

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.

Send to:

Carol Haskell, Treasurer
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President's Message:

Happy Holidays, Orchid Friends!

I know everyone is so busy with their holidays and their families, it's a wonderful time of the year. BUT there are things to remember for the upcoming January orchid club meeting.

1) January is our annual member Silent Auction fundraiser for the club. Please bring plants that either you have extras of, or you would just like to have re-homed. Many members bring sheets already printed to go with each orchid that members are able to place their bids on -- if you need an example of one of these sheets please let us know and we will email you one.

2) Our December meeting and Christmas party had to be canceled because of bad weather. At this meeting we would have elected our slate of officers for the coming year. This will be something we need to do at the very beginning of the January meeting. We find that the secretary's position continues to need a member to volunteer to accept the nomination. Please give this your consideration.

3) We also need to revisit the weekend change that has been suggested, and was tabled, for our Club show in October. Our vendors for the show have been contacted and we will be entertaining a motion and membership vote to change the show date to the second weekend in October. This vote will also be part of Club business for the January meeting.

See you on January 5th for the meeting and Silent Auction.

~ Lori Burritt, President

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

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



Cattleya jenmanii 'Terez' HCC | AOS (79 pts.)
Award No: 20194350 Date: Nov 16, 2019
Event: Northeast Center Monthly Judging
Judging Center: Northeast Judging Center
Exhibitor: Ken Reynolds
Photographer: Maurice Garvey

Minutes & Treasurer's : December 2019

No minutes to report, meeting canceled due to weather.

Show Table: December 1, 2019

No Show Table

Upcoming Webinars:

American Orchid Society: Register at aos.org

January 9, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Orchid Travels in Peru

Ken Jacobsen

(Member Only Webinar)

January 16, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Greenhouse Chat January 2020

Ron McHatton

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

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

Large Flowered Cattleyas

Art Chadwick

(Member Only Webinar)

You can watch a variety of recorded webinars

any time at your convenience at

aos.org

~ CNYOS Officer Opening ~

The Position of Secretary is still looking for a volunteer to accept the nomination. Please consider.



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THE January 2020 AOS CORNER

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor
(Eileen Hector, AOS Corner)

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Happy New Year!

We are so glad you are here with us again for another year of orchid growing. With many of the traditional end of the year celebrations behind us, we can focus on the future. If you have not already done so, it is time to update your affiliate information.

Remember to let your society members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. In December we mentioned the Reciprocal Garden Admission program. There's more where that came from! Besides a world-class monthly magazine, check out these added PERKS you receive as a member of the American Orchid Society.

Purchase Discount Programs

- **5% discount** at select merchant partners on plants, supplies and more. Mention your AOS membership.
- **10% discount** on AOS publications purchased from the AOS. Members receive this discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and AOS published books.
- **Reduced processing fees** for AOS judged awards. Members save \$20 on processing fees for each AOS award granted.
- **\$30 off an order of \$100** or more from select vendors with a two-year AOS membership.

YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:

Affiliated societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section at online at checkout.

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

- New Refugium Botanicum - *Dendrobium macrophyllum*
- Orchid Growing in a Retirement Community
- Orchids Illustrated - *Cypripedium* of North America
- One Hundred Years of Orchids - R.F. Orchids
- The Genus *Loefgrenianthus* and Alberto Löfgren
- Orchids of Bhutan - *Pholidota recurva*
- Book Review - Rankafu: Orchid Print Album

LOOK for *your* awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS! The magazine awards gallery features all of the awards granted month by month in the previous year.

LOOK on the AOS website to find the **most recently awarded orchids!** Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Check it out to get some great ideas for your next display.

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner

~ **Baby It's Cold Outside - Winter Care Tips** ~
 by the AOS Education Committee ~
*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** December 2013*

Except for a few parts of the country, winter is in full swing. The shorter and often dull days, along with cooler temperatures, affect our orchids in both good and bad ways.

