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**Come to the
CNYOS
Show and
Sale and
Bring Your
Friends !!**

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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Next Meeting: No Formal Meeting on Sunday October 5. Meeting Date Coincides with CNYOS Fall Show and Sale

CNYOS Fall Show and Sale is October 4th and 5th at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Set up is Friday, October 3, from 3 to 7 PM. Take down is 4 PM on Sunday.

Prepare your blooming orchids as recommended in the article "How to Win Ribbons" in the September *Orchid Enthusiast*; register them with Iris Cohen during the week before the show by phone: 315-461-9226, e-mail: iriscohen@aol.com, mail: 6 Bevell Lane, N. Syracuse 13212, or fax :same as the phone number, but call first.

Plants may be dropped off at Beaver Lake Nature Center before 12 noon on the 3d, or at St. Augustine's Church or Jan Woodworth's home during the week before the show. Call David Ditz (635-8148) or Jan (687-7207) to arrange drop-off times at the church and Jan's home respectively. Plants may also be dropped off at John Bradley's. Please call first @ 458-8372. His address is 119 Grove St., North Syracuse. Jan and David are setting up the show with John Bradley's help.

Message from Nancy Loveland, Show co-chair:

We have now enough clerks, we could use a few more people to man the club booth outside the door, sell raffle tickets, answer questions, whatever. That job has time frames of Sat 11:30 - 2:45, 2:45 - 5:00, Sun 10:00 - 1:00 (could use someone there to keep Judi Witkin company), 1:00 - 4:00. Four shifts. Any leftover folks will be asked to "monitor" which means that they should walk around the show and discourage people touching the displays. Security!

Beyond that, please come to the show, buy orchids and supplies from our vendors, and just enjoy the pulchritude!!!

□ *SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE*

Please note **especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations. Next time you present the plant, include name and parents. Also, take note of which alliance your orchids are in, so you will know how to enter them in our show.**

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Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. rothschildianum × (Eureka × Rex)

Frost

Cattleya Alliance

Rsc. Lawless Parsifal (Sc. Mari's Song × Rsc. Toshie Aoki)

Braue

Vandaceous

Phal. equestris

Ufford

Phal. bellina

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Phal. unknown

Götjen

Ronnyara (*Prpa. Crownfox Agate* × *Ascda. Crownfox Sundancer*)

Witkin

Phal. pulcherrima

Woodworth

Oncidium Alliance

Orcp. inflexus

Daily

Dendrobium

Den. lamellatum

Daily

Miscellaneous

Pths. stricta

Coleman

Pths. hitchcockii

Witkin

Bulb. nitidum

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Bulb. makoyanum

Ditz

Aërgs. luteoalba var. rhodosticta

Daily

Aërgs. luteoalba var. rhodosticta

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Rstp. brachypus

Ufford

Iris Cohen

Editor's note: August meeting minutes were not available for the September newsletter, so both August and September minutes are presented this month.

***Minutes - CNYOS Meeting
August 3, 2008***

Monica Kot opened the meeting at 2:16PM by welcoming members and guests back for a start of a new club year:

- 1. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have a balance of \$4272.02 in the bank. We raised \$1737 from the May Plant auction and \$165 from sales at the June garden festival in Oriskany.*
- 2. Tom Daily and Kim Boronczyk discussed adding personal business and skill/hobby information for individual members to our member mailing list. The information would be used as a reference source only and each member would determine what they wanted included under their name. No advertisements would be allowed. This additional information is intended to give members an idea of what non-orchid skills or businesses our members represent. Kim and Tom invited comments from the members present. After a brief discussion, the club voted to include this information on the membership list.*
- 3. Charles Ufford asked the club if they would like a "member only" link to the current newsletter on the club website. Currently past issues of the newsletter (at least one month-old) are posted on the site for viewing but the current newsletter is sent via email or postal mail to paid members only and is a privilege of membership. If this proposal was accepted, Eva Galson would send out an active link to paid members, who currently receive their newsletter electronically, to use when the latest newsletter was available. This change would not affect those who currently receive their newsletter via postal mail. After some discussion, the club voted to accept this proposal.*
- 4. The club's next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7, at 2PM. We can hold our September meeting on the first Sunday of September, as Labor Day falls on Monday, September 1, this year.*
- 5. The annual CNYOS Show will be held at Beaver Lake Nature Center on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Jan and David will set up the club display; John Bradley will help. Nancy and Tammy are looking for volunteers to pick up judges who will not be driving here and need housing for some judges and vendors. Iris said she had two rooms available; David said he had a single room available.*
- 6. Iris Cohen needs volunteers to help with registration. Due to illness, she does not believe she will be able to work the registration table during the show. She still hopes to handle the show's preregistrations by computer. Iris offered to show any interested member how to cover registration and the award records immediately after the business meeting was complete. Monica suggested that Iris also train a volunteer to be a second contact for show preregistration.*

