

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: egalson756@gmail.com

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

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**Next Meeting: Sunday June 9, 2013 – Spring picnic at the home of David Ditz, 7733 Morgan Road, Baldwinsville
Come between noon and 1 PM.**

This is a change from the schedule! Dave has offered his house for the picnic.

To get to Dave's house: From 690: take the Jones Rd. Exit (same way as if you were going to the Church for our meeting). Go Right on Jones Rd. **to the end**. Take a Left on Route 48 North, go about 3 -3.5 miles, take a right onto Morgan Rd. #7733, Dave's house, is gray with blue shutters, down at the bottom of the hill on the left.



We hope the weather will cooperate, but the picnic will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will take place at the church - in the hall where we usually have our meetings.

Bring a dish to pass, a drink for yourself, table service, a lawn chair, and a lap tray if you have one. There will be a grill available.

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

Special Activity at the Picnic! The club will be getting a shipment of plants from Andy's that he forgot to send earlier for our auction. So we will auction these plants, and if the members would like to bring plants to donate we can auction them also instead of having a raffle table.

Visit to Piping Rock

Remember that on June 1^d, the club is planning a trip to Piping Rock Orchids. Below is the invitation forwarded by Linda Mandeville:

Fellow Orchid Enthusiasts:

NENYOS and Piping Rock Orchids invite you and your members to be our guests at the annual open house and picnic at Piping Rock Orchids, 2270 Cook Road, Galway, NY on Saturday, June 1, 2013. This enjoyable and informative event has been popular with local orchid societies and fellow growers in the past, and we hope you will join us this year. Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids will be our host. Our speakers will be Mario Ferrusi of Marsh Hollow Orchids (<http://www.marshhollow.com>)%20/ and Mark Hachadourian, Curator of the Orchid Collection and Manager of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections at the New York Botanical Gardens.

The event will start at 10:30 a.m, and include a raffle and a picnic lunch, and continue throughout the day. Piping Rock's nursery will be filled with flowering orchids for sale and orchids from Marsh Hollow Orchids will also be available. Please see Piping Rock Orchids' website for details. (<http://www.pipingrockorchids.com/open-house-at-piping-ro>

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For those of you who want to make this a weekend get away, Piping Rock is located just a few miles from historic Saratoga Springs, NY, a very popular weekend destination. (<http://www.saratoga.com>) Please let us know how many of your members will attend. We look forward to seeing you!

Reply to Donna Wardlaw, dwardlaw@wardlawassociates.com

President's Message

Last meeting of our year coming up...doesn't seem to take long until we're on break for the summer and then right back into it for our October show. The picnic on June 9th is a great opportunity to sit down and visit with friends (no business meeting-yeah!) and start a little planning for our show. We'll have a show table as usual but I would like all members to tell how they grow their orchids for the summer months. Share your tricks for when the weather is sweltering! There are other new happenings for the June meeting which will be listed in the newsletter. Come along to the meeting and see what else is going on! Don't forget - NENYOS picnic on June 1st with Open House at Piping Rock. Take a chair and a dish to pass. Call a friend and carpool but don't miss it!!.

Refreshment Volunteers

June 9	Spring Picnic – Everyone contributes	
July and August	No Meetings	
September	1. Cheryl & Tom Lloyd	2. Pam Reeve
October	Show	
November	1. Jack & Deb Hasse	2. ?
December	Xmas Party	

Events Calendar

June 1	NENYOS Picnic at Piping Rock. Bring a dish to pass, table setting, chair. 2 speakers are arranged for that day
June 9	CNYOS Picnic at David Ditz's house
July & August	No Meetings
September 8	CNYOS Meeting ?
September 15	Focus on Phals, Ballston Spa, NY Sponsored by Northeastern and Mid-Hudson Orchid Societies. Go to www.phal.org for more information.
October 5-6	CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake
November 3	CNYOS Meeting - Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids

