

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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It's time to renew your membership!
Individuals \$20
Family \$22

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Next Meeting: Sunday February 3, 2 PM. Jim Marlow Will Give a Talk on Dendrobiums.



Most of us are familiar with Jim Marlow, and know that his talks are both informative and interesting .

Jim will also have plants to sell, so we will not have a raffle table, but we will have a show table, so bring your blooming beauties as usual.

Many of us have visited his greenhouse near Rochester during his various open houses, and

enjoyed looking at and buying his wonderful orchids. If you look at the picture on the left, you will see some familiar faces engaged in that activity. Besides plants, the open houses feature great food, and delicious pies produced by Mike.

Jim's next open house will be on January 26, 2013, 9AM-5PM, before our next meeting, so call up some of your orchid friends, ad arrange a car pool for a fun experience.

President's Message

I wish I had something inspirational to say but nothing comes to mind except that each day is one day closer to spring. January had a thaw and now we'll pay for that with some very cold days. Be sure to watch the climates in your growing areas to provide what your orchids need. Hurray for the ones that I hear like to freeze to the windows that they grow next to!

Watch for what's coming up with a great new program and don't forget to sign in because there will be another Gomer Pyle Box (SURPRISE! SURPRISE!). And the plans are coming together for our bus trip to SEPOS. That will be great fun so get your reservations in now!

See you all in February!!

Sue Finger

JANUARY 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.

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph. liemianum</i>	Cohen
<i>Paph.</i> Magic Glory (Magic Leopard × Hsinying Glory)	Finger
<i>Paph.</i> Greensuds (Susan Tucker × F.C. Puddle)	Witkin
<i>Phrag. besseae</i>	Galson

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Ett.</i> Volcano Trick (<i>Ctt.</i> Trick or Treat × <i>Epi. stamfordianum</i>)	Coleman
<i>Bc.</i> Hoku Gem (<i>C.</i> Tangerine Jewel × Richard Mueller)	Woodworth
<i>Bsn.</i> Maikai (<i>B. nodosa</i> × <i>Gur. bowringiana</i>)	Capella
<i>Epic. René Marqués</i> (<i>Epi. pseudepidendrum</i> × <i>C. Claesiana</i>)	Ditz

Vandaceous

<i>Asctm. pumilum</i>	Woodworth
<i>Phal.</i> Salu John (Ever-spring King × Ching Her Buddha)	Capella
<i>Dtps.</i> unknown*	"

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Onc.</i> Opalescent (Nationhood × <i>trilobum</i>)	Coleman
<i>Tolu.</i> Unregistered, 2 plants	"
<i>Onc.</i> Kendrick Williams (Autumn × Ray Buckman)	"
<i>Helcia sanguinolenta</i>	Witkin
<i>Onc.</i> Unknown†	"
<i>Gomesa sp.</i>	Galson
<i>Onc.</i> Charlesworthii (1908) (<i>noezlianum</i> × <i>harryanum</i>)	"

Dendrobium Alliance

<i>Den.</i> André Millar (<i>atroviolaceum</i> × <i>convolutum</i>)	Weller
<i>Den.</i> Little Green Apples (Green Elf × <i>convolutum</i>)	Coleman
<i>Den.</i> Nora Tokunaga (<i>atroviolaceum</i> × <i>rhodostictum</i>)	"
<i>Den.</i> Baby Pink (<i>affine</i> × <i>bigibbum</i>)	"
<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	Woodworth
<i>Den. speciosum</i>	Lloyd
<i>Den. hemimelanoglossum</i>	Finger

Miscellaneous

<i>Sinningia</i> 'Treva McDaniel' (Gesneriaceae)	Cohen
<i>Cym.</i> Know Karen (God Only Knows × Karen)	Woodworth
<i>Ddc. bicallosum</i>	"
<i>Morm.</i> Jumbo Bacia × Virgen del Valle	"
<i>Max. embreei</i>	"
<i>Ddc. glumaceum</i>	Coleman
<i>Specklinia (Spe.) grobyi</i>	Ditz
<i>Angcm. sesquipedale</i>	Woodworth

*If one is forced to guess, a plant with that color is more likely a *Doritaenopsis*.

†There is no grex or species in *Oncidium* or related genera resembling this name. W.N. Huari is an orchid taxonomist, so the name may be a trade name, a clone name, or an unpublished species. Contact your supplier.

Please note: Kindly be extra careful of recording hybrid names containing accents, and their parents. Due to a shortcoming in the RHS database, they are extremely difficult to look up.

Iris Cohen

Minutes of January Meeting

Treasurer's Report-Annual Report submitted by Carol Haskell, copies available.

December 12,2012 meeting- no minutes available, this was our Holiday Party

Elections- results were published in the Newsletter

Old Business- nothing that needs to be discussed at this time

New Business

1. Fred Clark has offered to provide a presentation on 11/13

2. Bus Trip to Philadelphia for Orchid Show at Drexel University 4/13/13

the Bus will leave Shoppingtown Mall parking lot at 7 am , arriving in Philadelphia at 12n, leaving between 4-5 pm, returning between 9-10 pm. Currently , Sue is looking at Finger Lakes Bus Co. a 39 seat bus, with a cost of \$2,169 &tip for driver with an individual cost for the bus of \$55.61/person if the bus is filled to capacity.

