

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
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Past President's Message:

The last meeting was attended by 12 people. Neither Carol nor Dolores was there so there aren't any reports. We considered that 12 may be called a quorum for the number of members so a vote was taken on the officer's positions:

- President - Lori Burritt
- Co-VPs - Jerry and Sue Finger - he covers for the prez and I will do programs
- Treasurer - Carol Haskell
- Secretary - Dolores Capella

I also announced that this slate was for only the following year and I hope that others will step up by then at least for our VP spot or to offer to be an Assistant to an office.

The luncheon was delicious and much conversation took place along with a nice show table. A special thank you to Gracia Pfromm for the beautiful quilted coasters.

The January meeting will be held on the 6th. Program is the **Silent Auction**, held in the **Parish Hall**, at the usual time of 2pm. Bring lots of extras, divisions, or whatever so the tables can be loaded up! Enjoy your holidays up to the meeting day and we'll see you all there!

~ Sue Finger, Past President 2018

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## 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)

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)

February 13, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Growing Cymbidiums

George Hatfield

(Member-Only Webinar)

## Minutes: December 2, 2018

No Updates

## Treasurer's Report: December 2, 2018

No Updates

### ~ Important ~

Our March speaker needs someone to host him and a helper for Sunday night after our meeting. If you are able to accommodate them, please let Sue Finger know.

(Otherwise the club will have to reserve a hotel room for them)

### How to Give Your Orchid a Checkup

According to the Better-Gro Blog, the winter is a good time to give your orchid a checkup. When you have some extra time, you can:

- get rid of any old sheaths, which could provide places for insects to hide
- remove fertilizer or mineral buildup on leaves by wiping them with lemon juice
- check for fungi and pests

If you're concerned about fungi growing on your orchid, water your orchids during the morning. The warmth and light of the day will help the orchid's surfaces dry off so that fungi and molds are less likely to grow.

**Show Table: December 2, 2018**

**~ JERRY & SUE FINGER ~**

- Rlc. Chris Tomaszkiwicz L  
(Rlc. SunCoast Sunspots x Rlc. Sun Spots)
- Den. Classic Gem L  
(D'Bush Classic x Gemwood)
- Den. Enobi Purple 'Purple' L  
(Enobi Komachi x Laguna Princess)
- Cahuzacara Hsinying Pink Doll 'Hsinying' AM/AOS L/Outside  
(Brassocatanthe Little Mermaid x Rlc. Li Juan Dancer)
- \*\* from Iris Cohen's collection
- Scaphosepalum breve L/T
- Paph. spicerianum L
- Phal. lindenii L
- Platystele ortiziana L/Globe
- Ronnyara hybrid - L/O  
Aerides x Ascocentrum x Rhynchostylis x Vanda
- Pleurothallis species (picta?) L
- Galeandra baueri L
- C. June Bug 'Venice Sunshine' AM/AOS L  
(bicolor x Beaufort)

**~ JAN WOODWORTH ~**

- Ctt. Japanese Beauty 'Sakura' HCC/AOS  
(Ctt. Fairyland x C. Misaki Bells)
- Paph. appletonianum
- Paph. charlesworthii x Paph. Hung Sheng Compensa

**~ JUDI WITKIN ~**

- Paph. barbigerum

**~ DAVID DITZ ~**

- Bulb. tingabarinum
- Galeandra baueri

L -Lights                      O -Outside summer  
G -Greenhouse              T -Terrarium

Thank you all for bringing in some plants along with everything else going on that day!  
~ Submitted by Sue Finger

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Cattleya loddigesii 'Loretta' AM/AOS
Photographer: Julie Rotramel

AOS Orchidist's Word of the Month:

velamen (VEL-lah-min)

The thick sponge-like layer or layers of cells covering the roots of epiphytic orchids helps prevent water loss and aids in the rapid absorption and assimilation of water and mineral nutrients.



