

# 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:

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**Hilda Belman had a bad fall recently. We send her best wishes for a speedy recovery.**

## Next Meeting: Sunday December 6, 2 PM, Holiday Covered Dish Party.

Though it seems more like Fall than winter right now, it's time for our annual Holiday Covered Dish Party. See the President's Message below on who should bring what. Cutlery, plates, and cups will be provided.



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## President's Message

With the return of Pat Cotter to our meetings I don't have to restate the detailed set of notes she took. Thanks Pat. If you haven't taken the time to read them please do as there are many very important items.

First off, the Christmas party and food: Letters A-L please bring a main dish to share. It doesn't need to be something huge or gourmet. Letters M-R please bring something to drink. S-Z please bring a dessert to pass. The weighting of the first group is to make sure we aren't top heavy with desserts.

Remember we will have a show table as usual so bring your beauties to share and a raffle table as well.

We also must handle some business. Elections for the President, Vice President, and a person, which could be a Vice President, to schedule speakers all need to be decided. The duties of each position were talked about in last month's President's Message. In addition we need a new show chairperson to oversee the smooth running of the fall orchid show. Remember stepping into these roles doesn't mean doing it alone or having to invent the way to do it. You'd have lots of back up for sure. And more than enough opinions on how to do it! So give it a try. Who knows you may have fun with it and get to know some very interesting people as well.

I also wanted to thank Eva for diligently and elegantly putting the newsletter together for us all.

Enjoy Thanksgiving and we will see you in December!  
Tom Daily

## Special Offer from OrchidWiz

OrchidWiz is making an intriguing offer to orchid clubs. Through their SWAP (Software for Auction Program) they are giving a free copy of their software to clubs and societies for their annual auctions. For more information go to [www.orchidswap.com](http://www.orchidswap.com)! We should consider this offer for our May auction.

They are also offering discounts of 30-50% if 5 or more people purchase their software at the same time, but this discount offer expires December 31, 2009.

## ***Minutes – CNYOS Meeting November 1, 2009***

Tom Daily opened the meeting at 2:10 PM by welcoming the club members and announcing we would be discussing the October 2009 Show results:

1. Tom thanked all the members who helped with the show. He noted it was a beautiful show and everyone's hard work was much appreciated.
2. Carol presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently, the club has a balance of \$3096.03 in our account. Carol reported that though we did not make a profit on our CNYOS Show (Show expenses exceed show income to date by \$686.55), this is an improvement on last year's show, where our expenses exceeded income by over \$1200. Carol is still expecting one additional commission check, so she expects the final show income/expense number to be adjusted further. All show expenses and donations are reflected in the number above.
3. Tom reported that, this year, the club relied on "gratis" advertising in local newspapers and periodical publications. He congratulated the Advertising Committee for a great job (David Ditz and Lori Hoffman). David Ditz reviewed the show notices and publicity articles we received in the various publications. Tom asked David and Lori to make up a list of contacts that they used for the 2010 Show Advertising Committee.
4. Iris Cohen reported that the show registration and awards process went smoothly this year and she has trained several new volunteers to help with this task.
5. Dolores Capella suggested that we consider eliminating several of our existing memorial awards. These awards were started as a memorial for club members who had passed away. Dolores questioned that these awards should be continued indefinitely past the memorial year of the death of the member, unless the award was endowed from a source outside the club or was for a charter member (over 20 years membership) of the club. After a brief discussion, Dolores made a motion that there would be no additional annual memorial show awards made for any deceased member, who has belonged to the club for less than 20 years at the time of death. The motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands.
6. Charles Ufford asked people to consider what type speakers and programs they would be interested in seeing at upcoming meetings. He passed around a sheet for members to write down suggestions.
7. Tom asked for volunteers to serve as officers and committee chairmen for the new membership year. For 2010, we need a new president, vice-president/program chairman and show chairman. The president is responsible for leading and coordinating the talking points for each meeting. The vice-president schedules meeting programs and speakers and stands in for the president, when absent. The show chairman will be responsible for coordinating the 2010 CNYOS Show. If anyone is interested in these positions, please contact Tom.
8. We need volunteers to bring refreshments to our future meetings. A refreshment sign-up sheet was passed around.
9. We discussed whether or not members can bring plants and supplies, etc. to sell at meetings. David Ditz made a motion that members can bring orchid-related items to sell to any meeting with "no agenda" (a meeting with no speaker or no workshop, where plants will be sold by the speaker or by an outside vendor as part of the workshop). This motion does not change the rules governing our two auction meeting months. The motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands.
10. Our next meeting is December 6 and will be our Christmas potluck party. Tom reminded everyone to bring a dish to share.

