

# 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

2019 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Send to:

Carol Haskell, Treasurer  
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## President's Message:

Hello CNYOS Members,

As we move into March and how it flirts with the coming of Spring, at least we have our orchids to give us buds and blooms. The hymn lyric comes to mind.....

'In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be.'

I don't know why we have orchids in our homes. It could be because they are pretty, or challenging, or exotic-- I just know that it was the gateway-drug, the grocery store phalaeonpsis with it's winter buds and large colorful flowers that last for months into summer, that hooked me. From there you get more and try other varieties; it seems to cartwheel from a few to needing a contractor to house your bursting collection.

Enjoy our speaker for March and prepare your blooming orchids for the GROS Show at the end of the month. Enjoy your buds that are full of promise!

~ Lori Burritt

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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)**

**March 12, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Choosing the Best Plants**

Lois Cinert

(Public Webinar)

**March 26, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Greenhouse Chat February 2019**

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Mar 24th)

Society Webinars

**You can watch a variety of recorded webinars  
any time at your convenience at [aos.org](http://aos.org)**

## Minutes: February 3, 2019

- ~ *Treasurer's Report:* We made \$378.00 from our January sale and \$442.51 from our show. Total assets are \$4,902.86.
- ~ *Sunshine Committee Report:* Judi will be needing surgery, Monica has been coming back to some meetings, nothing heard about Iris.
- ~ *Old Business:* For the March meeting the topic will be Black Orchids. The speaker Dr. Leslie Ee and his helper will be staying at a hotel which our orchid society will pay for. After the meeting we will host them at Lock 24 for dinner. Anyone may attend provided you pay your own way.

### **New Business:**

- ~ Krum Sotirov brought calendars for a donation to the Bulgarian Orchid Society. All the pictures were taken by the members themselves of their orchids.
- ~ The Binghamton Orchid Society will not have an AOS judged show this year. The show will be the last weekend of April to be held at the Roberson Museum & Science Center in Binghamton. Anyone can set up a display or just put the orchids on a table. The society will provide tables and black cloths. In addition, two vendors will be selling orchids.
- ~ Rochester show is March 29<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>. Set up is on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday. Please e-mail your list of orchids to be entered ahead of time to Sue Finger. Bring orchids to either Sue, Jan, and David at the church. This needs to be done before the 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday. For those setting up the display table there is no backdrop needed.
- ~ Beverages are needed for the March meeting.
- ~ Check FaceBook for show table pictures.
- ~ Submitted by Dolores Capella

Correction for February 2019 Minutes - Show Committee: Judi Witkin and Sue Finger are co-chairman.

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| <b>Show Table: February 3, 2019</b> |
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~ **BARBARA WELLER** ~Dendrochilum **javieriense** L~ **DOLORES CAPELLA** ~Phal Liu's Fantasy W  
(Be Glad x Timothy Christopher)~ **JUDI WITKIN** ~

Lambara Five Aces  
(Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy x  
Broughtonia sanguinea)

Stelis superbiens  
un-named Dendrobium

Schunkeara Big Shot  
(Alcra Tahoma Glacier x Miltoniopsis  
Maui Titan)

Aliceara Donald Halliday  
(Alcra Tahoma Glacier x Onc Richard  
Waugh)

Brassocattleya Green Bird  
(Bc Binosa x Brassavola Little Stars)

~ **COLIN DIMON** ~

Paphiopedilum gratrixianum  
Paphiopedilum Great Pacific  
(Pacific Ocean x Winston Churchill)

~ **JERRY & SUE FINGER** ~Cycnodes Jumbo Puff L  
(Cycnoches warscewiczii x Mormodes  
badia)~ **JAN WOODWORTH** ~

Caulocattleya Ethels Paradise 'Hawaii'  
(Caulocattleya Chantilly Lace x C Penny  
Kuroda (Penny Kuroda Gp))

Phal. equestris  
Paph. appletonianum  
Brassavola nodosa

~ **JACK HASSE** ~

**Aliceara** Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'  
AM/AOS L/O  
(Bratonia Charles M. Fitch x Oncidium  
Fremar)

~ **DONNA COLEMAN** ~

Dendrobium King Zip 'Red Splash'  
**AM/AOS** (Kathking x Zip)

Dendrobium Mini Snowflake  
(aberrans x johnsoniae)

Phal tetraspis  
Phal Baldan's Kaleidoscope  
(Hausermann's Candy x Daryl  
Lockhart)

Vanda Mona Church  
(miniata x ampullacea)

Dinema polybulbon  
Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS  
(Butterfly x papilio)