Treasurer's Report

Total Cash and Bank Accounts as of 5/5/13	
Cash Account	\$ 318.10
Key Bank	<u>2,377.23</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 2,695.33
Year to Date Net Inflows Outflows 1/1/13 – 5/5/13	
Total Inflows	\$ 2,663.29
Total Outflows	<u>\$ 2,365.28</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	\$ 298.01
Carol Haskell, Treasurer	

May 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.</i> William Ambler (<i>rothschildianum</i> × <i>wilhelminae</i>)	Ditz
<i>Paph.</i> Lady Isabel (<i>stonei</i> × <i>rothschildianum</i>)	"
<i>Phrag.</i> Paul Eugene Conroy (<i>longifolium</i> × <i>warszewiczianum</i>)	Capella
<i>Phrag.</i> Peruflores Spirit 'Janet', AM/AOS (Eric Young × <i>kovachii</i>)	Woodworth
<i>Paph.</i> (Makuli × <i>curtisii</i>) × <i>Maudiae</i>	Goshorn

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Lpt. bicolor</i>	Capella
<i>Lpt. bicolor</i>	Hoffman
<i>Cattlianthe</i> (Ctt.) Jewel Box (<i>Gur. aurantiaca</i> × <i>C. Anzac</i> [1921])	Galson
<i>Epi. fimbriatum</i>	"
<i>E. bractescens</i>	Ditz
<i>Enanthleya</i> (<i>Eny.</i>) Pixie Charm (<i>Ctt.</i> Pixie × <i>E. alata</i>)*	Coleman
<i>Cattleya</i> Orpetii (<i>pumila</i> × <i>coccinea</i>)	Witkin
<i>Gur. aurantiaca</i>	Woodworth

Vandaceous

<i>Abdominea</i> (<i>Abd.</i>) <i>minimiflora</i>	Witkin
<i>Ren.</i> Tom Thumb (<i>monachica</i> × <i>imschootiana</i>)	Finger
<i>Gchls. japonicus</i>	Coleman
<i>Phal. lueddemanniana</i>	"
<i>Phal.</i> Taihort Snowing (Stone Pinto × <i>pulcherrima</i>)	"
<i>Nak.</i> Edwin Hausermann (<i>Ascf.</i> Peaches × <i>V. cristata</i>)†	Capella
<i>Phal. modesta</i>	Ufford

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Tolu.</i> Pretty 'n Pink unregistered trade name	Capella
<i>Brsdm.</i> Longlen (<i>Brs. arcuigera</i> × <i>Onc. leucochilum</i>)‡	"
<i>Trpla. marginata</i>	Ufford
<i>Oip.</i> Bartley Schwarz (Beall) (Red Pali × <i>Onc. Honolulu</i>)	Coleman
<i>Brsdm. Kenneth Bivin</i> (<i>Onc. cariniferum</i> × <i>Brs. arcuigera</i>)	Hoffman

Dendrobium Alliance

<i>Den.</i> Lucky Charms (Peter Shen × Roy Tokunaga)	Woodworth
<i>Den. densiflorum</i>	"
<i>Den.</i> Oriental Smile (Fukuju × Yuubae)	"
<i>Den.</i> Memoria Margery Ummer (Nagasaki × Yukidaruma)	Ditz
<i>Den. victoriae-reginae</i>	Finger
<i>Den. polyanthum</i>	"
<i>Den.</i> Aussie's Chip (<i>aberrans</i> × <i>atroviolaceum</i>)	Capella
<i>Den.</i> Little Green Apples (Green Elf × <i>convolutum</i>)	Coleman
<i>Den.</i> Green Lantern (Dawn Maree × <i>cruentum</i>)	Galson

Miscellaneous

<i>Pol. paniculata</i>	Woodworth
<i>Mormolyca acutifolia</i>	Witkin
<i>Pths. condorensis</i>	"

* Every orchid genus has an official abbreviation. For a complete list contact the registrar: orcreg@rhs.org.uk

† The genus *Ascocentrum* has been abolished by the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, <http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/home.do>, the ultimate authority for plant taxonomy. We can expect the RHS to follow eventually, making this *Vandofinetia* Edwin Hausermann.