11. November 7, Saturday, is a field trip to Marlow's Orchids in Rochester for Jim Marlow's Open House. We will carpool as usual. All interested members will meet at St. Augustine's parking lot at 10AM.

12. Thanks to Charles Ufford for providing refreshments for the November meeting!

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 11-15-09

### ***Save the Orchid Club!!***

Dear CNYOS,

I missed the November club meeting thanks to all the germs that caught up with me from my teaching job. I saw a friend from the club soon after and asked if we had new volunteers for the offices. She said no one volunteered and we're hanging in limbo. If we don't get anyone to step up it will essentially mean the end of our club. Now I know our club has gotten smaller in the last few years but I hoped it would never disappear!!

I haven't asked Iris to say anything (and I'm sure she has a lot to say) but she was one of our earliest members and has always been and is still very active in the club. How come so many of our other members are not willing to step up and do anything but snacks!?! The club is only as strong as the members that are willing to participate in it's activities and responsibilities. We are trying to make it easier to volunteer by making committees (groups of people) so no one has to shoulder the responsibilities alone. I'm asking you to leave your comfort zone and expand your experience and sense of accomplishment by signing up for a committee. Many of us that have been on the committees will still be there as well but we need YOU.

I hope I shock you into action when I tell you that I think our club is dying. If you care please listen and consider your part in this club. I have made a list of what I think a viable, healthy club does.

We need great speakers and interesting programs to educate and excite our members. Business should be held to a minimum at meetings and the bulk of it done in executive meetings so we don't bore members or scare off new members.

We need committees to do things like shows (and its parts), fund raisers, holiday activities, speakers and programs, etc. We also need a membership committee to figure out how to get new members and make them feel welcome. What happened to the beginners' meetings? I would be willing to do this with the help of others. We lost a lot of new members because our meeting offer nothing for them! I'll make sign up lists of possible committees for members to consider.

We need to collaborate with our fellow clubs, STOS and GROS for programs and speakers. They are a great resource for ideas and shared expenses. Some speakers are from other clubs as well. The program chair needs to find out who is in charge of programs in each club and stay in contact to collaborate to be on top of it.

Most importantly, we need someone (even two or a group) in charge. New officers should meet with previous officers so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. As a past president, I would be happy to meet and brainstorm with any new officers. And most importantly, we need members to volunteer for the committees mentioned above. Without these two things we DO NOT HAVE A FUTURE!

Notice I just volunteered for a couple things in this letter. It's easy. Just start with one.

If you love the orchid club and want to see it not only continue but grow, please become an active member and try to help us with these goals!

Wishing you become concerned and involved as well as Happy Blooming,  
Judi Witkin

## November Show Table

Please note all names and abbreviations in boldface. Kindly **update your records** with registered names or parents.

### Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Phrag.</i> Paul Eugene Conroy ( <i>longifolium</i> × <i>warszewiczianum</i> )	Capella
<i>Paph.</i> Emerald Sea × Alma <b>Gevaert</b> *	Ditz
<i>Paph.</i> <b>In-Charm Cloud</b> (In-Charm White × <i>godefroyae</i> )	Woodworth
<i>Paph.</i> <i>charlesworthii</i>	Coleman

### Cattleya Alliance

<i>C.</i> Llory Ann (Memoria Robert Strait × Jungle Flare)	Cohen
<i>Bct.</i> Little Marmaid ( <i>C. walkeriana</i> × <i>Bsn.</i> Maikai)*	"
<i>Rth.</i> Cherub ( <i>Gur. aurantiaca</i> × <i>Rc.</i> Trinket)	"
<b><i>Prosthechea radiata</i></b>	Woodworth
<i>C.</i> Haw Yuan Angel (Orglade's Glow × Janet)	Finger
<b><i>Rlc.</i></b> Haw Yuan Beauty × <b><i>Rct.</i></b> Haw Yuan Glory (2 plants)	"
<i>Ctyh.</i> Siam Jade ( <i>C.</i> Penny Kuroda × <i>Ctyh.</i> Vienna Woods) †	Capella
<i>Rth.</i> Burana Beauty (Netrasiri Starbright × <i>C.</i> Netrasiri Beauty)	Coleman
<b><i>Bc.</i></b> Yellow Bird (Richard Mueller × <i>B. nodosa</i> )	"
<b><i>Rhynchobrossoleya (Rby.)</i></b> Copper Queen ( <b><i>Rlc.</i></b> Toshie Aoki × <b><i>Bc.</i></b> Richard Mueller)Weller	
<i>Psh.</i> Green Hornet ( <i>cochleata</i> × <i>trulla</i> )	Braue
<i>C.</i> × <i>dayana</i> , Dayana (Moir) ( <i>forbesii</i> × <i>guttata</i> )‡	"
<b><i>Rlc.</i></b> Ivan Sng (sic) × <b><i>Ctt.</i></b> Varut Startrack	Corey

### Vandaceous

<i>Phal. celebensis</i>	Galson
<i>Neof. falcata</i>	Daily
<i>Phal. bellina</i>	Ufford
<i>Dar.</i> Charm ( <b><i>Neof. falcata</i></b> × <b><i>Vasco. Tham Yuen Hae</i></b> )	Braue

### Oncidium Alliance

<i>Bllra.</i> Patricia McCully ( <i>Dgmra.</i> Winter Wonderland × <i>Oda.</i> Saint Wood)	Finger
<i>Brsdm.</i> Longlen ( <i>Brs. arcuigera</i> × <i>Onc. leucochilum</i> )	Capella
<i>Mtssa.</i> Dennis Kleinbach ( <b>Cartagena</b> × <b>Milt. Goodale Moir</b> )	Corey
<i>Odcdm.</i> Wildcat (Rustic Bridge × Crowborough)	Coleman
<i>Mtssa.</i> Shelob (Olmec × <i>Brs.</i> Edvah Loo)	"
<i>Milt.</i> Kathy Jo Brown (Martin Orenstein × Arnold Linsman)	"

### Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Masd.</i> <b>Redwing</b> (one word) ( <i>infracta</i> × <i>coccinea</i> )	Galson
<i>Pls. stenostachya</i>	Ditz
<i>Masd. roseola</i>	Capella
<i>Masd. exquisita</i>	Daily
<b><i>Zo. atropurpureum</i></b>	"
<i>Masd.</i> Angel Tang ( <i>veitchiana</i> × <i>tonduzii</i> )	Hoffman
<i>Masd.</i> Keiko Komoda ( <b>Copper Angel</b> × <i>constricta</i> )	"

### Miscellaneous

<i>Coel. massangeana</i>	Finger
<i>Den.</i> <b>André Millar</b> ( <i>atroviolaceum</i> × <i>convolutum</i> )	Galson
<i>Bulb. annandalei</i>	Woodworth
<i>Bulb. putidum</i> §	Ditz
<i>Max. praestans</i>	Coleman
<i>Gga. galeata</i>	"
<b>Z.</b> Jumpin Jack (Skippy Ku × <b>Artur Elle</b> )	"
<i>Den.</i> Nora Tokunaga ( <i>atroviolaceum</i> × <i>rhodostictum</i> )	"
<i>Serissa japonica</i> (Rubiaceae)	Cohen

\*The misspelling in registration is probably due to an error or a possible copyright issue.