Reservations to be filled by CNYOS members first, then open to GROS and STOS members depending upon availability. Jim Marlowe will be a Vendor there. The cost to enter the Museum is \$15. Sue will check on a group rate for the Museum.

There may be a conflict with the annual Dickman Farms event, Judi will check if it is the same weekend, and cancel our participation in the Dickman event if necessary.

3. Future Meetings

February- Jim Marlowe is coming, topic will be dendrobiums

March- compot meeting- the plants are at Jerry and Sue's house.

4. Sign In Sheets- sign in at each meeting for the exciting President's Award, then the names will be cut into strips, and a name picked for a "surprise".

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Weller

Refreshment Volunteers

February	1. Janet Woodworth	2. Jerry and Sue Finger
March	1. S. Ikuta(Drinks)	2. Honey Goshorn
April	1 (May coincide with Trip to GROS)	

May	1. Sarah Kelly	2. Donna Coleman
June	Spring Picnic	Everyone Contributes
September 2013	1. Pam Reeve	2. Cheryl & Tom Lloyd
October	Show	
November	1. ?	2. ?

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 1/6/13

Cash Account	115.00
Key Bank	<u>2344.97</u>
Total	2,459.97

Summary Report 1/1/12-1/6/13

Total Inflows	5,628.71
Total Outflows	<u>5,752.27</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	(123.56)

Does not include all the dues and silent auction money collected at the January meeting

Events Calendar

February 3	CNYOS Meeting – Jim Marlow will talk on Dendrobiums
March 3	CNYOS Meeting - Compotting Clinic
March 9	Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Show and Sale in Newburg, NY
April 7	Possible Car Pool to Rochester for GROS Show
April 13	CNYOS Bus trip to Philadelphia for SEPOS Show
May 5	Club auction
June 3 or later	CNYOS Picnic
July & August	No Meetings
September 8	?
October 5-6	CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake (Set-up Oct 4)
November 3	Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids

Neofinetia falcata

Neofinetia falcata is arguably the first orchid ever to be grown as a house plant in Japan in the 1600's. It is also known as the Samurai Orchid, as Shogun Tokugawa Ienari fell in love with the plant and it is rumored that samurai would help in searching and collecting the plants from the mountains. It is one of the world's highest priced orchid (depending on the rarity of each variety), with a history of some plants selling for \$100,000+. Neofinetias are enjoyed as bonsai are, for the foliage and the overall presentation of the plant. In Japan, it is said that the key to growing them is to enjoy the plant every day of the year, not just for the flowers. They generally flower in June and July, and have a very sweet fragrance (somewhat like Jasmine) that is strongest at dusk and dawn.

All in all, the Neofinetia is an easy plant to cultivate and flower, and makes for a great addition to any orchid collection. And like so many others, you may end up growing primarily Neofinetia falcata once the bug really kicks in!



Water

As with any orchid, use low to no mineral water. Reverse osmosis, rain water and distilled water should be used if your city water is high in mineral content. We mount our Neofinetia traditional Japanese style with New Zealand sphagnum moss. The high mount and perforated pot allow the plant to breath well. Fuukiran like to stay slightly wet between watering from late April until September or October, when the weather is warm and the days are long. If you allow the moss to completely dry out in May or June, neofinetia often abort flowering for the season. Watch between the lower leaves and the axis for flower spikes to emerge. When it is colder and days are shorter, you can place neofinetia in an area that gets as cool as 40 degrees (the 50's would be ideal). During the cool season, only water or mist the plants on sunny days (if you have high humidity, you don't need to do this often). Basically remember these plants have a warm and wet growing season, and then a cool and dry season in Japan. We have found that the plants do not require a cool dry rest to grow and flower well.

Fertilizer

Fertilizing is important in the growing season only, which is from April until September/October. Orchid fertilizer, such as Growmore 20-10-20 or our Green Jungle liquid orchid fertilizer, can be applied every 2nd to 3rd watering. Fertilizer may be cut out 100% in the winter and when the plants are in bloom.

Temperature

Fuukiran are very strong plants, and are quite easy to grow. They enjoy medium light conditions (no direct sun) and can tolerate temperatures from 32 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Ideal temperatures would be 60 degrees at night, with a daytime temp in the mid 70's.

Repotting

Neofinetia can grow in almost any substrate as long as they get good moisture to the roots with good air flow. They can grow in sphagnum moss, bark, bare root in baskets (like Vandas if the humidity levels are high) and mounted on cork slabs. We have tried many techniques and still find that the Japanese sphagnum moss mound works best for us. Repotting is best done once per year in March, which is usually just before or as they are coming out of their winter dormancy. To create the sphagnum mound, long fiber sphagnum moss works best. We often use 5A New Zealand sphagnum moss for the outer layer, and standard New Zealand sphagnum moss for the inside of the mound. Often when opening a 1 to 3 kilo bag of standard New Zealand sphagnum you will find plenty of long strands for wrapping. It is easiest when the strands measure 12+ inches in length.

Growing Outdoors

We can't emphasize how much to your advantage it is to grow these plants outdoors if or when your weather permits. Semi-shaded with brighter morning sun will make these plants grow to their full potential. Be careful not to have these outside when the weather is under 50 degrees and rain is involved. Being too cold and wet is often followed by bacterial or fungal rot. Also remember to keep the plant watered adequately as sun and wind will dry the plants out quickly.

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