakers and events have been cancelled. BUT, many of our favorite orchid sales greenhouses are still active and shipping as spring arrives in the Northeast. Some have sales or shipping discounts right now ... I believe I will be placing some orders because: 1. Who doesn't want a new orchid? 2. Our orchid vendors need to be supported.

Good luck and please be healthy,  
Lori Burritt, President



## Vendor List:

Our auctions and shows have benefited greatly from the generosity of the following vendors. When shopping for new orchids and supplies, please check them out first!

<http://www.andysorchids.com>

<http://marlowsorchids.com> \*\*

<https://www.kkorchid.com> \*\*

<http://www.jlorchids.com>

<https://www.mountainorchids.com>

<http://www.pipingrockorchids.com> \*\*

<http://www.fairorchids.com>

<http://www.stonybrookorchids.com>

[edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net)

To contact Windswept in Time Orchids

<https://www.msorchids.net> \*\*

<https://carter-and-holmes.com>

<https://www.kalapanatropicals.com>

<https://cloudsorchids.com>

**\*\* denotes vendors at our show**

### Upcoming Webinars:

*American Orchid Society: Register at [aos.org](http://aos.org)*

March 31, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

*A Junior Orchid Show*

Barbara Schmidt

(Open to All Webinar)

April 8, 2020 - 8:30 PM

*Orchid Pro - Learning How to Use it!*

Laura Newton

(Member Only Webinar)

April 23, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

*Greenhouse Chat April 2020*

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Apr. 19th)

## Minutes: March 1, 2020

~ The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm by vice president Sue in the absence of the president who had to attend to family matters.

~ The minutes from the February meeting printed in the newsletter were accepted.

~ No treasurers' report available.

~ New members Amanda, Mary and Jane were welcomed.

~ Dues should be in to Carol (treasurer) by April.

~ The Rochester show is the last week of March. Jerry, Sue and Janet will set up our display. Please have your plants to Sue by Wed. as set up is on Thursday. An e-mail will be sent out reminding the members of this event and the criteria for entering your beauties.

~ The speaker for the April meeting will take orders and have plants to sell. Sue has sent e-mails to the members with his listings for pre-purchase to be delivered at the meeting.

~ Sarah, Jane, and John gave their "rookie" presentations for the show table with beautiful plants.

~ The business meeting was adjourned at 2:47 with a motion by Bob, second by Honey.

### Guest Speaker:

The entertainment for the meeting was provided by member Jan Woodworth as she took us on a tour of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) show held annually in Philadelphia. All the displays at our show combined would not be as big as the average display at SEPOS. It's worth the trip!

Respectfully submitted, Jack Hasse, Secretary

~ JUDY SETLA ~

Paph. venustum  
 ('Longlife 27' x 'Master' HCC/AOS)  
**Rhyncholaeliocattleya** Husky Boy  
 'Romeo' **HCC/AOS**  
 (Rlc. Evergreen x Cattleya Orglade's  
 Glow)

~ DAVID DITZ ~

Paphiopedilum insigne	L
Paphiopedilum barbatum	L
Dendrobium limpidum	G
Masdevallia asterotricha	L/humid
Leptotes bicolor	G
Platystele umbellata	L/humid
Oberonia setigera	L/high humidity
Phalaenopsis Yin's Black Eagle	L
(Dragon Tree Eagle x Grosbeak)	
Aerangis Zipper	L/humid
(James G. Coyner x citrata)	

~ DOLORES CAPELLA ~

Dendrobium trantuanii  
 Phal. Liu's Fantasy  
 (Be Glad x Timothy Christopher)

~ JERRY & SUE FINGER ~

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii	L
Dendrobium Kayla's Blush	L
(Blushing Vista x Dunokayla)	
Cattlianthe Japanese Beauty 'Sakura'	L/O
HCC/AOS	
(Ctt. Fairyland x Cattleya Misaki Bells)	
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsinying Williette	L/O
(C. Tokyo Magic x Rlc. Williette Wong)	
Brassavola venosa	new
Brassia cochleata	L/O

Nice variety of genera!  
 Submitted by Sue Finger, Registrar

~ April Show Table ~

Because there will be no April meeting, if you would like to send me photos of your blooming orchids (see Jack Hasse's to the right), we will have a Virtual Show Table in the next newsletter!