†There is some doubt about the accuracy of this registration, since *Cattleya* Penny Kuroda (as far as we know) never had any alba clones. However, at this late date it can't be changed.

‡This is both a natural hybrid and a registered grex. The registrant's name is part of the grex name because now there is another grex by the same name.

§There is no published variety *B. putidum* var. *fascinator*.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail <mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table>.

## ***Treasurer's Report***

### Net Worth

#### Assets

Cash Account	1,018.34
Key Bank	<u>2,077.69</u>
Total	3,096.03

### Summary Report 1/1/09 – 11/1/09

Inflows	4,347.74
Outflows	<u>3,947.09</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	400.00

## ***Refreshment Volunteers***

December	Holiday Party	Everyone contributes
January	1. Barbara Weller	2. ?
February	1. Marlene Weibel	2. Jan Woodworth
March	1. Sue & Jerry Finger	2. Eva Galson
April	1. Carol Haskell	2. Tammy Pomietlasz
May	1. David Ditz	2. Pat Cotter
June	Spring Picnic	Everyone Contributes
September 2010	1. Rick Braue	2. Dale Corey
October	1. ?	2. ?
November	1. Dolores Capella	2. ?

## ***Trip to Jim Marlow Orchids***

Eleven members made the trip to Jim Marlow Orchids Open House on a beautiful Fall Saturday. We were rewarded by delicious food and a greenhouse full of tempting orchids. Each one of us left with at least one potential prize winner tucked away. Thanks to Jim for always making the trip a worthwhile excursion.

I'm going to try to include occasional tips for beginners in the Orchid Enthusiast. The following article is from the AOS.

### *Why won't my orchid rebloom ?*

Insufficient light is the most common cause of failure to re-bloom your orchid. Leaf color indicates if the amount of light is adequate. The lush, rich, dark green of most houseplants is not desirable in orchid leaves. A grassy green color (light or medium green with yellowish tones) means the plant is receiving sufficient light to bloom. The orchid on the left shows the correct leaf color and is producing abundant blooms, the plant on the right has dark green leaves and no flowers. Orchid plants need sunlight. Light is used to turn moisture and nutrients into plant growth. A good rule is to give your plants as much light as possible without scorching. While too much light may damage the plants, too little light will prevent flowering or cause weak growth.

Too much sunlight is indicated by scorched spots on the foliage or pseudobulbs where the sun hits directly. Rarely does sunburn discolor an entire plant, only the portion of the green parts that is hit by direct sun for too long a period. Increased light should be given gradually. Burn damage is caused when the plant tissue gets too hot. If a leaf feels hot to your fingers, it may be burning. If you can cool down the leaf temperature with moving air and water, then the light can be brighter without doing any harm. Morning sun is more beneficial to plants than afternoon sun. Therefore your growing area should be located to get maximum sun and light early in the day. A windowsill chosen for orchids should face east or south.



## *Orchids' Deception*

How do you spread your genes around when you are stuck in one place? By tricking animals!! Michael Pollen in an article in the National Geographic says that ...”Orchids forced me to revise my estimation of what a clever plant is capable of doing to a credulous animal.”

Here is one example published in the October 2009 Smithsonian Magazine:



Why would hornets pounce on an orchid that has no nectar? By mistake, say researchers working on China’s Hainan Island. They found that *Denrobium sinense* flowers produce a chemical that mimics alarm pheromones emitted by honeybees. Hornets, which prey on the honeybees, smell the fragrance, attack the orchids – and inadvertently pollinate them.

And here are two more examples from the September 2009 National Geographic Magazine which show that orchids use different ruses to attract different pollinators:



To affix a yellow pollen sack to a male sand bee, a wild Italian hybrid dresses up as a female bee.



To recruit a butterfly for gene distribution, an *Epidendrum* in Panama imitates milkweed, a favorite food.

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