~ **DAVID DITZ** ~

Ornithocephalus manabina L/^ humidity  
Specklinia picta L/^ humidity

~ **LORI BURRITT** ~

Paph Fred's Lady W  
(Lady Macbeth x Friedrich von Hayek)

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Mari's Melody  
'Carmela' W  
(C Mari's Song x Rlc Chyong Guu  
Chaffinch)

Brassocattleya Green Bird W  
(Bc Binosa x Brassavola Little Stars)

Laeliocattleya Hsin Buu Lady 'YT' AM/  
AOS W  
(Laelia anceps x C Wendy's Valentine)

Cattlianthe Jamie Hollingsworth W  
(Ctt Trick or Treat x Ctt Brandied Treat)

Any changes are in bold type. Some variety names were removed as they are no longer recognized. Thank you all for the wonderful show table.

~ Submitted by Sue Finger

## Steps to Take When Bringing Home Your Next Orchid

This is a re-print of an article from Better~Gro, February 2019.



It is such a joy to bring home a new orchid. They brighten up your home and garden, and some varieties stay in bloom for up to three months. Whether you have just a few plants or an extensive collection, here are several steps you should take when bringing home a new orchid from the garden center, grocery store or local orchid show.

### ***Check the Moisture Level of the Potting Media***

Stores do their best to properly care for plants, but under or over watering does occur. If the plant feels heavy from water and the potting media is cool to the touch, wait a few days before watering to allow the excess moisture to be absorbed. If the potting media is dry and/or the leaves look limp, give the plant a good watering, but make sure the water flows through and exits the pot.

### ***Look for Bugs***

Your new orchid may have left the greenhouse free from bugs, but once exposed to other plants in the store, some critters may decide to move to a new host plant. In addition to inspecting the plant in the store, it is a good idea to do an additional check at home. Some bugs are almost impossible to see with the naked eye, so a simple light rinse of the leaves with water will likely wash away the bugs. If you do happen to notice a small spot of scale or mealy bugs, you can eliminate these pests by wiping the leaves with a cotton ball soaked in 70% isopropyl alcohol.



### ***Remove Netting and Plastic Wraps***

Growers will often use netting to prevent the potting media from spilling out. Be sure to remove the net or tape once you have brought your plant home to avoid new growth from getting trapped and damaged.



Additionally, if your plant has a thin colorful plastic or foil wrap surrounding the pot, it is best to remove these wraps. Orchids are epiphytic and their roots need air flow. These wraps limit that flow and trap water which could cause the plant to rot. If you want to use a decorative pot while your plant is in bloom, simply place the orchid's plastic or terra-cotta pot inside your preferred pot, making sure the water can drain.

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## Steps to Take When Bringing Home Your Next Orchid Continued...

### Quarantine

If you have a collection of orchids, it's best to keep your new orchid in a different location for at least a week. This separation will allow you to look for bugs, fungus or bacteria on the new plant before exposing your existing healthy plants to potential issues.

### Repot After the Blooms Have Dropped

Sphagnum moss is used by many growers to keep plants from drying out during shipping and while in the store. After your orchid has finished blooming, we recommend repotting your orchid in fresh potting mix. If you repot while your orchid is in bloom, the blossoms may prematurely drop.

Sun Bulb Company, Inc. | 1615 Sw HWY 17, Arcadia, FL 34266 [www.better-gro.com](http://www.better-gro.com)

### March 3, 2019 Guest Speaker: Biography: Dr. Leslie Ee, BSc., ND

Born in Borneo, not far from the home of *Paphiopedilum sanderianums*, Leslie was raised around orchids his entire life by his grandmother and mother, both of whom treasured local orchids. They taught Leslie how to grow and flower them at a young age, and he never looked back since. Leslie has since grown many varieties over 30 years, but his favourites are *Cattleya* species, *Paphiopedilum* species, novelty *Phalaenopsis*, and miniatures, with a few botanical varieties thrown in. (\*\*\*) At present Leslie has over 500 plants, a majority of them selected and heirloom *Cattleya* species, and three orchid tanks, including a cool tank with *Dendrobium cuthbertsoniis*. Dr. Ee has travelled the world to attend orchid shows and nurseries (such as Japan, Ecuador, Colombia, US, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia). Leslie is an AOS Associate Judge with the Toronto judging centre as well as President of the COC. He is committed to the sharing of orchid knowledge and conservation efforts of local orchids around the world.

