

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.

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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>
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**** denotes vendors at our show**

Upcoming Webinars:

American Orchid Society: Register at aos.org

March 19, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Greenhouse Chat March 2020

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Mar. 15th)

March 31, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

A Junior Orchid Show

Barbara Schmidt

(Open to All Webinar)

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

Greenhouse Chat April 2020

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Apr. 19th)

Minutes: February 1, 2020

- ~ The Meeting was called to order by President Lori Burritt.
- ~ The January meeting minutes as published in the newsletter were approved after a motion by Jan, 2nd by Bob.
- ~ Carol Haskell reported a total of \$5599.17 in the bank. We took in \$279 on the silent auction.
- ~ Nobody is sick or dead.
- ~ Beaver Lake double booked the weekend for the orchid show.. Since it was their error, they corrected it by "unscheduleing" the other event. Our show will go on as planned.
- ~ The Show Committee was formed and it consists mostly of the same people who have done it in the past. Sue asked that others step forward to learn how to put a show together, she will mentor.

Old Business:

- ~ There was no old business.

New Business:

- ~ Jan talked about having a "ask the pro" session 20 minutes before the regular meeting. If you are having a problem, are new to the hobby, etc. this would be your chance to ask for suggestions. Judy, Sue, Jerry and most of the other " old timers" said they would help.
- ~ The show table was outstanding this month. Did anyone take a picture?
- ~ Jan and Judy motioned to close the meeting at 3 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Our guess speaker Austin Miller from Marlow's presented an interesting talk on Bulbophyllums. Jonathon happily sold plants to all who were motivated to add Bulbos to their collections after hearing the presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Hasse, Secretary

~ **LORI BURRITT** ~

Brassanthe Maikai 'Louise'	W
(Brassavola nodosa x Guarianthe boweringiana)	
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsinying Greenworth	W
(Rlc. Yen Surprise x Rlc. Varut Greenworth)	
Paphiopedilum sukhakulii	W
Maxillaria variabilis	W
Cattlianthe Golden Treat	W
(Ctt. Trick or Treat x Ctt. Golden Wax)	

~ **JACK HASSE** ~

Dendrobium unicum	L/O
Angraecum leonis	L/O
Rhyncattleanthe Love Passion x Cattleya Tropical Sunset	L/O

~ **DAVID DITZ** ~

Aerangis luteoalba	G
Vanda Cherry Blossom	G
(V. falcata x V. ampullacea)	
Monnierara Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft'	G
(Catanoches Midnight Jem x Mormodes sinuata)	
Dendrobium trinervium	G
Specklinia picta	L (humid)

~ **JAN WOODWORTH** ~

Cattleya Yellow Doll	
(C. luteola x C. Psyche (1902))	
Rhyncattleanthe Martha Clarke x Rhyncattleanthe Love Sound	
Brassocattleya Morning Glory	
(Brassovola nodosa x C. purpurata)	

~ **DONNA COLEMAN** ~

Vanda Mona Church	L/O
(V. miniata x V. ampullacea)	
Oncidium cheiroporum	
Oncidium Hilda Plumtree	W/O
(Onc. Tiger Butter x Onc. Remembrance)	
Brassosteale Tarantula	W/O
(Brassia aurantiaca x Brassosteale Summit)	
Dendrobium King Zip 'Red Splash'	AM/AOS
(Den. Kathking x Den. Zip)	
Dinema polybulbon	W

~ **DOLORES CAPELLA** ~

Phal. NO ID
Dendrobium Lowana Nioka (canaliculatum x antennatum)

~ **JUDI WITKIN** ~

Paphiopedilum Winmoore (Winston Churchill x Farnmoore)
Oncidopsis Living Fire 'Dark Fires' AM/AOS (Oncidopsis Edna x Oncidium maculatum)
Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash' AM/AOS (Enobi Komachi x Laguna Princess)
Dendrobium Regal Gillieston x Dendrobium Warrior
Dendrobium Donovan x Dendrobium Victorian Bride
Stelis ornata

