

THE ORCHID ENTHUSIAST

The Newsletter of the Central New York Orchid Society

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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 **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.

Membership dues are currently on hold.

~ Carol Haskell ~

The Central New York Orchid Society sends our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the family. Carol passed away Thursday, May 21st. Carol was a rock in our Society for several years, many as treasurer. Her service to our club is unsurpassed. She will be deeply missed for her wit, her humor and dedication. Our hearts reach out to Bill and Amanda... we are at your service. Let us know if we can help in any way...



Memorial flowers for everyone in memory of Carol Haskell
Charles Ufford

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**

Upcoming Webinars:

American Orchid Society: Register at aos.org

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

Greenhouse Chat June 2020

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by June 13th)

June 23, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Cologne culture

Charles Wilson

(Open to All Webinar)

July 14, 2020 - 8:30 PM

Greenhouse Chat July 2020

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by July 12th)

Minutes: May 2020

~ No minutes to report, Meeting cancelled.

Messages from the Sunshine Committee:

~ Monica Kot ~

Longtime CNYOS member Monica Kot is currently recovering from surgery. She is presently at Upstate and I'm sure she would love some Get Well Wishes.

Monica Kot
Upstate Hospital
750 E. Adams Street
Section 6 A - 66316
Syracuse, NY 13210

~ Carol Haskell ~

If you would like to send condolences to Carol's husband Bill and daughter Amanda (CNYOS Member):

Bill & Amanda Haskell
102 Winthrop Road
Syracuse, NY 13209



CNYOS Virtual Show Table: May 2020



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Phrag. Millbrook
Jan Woodworth



Sue & Jerry Finger

Thank you again to all who shared their photos at the June "Virtual Show Table".



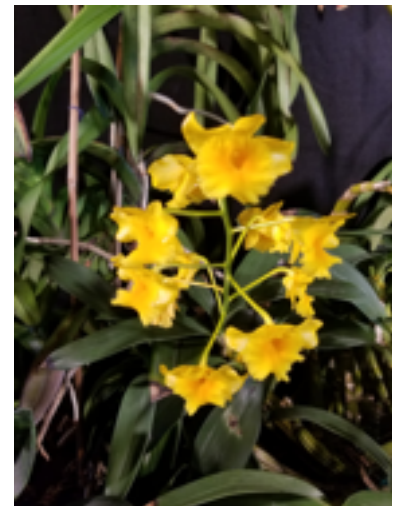
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Milt. Ambre's charm 'cream puff'
AM/AOS
Jack Hasse



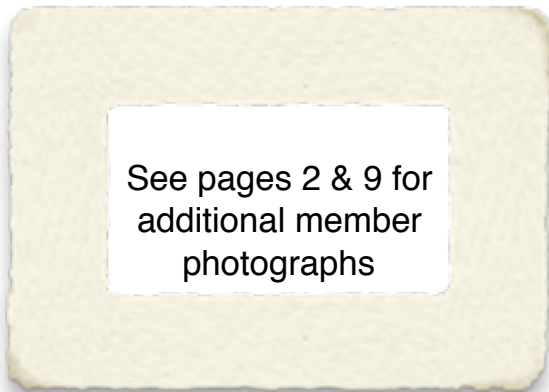
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One of my more unusual Orchids.
Dendrobium harveyanum
First bloom for us. Plant is deciduous
during winter and blooms on old canes.
Sue Finger



Temporary Greenhouse (Old Potting Shed)
Glen Decker



See pages 2 & 9 for
additional member
photographs



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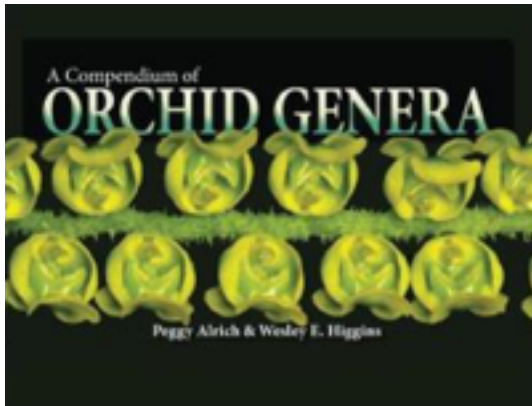


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THE JUNE 2020 AOS CORNER

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor



**NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE
50% Discount for AOS Members!**

A Compendium of Orchid Genera

Original orchid color plates abound in this distinctive Orchid Encyclopedia by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, a marvelous and artistic creation in landscape format of 500 pages.

