

# 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

2019 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Send to:

Carol Haskell, Treasurer  
102 Wythrop Road  
Syracuse, NY 13209

### President's Message:

End of the year coming soon and it's time for our Holiday Lunch meeting on December 2nd at 2pm. Please bring a dish to pass (we'll be bringing Mac & Cheese), your beverage and table setting. There will be time to visit, a raffle table can be done (bring something!), and the usual Show Table.

A vote will be taken to elect our nominated slate of officers. Unfortunately, Jack Hasse had a situation beyond his control come up and he could not accept the Vice President office so that is now an open position.

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was happy!  
See you in December!

~ Sue Finger



Stanhopea Aidan 'Arya' HCC/AOS  
Photographer: Tim Morton

## 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> \*\*

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

## Upcoming Webinars:

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

*December 12, 2018 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

*Judging Vandas*

*Robert Fuchs*

*(Member-Only Webinar)*

*January 10, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

*Cattleya Species Culture*

*Bill Rogerson*

*(Member-Only Webinar)*

*January 29, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

*Greenhouse Chat January 2019*

*Ron McHatton*

*(Open to All; submit questions by Jan. 22nd)*

## Minutes: November 4, 2018

**Treasurer's Report:** We made \$1513.75 from the show. \$150 on the raffle. Almost same as last year. Are expenses were less because we did not need as many ribbons, etc. Total amount to date in bank is \$6712.46.

### Old Business:

~ Jim Marlow had his open house. Sue and Jerry went out the Tuesday before and obtained orchids.

~ Joe Kunish has set up lights in his basement of his house where he is collecting phals.

~ Sunshine committee (Jan Woodworth) reported that she sent out cards to Iris and relatives of Eva Galson including her husband to announce new awards given at our show, one in appreciation and one in memory of.

~ Our guest speaker, Carson Witlow, was thanked for appearing at our October meeting.

### New Business:

~ Nomination for officers. Proposed slate to be voted on at the December meeting is as follows:

*President: Lori Burritt*

*Vice President: Need a nomination.*

*Treasurer: Carol Haskell*

*Secretary: Dolores Capella*

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## Show Table: November 4, 2018

### ~ JERRY & SUE FINGER ~

Brassia Rex 'Sakata' AM/AOS L/Outside  
 (verrucose x gireoudiana)  
 Clowesetum Jumbo York L  
 (Cl. Rebecca Northen x Ctsm.  
 Orchidglade)  
 Dendrobium Burana Doll L/Outside  
 not registered as this. May actually be  
 Burana Pink  
 Laelia perrinii L/Outside (almost full sun)

### ~ JAN WOODWORTH ~

Phrag. Green Hornet  
 (longifolium x pearcei)  
 Dendrobium Zoom x tetragonum  
 Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash' AM/AOS  
 (Enobi Komachi x Laguna Princess)  
 Paph. villosum  
 Paph. charlesworthii  
 Dendrobium Hibiki  
 (bracteosum x laevifolium)  
 Phal. Taida Kings Caroline 'Taida's Little  
 Zebra' AM/AOS  
 (Ho's Little Caroline x Everspring King)

### ~ JACK HASSE ~

Masd. Fire Queen Tank/Lights  
 (Southern Sun x Monarch)  
 Rth. ChocoBerry Fondue L/Outside  
 (Ctt. Chocolate Drop x Rlc. Ryo Iwata)  
 C. bowringiana L/Outside  
 ++ Masd. Mountain's Linebacker Tank/Lights  
 (Angel Tang x yungasensis)  
 Restrepia striata Tank/Lights  
 Restrepia purpurea Tank/Lights

### ~ DONNA COLEMAN ~

++ Mtdm. Saint Mary 'Everglades' HCC/AOS  
 (Mtdm. Memoria Mary Kavanaugh x  
 Onc. Saint Clement)  
 ++ Dendrobium Kultana x Mollisa Beauty  
 Dendrobium Cherry Song  
 (bigibbum x Princess Noriko)  
 Gomesa crispa

### ~ JUDI WITKIN ~

Ornithophora radicans  
 Paph. henryanum  
 Phal. Sogo Vivien  
 (Sogo Alice x Zuma's Pixie)  
 Platystele umbellata  
 Rth. Burana Beauty  
 (Rth. Netrasiri Starbright x C. Netrasiri  
 Beauty)  
 Scaphosepalum breve  
 Zygo. Jumpin Jack  
 (Zygo. Skippy Ku x Zygo. Arthur Elle)

### ~ LORI BURRITT ~

Lc. Miss Wonderful Windowsill  
 (C. Mari's Song x L. anceps)  
 Paph. barbigerum Windowsill  
 Gct. Sadie Rainn Windowsill  
 (Ctt. Ackor's Madison x Ctna. Donovan  
 Bennett)

The ++ symbol notes those plants that either had a name change, different spelling, or is now a named registered cross. Thank you all for bringing such great plants in.

