

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:
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**It's time to renew
your membership!
Individuals \$20
Family \$22**

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Next Meeting: Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM at the Church.

It's time again for our fabulous orchid auction!

Here is your chance to pick up some great orchids at bargain prices. Plants have been ordered from various vendors, and there are usually some great plants to be had.

There will be no raffle table at this meeting, but here will be a show table. Guests are welcome, but will be charged \$5.00, unless they join the club at the meeting.

Come early to pick up your bidder number and look over the available plants, so we can start on time!

Show Committee

Since this is the last formal meeting of the year (except for the picnic), there will be a meeting of the Show Committee to discuss what has been accomplished so far and what needs to be done over the summer to get ready for our Show and Sale in October. The meeting will be at 1:30 before the regular meeting. Anyone is welcome to join us.

I will bring some sign-up sheets so members can sign up for some of the volunteer duties required for a successful show.

President's Message

We're just back from the SEPOS show, and the entire day was –AWESOME-!!!

It also gave me a really great feeling that the Rochester club had members going along with us. Activities done with another club make it just that much nicer. Great camaraderie...

If you were unable to go, talk to someone who did and get the rundown on it all. Everyone is talking about doing this again!

Sue Finger

I second Sue in agreeing that the SEPOS show was amazing. Vendor and club exhibits were spread throughout the science museum, so that beautiful orchids flanked dioramas of saber-toothed tigers and herds of elephants. The 24 vendors occupied two floors, and ranged from our familiar Jim Marlow to purveyors from Japan and China. Their displays included two beautifully arranged Wardian cases at the entrance hall of the museum. Southeastern Pennsylvania seems to encompass Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey, and the club displays from these places were varied and beautiful. I did not come on the bus, but drove with my husband, since my daughter and grandsons live in Philly. They all attended the show (and acquired some orchids), and were blown away.

Eva Galson

GROS Show



photo by Eva Galson

CNYOS Exhibit at GROS 2013

The GROS show was a success for CNYOS. Many thanks go to the dedicated members who contributed their plants, and to Jan, Judi, Sue and Jerry who set up our display which won:

1st Place for Best Orchid Society Exhibit of more than 15 plants. In addition, the following members won ribbons for their plants:

Sue & Jerry Finger

Den. senile 'Mary Ann' AM/AOS, CCM/AOS	3d
Paph. venustum	3d
Renanthera Tom Thumb	3d
Cym. Autumn King 'Takaki'	2d

Judi Witkin

C. aurantiaca	2d
Den. Aussie's Chip	3d
Den. Andree Millar	3d

Donna Coleman

Ctt. Exotic Mini Treat	3d
Spe. tribularioides	3d
Phal. Timothy Christopher	2d
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope	2d
Phal. FANGtastic Mariana Myers 'Sweetheart'	3d
Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'	3d

Eva Galson

Phal. Sogo Gotris 'Flora Arc'	2d
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope	3d

David Ditz

Leptotes bicolor	3d
Specklinia grobyi	3d
Den. aggregatum	2d
Den. tetragonum	3d
Den. Norma Jackson	3d

Iris Cohen

C. Mini Song 'Petite' AM/AOS	1 st
Phal. Taida King's Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra'	3d

Lauri Burritt

Max. tenuifolia	1 st Best Windowsill Grown Plant
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Congratulations to all the winners!

Refreshment Volunteers

May	1. Pat Cotter	2. Dale Corey
June	Spring Picnic – Everyone contributes	
July and August	No Meetings	
September	1. Jack/Deb Hasse	2. ?
October	1. ?	2. ?
November	1. ?	2. ?

CNYOS Meeting April 7, 2013

There was no meeting, since only a few of us met in the parking lot of the church before car pooling to GROS in Rochester.

STOS SHOW 2013



Photo by Jan Woodward

The STOS show was also a success for CNYOS. Many thanks go to the dedicated members who contributed their plants, and to Jan, Sue and Jerry who set up our display which won:



Best Exhibit in Show, The AOS Show Trophy.

Jan Woodward won an AOS award of 81 points for her Phrag., also shown in the center of the CNYOS display photo. It will now be called Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit 'Janet'.

The following members won ribbons and other awards for their entries:

Donna Coleman

Phal. Dou-Dii Perfume 'Orchis'	1 st
Phal. bastianii	3d
Phal.I-Lan Green Pixie	2d
Epi. Crystal Valley X immorataphyllum	1st

Lori Burritt

C. Bryan Wheeler	1 st	Best in Group
Ctyh. Siam Jade	2d	
Eny. Jackie Bright	1 st	

Jerry and Sue Finger

Den. Mini Snowflake	2d
Den. hemimelanoglossum	2d
Den. hemimelanoglossum mini	2d
Den tannii	3d
victoria-reginae	2d
Ionopsis utricularoides	1 st
Ionopsis utricularoides mini	1 st
Coel. massangeana	1 st
Ren. Tom Thumb	2d
Onc. maculatum	1 st

Judi Witkin

C. aurantiaca	1 st	
Microcoelia stolzii	1 st	Best in Group, Jim Kie award
Jackfowlieara Appleblossom 'Woodland' HCC/AOS	2d	
Sarcoglottis sceptrodes	2d	

Lori Hoffman

Psh. Green Hornet	2d
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Iris Cohen

C. Jillian Lee	3d
C. Jillian Lee mini	1 st
Paph. spicerianum	1 st

Jan Woodward

Den. convolutum	3d	
Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit	1 st	Best in Group, AM/OS 81 points
Pyp. Butterfly var. alba	3d	
Cym. Dancing Mother	1 st	
Brasiliorchis picta	2d	