~ **JERRY & SUE FINGER** ~

Lambara Five Aces	L
(Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy x Broughtonia sanguinea)	
Procatavola Golden Peacock	L/O
(Brassocattleya Richard Mueller x Prosthechea vitellina)	
Dinema polybulbon	Cool Tank
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Fantasy Circle	L
(Rlc. Golden Circle x C. Angel's Fantasy)	
Epidendrum ciliare (Peru form)	L/O
Masdevallia Aquarius	Cool Tank
(constricta x davisii)	
Restrepia vasquezii	Cool Tank
Scaphosepalum breve	Cool Tank
Phalaenopsis appendiculata	Shaded Lights
Milmiltonia Sunset	L
(Miltonia Goodale Moir x Mmt. Norma MacRae)	
Dendrobium Australian Robbie McInnes	L
(Aussie Parade x speciosum)	
Perreiraara LeBeau Blue	L/O
(Aerides lawrenceae x Vandachostylis Sasicha)	
Mycaranthes gigantea	L
Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite	L
(Calanthe Rozel x Phaius tankervilleae)	
Macroclinium junctum	L

Great Show Table for bragging! Just beautiful! Any changes or additions are in **bold**. Please note changes on your plant labels.

Submitted by Sue Finger, Registrar



THE January 2020 AOS CORNER

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Sharing Our Passion

Who has not experienced the joy of that first bloom? Who has not experienced the delight of new growth? Who has not been swept away as they stepped into a room full of orchids at an orchid show? We relive all of these feelings repeatedly when we share our lives with orchids.

I had a little surgery scheduled a few weeks ago. As I was getting prepped, I asked the doctor when I could resume my regular routines. I told him I had to be at a big business meeting the next day. He said, "It's Saturday. No business meetings on Saturday." I explained to him that our Orchid Judging Center was having their semi-annual business meeting and monthly orchid judging. He remarked that orchids were the only plants his wife could keep alive. The nurse preparing me for surgery said, "Orchids? I grow orchids." She whipped out her mobile phone and showed us pictures of orchids around her home garden. I invited her to our next society meeting. I had just enough time to text the flyer for our March orchid show and the link to our society website before I was wheeled away. You never know where you will find another orchid friend! Let's remember to take a moment out of our busy world to breathe in and share the beauty of orchids.

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS March Preview

Orchids Illustrated - Phaius by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins

Each month in ORCHIDS the Orchids Illustrated column highlights a specific genus and occasionally a specific species. The article often includes a single stunning current photograph of the subject matter, historical references, dated antique plates, and botanical drawings. It is interesting to see the different naming conventions used throughout the years. It is no wonder that we will never learn all there is to know about orchids. Check out this group of terrestrial orchids and learn how they have been recognized through the years in the orchid world.

Don't miss out! Membership offers something for everyone - Coming in ORCHIDS March 2020

- For the Novice - Nutrition by Ray Barkalow
- Collector's Item - Zootrophion Hybrids by Leon Glicenstein
- Judges Corner - Being a judging team captain by Bill Thoms
- Caularthron and its Hybrids by Jean Allen-Ikeson
- The Joys of Small Phalaenopsis by Andy Coghill-Behrends
- Psychopsis limminghei by Rudolf Jenny

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.

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

<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner

~ Step Into Spring and Enjoy a New Growing Season ~

~ by Thomas Mirenda

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** March 2009*

SLEET, SNOW, HAIL, FREEZING RAIN and wintry mixes dominate the weather reports this month, making for treacherous travel. We leave our abodes and workplaces each day at our peril, usually only to perform or acquire the bare necessities. Perhaps it was Freudian, or just wishful thinking on his part, but my local news weatherman, obviously tired of delivering bad news all month, floundered a bit while trying to describe today's forecast. The teleprompter may have read "snow flurries and rain showers" but our man instead predicted "snow flowers." I laughed and looked out the window, but the only flowers to be seen were inside on a phalaenopsis. Perhaps he's an orchid grower too, because that is exactly what March brings us each year: A glorious array of orchid flowers. Coincidentally, even though February is the month where we humans reveal our affection for each other on Valentine's Day with orchids and other flowers, we needn't restrict ourselves and should continue such loving gestures through the year. The gift of an orchid is an unmistakable sign of passion and affirmation (unless you're giving one of those stinky bulbophyllums). Even those orchids might be appropriate gifts for your boss, or someone you've divorced.