Photo Deadline: April 18th.

~ Chris Smith



The world seems like it is falling apart at this time but flowers keep on blooming letting us know all hope is not lost.

~ Jack Hasse



## THE April 2020 AOS CORNER

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - **A**ffiliated **S**ocieties Newsletter Editor

### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

#### APRIL Focus: Sharpen Your Pencils

##### Did You Get it?

A printed copy of **ORCHIDS magazine** is distributed monthly to our American Orchid Society Affiliates and is available both in print and digital versions for individual AOS members. It is a monthly reminder to grow our knowledge base. Each month it includes articles, advice and encouragement to help us expand our passion for orchids. If you have hit upon a successful method of caring for your orchids, or something novel in your growing area set-up that may work for others, write those ideas down. If you have something that has worked extremely well within your society, write it down. If you have tried and true tips to share, write them down. Our editorial staff is always looking for new content for our flagship monthly publication. **Submit an article** to the magazine for consideration. Follow these guidelines and you may soon see your name in print. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/article-submissions.aspx>

**DID YOU KNOW?** Every year the American Orchid Society holds a contest that offers a cash prize for the winner and publication of the winning essay in ORCHIDS magazine. There is a new theme each year. The annual **Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest** was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now ORCHIDS). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

Incorporate any of the following ideas into your 2020 essay – The AOS is celebrating its **Centennial Anniversary** in 2021. To join in the fun, the 2020 Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest is asking for in-depth articles relating to significant people, events, programs or even plants or technology changes that have helped shape the direction of the AOS or are likely to in the future. Was there someone special in the AOS who mentored and inspired you and others? Did an AOS award you received plant the seed that resulted in you becoming involved in judging—could you tie that into how the judging program has helped shape the AOS and Affiliated Societies? Perhaps it is technological changes that the AOS has adopted that have changed and will change the AOS and your enjoyment of orchids. Share why the AOS has had and will have an enormous influence over many lifetimes. There are rules to follow and deadlines to meet. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/article-submissions/dillon-peterson-essay-contest.aspx>

#### Worth the Read - ORCHIDS April Preview

The April edition of ORCHIDS features spectacular photography of spectacular orchids in this all-awards issue. This year, along with the traditional FCCs from 2019 and the year-end special awards for 2018, it will include an additional 16 pages of 2018 awards. LOOK for your awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS!

VIEW the beauty and diversity of the **most recently awarded orchids on the AOS website!** Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Check it out to get some great ideas for your next display. <https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

*Eileen Hector, AOS Corner*

## ~ *Thoughtful Gestures in the Orchid Community Promote Positive Attitudes* ~

~ by Thomas Mirenda

*This is a re-print of an article from Orchids April 2013*

**Spring** is a most uplifting time of year, with its cool, fresh weather, its astonishing rainbow palette of floral exuberance and accompanying fragrant essences in the air. Whatever hardships life may lay at our doorstep, daffodils, cherry blossoms and spring cattleyas are, at least, a temporary respite from adversity. Spring is nice. I had a teacher years ago who chided me for using that word too often and opined that “nice” was actually an insult, that it was an adjective used to describe something bland. Something “nice” couldn’t be branded with any superlatives. It merely described an object or experience that was pleasant, but evoked no passion. As I’ve matured I’ve come to think differently about “niceness” and its importance and relevance. For example, I’ve discovered that in my desire to always be right or correct, I’ve also become confrontational, calling people out when they say something inaccurate or that I do not agree with. However justified I may be in correcting someone, in the end this appears as negativity and drives away potential friendships and relationships. Being nice is something I have to work on every day, but this work has also yielded fantastic, if immeasurable, results.