‡ There are five clones of *Brsdm.* Longlen with an AM. Without the clone name, the award is meaningless.
Iris Cohen

CNYOS Fall Show

Plans are well under way for the CNYOS Fall Show in October. The torch has passed for the very important job of Registrar from Iris Cohen to Sue Finger. Iris will continue as expert consultant.

Nancy Loveland continues as coordinator of the judges. This year our chief Judge will be from the down-state judging center. We will also have judges from the Montreal center.

Like last year, Honey Goshorn is in charge of taking care of the needs of the vendors and the clubs, and Jerry Finger is in charge of coordinating the food for our three days at Beaver Lake. We will still need volunteers to bring food items. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September meeting.

We are planning to have a bake sale at the show to raise some additional funds for the club. Brush off your favorite recipes, and help the club make some money.

David Ditz is in charge of publicity, and asks that anyone who has a suggestion of where we can get free advertising contact him at 635-8148 or dditz7733@hotmail.com

Jan Woodward created a great poster for the Show last year. We plan to re-use it, by changing the date with Velcro. Copies will be put up at strategic locations before the show.

Charles Ufford has moved, but he will continue to be our photographer, and will put information about the 2013 Show on the club website, including Jan's poster which can be downloaded by members for putting up in grocery stores and other venues.

Many members signed up for various jobs at the last meeting, but we still need a few clerks, a few people for manning the club booth, a few people for Friday room/table set-up, and room monitors to watch our precious plants.

Please sign up for these jobs at the September meeting, or contact me if you can't be at the September meeting.

Remember, we all have to pitch in to make our Show a success!!

Mean to Bees By DAVE TAFT this article appeared in the NY Times on May 11, 2013



The pink lady's slipper orchid, or moccasin flower (*Cypripedium acaule*), is the queen of springtime wildflowers. It is also one of nature's most beautiful liars.

The pink lady's slipper is irresistible to newly hatched worker bees, who emerge, not accidentally, at about the same time as the flower blooms. These worker bees are attracted to elaborate markings on the flower's soft pink pouch (the modified petal known as the lip, or labellum), which falsely advertises a nectar reward inside.

Once the bee is within, slick walls and edges rolled inward prevent it from escaping back the way it came in. A successful bee (unsuccessful ones often don't live to tell the tale) escapes — without any reward — through one of a pair of holes at the back of the flower, and, while squeezing through the narrow space, is smeared with a waxy, viscid pollen.

The bee, shaken but very much alive, collects itself and sets off to try yet another orchid. This next flower combs off the pollen and is consequently pollinated. Relying on inexperienced worker bees is a good strategy for this plant, but even a bumblebee figures out that this fun-house pollination experience is ultimately unrewarding, and eventually learns to stop visiting *Cypripedium* flowers. But by the time this lesson is learned, the orchids' brief flowering season is over, and these now-experienced bees will not live to see another year's bloom. Perhaps because of this elaborate process, pollination rates for these orchids are very low.

If Georgia O'Keeffe never painted the pink lady's slipper orchid, she must have thought its sexuality was just too obvious. Close examination of the hairy, luridly pink-veined flowers can make people uncomfortable. After all, it is a flower named "*Cypripedium*" — Greek for the "slipper of Venus," the goddess of love. Examined in the cold, objective light of biology, this flower is the embodiment of plant reproduction. Why shouldn't it look the part?

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the pink lady's slipper is extremely rare within the city's five boroughs. Orchids can thrive only where soil conditions include specific fungi that partner with the plants, and enable them to effectively absorb nutrients. Pink lady's slippers prefer the thin, highly acidic soil where blueberries, pines and oaks dominate.

Fortunately, finding this most exotic of urban wildflowers requires hours of pleasant searching among the flowering trees, the colorful migrating birds, and the amorous calls of mating tree frogs in some of New York City's most beautiful woodlands. If you are lucky enough to find a pink lady's slipper, enjoy it with your camera or sketch pad; do not disturb it, as the plant cannot survive for long without its fungal partner. No matter how much soil you take with it, the orchid simply wastes away once removed from its surroundings.

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