Original orchid discoverer and date are listed as well as the Etymology and Generitype of more than 2000 orchids along with a easy to read description of growth habits, countries and regions within countries of origin. The plants and flowers are aptly discussed and the authors give colors and varieties found in various areas of note. Sepals and petals along with special features of lips complete the beautifully described notes. Of note in the book are the synonyms the orchids have had over the years, and those that were, and are, invalid even today. A modern twist to the encyclopedia features a general culture description which helps even a veteran grower understand the some of the nuances of the particular plants being discussed. What is absolutely beautiful is the collection of artwork of each of the plants done in color plates, many by the original artist or from an original collection and dated. Many of the drawings illustrate entire flowers, with all their separated parts. This book would be a welcome and beautiful addition to any orchid grower's collection, a stunning work and artistic treasure.

\$49.50 for AOS Members (\$99.00 for non-members)



Cattleya Brabantiae
'Frank Smith' FCC | AOS
(*Cattleya aclandiae* x *Cattleya loddigesii*)
Exhibitor: Krull-Smith
Photographer: Wes Newton

Cattleya amethystoglossa
'Put Me In The Zoo' AM | AOS
Exhibitor: Ben Oliveros & Orchid Eros
Photographer: Glen Barreled



~ June: The Aromatic Month ~

~ Letting the Nose Do the Shopping When Searching for New Orchids ~

~ by Thomas Mirenda

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** June 2010*

A VERITABLE FEAST FOR THE SENSES, June — of “busting out all over” fame — is a great time for your orchid collection. Although there may not be scads of plants in bloom, there is tremendous activity. Personally, I find the new growths of orchids almost as exciting as the flowers. Many of the orchids that bloom in the upcoming summer heat are also among the most fragrant. Some, such as brassias, brassavolas and stanhopeas, smell delicious. Others, such as average bulbophyllums, could drive you out of the greenhouse on a hot summer day. My *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* attracts myriad flies with its fetid aroma. I tend to leave it outside where I can get away from the odor if it gets too strong. When I do, it usually comes back inside in the autumn with a capsule or two. With its 1- foot- (30-cm-) long flower, it’s far too cool an orchid to reject for a minor flaw such as foul fragrance. Besides, it’s great fun to let unsuspecting friends take a whiff.

LET ME OUT June is when you can safely put most of your orchids outside for the summer. The fresh, naturally moving air, rainwater and excellent dappled light under backyard trees make for superb growing conditions. Cooped up all winter, many orchids grow by leaps and bounds when moved outside. For best results, look for a spot where there is air movement, bright but semishaded conditions, or a spot with early morning sun and shade in the afternoon. Some types, such as cattleyas, vandas and cymbidiums, need more light than others, such as miltonias, psychopsis and most maxillarias, so multiple sites may be necessary to meet the requirements of orchids in a mixed collection. By observing your plants you can make informed decisions on where they should go for the summer.

ROYALTY BEWARE Water and debris falling into the crowns of phalaenopsis outdoors can cause various types of fungal and bacterial rot, so many growers choose to leave these plants inside. But as long as the plants are covered to protect them from excessive rain and falling leaves, they usually do well with the natural day and night temperatures offered by the backyard habitat. Mounted plants often increase exponentially when offered rainwater and fresh air. When mounting phalaenopsis, position the plants so the crown and leaves point down to prevent water and leaves from gathering.

LIQUIDITY Aside from keeping money in your portfolio, this month it’s important to keep up with watering. Not only are plants growing quickly and needing copious moisture and fertilizer, but with newly repotted plants, fresh mix may take some time to be infused with moisture. Although most people soak their mix overnight before repotting to avoid potting desiccation stresses, the mix is still easily dried out. One must be aware that these newly repotted plants should receive extra attention in the form of careful observation, watering, and high humidity until they’re fully established later in the summer.

GOT POTS? The longer days and warmer temperatures, especially those experienced by plants set outside, have shifted orchid metabolisms into overdrive. Take advantage of this surge of growth and establish plants into fresh mixes. It is a great time to take divisions. Your orchids will likely put out another growth to replace anything you remove.

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Removing old, gnarly backbulbs is advisable. These needn't go in the trash. Often your local orchid society has someone who'll nurse these backbulbs and divisions into saleable plants that might turn up at a future charity auction or plant sale. It's okay to share the wealth with new orchid growers. At times such as these, we want to encourage more people to get into the hobby. I know when I started, the gift of a division from an experienced grower was treasured and kept me engaged and involved (and indebted) to mentors in my society.

