

# 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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### The Meaning & Symbolism of the Orchid:

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#### Medieval Japan: A Trophy of Warriors

In Pre-Industrial Japan, Samurai would search for a specific type of orchid: *Neofinetia falcata*. Native to Japan, this vanda is rare -- especially in the wild. Prized for its foliage and fragrance, this orchid was more sought-after than most by Japan's royalty. To please the nobles whom they served, Samurais would go on grand journeys in search of a *Neofinetia falcata*. If a Samurai found one and successfully brought it back, it'd be presented as a trophy of the warrior's quest, a sign of his bravery.

#### Victorian England: A Sign of Luxury and Wealth

Orchids didn't reach England until the Victorian era, and even then they were rare. They weren't native to England, and transporting them across oceans was tenuous. Their delicacy made them uncommon, which only heightened interest in them.

They quickly became the flower of choice among gentry, not just because they were beautiful but also because they showed off one's wealth. To own an Orchid in Victorian England was to indulge in luxury, something commoners could little afford to do.

#### Today: A Palette of Colors and Meanings

Today, orchids are available in more colors than ever before, and color is the primary determiner of an orchid's meaning:

- pink suggests innocence, grace, joy, happiness and femininity
- purple brings to mind respect, royalty, dignity and admiration
- white is evocative of innocence, beauty and elegance
- red shows a romantic desire and passion, as well as courage and strength
- yellow is for friendship, new beginnings and joy
- orange implies boldness, pride and enthusiasm
- green brings to mind nature, health, live and longevity

~ Better Gro Blog 1/22/20

### 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)**

February 11, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

*Large Flowered Cattleyas*

Art Chadwick

(Member Only Webinar)

February 18, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

*Greenhouse Chat January 2020*

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Feb. 14th)

March 19, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

*Greenhouse Chat January 2020*

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Mar. 15th)

### Minutes: January 5, 2020

~ The Meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm. by President Lori Burritt.

~ Because last month's meeting was cancelled due to the weather, the first order of business was election of officers for the 2020 year. The following slate of officers was presented to the members:

President - Lori Burritt

Vice-President - Sue Finger

Treasurer- Carol Haskell

Secretary- Jack Hasse

There were no nominations from the floor. Motion by Sue Finger, seconded by Lorrie Worden to cast one vote for the slate as presented. Passed unanimously.

~ Carol Haskell reported a total of \$5699.87 in the accounts.

~ The food list is taken care of for the remainder of the year. Thanks to all who volunteered.

~ We welcomed two new members from Oswego, Mary Reardon and Amanda Hurlbutt.

~ Nothing from the sunshine Chairperson. Two Southern Tier member have died in the last month.

~ Rochester Show is the last weekend of March.

~ Binghamton Show is the last weekend of April.

### Old Business:

~ Sue reports all vendors are OK with doing the show the second week of October. Sue made a motion, seconded by Jan to change the annual show to the second weekend of October. Passed unanimously.

~ The Buffalo show was well run with a nice setting except for the cockroaches. CNYOS won Best Society Display. An HCC was given to Sue and Jerry for their C. Irene Teo Lai Chong.

### New Business:

~ There was a discussion about the future of Marlow's Orchids.

~ Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The days activities closed with the silent auction. Members were seen leaving the building with smiles on their faces and "new " orchids inter hands.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Hasse, Secretary

## ~ JERRY &amp; SUE FINGER ~

Encyclia alata	L
Phal. Timothy Christopher (Cassandra x aphrodite)	L/O
Phal. Sogo Vivien 'Golden Leaves' (Sogo Alice x Zuma's Pixie)	L/O
Phal. Sogo Twinkle (Be Tris x Sogo Tris)	L/O
* growing for <b>KRUM SOTIROV</b> -	
Lycaste Dainty (brevispatha x campbellii)	L
Miltonidium Goliath's Spire 'Mauna Loa' (Oncidium Wildwood x Miltonia spectabilis)	L

## ~ LORI BURRITT ~

Phal. OX Happy Girl (OX X-ray x OX Little King)	W
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Mari's Melody 'Carmella' (C. Mari's Song x Rlc. Chyong Guu Chaffinch)	W
Cattlianthe (Ctt) Big Time 'GL #9' (Cattlianthe Loog Tone x Cattlianthe White Bridal)	W