At the risk of sounding like an elementary school teacher, I believe that, no matter what, it is always important to be nice, to listen to and respect others’ points of view and to be kind to everyone, even those we completely disagree with. This kind of sensitivity is especially important in today’s orchid world and particularly in the orchid judging community. It is frequently lamented that participation in judging has been waning over the years and that, in particular, young people are underrepresented or even absent from our meetings and events. While this is often blamed on the seductive pull of the internet, that is really a lame explanation, as in the

orchid world, there is no image or website that can substitute for the real thing. It is up to us to create a nurturing environment for everyone who wants to take part in the joy of orchid growing, no matter how old and crotchety, how young and callow or how odd and quirky. It is this diversity that makes us stronger, and diversity is what I love most about orchids. We are all good at nurturing and coddling our plants, but seemingly less successful in growing our own ranks. I think that in this regard, niceness can go a long way.

**MILDNESS** even though spring rains and storms are still likely in April, we can all agree that the weather has improved greatly since the bleak midwinter. Orchids reflect the changes too and are stimulated by the lengthening days and increased light levels to begin their new growths. Even plants such as cymbidiums, lycastes and phalaenopsis that have just finished blooming are already producing new roots, leaves and growths that are the beginnings of this year’s pseudobulbs. There is a lot of imminent work to be done now. You must take advantage of all this growing activity as this is the time when plants establish themselves most easily.

**PREPAREDNESS** Before repotting season gets seriously underway, be sure you have all the supplies you’ll need to do a good job. Hit the garden centers or crack open the supply catalog and get a generous supply of clean new pots and baskets in assorted styles and sizes, fresh orchid mixes, rhizome clips, blank labels for any divisions you might make and fresh, unspoiled fertilizers. If you’re anything like me, having everything needed at your fingertips makes for a fun and efficient session of repotting. If I have to keep going back to the store or discover I do not have everything I need,

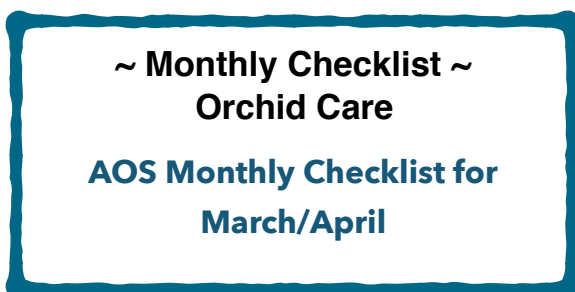
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**Thoughtful Gestures** ... Con't. from page 5

I risk doing a poor or incomplete job or recycling supplies that may be suspect. In the end, the plants will suffer and so will your growing. Your orchids' needs are not that complicated. Just like when you are cooking, it is always true that the best results come directly from your best efforts and quality ingredients.

**MINDFULNESS** Go through every plant in your collection and assess its needs and progress. This will help you set priorities in terms of which plants need to be repotted first. While most everything benefits from a spring repotting, some plants, particularly cattleyas and species from seasonally dry forests such as encyclias, catasetums and brassavolas, are rapidly coming out of dormancy now and you should try to repot them before the new roots are 2 inches (5 cm) long. Otherwise, the new roots may be damaged and crushed while repotting. Allowing roots to develop and grow naturally into their new fresh medium is what we all strive for at this time of year.

**GRACIOUSNESS** Invite your curious friends, neighbors and even that surly teenager across the street to help you during potting season. If they are not interested they will likely politely turn down your entreaties, but you just might be surprised how interested they might be. Reward anyone who helps you with a nice division or a new blooming phalaenopsis from the supermarket. Your invitation to them into this unfamiliar but totally fascinating world might create a new orchid enthusiast. And besides, it's a nice thing to do. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 82, NO.4, APRIL 2013)*



~ **PBS: Plants Behaving Badly** ~

- A two episode documentary narrated by David Attenborough.
- Two groups of plants exhibit such intriguing behavior that a century and a half ago they attracted the attention of Charles Darwin. These same plants, the orchids and the carnivorous plants, still fascinate scientists today. In two one-hour films, Plants Behaving Badly reveals a world of deceit and treachery worthy of any fictional thriller.