SOMETHING'S COMING The air is humming, and spring is dangling in the air as the weather starts to change. Crocus and daffodils are opening outside, harbingers of the wonders of spring about to burgeon forth. As the days elongate and the sun rises higher each successive date, the action begins inside. Plants such as catasetums and dendrobiums, left dry most of the winter, are starting to produce new roots, and while it's a bit early still, repotting and renewed watering are imminent. This is true of many other orchids, including cattleyas, cymbidiums and phalaenopsis hybrids that you should prepare

for the onslaught of spring repotting that is about to begin. Be ahead of the game and get fresh potting supplies — pots, potting mix, wire products and fertilizer — so you'll be able to attend to plants as they need attention.

PRETTY AND PERKY Even though most orchids are at the starting gates ready to produce next year's growths, many are still in glorious bloom. Luckily, there are orchid exhibits throughout the spring to show off these beauties. However, once exhibited, you may want to remove those old inflorescences (unless you've made seed capsules on them). Spike production and flowering is energetically hard on plants, and the removal of the inflorescences will divert energy toward the new growths, so important for future flowering and the orchids overall health and longevity. Always use a sterilized blade whenever excising spikes or leaves to prevent the spread of viruses from plant to plant.

SCOUT FOR INTRUDERS With the advent of new growths and senescence of flowers come some unwanted parasites. This is a prime month for aphids to appear on new growths of pleurothallids and old oncidium inflorescences. Mealybugs are sometimes found on the backs of phalaenopsis flowers and the undersides of their leaves, where these insects are less likely to be washed away by the watering hose. Safer Soap or Sunspray Oil applications are usually adequate to quell small infestations of these soft-bodied insects, but be vigilant. These innocuous creatures are insidious and, if allowed to travel from plant to plant, with their sucking mouthparts are also implicated in the spread of viruses.

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TAKING STOCK As plants come out of dormancy, you may want to move them to more accessible spots in your growing area. In the autumn, dormant plants were rightly moved to areas where they'd be less likely to be struck by stray sweeps of the hose. Now, some of those plants, such as habenarias and galeandras, will need to be in the forefront of your collection so they are not forgotten or ignored as they come out of dormancy. This is also a good time to consider which plants performed well in the past year. With so many new species and hybrids available, culling your collection to make room for something new keeps your orchid growing fresh and exciting, plus the donation of plants to an auction table may encourage and inspire a new orchid grower to enter the astounding world of orchids. (As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 78, NO.3, MARCH 2009)



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March 2020 AOS Orchidist's
Word of the Month:
tuberoid (TEW-ber-oyd):
 A thickened root resembling a tuber, as those found in many terrestrial orchids.

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~ **Monthly Checklist ~**
Orchid Care
AOS Monthly Checklist for
March/April

Question Korner



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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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!

How to Re-Bloom Your Orchids

Better-Gro Orchid Blog
February 15, 2020

As orchid growers, we are often asked the question, “My orchid seems to be growing well and it looks healthy, but I have not been able to get it to bloom again. Why is this?”

The answer is often a simple modification to the amount of light and/or a change in temperature to kick start a blooming cycle.

Not all orchids have the same cultural requirements, so it is important to first [identify the type of orchid](#) you have – this is essential!