## ~ JACK HASSE ~

Brassanthe (Bsn) Maikai 'Louise' <b>AM/AOS</b> L/O (Brassavola nodosa x Guarianthe bowringiana)	
Phal. Barracuda - not listed in Orchid Wiz	L
Rhynchostylis gigantea	L/O
Dracula lotax	L/Cool Tank
<b>Restrepia</b> purpurea	L/Cool Tank

## ~ DAVID DITZ ~

Trisetella abbreviata	L/Humid
Stelis pilosa	L/Humid
Bulbophyllum cephalophorum C. Cosmos 'Laina' <b>AM/AOS</b>	G
(coccinea x Cherry Chip)	
Fredclarkera After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids' <b>FCC/AOS</b> (Mormodia Painted Desert x Catasetum Donna Wise)	
Paphiopedilum Olympic Moon (Warm Valley x Olympic Halo)	L

## ~ JAN WOODWORTH ~

Dendrobium Donovan x Den. Victorian Bride	
Dendrobium Hibiki (bracteosum x laevifolium)	
C. Tiny Titan 'Orange' (Precious Stones x Beaufort)	
Brassanthe (Bsn) Maikai (Brassavola nodosa x Guarianthe bowringiana)	
Phal. Jia Ho Summer Love (Taisuco Micky x bellina)	
Phal. tetraspis (f. imperatrix no longer used)	

## ~ DONNA COLEMAN ~

Dendrobium Mini Snowflake (aberrans x johnsoniae)	L
Oncidium Kendrick Williams (Autumn x Ray Buckman)	W
Schoenorchis gemmata	L
Prosthechea vitellina	W
Epicatanthe Volcano Trick (Cattlianthe Trick or Treat x Epidendrum stamfordianum)	W
Cattlianthe Rajah's Angel (Cattlianthe Rajah's Ruby x Cattleya Bright Angel)	L
Paphiopedilum Hilo Leopard x Paphiopedilum Captivatingly Wood	
Paphiopedilum Jeweled Venus (Jewel Green x Parisienne Venus)	L

## Growing Key:

L=lights  
W=windowsill  
G=greenhouse  
T=terrarium/tank  
O= outside summer

Terrific Show Table! Only a few changes were made which are in **bold type**.

Submitted by Sue Finger, Registrar



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## THE January 2020 AOS CORNER

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

#### Love Your Orchids!

Learn what it takes to make your orchids thrive. Share AOS **Culture Sheets** with new members at your meetings. Drop some off at your local growers. Ask your big box stores if you can leave some in their garden centers near their orchid benches. Remember to include your society contact information somewhere too (rubber stamp or business card attached).

With spring around the corner, beware of hitchhikers in your growing area. While you have been out and about purchasing a few new orchids at local shows and sales, there may be hidden **pests** among the beauty. Be alert, be aware and be vigilant.

#### FEBRUARY Focus: Feed the Frenzy - The AOS on Social Media

**DID YOU KNOW?** Find Us on Facebook - The AOS - More than Pretty Pictures! The **American Orchid Society Facebook group page** has exceeded 35,000 members. Group members post photos and videos of their blooming orchids, ask questions, add comments and share their passion for the flowers we all love. In real time too. With such a diverse group, it is eye opening to see the many different types of orchids that are grown around the world. While there are some general guidelines for growing orchids, it is not a one size fits all endeavor. Some of these orchids we may otherwise never see in person. Our AOS group page bears out, that orchid growing truly is a global passion. If you have contributed to our page, thanks for sharing a part of your world with us. Be sure to add your society to the growing number of followers!