**Episode 1: Murder and Mayhem**

- Recently scientists have shown that many more plants are carnivorous than we ever thought. Welcome to the world of killer tomatoes and murderous potatoes. But even the more obvious carnivorous plants – sundews, flytraps and pitchers – are revealing new behavior. Carnivorous plants have featured in many sci-fi films over the years, but the reality turns out to be far stranger than the fiction.

**Episode 2: Sex and Lies**

- In this film, we see how orchids deceive insects into helping them, using underhand tricks, including the promise of sex. Bee orchids have flowers that look like female bees and exactly mimic the scent produced by female bees. Male bees are completely fooled and try to mate with the flower and in their misguided frenzy, they pick up the orchid's pollen.

**To Watch:**

- ~ Check your local PBS station
- ~ WCNY Passport Membership
- ~ Amazon Prime Membership

**The Power of Flowers**  
 Better-Gro Orchid Blog  
 March 18, 2020

Did you know that it is scientifically proven that flowers can improve your mood, increase happiness and reduce stress? Just like exposure to pets, flowers can have the same positive impact on your feelings of happiness and overall well being.

Three separate studies conducted by Rutgers University Scientist, **Dr. Jeannette Haviland-Jones**, found that flowers are a positive emotion inducer. "Common sense tells us that flowers make us happy," said Dr. Haviland-Jones. "Now, science shows us that not only do flowers make us happier than we know, they have strong positive effects on our emotional well being."

**A few important takeaways from these studies include:**

1. **A gift of flowers has an immediate positive impact on happiness.** In every case, study participants who received flowers always elicited a true, heartfelt smile. Furthermore, study

participants continued to report positive moods three days later.

2. **Flowers have a long-term positive impact on emotions and mood.** Study participants who reported feeling depressed or anxious demonstrated a higher sense of life satisfaction and enjoyment after receiving flowers. Furthermore, flowers had both an immediate and long-term effect on emotional reactions, mood, social behaviors and even memory.
3. **Flowers connect people.** The presence of flowers leads to great connectivity among family and friends.

So, as you continue to read the headlines, practice social distancing and are quarantined to your home, surround yourself with flowers and feel their positive power.

Happy Blooming!

## Question Korner



*New MEMBER?*

*Problem Plant?*

*How to transplant?*

*What is a species vs. a Hybrid?*

*What do the tags mean?*

*Designing a growing area?*

*Too embarrassed to ask?*

*How do I grow this?*

*Club members will be on hand at 1:30p just before our meetings to answer your questions. If you suspect your plant is diseased, please bag it before hand. See you there!*

### April 2020 AOS Orchidist's Word of the Month:

**node (no-d):**

A joint on a stem or pseudobulb that normally bears a bract, a leaf, a whorl of leaves or a root.

#### **Message from Charles:**

Idea - everyone should take lots of pictures of their flowering orchids and post them to our Facebook page. Or they can email pics to me and I can post.

Everyone please stay healthy...

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**April 5, 2020 - CANCELLED**

**May 3, 2020 - 2 PM - Guest Speaker Speaker**  
Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in CA

**June 7, 2020 - 2 PM - CNYOS Program -**  
Annual Auction/Picnic

### 2020 Refreshment Volunteer List:

**MAY 3, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER**

David Ditz & Lorrie Worden

Beverages: Honey Goshorn

**JUNE 7, 2020 - ANNUAL PICNIC**

Everyone brings a dish to pass.

Hello Members,

Very important information on our **April 5th scheduled meeting.**

The speaker, **Peter T Lin, has been POSTPONED** due to COVID19. He is well but we can not meet because of the NY State COVID19 regulations at this time. By working with the 3 other societies on the Thruway, we will attempt to reschedule for the first available date that can be coordinated.

The **MEETING** itself is **CANCELLED**. Each member should please adjust their schedules and duties. Please do not come to the church expecting to attend a meeting. No refreshments, no show table. No risk.