INTO THE FIELD Now is the prime time to see many wild orchids that may be growing near you. Get a field guide, grab the kids or your dog, or hook up with friends and step outside. There are marvels nearby waiting to be discovered in their native habitats. Nothing could be better for your psyche and soul than to hike in a natural area and find wild hidden orchid treasures. Now's the time to explore for native orchids. I encourage you to get out there. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 79, NO.6, June 2010)*

**~ Monthly Checklist ~
Orchid Care
AOS Monthly Checklist for
May/June**

**June 2020 AOS Orchidist's
Word of the Month:**
carotenoid (ka-RA-ten-oyd):
A type of naturally occurring fat-soluble pigment responsible for the yellow through orange shades of flower color.

Message from Charles:
Idea - everyone should take lots of pictures of their flowering orchids and post them to our Facebook page. Or they can email pics to me and I can post.

Everyone please stay healthy...

To help pass the time check out the 1000s of pre-recorded Webinars at aos.org.

~ Support Vendors ~
Vendor Information can be found on page 2.

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!

Growing Latouriate Dendrobiums

Better-Gro Orchid Blog

May 26, 2020



Latouriate Dendrobiums are a small group of 50 orchid species native to Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific Islands. Because they grow in extremely remote areas, these orchids were not commercially grown or widely collected up until recently. They have quickly gained in popularity because they're so easy to grow for the home gardener, and these orchids flower frequently.

Most Latouriate Dendrobiums Grow in Papua New Guinea

Latouriate Dendrobiums can be found from the Philippines to Samoa, but they mainly grow in Papua New Guinea. The island is home to 45 different latouriate Den species, accounting for 90% of the group's varieties. The plants can be found on trees, and sometimes on the ground or rocks, throughout Papua New Guinea.

Latouriate Dendrobiums Are Easy to Grow

As with all orchids, latouriate Dendrobiums require specific growing conditions, however, they are one of the easiest orchid varieties to grow. Their needs include:

- **Temperature:** Prefers warm conditions, but can tolerate cooler temperatures as low as the 50s F
- **Light:** Generally bright, filtered light
- **Water:** Year-round watering with slightly less in the fall. Do not allow this plant to dry out for extended periods of time.

- **Humidity:** Prefers high humidity
- **Feeding:** Feed this plant regularly with a general orchid food and bloom booster every fourth watering

Latouriate Dendrobiums Flower Frequently

Most of the latouriate Dendrobiums grown commercially are relatively small, but how frequently they flower makes them stand out from other orchid species. They never rest, because they're from areas that see year-round rainfall. Therefore, it's possible to see multiple flowerings per year. Blooms may last for as long as 7 to 8 weeks, or, in some cases, even 3 months. Most commonly available latouriate Dens feature relatively small flowers (1-3") in either white, purple or pale green.



Den. Little Atr x atroviolaceum

These flowers, which have three-lobed lips and a prominently raised callus, grow on top of spikes that emerge from the apex of club-shaped pseudobulbs. Each pseudobulb may produce one or two spikes among the leaves that grow at the top of the pseudobulb, and each spike will produce a few full flowers.

Happy Blooming!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

June 7, 2020 - CANCELED

September 2020 & October 2020 - TBD

**October CNYOS Annual Orchid Show -
CANCELED**

2020 Refreshment Volunteer List:

**To be determined when
meetings resume**

Save the Dates: 2020 Events Schedule

~ 2020 dues are currently on hold ~

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!

CANCELED

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September 13, 2020: CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids

TBD

NEW! October 4, 2020: CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise

TBD

The Thruway Trail will again benefit by the combined work of the Program Chairs by hosting this speaker. More info will be announced later. We are able to do our regular meeting date since our Show will be the following weekend at Beaver Lake.

October 2020: *Please Note Change of Date* *CANCELED*
2nd weekend - CNYOS Annual Show at Beaver Lake

November 2020: Open for Speaker (TBA)

December 2020: CNYOS Program - Holiday Luncheon



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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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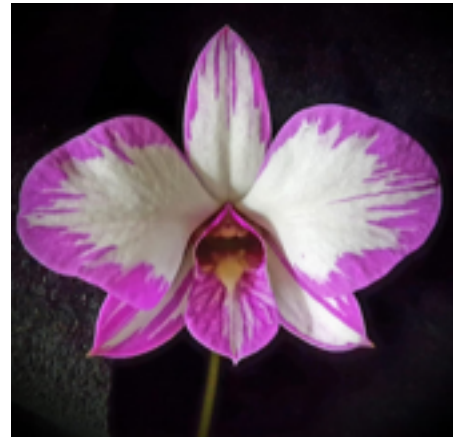
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CNYOS Facebook Page:

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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