Refer to these web pages for care guidance for your specific type of orchid: [Cattleya](#), [Dendrobium](#), [Oncidium](#), [Paphiopedilum](#), [Phalaenopsis](#), and [Vanda](#). Here you will find light, temperature, humidity and feeding guidance.

In addition to making slight modifications to your orchids environment, it's important to note that all orchid growers need patience. Most orchids bloom seasonally or just annually. This is because there are certain temperature and/or light changes that occur during the year that trigger flowering. Plants need specific amounts of light each day to be able to convert food (fertilizer) and water into energy. This energy is then used to power the processes required for the plant to grow and bloom.

Light

If your plant is receiving adequate water and food (the plant looks lush and healthy, leaves are a nice dark green) but does not flower or only produces a few flowers, then chances are it is not getting enough light. You should try to gradually increase the amount of light your plant is receiving (leaves should be a medium-green).

For simplicity sake, light requirements can be divided into four levels:

- low light (90% shade or less)
- medium light (55-65% shade)
- high light (30-40% shade)
- full sun (no shade)

When we refer to “% shade,” we are referring to a percentage of the available daylight at any given point in time of the day, not the amount of daytime that the plant is exposed to the full sun. Indeed, most orchids would burn within a matter of minutes if put in the full sun during hot summers.

Don't Forget Night

Some Cattleyas initiate spikes in response to the longer, uninterrupted nights of winter. Therefore, all else being equal, they will only flower when they receive the adequate amount of night hours (although this can vary significantly between Cattleya species).

Temperature

Temperature plays an important role in flowering. Most standard [Phalaenopsis](#) for example, require cooler nights and days (60-75 °F) to initiate spikes. These cooler temps not only initiate the [Phalaenopsis](#) spike, but can also influence the number of flowers produced on that spike. This is why in our area of the south [Phalaenopsis](#) plants bloom primarily from winter to spring. This may differ if you are located in the north. On the other hand, many [Dendrobiums](#) like it hot, so they will typically flower from mid-summer to fall.

We hope these tips bring about the ultimate reward of a re-blooming orchid. For more information visit [EasyOrchidGrowing.com](#) and be sure to watch our Orchid Care videos.

Happy Blooming!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- March 1, 2020** - 2 PM - Guest Speaker
Jan Woodworth
Topic: SEPOS OR BUST: Our Excellent Adventure!
- April 5, 2020** - 2 PM - Guest Speaker Speaker
Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids in CA
- May 3, 2020** - 2 PM - Guest Speaker Speaker
Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in CA
- June 7, 2020** - 2 PM - CNYOS Program -
Annual Auction/Picnic



2020 Refreshment Volunteer List:

MARCH 1, 2020 - MEMBER SPEAKER

Jan Woodworth & Jerry & Sue Finger
Beverages: Sarah Kelly

APRIL 5, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER

Judi Witkin & Amanda Hurlbutt & Mary Reardon
Beverages: Bob Pfromm

MAY 3, 2020 - GUEST SPEAKER

David Ditz & Lorrie Worden
Beverages: Honey Goshorn

JUNE 7, 2020 - ANNUAL PICNIC

Everyone brings a dish to pass.

The New York Botanical Garden

NYBG - The Orchid Show

THE ORCHID SHOW: JEFF LEATHAM'S KALEIDOSCOPE

February 15 - April 19, 2020

Experience Famed Designer Jeff Leatham's Bold and Colorful Vision

The dazzling floral creations of Jeff Leatham, famed artistic director of the Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris and floral designer to the stars, energize the 18th annual *Orchid Show*.

Leatham's bold and colorful vision unfolds through captivating installations and designs, transforming each gallery of the exhibition in the historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory into a different color experience and visual effect, like the turn of a kaleidoscope.

Thousands of orchids provide bursts of forms and colors—in purples, reds, oranges, and hot pink—revealed through overhead arches, vine-inspired ribbons, mirrored sculpture, dramatic lighting, and other artistic embellishments.

Highlights for the March 1 Meeting:

Jan Woodworth will be presenting a Power Point program showcasing the 2019 Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Show.