**Rochester GROS show is CANCELLED.**

**SEPOS show is CANCELLED.** Also the Spring Innovative Bead Show that some of us went to last year.

**STOS April Meeting/Auction and show are CANCELLED.**

As soon as the COVID19 is better contained we can begin to look at continuing our meeting and speakers line up. The May meeting is scheduled to have Alan Koch coming from California. I will send updates on him and that meeting as they come in. We will be working on rescheduling a program with Peter for much later on and maybe not until 2021.

We are trying to take everyone's health into consideration. Personally, I'm bummed out but it is safer this way.

Stay well everyone!  
Sue Finger VP, Program Chair

**Africa Violet & Gesneriad Society of Syracuse**  
Annual Show & Sale, May 2 - May 3 is  
**CANCELLED**

To help pass the time .... check out the  
1000s of pre-recorded Webinars at  
[aos.org](http://aos.org).



### Save the Dates: 2020 Events Schedule

~ 2020 dues should be to Carol by April ~

**April 5, 2020:** ~~CANCELLED~~ CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids in California

**May 3, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in California

**June 7, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Annual Auction/Picnic

Bring a dish to pass, your table setting and beverage, **AND** your wallet! Always an opportunity to buy great looking plants donated by Nurseries across the US!

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**September 13, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids

**NEW! October 4, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise  
The Thruway Trail will again benefit by the combined work of the Program Chairs by hosting this speaker. More info will be announced later. We are able to do our regular meeting date since our Show will be the following weekend at Beaver Lake.

**October 2020: \*Please Note Change of Date\***  
2nd weekend - CNYOS Annual Show at Beaver Lake

**November 2020:** Open for Speaker (TBA)

**December 2020:** CNYOS Program - Holiday Luncheon

I hope everyone will consider shopping online since we don't have the opportunity to go to shows. They can choose off of the list already in the newsletter (page 2). \* Maybe when someone orders they could let us all know of good or bad experiences so we can update the list of nurseries.\* Check out [orchidmall.com](http://orchidmall.com) and they should have just about anything. Created, owned, and maintained by Carson Whitlow; he came here to do a program.

Happy Orchid Shopping! No Withdrawals Here! Sue

**This is a message sent out on FaceBook by one of our show vendors,  
Carri Raven-Riemann (OrchidPhile)**

We just sent out an updated March Pre-Order List (now a Mail Order List) to all our clients ~ due to all orchid shows & events being cancelled, we're offering a discount, based on the plant total order, for everyone who would like to place an order through April 20th. In preparation for several cancelled shows, we have a lot of Phals & other genera which happily grow & flower with Phalaenopsis on our list. Most are in bud or just opening their first flowers, at the perfect stage for shipping. If you'd like a copy of this Mail Order List, please request it at [orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net). We'll be shipping orders next Tuesday ~ and the weather & the plants are perfect for shipping!

**\*Recommended Nursery\***

[tarzangroup.com](http://tarzangroup.com)

“Plants arrived when promised, great condition and nice sized plants”

Sue

### Central New York Orchid Society

The Central New York Orchid Society meets at St. Augustine’s Church, 7333 O’Brien Rd, Baldwinsville, at 2:00PM on the first Sunday of each month from September through June except for January and September (date moved to second Sunday because of national holiday weekends).

Website: <http://cnyos.org>

#### Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

<http://www.cnyos.org/directions.html>

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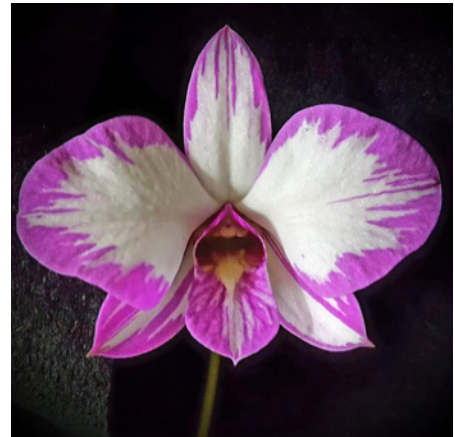
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### CNYOS Facebook Page:

If you have not checked out our Facebook Page, you can search “Central NY Orchid Society” on Facebook or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/CNYOS/>



Reminder: Be sure to “Like” our page!

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