THE JANUARY 2019 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee
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AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2019! It's a new year and a time that many of us reflect and set new goals for ourselves and our Societies. One goal that the Affiliated Societies Committee continues to have is to update and refresh existing resources, along with finding and sharing new information to help all Affiliated Societies thrive. To fulfill this goal our best resource is you, the Affiliated Societies Representatives. We want to express our appreciation and say thank you for all that you do in support of your local Society and the AOS. We couldn't do it without you.

We also want to ask for your help. Our societies all have members with volumes of experience and knowledge that they freely and generously share with us, and we offer our support in return. These growers have hobbyist collections that are beautiful and well loved, and many have "Legacy Collections" that are important to the orchid world. Oftentimes, one person is the sole individual caring for these amazing plants and without the societies help they are neglected. We want to create a collection of ideas on how to support these members when they are unable to care for their collections. Whether it's an injury, a hospital stay or longer term care, we want to hear ideas we can all use to offer support. We're also looking for gardens or facilities you are aware of that have conservation programs that take donations of legacy plants. Together we can create a resource guide filled with useful ideas and methods to help each other. Please send us an e-mail to [Affiliated Societies@aos.org](mailto:Affiliated_Societies@aos.org).

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

- The New Refugium Botanicum - *TBD*
- For the Novice - Try New Things by Sue Bottom
- Orchids Illustrated - *Epipactis* by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- The Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival, Part 1: The Early Years by Clare and Johan Hermans with Munekazu Ejiri
- In Search of *Maxillariacrispiloba* by Pascal Sauvêtre
- Ecuador and My Orchid Obsession by Larry Sexton
- *Cypripedium guttatum* and Johann Ammans by Rudolf Jenny

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.

Let's grow together, Denise Lucero

Transporting Blooming Orchids - Safe Methods for Moving Flowering Orchids to Keep Them in Prime Shape

~ Susan Jones

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids Magazine**, December 2013.*

During this time of the year, unpredictable and often inhospitable winter weather makes transporting flowering orchids a tricky matter. A shock of cold, dry air can quickly damage and even blast an orchid bud or bloom, a particularly heartbreaking event if one is on the way to have the flower judged. When carrying your flowering plant to a show, home from a nursery, to Judging or even to give as a holiday gift, taking a little bit of precaution against potential cold damage can prevent a lot of disappointment later on.

An orchid's flowers and buds, as the most vulnerable parts of the plant, are easily damaged by environmental stress. Some of the more cold-sensitive varieties may even drop leaves if the exposure and shock is of sufficient severity. Phalaenopsis and vandaceous orchids (the former neofinetias are a bit hardier than most, but their blooms are still sensitive) are among the least tolerant of chills. Other orchids that are most often affected include those with flowers of more delicate substance. The thicker, heavier and waxier an orchid's floral tissues are, the more resistant to cold damage they will be.

TIPS FROM A PRO Long-time orchid grower, Connecticut Orchid Society member and one of the technical editors of Orchids magazine, Ann Jesup provided the following savvy ideas for ways to minimize disaster enroute to an orchid society meeting, show or Judging at a presentation to the Society.

Start with a good quantity of packing materials, she advises. Have on hand a

variety of boxes of different sizes, including some insulated styrofoam boxes to shelter your plants from inclement weather. Padding is also important. She suggests waxed floss paper (also known as "spaghetti"), shredded paper, polyester batting and styrofoam peanuts as useful materials. For protection against brief exposure to the elements, the plastic bags in which newspapers are delivered make an ideal sleeve to slip over a smaller plant. Dry-cleaning bags supported by wire hoops can help protect larger plants or those with tall inflorescences from freezing or drying out in winter weather. Plastic storage containers of various sizes and shapes are useful. They are not effective at insulating plants, but do provide excellent shorter term protection against potentially damaging chills. When used in conjunction with the packing materials mentioned above, they can be an excellent light weight winter carrying case for bringing blooming orchids safely to and from their destination.



Be sure to have plenty of boxes and packing material for transporting orchid plants.