#### Coming in February 2020

- For the Novice - Artificial Light Intensity and Supplemental Lighting by Ray Barkalow
- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum beccarii* by Jerry Lee Fisher
- GREAT Ideas - Foundations for Greenhouses by Jean Allen-Ikeson
- A New Lighting Option for Indoor Orchid Growing: T5 HO LED Replacements for Fluorescent Grow Lights by A'na Sa'tara
- *Liparis liliifolia* - A "lily" of an Orchid by Soraya Cates Parr
- *Lindleyana* - xCattlianthe dabeibaensis - A New Intergeneric Natural Hybrid in Colombia by Ruben Sauleda, Andrea Niessen and Juan Carlos Uribe
- Book Review - Orchids as Aphrodisiac, Medicine or Food

#### REMINDER: It's a Celebration! You can be a part of it!

The American Orchid Society headquarters at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida, has been chosen by The United States Postal Service as the host site for the release of new stamps in 2020 - Wild Orchids! The postal service holds a First Day of Issue Ceremony for each new stamp release the day the stamps go on sale across the USA. The new stamps will be available to purchase during this event. The AOS will host the First Day of Issue Ceremony for these stamps on February 21, 2020 at 11:00 am. The celebration will take place at the AOS Library located inside **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens**.

**Eileen Hector, AOS Corner**

~ **Basic Orchid Care Tips for Successfully Growing and Flowering Plants** ~

~ by Ron McHatton, PhD

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** August 2008*

**KNOWING WHICH ORCHID YOU ARE** trying to grow is your key to its cultural requirements. Orchids, like all plants, need a balance of light, air, water and food to grow and flower well. Let's examine each of these elements.

**LIGHT** Without enough light, orchids may produce lush-looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. The old notion of orchids growing in dark jungles still persists and it couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, many have developed as epiphytes to take advantage of brighter light available in the upper forest canopy. Provide orchids with as much light as they will take without burning. This means that the foliage should not be a lush, dark green. Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths.

**AIR** Orchid roots, and eventually the entire plant, will die if they do not receive air. This is the reason that, with the exception of a few terrestrial varieties, they do not grow in soil. Orchid potting media should be open, with exceptionally good drainage, yet capable of holding sufficient moisture to support the plant's needs. Orchid plants are also intolerant of a stale, stagnant environment. You should strive for a buoyant atmosphere and gentle air movement must be provided at all times. For orchids grown in the home, this can be provided by an overhead paddle fan set on its lowest setting or a portable oscillating fan directed away from the plants.

**WATER** Without question, more orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. Proper watering consists of two separate components: quantity and frequency. Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. There's unfortunately no magic formula; i.e., water a plant in a 6- inch ( 15-cm) pot every

seven days and you'll be trouble free. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Humidity, air movement, potting medium (type and age) and light levels all play a role.

There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) The surface of the potting mix will appear dry. 2) Dry pots will feel lighter. 3) Clay pots feel dry. 4) A wooden stake or skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry. If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix. It will cause no harm to the plant. When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. Not only does this soak the potting medium but it also flushes salts that naturally accumulate. At a minimum, try to thoroughly water plants at least once a month.

Watering frequency can be controlled by the choice of pot. For those who really like to water their plants or live in humid, rainy areas, clay pots, especially slotted pots are a good choice. Growers in drier climates or those who tend not to water often enough might want to use plastic pots to hold moisture longer.

**FERTILIZER** Orchids will grow and flower, given that their other requirements are met, for fairly long periods without fertilizer but you'll get better results with some level of fertilizing. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during the summer and every two weeks in the autumn and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you choose to use, most experienced growers use no more than half the label-recommended strength. It's best to water first to wet the potting medium before you fertilize.

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**Basic Orchid Care ... Con't.** from page 5

Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and because orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently. The old conventional wisdom used to be that orchids grown in bark mixes needed to be fertilized with formulations high in nitrogen, i.e., 30-10-10. We now understand that these high-nitrogen fertilizers aren't necessary. For a more detailed discussion of fertilizer and its dependence on water quality, see the June 2003 and February 2008 issues of Orchids magazine or view copies of pertinent articles on line at the Society's Web site([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)).

**OBSERVATION** Most experienced growers will agree that observation is the most important key to growing orchids well. Examining your plants on a regular basis will allow you to adjust and correct any problems before they become severe. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission*

**Orchid Wiz Deals:**

Did you know that studies have shown that owning orchids can boost our mood, productivity, concentration and creativity? Orchids can reduce stress, fatigue, and improve focus. Having Orchid Wiz can let you cultivate and learn more about your orchids. It can help you enjoy your orchids more!

Every member of our society is eligible to save 30% on a new license until February 15, 2020 - use code **HAPPY2020**.

For more information go to **Orchid Wiz**.



**Question Korner**



**New MEMBER?**

**Problem Plant?**

How to transplant?