#### Professional Background:

Dr. Ee had a clinical IV practice in Toronto that specialized in gastro-intestinal disease. With over 20 years of practice and thousands of patients, Dr. Ee has been instrumental in bringing the use of IV therapies to the healing of many diseases to others in the profession. He also specialized in anti-aging therapies and is currently developing and launching a new line of natural creams for the cosmetic market.

### AOS Orchidist's Word of the Month:

#### anthocyanin (an-THO-sigh-a-nin)

A type of naturally occurring flavonoid pigment that is especially common within flowers and is responsible for red through blue colors; these pigments vary in color according to the pH of the cell sap, presence of metal ions, and the concentration of co-pigments.

### ~ Upcoming Shows ~

March 29-31 ~ GROS

[geneseeorchid.org](http://geneseeorchid.org)

April 5-7 ~ SEPOS

[sepos.org](http://sepos.org)

April 26-28 ~ STOS

[storchidsociety.com](http://storchidsociety.com)

See Page 7 for more info

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**March 3, 2019 - 2 PM**

*Dr. Leslie Ee\**, Toronto Judging Center

Topic: Black Orchids

*\* see bio on page 5*

*(There WILL be plants for sale)*

**April 2019 - No Meeting**

**May 2019 - Annual Auction**

**June 2019 - Picnic**

**Refreshment Volunteer List:**

March 3, 2019

Lori Burritt/Honey Goshorn

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

April 2019 - No Meeting

May 5, 2019

Jan Woodworth/Dave Ditz

Beverages: Donna Coleman

June 2, 2019 - Annual Picnic

Everyone Brings a Dish to Pass

**Glen Decker's Paph. and Phrag. Mix**

**6 Parts seedling or fine bark**

**1 Part horticultural charcoal**

**1 Part sponge rock or large perlite**

**1/2 Part calcium chips or cracked  
oyster shells**

[www.pipingrockorchids.com](http://www.pipingrockorchids.com)



Photo: Sue Finger



Paphiopedilum Saiun 'Forest Park' AM/AOS

Photographer: Nile Dusdieker

## Remaining 2019 Program/Speakers Schedule:

### Program - **March 3, 2019 meeting**

Dr Leslie Ee will be speaking on Black Orchids. His bio is included in this newsletter. (Page 5)  
He will be bringing plants for sale. Make note; his sales helper is vegan so please try to accommodate that diet. We will be taking them out for supper following the meeting to Lock 24 Restaurant, Baldwinsville. Members are welcome/encouraged to come for supper on their own tabs. A room has been reserved for him and his sales help at The Red Mill Inn. He will leave on Monday to go to Rochester for their meeting that night.

### No Program for **April** as there is **No Meeting**.

- \* Please plan on attending the Genesee Region Orchid Society Show on March 29-31 to see what your show team has set up for a display. Plants to show can be dropped up until Wednesday evening at the Finger's house, to Jan Woodworth, or during the day to David Ditz at the church where we meet. Please pre-register plants with Sue Finger by email [jandsfinger@aol.com](mailto:jandsfinger@aol.com)
- \* Consider attending the South East Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show on April 5-7 in Oaks, PA at the Expo Center.

### Program - **May 5, 2019**

Annual Auction of Donated plants by our favorite vendors. A list of donated plants will be published.

### Program - **June 2, 2019 tentative date**

Annual Picnic - no speaker, just fun and food!

Submitted by: Sue Finger - co-VP

## Fairmount Garden Club: Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip

Anyone interested in a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show (March 7-8, \$225), please contact Kathy Ammann, 315-468-3710 for more information.

<https://theflowershow.com>



## SEPOS 2019 Show - April 5 - 7

at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center

~ The largest show of its kind in the Northeast ~

24 beautiful exhibits

20 vendors

Free guided tours

Free lectures

Fragrance Judging

For more information go to

<http://www.sepos.org>

### 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>

### Central New York Orchid Society

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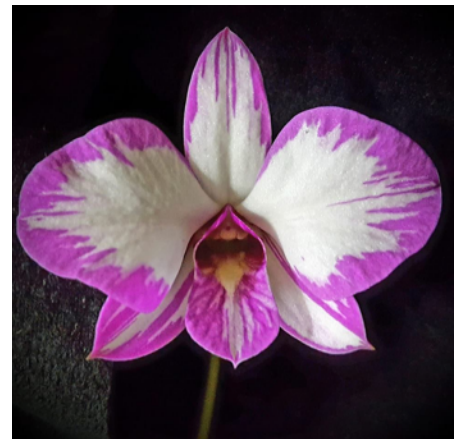
**Secretary:**

Dolores Capella (315) 469-8697

### 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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