

The Orchid Enthusiast

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Editor's Note:

This issue of the *Orchid Enthusiast* is devoted to the CNYOS show. Since we did not have a regular meeting in October, there are no minutes and show table.

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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I'VE BEEN EDITOR FOR ALMOST A YEAR, AND SO FAR HAVE HARDLY RECEIVED ARTICLES OR PICTURES FROM ANY ONE ! HOW ABOUT IT ORCHID LOVERS!!

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Next Meeting: Tom Nasser of Carolina Orchids will tell us about *Angraecums*

This genus contains 221 species, some of which are among the most magnificent of all orchids. They do not possess pseudobulbs but have an ever growing monopodial stem or stems. They are quite varied vegetatively and florally and are adapted to dry tropical woodland habitat and have quite fleshy leaves as a consequence. Most are epiphytes, but a few are lithophytes. Tropical Africa and Madagascar contain the majority of the genus with outlying species in southeast Asia. But these orchids can also be found on the Comoros, the Seychelles, and the Mascarenes. They occur between sea level and 2,000 m in humid regions. The long-lasting flowers grow from the leaf axils. They are mostly white, but a few are yellow, green or ochre. They all have a long spur at the back of the lip.

On seeing *Angraecum sesquipedale*, a species from Madagascar, with a 30 cm spur in the lip, Charles Darwin theorized that, since the nectar was at the bottom of the spur, a pollinator must exist with a tongue at least that long, otherwise the orchid could never be pollinated. At the time, he was not believed. However, long after Darwin's death, the predicted pollinator was discovered, a hawk moth now named *Xanthopan morganii praedicta* (*praedicta* meaning predicted). It had an appropriately long proboscis. The specific name 'sesquipedale' means 'one foot and a half', referring to the length of the spur. This is a perfect example of mutual dependence of an orchid and a specific pollinator.

Tom Nasser has a Ph. D. in textile Chemistry, and taught in the field for 20 years. He and his wife Shan started their orchid business in 1980. Besides growing and selling orchids, Tom has given talks on bulbo-phyllums and angraecums to many societies for many years. Any CNYOS members who would like to pre-order plants can do so at his website and he will bring them to the meeting.

We will also be taking the speaker out for lunch before the meeting or dinner after. Any clerks or qualified others who inadvertently missed the judges luncheon at the Orchid Show and Sale can attend the lunch/dinner without charge as thanks for their hard work. Anyone interested should contact Charles Ufford. He will get out a message later indicating whether it will be lunch or dinner.

President's Message

Another CNYOS Show is over, and thanks are due to all who participated!

First, our deepest gratitude to STOS and GROS for their beautiful displays and the time they dedicated to our efforts. Hopefully the vendors had successful sales. (I know that there were some concerns, factoring in the shape of the economy.) Also, much appreciation for the displays they set up as well.

Kudos to the CNYOS members who put in so much time, loaned plants, and applied the special skills needed to bring things together. As for awards, ribbons, etc., there were many which are listed below.

Ms. Cohen is going to be in the hospital for (hopefully) a short time. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery Iris. Special thanks to you for the work you and your husband did to register the entries.

On another note, December is the time when new officers of the CNYOS are elected. As one of the co-presidents, I am going to pass the ball. Too many irons in the fire, a new grandchild, etc. Gotta simplify.

See you all at the November meeting. Respectfully, John Bradley

PS I left my orange extension cord at the show. Could whoever picked it up at the break-down give me a call? Thanks again.

Events Calendar

November 2 – CNYOS regular meeting – Tom Nasser of Carolina Orchids on Angraecums

November ? – CNYOS visit to Marlowe Orchids, Rochester

November 16 – STOS regular meeting at Vestal Library – Cordelia Head of J+L Orchids

December 7 – CNYOS Christmas Party, tba

PICTURE OF CNYOS EXHIBIT



PHOTOGRAPH BY HARRY HOOD

WINNERS FROM CNYOS

CNYOS Exhibit 38

	Entry Name	#	Show Award
Charles Ufford	Phal. hieroglyphica	4	1st lights,, Best Phalaenopsis Margaret Tupper Award
Charles Ufford	Phal. equestris	9	2nd
Charles Ufford	Phal. lindenii	6	2nd lights
Charles Ufford	Phal. violacea	2	3rd lights
Dave Ditz	Phrag. After-Glo	65	3rd
Dave Ditz	Paph. Saint Swithin	66	3rd
Dolores Capella	C. intermedia	33	1st, Best Cattleya Alliance
Dolores Capella	C. Batalinii	34	3rd
Dolores Capella	Aërgs. luteoalba var. rhodosticta	31	3rd
Dolores Capella	Aërgs. luteoalba var. rhodosticta	32	3rd
Dolores Capella	Epbns. Golden Spice.	16	2nd
Donna Coleman	Sc. Mini Purple 'Princess Road'	20	2nd