~ Submitted by Sue Finger



Rhyncattleanthe Princess Takamado 'Jocelyn' AM/AOS  
 Photographer: Ramon de los Santos



## THE December 2018 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee  
([dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com](mailto:dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com))

### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Keep watching the Affiliated Societies page on [AOS.org](http://AOS.org). It's one of the places you'll be seeing changes on the AOS site. New content is being added and updated each week.

Some affiliate information will only be made available to members, so just make sure you are logged into your account to be sure you are accessing all information that's available to our affiliates. How to guides and articles are available on a new indexed page in the Affiliated Societies page of the website titled *Guides and Articles*. We hope you will find it easy to navigate and quickly locate the society topic you are looking for.

**UPCOMING WEBINAR:** What makes a great Vanda? with Robert Fuchs  
**Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST Open to all**

Please join premier Vanda grower, AOS Judge, and AOS Vice President Robert Fuchs as he talks about the beautiful Vanda Alliance and gives us judging tips as to what makes a good Vanda. **Register now using this link:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7644174664979492355> Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

**THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- The New Refugium Botanicum - *TBD*
- Form Meets Function - *White Fringed Orchids* by Thomas Mirenda
- For the Novice - *Leaf-Spotting Fungi in Cattleyas, Part 2 - Cercosporoid Fungi* by Sue Bottom
- Orchids Illustrated - *The Genus Renanthera* by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- *Exploring Central and Eastern Madagascar* by Johan and Clare Hermans
- *Beauties of the Beast: Cattlianthe Chocolate Drop and its hybrids* by Jean Allen-Ikeson
- *Orchid Photograph of the Week* - a collection of some of the best submissions for 2018

### RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and non-members.

### ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!

16-page award gallery of breath taking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

*Let's grow together, Denise Lucero*

## Tom's Monthly Checklist - November: The Month of Murmurings - Watchful Eyes Notice Details Necessary to Grow the Best Orchids ~ Thomas Mirenda

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** magazine, November 2011.*

Communication can take many forms; talking, writing, singing, tweeting (and not just for birds). Then there are the nonverbal ways we connect with each other: body language, facial expressions, pheromones, even possibly psychic phenomena. Sometimes I think writing — sitting alone at a keyboard trying to compose a salient and engaging communicate to persons unknown — is a strange and solitary, even a lonely, endeavor. One might ask, “Are these just murmurings in the dark?” Of late, I’ve come to realize that writing for *Orchids* is a powerful thing. I’ve learned that the earnest industry of writing for my readers each month has earned me friends around the world that I would never have met in a thousand lifetimes without this platform and opportunity. Recently, a dear friend of mine going through a difficult time said that she felt like a plant in the wrong environment: a vanda in the masdevallia house, or an epiphyte in terrestrial medium essentially denied the basic things necessary for her to thrive. We, as humans, have the tools to communicate our problems to each other and reach out for help. But the murmurings of orchids are much harder to discern. Subtleties abound in orchid culture and as their stewards we must endeavor to interpret what they are telling us in their own language. The best growers are sensitive and develop an ineffable connection to their plants. I’ve seen it and it is a beautiful thing I hope to develop someday.

**TURN, TURN, TURN:** For most of us in the Northern Hemisphere, the outside world has morphed considerably since June. The

days are shorter, the temperatures cooler and our moods are settling into indoor mode. Perhaps we don’t realize how much more time we spend outside when it’s warmer, but it is a simple truth. Orchid plants are also sensitive to these seasonal turns. Even if you supply them with the same heat, moisture, fertilizer and humidity year-round, they are still likely to slow down in winter. This is not only a natural but often a necessary part of an orchid’s life cycle. The cooler temperatures and shorter photoperiod in November are often the triggers for plant metabolism to slow and spike initiation to begin.



Many *Cattleya* species, such as this *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Teresa' HCC/AOS bloom reliably at specific times of the year. Their dependence on seasonal temperature and photoperiod must be understood to bloom them successfully, especially in the house. Grower Carlos Cahiz; Photographer Greg Allikas.



**WINDOWSILL WOES:** One mistake many growers, particularly those who grow indoors, often make is to provide their plants with constant temperatures and watering year-round. Even in tropical orchid habitats there are seasonal changes. Granted, these are not as radical as the changes we see as we approach the poles, but those subtle fluctuations in temperature, rainfall and light levels are the factors that allow plants to thrive and bloom in season. Allow cattleyas and standard dendrobiums to get much drier than you would in summer when they are in active growth. Catasetums and other orchids from seasonally dry habitats are deciduous (losing their leaves during the dry season) and serious damage can occur if they are drenched with water at this time. Your plants will murmur their needs to you by dropping some leaves or sprouting some new roots or growths. You must learn what those murmurings mean for the individuals in your collection.