What is a species vs. a Hybrid?

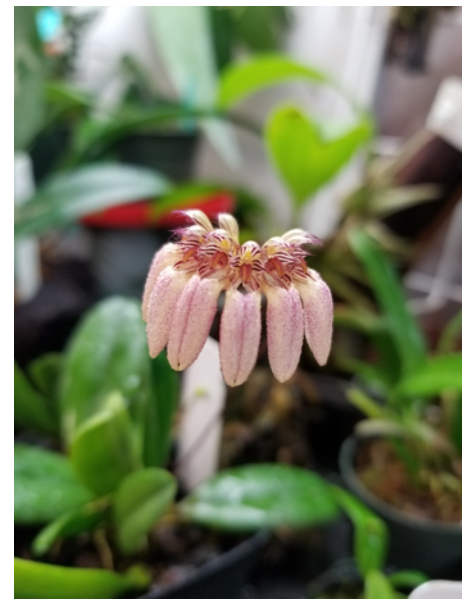
What do the tags mean?

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!



## Seasonal Guide to Caring for Your Orchids: WINTER

Better-Gro Orchid Blog

January 7, 2020

Orchid needs change with the seasons just like any other plant. While many orchids are dormant during the winter, they still need light, water, regular feedings and just the right temperatures. So, we've assembled some grow tips to help you care for your orchids during the colder, dryer winter months.

### Temperature

Many commonly grown orchids are from temperate, tropical regions, so it's important to keep a close eye on the temperatures. Most orchids prefer daytime temps between 70° and 90° F and nighttime temps between 55° and 75° F (similar to most people). For those of you that grow your orchids outdoors, you will need to relocate your plants indoors or to an insulated garage when the forecast calls for temperature drops below 55° F. Amateur greenhouse growers may want to consider investing in a space heater that is specifically designed for greenhouse use.

### Watering

We recommend that you water your orchids less frequently during the winter season. Water your plants early in the morning after the sun has risen to allow excess moisture to evaporate during the day. Watering at night can increase the chances of fungal or bacterial infections which are more common during the winter. Additionally, you will want to allow your plants to dry out between waterings. The exception to this recommendation is when caring for Phalaenopsis and Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper) orchids. These should be kept consistently moist even during the winter months.

### Light

Ensuring the right amount of light can be more difficult during the winter months with shorter days and less daylight. Orchids often need 12 to 14 hours of indirect light, depending on the variety. You may need to relocate your orchid throughout the day to follow the sunlight. Usually, a north- or east-facing window is best, but be sure the window has some type of covering like a sheer curtain to avoid direct sunlight on your plants.

For those of you that live in snowy locations, don't forget that sunlight can reflect off the snowy ground to cause even more sunlight through your windows. In addition to checking for cold drafts, check the amount of direct sunlight coming in through your windows throughout the day to avoid "sun-burning" your plants. Plants need plenty of light during the winter, you just want to make sure they don't burn.

If you live in a part of the country where the sun doesn't rise until 8:00 a.m. and sets as early as 4:00 p.m. during the winter months, an indoor grow light can help you ensure that your orchids are receiving the proper amount of light.

### Plant Food

Although your orchid may not be growing as quickly as it does during the spring and summer months, it is very important to keep feeding your plants during their dormancy. We recommend diluting your plant food, but don't omit feeding entirely.

For more on information on how to care for orchids, visit [easyorchidgrowing.com](http://easyorchidgrowing.com).

Happy Blooming!

**Here be Dragons -  
Fantastic New Catamodes Hybrids**  
by Fred Clarke

In the February 2020 issue of ORCHIDS, Fred Clarke rolls out another insightful article on the wild world of Catasetinae hybrids. After reading about Catamodes, you will be yearning to grow some of your own! Once you see the beauty and learn the cultural needs of the Catasetinae you will want to give them a try.

This series of articles in ORCHIDS began in 2019...

June 2019: The Catasetinae - Part 1 - The Cat's Meow: New Developments in Breeding and Growing Catasetums

August 2019: The Catasetinae - The Catasetinae - Part 2 - Clowesetums - Breeding Clowesias with Catasetums

October 2019: The Catasetinae - Part 3 - Breeding with Goblins - The Latest Developments in Mormodes Hybrids.