Events Calendar

April 20-22	STOS Show and Sale
April 28,29	African Violet Society of Syr. Annual Show & Sale – Sat 1-6, Sun 10-4
May 6	CNYOS Meeting - Vendor Auction
June 2	NENYOS Picnic at Piping Rock. Bring a dish to pass, table setting, chair. 2 speakers are arranged for that day (one is Mountain Orchids with plants for sale)
June 9	CNYOS Picnic at the church
July & August	No Meetings
September 9	CNYOS Meeting - Possible Repotting Clinic
September 9	Focus on Phals, Ballston Spa, NY Go to phal.org for more information.
October 5-7	CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake
November 4	CNYOS Meeting - Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids

Note from Iris

If anyone bought a large bright yellow and red harlequin Phal. from Jim Marlow recently, there was a label mix-up. The correct name is Phal. Diamond Goldamour 'YPM9021' (Haur Jin Diamond x Sunrise Goldamour).

Virtual Show Table

Charles Ufford, who manages our website, wanted members to have the following information: This is a repeat of info. published last year, but I bet many members have mislaid the article or forgotten where it is.

While looking through the CNYOS website, I realized that I had not finished creating a user account so that club members could upload pictures to the Virtual Showtable. To go to the Virtual Showtable page, follow the link <http://cnyos.org/virtualshowtable/index.php> . Once at this page, click the 'login' button or link towards the upper right of the page. For user enter [cnyosmember](#) and the password is [baldwinsville](#) . There are two accounts that are similar; cnyos member and cnyosmember. Login to the account cnyosmember (no space in the name). Once logged in as 'cnyosmember', find the 'upload pictures' link towards the top of the page, click this. Once you get to the upload page, select via browsing through your computer the image(s) that you want to upload. Once uploading is finished, then add extra information for each of the orchid information categories. Once you are finished uploading and editing, log out of the account. Very important - once you have uploaded your pictures, send an email to me (charles) at uffnet@surfbest.net telling me that you have uploaded pictures. I will then move the image and information to the proper table year's page. This way it's easy to upload pictures and there is no threat of accidentally deleting/altering already submitted images or information. If you have pictures from other years, just let me know which year the images and information should go to.

Q&A from the AOS

Q.

Leaf-tip Burn I've noticed the tips of the leaves of some of my orchids are brown, and guessed it was due to over-fertilizing. This morning, I discovered two small (not tiny) brown spots on a dendrobium leaf. The cane has at least seven to eight leaves, and the spotted one is top-most. By looking at the back of the leaf, I found the center of the brown spots became thinner than the leaf. Are the spots an indication of sunburn or fungus? I have the orchid at an east window, so it shouldn't be receiving too much sun. — *Elizabeth Hsu*

A. The leaf-tip burn you describe is not unusual in orchids grown in the home or under very dry conditions,

nor is it necessarily indicative of over-fertilizing, but rather of salt-related damage. This occurs when the salt concentration in the soil solution reaches a certain critical point, either through accumulation by over-dry conditions, or by the excess application of fertilizer. Keeping the plants more evenly moist, and flushing thoroughly with clean water can also help to reduce this sort of injury to orchids. I doubt that the symptom you describe on the top leaf is fungus, and even if it is, it sounds like a type that is the result of a secondary infection that is rarely more than a cosmetic problem. Unusually cold water can bruise the softer tissue of a developing leaf, making it susceptible to infection in the same way that a cut on your hand is liable to be infected. The infection usually stops on its own, leaving the type of lesion you describe. — *Ned Nash*

Q. (Vanilla was for sale at SEPOS. Did any of you buy one?)

Flowering Vanilla Have you any suggestions to induce a *Vanilla planifolia* to bloom? My plant is growing well at the warm (80° to 85° F) end of my greenhouse, receives ample light at least six hours a day and is fertilized on a weekly basis. It has twined itself up a center support and has attached itself to the center ridge of the greenhouse. Is this species a notoriously shy bloomer? - *Tom Capranica*



A. Given enough light and space - and I do mean space - vanilla vines will flower regularly. They require at least as much light as cattleyas, and will grow to completely enclose your greenhouse eventually. We had one at my former place of employment that had to have been in aggregate more than 500 feet long that did not flower until we had scrubbed the roof well (the fiberglass was 20 years or more old at the time). Your plant should flower by the time it is nearing 20 feet, possibly this coming spring. - *Ned Nash*

Q. I have had a problem with soft scale on my cattleya plants for years now, and am wondering how to get rid of this problem once and for all. So far the only solution I have come up with is to throw out badly infested plants.

A #1 You might consider a systemic. Bayer Rose and Flower Spray is a pre-mixed insecticide that is absorbed right into the roots, stems, and leaves of the plant and kills the sucking insects. Use it once every seven days, three times. This should do the buggers in. Works for me.

If you have many plants, look for another Bayer product that has Imaprocolod(not sure of the spelling, but this should be close) and can be diluted.

A #2 I agree that systemics are a plus, but don't think that a single treatment will render the plant "toxic" for very long. The problem with most insecticides, including systemic ones like Orthene and Merit, is that they only kill adults,

leaving eggs, larvae, and pupae to replenish the population. A systemic might kill an adult biting the plant soon after treatment, but after a fairly short period of time, the effect is of no value.

In the past, I have also used an insect growth regulator such as Enstar II, which prevents all stages from maturing, so if you kill the adults, the others won't mature to reproductive adults, and the population will die out eventually.

Lately I have been using a product called SucraShield, which is a certified organic product made from sugar. It is a topical treatment that uses physics to desiccate the critters, rather than being a "toxin" per se, and it works on eggs, larvae, pupae, and adults of soft-bodied insects AND mites!

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Vendor Orchid Auction***