**EVER SO LIGHTLY:** Another pitfall of the winter for indoor growers is our propensity to stay up late. Orchids that bloom in season are sometimes triggered by photoperiod. In other words, they are genetically programmed to bloom when the day length shortens in midwinter. Think of poinsettias and Christmas cactus, for example. If your lights are on until midnight where your plants are growing, they might sense they are experiencing a long summer day rather than the long cool winter night that would trigger blooming. Many cattleyas are like this, producing blooming sheaths by the autumn, but not developing buds until the nighttime temperatures and day-lengths are right. Greenhouse growers rarely experience these kinds of problems because they don't cohabit with their orchids day and night. Greenhouses tend to provide more naturalistic seasonal and daily temperature and photoperiodic fluctuations

than we can provide for our houseplants. But just being aware of this potential drawback is often the cure. While not always possible, keeping your orchids in a room you rarely use at night can help them bloom in season.

**MITE MAKES RIGHT?:** I think not. Mites are probably the most insidious pest you may come across on orchids during the winter. Encouraged by the lower humidity situations of most winter growing spaces, less frequent watering and less likelihood of getting washed away by a strong spray of the garden hose, mites can proliferate quickly in such conditions and cause serious damage. While softer-leaved orchids, such as miltonias or lycastes, seem especially susceptible, I believe mites can damage the new tender growths of more succulent orchids too and may be responsible for many abnormalities we see later on when these damaged growths mature. Look especially on the undersides of leaves for what appears to be dust or even tiny cobwebs. These tiny arachnids can suck the life out of individual cells from underneath and damage will eventually appear on the upper surface of leaves as an almost silvery effect. Mites are ubiquitous and can't really be completely avoided, but a gentle washing of the underside of affected leaves with a solution such as Safer Insect Killing Soap will seriously slow them down. Larger collections infected with mites may require the use of a commercial miticide for adequate control.

*Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades. He is an AOS accredited judge and is the chairman of the American Orchid Society's Conservation Committee.*

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### **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

- December 2, 2018 - 2 PM  
*CNYOS Annual Holiday Dish to Pass*
- January 6, 2019 - 2 PM  
*Silent Auction*
- February 3, 2019 - 2 PM  
*Program TBD*
- March 3, 2019 - 2 PM  
*Program TBD*

### **Refreshment Volunteer List:**

December 2, 2018

*Annual Holiday Dish to Pass*

(Bring a dish to pass, your own table setting and your own beverage)

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*A Refreshment Sign-Up Sheet for 2019 Meetings will be at the December 2nd Meeting.*

### **Minutes: November 4, 2018 Continued:**

~ Up coming year:

- January 6th-- Silent Auction. May be in the Annex building at the church.
- February & March-- Open.  
Maybe Chinese cymbidiums .
- April-- No Meeting.
- May- Auction. (unless sharing speaker)
- June-- Picnic.

March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> GROS Show.

SEPOS - April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>.

Binghamton Orchid Show: Unconfirmed at this time.

Nancy e-mailed Sue that Beaver Lake has our show set for 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October. This would be the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>. A judging center will be contacted with these dates.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> is our holiday dinner. Bring anything good to pass. Need to bring your own dish, silverware, and anything you want to drink.

~ Submitted by Dolores Capella

### **Please Note:**

### **Sunday, December 4th Vote for Officers**

### **Proposed slate to be voted on at the December meeting is as follows:**

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~ Welcome ~

New CNYOS Member

**Kim Fischer**

## 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>

## Central New York Orchid Society

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2nd - Lori Burritt (315) 826-7242

### Treasurer:

Carol Haskell (315) 468-0811

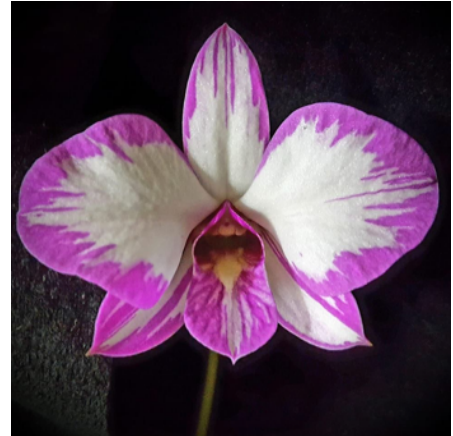
### Secretary:

Dolores Capella (315) 469-8697

## 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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