INSULATING PLANTS Newspaper is an effective, easily available and inexpensive insulation material. If plants must remain in an unheated area for any length of time during inclement weather, a cardboard box lined with newspaper will help retain heat around the plant. Foam packing peanuts may be added to stabilize and protect the plant in the box, but provide little in the way of insulation or heat retention.

For extreme situations in which prolonged exposure is anticipated, a heat pack can be placed under protective insulation in the bottom of the box. Disposable chemical heat packs are available in different lengths of effectiveness — the most commonly available last six to eight hours, but other durations are available. They can be ordered online (enter “disposable heat packs” into a search engine to find a vendor). Some orchid vendors who use them for shipping may also be persuaded to sell some of their stock.

Another consideration is staking your plant’s inflorescences. This cannot only improve the overall appearance of the blooms, but will also help keep the spike and flowers stationary and less susceptible to injury during transportation. The proper time to stake an inflorescence is when the flowers are beginning to develop. This helps ensure that the buds are oriented properly once they open. For the sake of aesthetics, Jesup suggests attempting to keep the stake unobtrusive. Placing the thinnest stake possible as close to the foliage as is practical helps to avoid distracting attention from the blooms themselves.

Finally, when the temperature is low, warm up your vehicle in advance of transporting blooming orchids to minimize the length of

time your plants will have to endure the chill temperatures. Plan your trips so the plants will spend the shortest possible time in transit, and never leave orchids sitting in a hot or cold car.

Susan Jones was the editor of Awards Quarterly and assistant editor of Orchids. American Orchid Society, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446

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Phalaenopsis Samera 'Steve Mattana's Fascination' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Kay Clark



Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splashy' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Michael Blietz

## Monthly Checklist for January & February

[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

### Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

### Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

### Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

### Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using Oncidium and Brassia, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later

forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

### Paphiopedilum

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow. In the fall Phalaenopsis should start initiating flower spikes. Inflorescences should be well developed by mid-January.

### Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

### Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**January 6, 2019 - 2 PM**

*Silent Auction*

**February 3, 2019 - 2 PM**

*Jonathan Jones of Marlow Orchids*

Topic: TBD

*(There will be plants for sale)*

**March 3, 2019 - 2 PM**

*Dr. Leslie Ee, Toronto Judging Center*

Topic: Black Orchids

*(There will be plants for sale)*

**April 2019 - No Meeting**

**May 2019 - Annual Auction**

**June 2019 - Picnic**

**Refreshment Volunteer List:**

**January 6, 2019**

Chris Smith/ \_\_\_\_\_

Beverages: \_\_\_\_\_

**February 3, 2019**

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Beverages: \_\_\_\_\_

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A Refreshment Sign-Up Sheet for 2019 Meetings will be at the January 6th Meeting.

Please Note:

Sunday, January 6, 2019 Silent Auction

Meeting will be located in the Parish Hall across the Parking Lot from the Church

- * Everyone please bring something for the auction whether plants, supplies, books, etc.
- * Plants should be established, healthy, and pest-free.
- * Get your bidder's number as you come in.
- * Place your items on a table with a Bidding Sheet provided by our Treasurer, Carol Haskell. Please fill out the top of the sheet with as much information as you know.
- * The OrchidWiz program will be available on my laptop for members to use if you don't have access to a smart phone to look up pictures of flowers.

...and then the bidding starts!!

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>

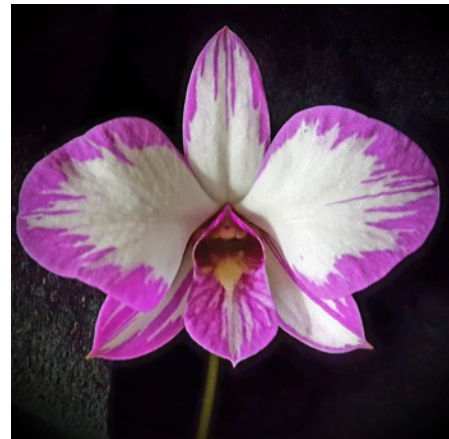
Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

<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/>



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