You've heard us talk of this wonderful show; now see the photos of specimen plants that can't be carried in! They needed wheeled transport! Multiple displays will be shown that are nothing like what we all see here. Their show displays are built from the floor up instead of on a table top. Even live trees are brought in!

Enjoy the presentation along with refreshments followed by a show table and a Raffle Table this month. Sue has picked up some books and supplies from Elihu Cohen. These are things that Iris used in her plant room and he has donated all of it. Included is a complete set of Sander's Reference books starting with 1946, valuable research books for Orchid histories.

Bring whatever extra plants or supplies you have to raffle since the meetings for April and May will not have raffle tables.

~ Topic Note for the April 5th Meeting ~

- A heads-up for our speaker. He is Peter T Lin of Diamond Orchids in California. <http://www.diamondorchids.com>
- Listed below please find some of the highlights of his list of topics from his web site.
- Please review and let me know at the March meeting which is your choice. If you will not be at the March meeting, you can still vote on his topic by emailing me at jandsfinger@aol.com
- ~ Mini Catts - Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature
- ~ Miniature Orchid Species; Tiny Wonders of the Orchid World
- ~ The 3A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis, and Aeranthes
- ~ Compact Vandaceous Species and Their Hybrids
- ~ Laelia Species and Their Culture
- ~ Cattleya Species and Their Culture
- You can see the whole list of topics on the web site in case you'd like to suggest another. Check him out online. He will also be sending a plant list to me prior to his visit which I will send out in a newsletter. He does offer pre-orders with a 10% discount to be brought to the meeting with him. He will have assorted plants for sale at the meeting.



Phragmipedium America
'George's Delight'
 AM/AOS
 (Phrag. Les Dirouilles x Phrag. kovachii)
Photographer: David Gould



For additional information on temperature ranges for orchids, go to aos.org.

Save the Dates: 2020 Events Schedule

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

March 1, 2020: *CNYOS Program* - Jan Woodworth Topic: SEPOS OR BUST: Our Excellent Adventure. Jan 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: \*Please Note Change of Date\***

2nd weekend - *CNYOS Annual Show at Beaver Lake*

**November 2020:** *Open for Speaker (TBA)*

**December 2020:** *CNYOS Program* - *Holiday Luncheon*

## AOS Special Announcement - Greenhouse Chat Index Project Completed

We are pleased to announce the completion of the Greenhouse Chat index project. The idea is simple enough. When you click on LEARN MORE on any recorded greenhouse chat webinar, you will now see a time stamped table of contents that you can browse for topics that interest you. So, if you missed a chat, or could not remember the chat where a specific topic of interest to you was discussed, you can quickly zero in on what you want to see, and skip directly to that section when you view the recording.

These webinars are such a great asset to our membership and we encourage you to take advantage of them.

Also, of note is that the indexes are integrated into the search capabilities of [aos.org](http://aos.org). so, you can expect to see Greenhouse Chats in the list of search results. For example, if you search on MSU (because you are interested in MSU fertilizer) you will notice that is discussed in 2 chats; June 2018 and February 2015.

You can see [the full list of recorded webinars by clicking here](#).

### 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>

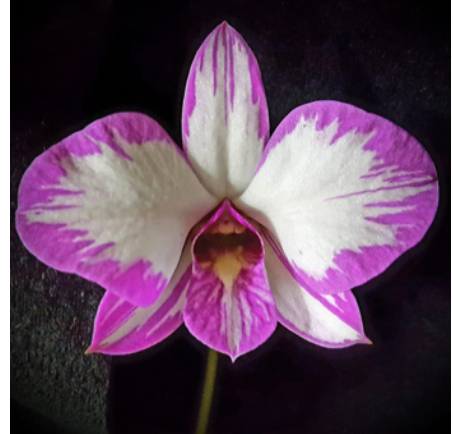
#### Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

<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/>



Reminder: Be sure to “Like” our page!

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