First, the good news; cooler temperatures and/or shorter days send the signal to many orchid species and hybrids that it is time to flower. Inflorescences on many Phalaenopsis and Cymbidium hybrids should be well developed by Christmas. Be on the lookout for bugs that think of your precious orchid buds as tasty winter treats. Mealybugs will be the most likely suspects. Fortunately, these soft-bodied pests can be easily controlled with 1 teaspoon (5 ml) castile soap (we use Dr. Bronner's peppermint soap) in a quart (0.9 L) of water in a hand sprayer. This safe home treatment may require several applications every other day until control is achieved. Do not be tempted to mix any chemical control, even one as benign as soap, stronger than recommended.

It is a good idea to begin staking Phalaenopsis spikes before they get too far along. Done while the inflorescence is still pliable it is easy but if you wait too long they become brittle like asparagus and it is so easy to accidentally snap them off. For a brief description of staking Phalaenopsis spikes see <http://www.orchidworks.com/showguide/index.html> Certain Cattleya species bloom on cue for the holidays, notably Cattleya trianae and Cattleya percivaliana (although both bloom across wider seasons in nature). It is a good idea to stake cattleyas also, as the flowers will display better. Decorating the home with blooming orchids can provide colorful accents that are always admired by guests. If you have any orchid shows nearby at this time of year, try to make the time to attend one and pick out a few plants that will bloom reliably at the holidays for years to come.

Here are a few suggestions to keep your orchids healthy this winter: If you are a windowsill grower, the light will be entirely different at this time of year. Assess it carefully and make any necessary adjustments. A south window may be brighter due to bare trees and the sun being lower in the sky. Watch for sunburn and move plants back from the window or add a sheer curtain to cut down the light. Shorter days and gloomy weather in many parts of the country can cause plants to produce soft growths that are more susceptible to pests and disease. Some orchids will not flower if they do not receive enough light. If necessary, use a grow light on a timer to provide additional light in winter.

Orchids grow more slowly in winter and will need less water and fertilizer. Most growers cut their fertilizer back to twice a month at half strength. Monitor orchids to keep them at their proper moisture level for their type. Generally, orchids will need about half as much water in winter as they do in summer. Some orchids must have a dry winter rest in order to flower.

The loss of humidity as a result of forced-air heating can take its toll on your orchids. Remember, most orchids grow optimally with 60–75 percent humidity. If your home is especially dry, and you will know by the way your own skin reacts to winter, provide extra humidity for your orchids. A tried and true method is to set orchid pots on trays of pebbles that are filled with water; just make sure your plant is not set in the water. Misting a couple times a day can also help.

Winter is cold, so protect plants from drafts. If buds start falling off of a Phalaenopsis inflorescence the first thing to suspect is a drafty window. Do not put plants close enough to a window to touch the glass!

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If you happen to be lucky enough to live in an area where you grow your orchids outdoors year-round, don't be caught with your guard down. Even South Florida, the Gulf Coast and Southern California can experience damaging cold temperatures. Have a plan and supplies for covering or moving plants should cold weather be heading your way. Providing a little extra attention to your orchids at this time of year will get them through the winter in good health and bloom! *(Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 82 NO. 12 DECEMBER 2013)*



For the Novice - Selecting New Plants

As a new orchid grower, who hasn't been stumped by trying to find a plant that will grow and thrive for you? The January article by Sue Bottom will give you pointers on things to look for to help you successfully grow a new acquisition.

This article presents a general overview of basic orchid selection by defining the difference between species and hybrids, seedlings and mericlones, diploids and tetraploids, and describes why you might choose one over the other. It explains the importance of plant tags and how they relate to the history of your new orchid. The educated grower will become a successful grower.

Coupled with archived information from the AOS Forum -

- 1) [Beginners' Newsletters](#) and
- 2) These tips from the AOS video library on [Selecting an Orchid](#)
- 3) and this [Members Only Webinar](#), you have enough to get you started on building a healthy orchid collection.



United State Postal Service to go Wild for Orchids!