**~ Face Book Users ~**

**Ecuagenera USA**

We are very happy to announce our nursery in Apopka, 3600 Plymouth Sorrento Rd, Apopka, FL 32712. Here you will find species of orchids, Araceas, Bromelliads, and many other tropical plants.

"Like" our Facebook page [Ecuagenera USA](#), we will be posting all plants that we have growing here and are ready to be shipped all over US.

**February 2020 AOS Orchidist's  
Word of the Month:**

**evergreen (eh-ver-green)**

Retaining green foliage all the year, as certain species of Dendrobium, in contrast to those that are deciduous.



**Longwood Gardens**

is presenting a free online open course on

**~ Everything About Orchids ~**

January 18- March 22, 2020

for more information go to

**Longwood Gardens Education**

Whether you are new to orchids or a seasoned grower, this class will offer valuable insights from the experts at Longwood Gardens.

Everything About Orchids is self-paced and is open for participants to join at any time January 18 through March 22, 2020.

Learn more about Longwood's outstanding orchid collection and how you can grow and enjoy orchids in your own home.

Learn through video lectures, discussion forums, and opportunities for interaction with the instructors.



**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

- February 2, 2020** - 2 PM - Guest Speaker  
Jonathan Jones from Marlow's Orchids  
Topic: *Bulbophyllums*  
(There will be a Show Table, No Raffle Table)  
(Jonathan will have plants for sale)
- March 1, 2020** - 2 PM - Guest Speakers  
Jan Woodworth & Judi Wilkin  
Topic: SEPOS OR BUST: Our Excellent Adventure!
- April 5, 2020** - 2 PM - Guest Speaker Speaker  
Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids in CA
- 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



Bulbophyllum echinolabium

**2020 Refreshment Volunteer List:**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER**

Donna Coleman & Monica Kot

Beverages: Lorrie Worden

**MARCH 1, 2020 - MEMBER SPEAKERS**

Jan Woodworth & Jerry & Sue Finger

Beverages: Sarah Kelly

**APRIL 5, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER**

Judi Witkin & Amanda Hurlbutt & Mary Reardon

Beverages: Bob Pfromm

**MAY 3, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER**

David Ditz & Lorrie Worden

Beverages: Honey Goshorn

**JUNE 7, 2020 - ANNUAL PICNIC**

Everyone brings a dish to pass.



~ Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care ~

**AOS Monthly Checklist for January/  
February**



~ Orchids Magazine Digital Archives ~

Published since 1932, Orchids magazine (formerly know as the AOS Bulletin) is among the many benefits of an AOS Membership. AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003-2009 and 2011-2018 through the digital archives.

For a Digital Archive Search go to **AOS Digital Archives**.

**Save the Dates: 2020 Events Schedule**

~ 2020 Don't forget to pay your dues as 2020 is gonna be fantastic for CNYOS! ~

**February 2, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Jonathan Jones from Marlow's Orchids. Topic: BULBOPHYLLUMS. Everything you wanted to know to grow this genus. There will be plants for sale.

**March 1, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Jan Woodworth and Judi Wilkin Topic: SEPOS OR BUST: Our Excellent Adventure. Jan & Judi will present a slide show of last year's South East Penn Orchid Society's Spring (SEPOS) show in Oaks, PA Expo Center. This year's show will be held on the first weekend of April, 2020. (Go to the SEPOS show early (Fri or Sat) so everyone can be back here for our April meeting showcasing our speaker Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids in California, a Master of Mini-Catts!!

**April 5, 2020:** 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

**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

### 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>

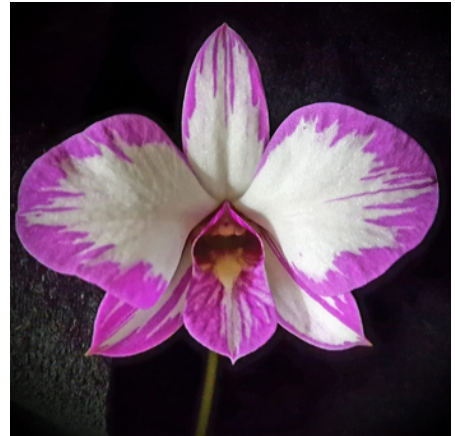
#### Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

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

### 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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