Best Orchid Society Exhibit

	Entry Name	#		Show Award
Donna Coleman	Sc. Mini Purple 'Princess Road'	21	2nd	
Donna Coleman	Dtps. Kenneth Schubert	19	2nd	
Donna Coleman	Dtps. Kenneth Schubert	18	3rd	
Donna Coleman	Gdlra. Eurostar Bllra.	17	2nd	
Donna Coleman	Mac. petola	14	2nd	
Eva Galson	Paph. Onculi	51	2nd	
Eva Galson	Phal. celebensis	54	1st	no lights
Eva Galson	Oda. Charlesworthii	53	2nd	
Eva Galson	Phal. pink	79	1 st	Photograph
Eva Galson	Phal. Yellow	80	2 nd	Photograph
Eva Galson	Paph.	78	3 rd	Photograph
Iris Cohen`	E. tampensis	60	2nd	
Jan Woodworth	Paph. Armeni White	61	3rd	
Jan Woodworth	Dtps. Kenneth Schubert	57	1st	
Jan Woodworth	Den. Hsinying Cruenzuki	184	1st	
Judi Witkin	Phrag. Silver Eagle	46	2nd,	Andy Myers Award
Judi Witkin	Pyp. Mendenhall	45	2nd	
Judi Witkin	Pths. hitchcockii	48	1st,	Cliff Rossler Award
Judi Witkin	Ddc. glumaceum	47	3rd	
Monica Kot	Paph. Abba Zabba	56	2nd	
Tom Daily	Chsch. parishii	209	2nd	
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SUMMARY OF AWARDS WON BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS

GROS

29 Awards including:

Best Amateur under lights for Den. Hisako Haraguchi, grown by Mark Kazcynski

Best Cymbidium Alliance for Cym. kanran, grown by Carolyn Edwards

Margery and Fred Ummer Award for Sc. Cristelle Smith 'Meadow Rue' HCC/AOS, grown by Jeanne Kaeding

Jim Rice Award for Aergs. luteo-alba var. rhodosticta, grown by Jeremy Bechelli

STOS

19 Awards

BLACK MEADOWS ORCHIDS

5 Awards including:

Best in Onc. Alliance for Trt. Florida Gold

MARLOW ORCHIDS

10 Awards including:

Best Vandaceous Orchid for Aer. Lawrenciae

Best Miscellaneous orchid for Ddc. magnum

BLOOMFIELD ORCHIDS

Best Commercial exhibit in Show, AOS Show Trophy

13 Awards including:

- AM/OS Award of 82 points for Paph. Angela
- Best in Cypripedium Alliance species, for Paph supardii
- Best Pleuro. Best Hybrid for Masd. Redwing

JUSTPAT ORCHIDS

22 Awards including:

- Best Dendrobium Alliance for Den. laevifolium

It was a wonderful show! - Lovely orchids, a quilt exhibit, photographs. Vendors and clubs outdid themselves in putting on marvelous displays. I think there was only one thing that was not perfect:

There were not enough people who visited the show!!

We were blessed with perfect weather, and the parking lot at Beaver Lake was so full you could hardly find a parking space, but very few of the crowd came to the show.

What can we do next year to increase overall attendance and entice Beaver Lake visitors to come in and see the orchids?

Colorful signs closer to the building and room entrance?

Greeters to steer visitors inside? (The few people I corralled were amazed and delighted, and bought plants)

A committee to start months before the show planning an overall publicity strategy?

For instance:

**Search out radio and TV spots that list and publicize community events.
Some have interviews where the event can be talked up.**

Make posters and have them available at the monthly meeting before the show to hand out to members to post at their supermarkets, hairdressers, pet groomers etc.

Encourage all members to bring at least one guest to see the show?

All the volunteers who were involved with the show were dedicated and worked really hard, but I think publicity was short-changed.

Let's all brainstorm to figure out how we can get more people to see the show and become as

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The Central NY Orchid Society meets at St. Augustine's Church 7333 O'Brien Rd, Baldwinsville on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm, with beginner's session at 1:30 pm, right before the regular meeting.

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November Issue - Meeting: Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2 PM

Speaker: Tom Nasser of Carolina Orchids