The United States Postal Service is releasing new stamps in 2020 - Wild Orchids! The American Orchid Society will be hosting the First Day of Issue Ceremony for these stamps on February 21, 2020 at the AOS Library located in Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida. Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grows wild in the United States: *Cypripedium californicum*, *Hexalectris spicata*, *Cypripedium reginae*, *Spiranthes odorata*, *Triphora trianthophoros*, *Platanthera grandiflora*, *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, *Calopogon tuberosus*, and *Platanthera leucophaea*. Orchids also have common names, with some plants having several different names in popular use. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs by Jim Fowler!

A First Day of Issue Ceremony is held for each new stamp release the day the stamps go on sale across the USA. National and local media are invited to help get the word out about the new stamps and USPS broadcasts the Ceremony live on Facebook and Twitter. USPS also sells the stamps at the Ceremony along with other related philatelic products.

January: The Month of Vision Looking Ahead to a New Year of Success

by Thomas Miranda

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** January 2013*

Can you believe it is already January again? All of us are yet another year older and wiser. I like to believe that, just like that old ad campaign, “We’re not getting older, we’re getting better,” but my morning mirror disproves that on a daily basis. Nonetheless, there is something to be said for aging. We do get better at some things with experience, and orchid growing is certainly one of those things. You may not realize it, but just from reading this magazine regularly, you gain significantly. Even if you cannot invest in state-of-the-art greenhouses or the latest innovations, your awareness about the needs of orchids, gleaned from *Orchids*, has influenced you and improved your growing skills. Although it is fairly arbitrary, I find it is always at this time of year we attempt to reflect and take stock of our collections, our growing skill and our knowledge.

We all share the goal of aspiring to grow our plants even better in the coming year. This, of course, requires “vision.” Aside from actually seeing the beauty of our orchids, if you look up vision in a dictionary or thesaurus, you’ll find some startling definitions and synonyms. Words such as “idea,” “dream” and even “revelation” appear there. So I challenge you in 2013 to think big, to shoot for the stars. Come up with a vision for yourself as an orchid person for the coming year, for five years, or even for where you’ll be in 10 or 20 years, and develop a strategy for reaching those goals.

Aside from your growing skills, think about how your enthusiasm for our beloved plants can best further the cause of other aspects of orchidology, such as conservation, education, technology and innovative cultivation techniques. Leave a legacy for those following in your footsteps. After all, wouldn’t it be sad to not pass on all you’ve learned to others? We have all been gifted with the joy of orchids.

Let’s all spread that joy around the world this year.

I SEE YOU January is an exciting time in our collections. So many plants are in spike now and the anticipation of fattening buds’ imminent opening and first blooms of many newly acquired species and hybrids can make each day a revelation in the coming months. Look around your collection carefully for inflorescences that may be hiding from your view or, if your benches are packed like mine, may be caught hiding amidst lush foliage. Make sure your developing spikes are growing unobstructed and receiving adequate light so that they may display their natural grace upon blooming.

MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION it is imperative to support developing spikes of many orchids, particularly phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and oncidium intergeneric hybrids. In the wild, epiphytic orchids tend to have pendent or cascading inflorescences, but unless your plants are mounted or in hanging baskets, this does not work well for most cultivated plants. In particular, spikes of hybrids that bear larger flowers or higher flower count than the species may be especially heavy and stressed by the time they are fully open. This also makes for the best presentation of your plants for the upcoming flower show season. Good presentation is the first step toward winning blue ribbons and AOS awards.

MOISTURE MATTERS the old adage “sometimes less is more” is true with orchids this time of year. With the shorter day lengths, cooler temperatures and generally overcast conditions so prevalent in winter, most orchids require far less water than they did in the summer growing season.

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Commonly grown genera such as *Cattleya*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilum* have matured their summer growth, and should be watered less frequently now. Some genera, especially *Catasetum*, *Galeandra*, *Habenaria*, *Dendrobium* and *Lycaste*, are truly “sleeping” now and can actually rot if watered excessively, or, in some cases, even just a little. You must determine which plants will suffer with even an occasional watering in winter, and segregate them to an area where they will not be hit with a stray, inadvertent pass of the watering wand. Despite the need for dryness, most orchids still do best in humid conditions. This becomes an important issue for those who grow in the home where humidity can be excessively low when radiators come on. Especially for the home grower, it is important to supplement humidity in winter with a humidifier, pebble tray or occasional misting. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 82 NO. 1 JANUARY 2013)*



Dendrobium amabile 'Rodney' CCE/AOS;
Photographer: Wes Newton (note: this plant also received an AM at the same judging)

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

malathion (mal-ah-THYE-on)

The common name for a chemical pesticide consisting of S-(dicarbethoxyethyl) O, (O-dimethyldithiophosphate); used for the control of soft scales, spider mites, aphids and other orchid pests.

