

# 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 4 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. Honey ordered orchids 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

Time flies and now we have our annual auction coming up again. If you haven't attended before you have missed a great opportunity to pick up a nice selection of plants. SEPOS is over for this year and the bus trip was tremendous! Everything went as planned with our scheduled stops and all were on time. The bigger bus was sooooo much more comfortable and there was a ton of space available in the storage area to bring back purchases (I did my best to fill it!) Weather was amazing so we sat outside for lunch/snacks. But the best part was all the Orchid friends from near and far, on the bus and at the vendor's area. They made it a wonderful trip! I'll keep in touch with everyone for advance notice of what may go on next year....

Happy Growing!

Orchid Junkie : 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 vendors occupied two floors, and ranged from our familiar Jim Marlow to purveyors from Japan, China and Malaysia. Their displays included three beautifully arranged Wardian cases at the entrance hall of the museum. The club displays 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***



### ***CNYOS Exhibit at GROS 2014***

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**

Leomesezia Lava Burst'Puanani'	1st
Phal. Taisuco Mickey	2d
Phal. Chia-Ching Focus	1st
Cym. Autumn King	2d
Anoetochilus chapaensis	2d
Ludisia bicolor	2d

**Donna Coleman**

Rth. Blazing Gold 'Hot Flash'	1st
Den. Nora Tokunaga	3d
Onc. Twinkle	3d
Phal.FANGtastic Mariana Myers 'Sweetheart' AM	1 <sup>st</sup>
Phal. Timothy Christopher	1 <sup>st</sup>
Phal. Elegance	3d
Dendrochilum wenzelii	3d
Maxillariella variabilis	3d
Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame thrower; HCC/AOS	2d

BEST PHALAEENOPSIS

**Judi Witkin**

Den. findlayanum	3d
Den. faciferum	2d
Den. glomeratum	3d
Erycina pusilla	2d
Chiloschista sweelimii	2d
Oberonia rufilabris	3d
Polystachya pubescens	3d

**Eva Galson**

Ctt. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade' AM/AOS	2d
Aeangis modesta	2d

**David Ditz**

Den. Norma Jackson	2d
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**Iris Cohen**

Den. Enobi Purrple 'Splash' AM/AOS	1st
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**Lauri Burritt**

Ctt. Gold Digger 'Buttercup'	1 <sup>st</sup>
C. Memoria Alvin Begeman 'Poem' HCC/AOS	2d
Phal. Chiada Hebe	3d
Maxillariella tenuifolia	2d

**Barbara Weller**

Den. hercloglossum	1 <sup>st</sup>
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## Jan Woodworth

I-Hsin Ice Coke 3d  
Rth. Zui 1<sup>st</sup>

There were three AOS Awards:

Chelonistele sulphurea 'Susan' CHM/AOS 83 points To Sue and Chuck Anderson  
Asconcentrum miniatum 'Norma' CCM/AOS 81 points to Joe Kunisch  
Paph. appletonianum f. alba 'Piping Rock' CHM/AOS 81 points to Glen Decker

**Congratulations to all the winners!**

## *Refreshment Volunteers*

May	1. Hony Goshorn	2. Dolores Capella
June	Spring Picnic – Everyone contributes	
July and August	No Meetings	
September	1. Jack/Deb Hasse	2. ?
October	1. show	
November	1. Dolores Capella	2. David Ditz

## *CNYOS Meeting April 6, 2014*

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. Other members drove there on their own.

## *STOS Show 2014*

CNYOS will have an exhibit at the Southern Tier Orchid Society Show, which takes place April 26-27. Set up is on the 25<sup>th</sup> from about 2 to 7 PM. Set-up and take-down will be performed by Sue, Jerry and Jan. The Show will take place at the Oakdale Mall, Center Court, at exit 70N of Route 17 in Johnson City. Plants may be dropped off at Sue and Jerry's (458-3040). Call or email Iris (461-9226 or [iriscohen@gmail.com](mailto:iriscohen@gmail.com)) with your plant list at least by April 22.

## *Events Calendar*

April 26-27	STOS Show and Sale
May 4	CNYOS Meeting - Vendor Auction
May 31	NENYOS Picnic at Piping Rock. Bring a dish to pass, table setting, chair. On speaker so far – J&L Orchids.
June 7	Bus to Shorefest from Albany sponsored by NENYOS. Details at <a href="http://Silvaorchids.com">Silvaorchids.com</a>
June 8	CNYOS Picnic
July & August	No Meetings
September 7	CNYOS Meeting - Possible Repotting Clinic
October 4-5	CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake
November 2	CNYOS Meeting - ?

## *Spring Has Sprung*



Today is the first day of spring and for orchid growers, that means our orchids will be commencing their annual growth cycle soon. Depending on where you live, some plants may be in growth already. As we head toward summer we will be practicing a different culture regime for our orchids. We want to optimize their growth as much as possible during the warm part of the year. The most important task we associate with spring is repotting our plants. I often hear of a novice buying an orchid and immediately repotting it regardless of the time of year. That is not sound practice. The best, and safest time to repot an orchid is in the springtime and there are good reasons why. Lengthening days continue to accelerate plant growth through the summer solstice.



With some species, growth can be explosive at this time of year. Orchids that receive ample food and water, and the proper temperatures and light for their type, can quickly fill a pot with roots. The more roots, the better a plant can utilize the nutrients it receives. This rapid growth also insures that newly potted orchids will quickly establish themselves in the fresh medium. All of this adds up to a strong, healthy plant capable of producing abundant blooms.

While there are exceptions, for most orchids it is a safe bet to repot in the spring. It is a good idea to confirm that your orchids are indeed beginning their growth cycle. Monopodial and sympodial orchids (see [August 2009 newsletter](#)) should both have some active, green root tips on mature roots. Sympodial orchids should have a cluster of new roots starting from the base of the newest pseudobulb and may or may not have a new pseudobulb starting. The longer the new roots are the easier it is to accidentally break them so try to repot plants when these roots are not much more than a half-inch long. Soaking a plant in a bucket of room temperature water will make old roots more pliable and easier to remove from the pot. This is especially helpful with monopodial orchids like *Phalaenopsis*.

Repotting orchids is fairly straightforward and once you get the hang of it, it becomes an enjoyable part of the hobby. There are a few rules to remember...

Always sterilize cutting tools between plants to avoid the spread of disease. A minute or two under a torch flame will suffice.

Remove old medium and dead roots. Leafless backbulbs may be removed from sympodial orchids.

Use fresh, clean media and pots, do not recycle media, and reuse pots only if they have been sterilized.

Potting time is a good time to examine plants for any pests that might be hiding. Spring cleaning applies to orchids too! Remove any old, dried sheaths with a toothbrush dipped in 70% isopropyl alcohol. Also remove any dead leaves or pseudobulbs.

Makes sure that all of the needed materials are at hand, that includes assorted pots, enough of your preferred media, rhizome clips and/or bamboo or wire stakes and don't forget nametags!

If you pot them correctly, most orchids only need to be repotted every second or third year. Some, like *phalaenopsis* and *catasetums* appreciate fresh medium every year.

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Vendor Orchid Auction***