~ Refreshments ~

Please sign up for refreshments!!

We have many awesome speakers presenting this year! Let's show our awesome CNYOS hospitality!

The sign-up sheet will be at the January 5th meeting or email Chris Smith to sign up for a time.

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:

January 5, 2020 - 2 PM

*CNYOS Annual Silent Auction
(There will be a Show Table, NO Raffle Table)
(See Save the Dates Events Schedule
for detailed information)*

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*

2020 Refreshment Volunteer List:

JANUARY 5, 2020 - SILENT AUCTION

Barb Weller & Sarah Kelly

Beverages _____

FEBRUARY 2, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER

Donna Coleman & _____

Beverages _____

MARCH 1, 2020 - MEMBER SPEAKERS

Jan Woodworth & _____

Beverages: Sarah Kelly

APRIL 5, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER

_____ & _____

Beverages _____

MAY 3, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER

David Ditz & _____

Beverages _____

JUNE 7, 2020 - ANNUAL PICNIC

Everyone brings a dish to pass.

Please sign up for refreshments!!

We have so many awesome speakers
presenting this year!

Let's do The CNYOS Proud!

**(Thank you to the members who have
already committed to bring something!)**

FYI:

Reciprocal Garden Admissions Program

As a member of the AOS, you receive FREE or discounted admission to nearly 300 Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. Show your AOS membership card at admissions and benefit from the Reciprocal Garden Admission program. Members enjoy free or reduced admission or discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide.

<https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/find>

Please reference the [American Horticultural Society guidelines](#) about how to take advantage of your Reciprocal Admissions Program benefits. It is recommended that you call all gardens prior to your visit. Each garden has its own unique admissions policy and some may have exclusions about special events, exhibits, etc. <https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/guidelines>

~ **Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care** ~
AOS Monthly Checklist for January/February

Save the Dates: 2020 Events Schedule

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

January 5, 2020: CNYOS Program - *Silent Auction*

Meeting will be held in the Social Hall at the far end of the parking lot. Members should bring plants (clean, established), supplies, books, etc to donate for the auction. If part of the bid price is requested by the member to collect, then it should be listed on the sale sheet. Otherwise, plants are considered as 100% donation. Blank sales sheets will be provided at the meeting unless you prefer to print your own with a sample photo of the flower. All payments will be made to Carol Haskell by check or cash that day at the completion of the bidding.

February 2, 2020: CNYOS Program - *Guest Speaker Jonathan Jones* from Marlow's Orchids.

Topic: BULBOPHYLLUMS. There will be plants for sale.

Please Note: If the Bills are in the Super Bowl the program will be at the beginning of the meeting so Jonathan can get back to Rochester to watch the game!!

March 1, 2020: CNYOS Program - Jan Woodworth and Judi Wilkin 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: PROPOSED

1st weekend - Meeting - possible Path speaker

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>

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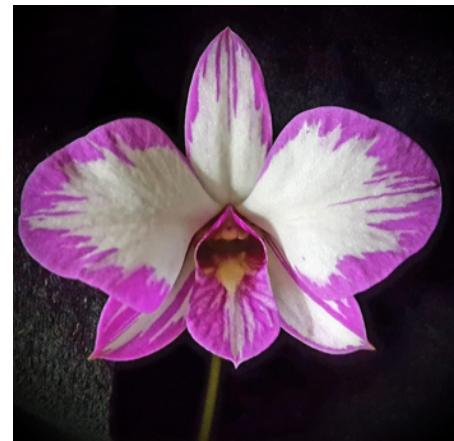
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CNYOS Facebook Page:

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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