*Minutes – CNYOS Meeting
September 7, 2008*

John Bradley opened the meeting at 2:05PM by welcoming members and guests:

- 7. John passed a sign-up sheet around for refreshments for future meetings.*
- 8. Kim Boronczyk presented the advertising options she has investigated for our 2008 Show this October, to the club for review and approval. In 2006, we ran ads in the Post-Standard; the ads were approximately 1"W x 2"L. To run these ads again (three times) would cost \$700. A single ad in the Pennysaver would cost \$738 but it would be larger than the ad run in the Post-Standard. David suggested we also try the "free" press (e.g. notices in publications' Events sections). Kim liked this idea but was not sure whom to contact. Cheryl Lloyd has Jeff's old contact list and said she would forward it to Kim. Kim did bring posters advertising the show, which she offered to members to place on library and grocery store bulletin boards. After a brief discussion, the club voted to place three ads for our 2008 Show in the Post-Standard.*
- 9. The annual CNYOS Show is being held at Beaver Lake Nature Center on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Jan and David are setting up the club display, with John Bradley as a helper. David said that member's show plants can be dropped off at St. Augustine's during the week preceding the show. Call David if you need to confirm a drop-off time. Plants can also be dropped off at Jan's the week before the show or brought to Beaver Lake Nature Center on Friday, October 3, before 12Noon.*
- 10. Show hours for the public are 12Noon-5PM Saturday, October 4, and 10AM-4PM Sunday, October 5. Show setup will take place between 9AM-7PM Friday, October 3. Cheryl stressed that we must be done with set up by 7PM, as the judges' dinner reservation is for 7:30PM. Show volunteers are needed to man the club information booth during show hours on October 4 and 5. We also need volunteers to help with show setup on Friday. We still need some additional clerks to assist the judges during show judging. Clerks should be at Beaver Lake Nature Center by 8AM on Saturday morning. Finally, we need volunteers to provide food for the Saturday morning (juice, bagels, cream cheese and other spreads, pastries, fruit, etc.). We will also be providing lunch for the vendors on Saturday and Sunday. Sign-up sheets were circulated during the meeting for these jobs but give Nancy, Cheryl or Tammy a call if you would like to volunteer for any of these jobs and missed the sign-up sheets.*
- 11. Thanks to Monica Kot and Donna Coleman for providing refreshments for this meeting. Our program speaker was Kim Metzler of Kinderwassa Acres, who spoke on Masdevalia culture.*

Submitted by

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 9-9-08

Events Calendar

October 4 & 5 – CNYOS Annual Fall Show & Sale, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville. Set up Oct 3

October 11 & 12 – Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Show & Sale, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden
Information at www.buffalonyorchids.org or 683-7343

October 11 – All day seminar at Parkside Orchids “*Orchids of Southeast Asia*”. The day’s orchid lectures will be complimented by a feast of Southeast Asian foods. Register on line at parksideochids.com or 610 847 8039

October 17-19 – AOS Fall Member Meeting, Hotel DuPont Wilmington, Delaware, and Longwood Gardens

October 17 – 6:30-8:30 PM, Rare Orchid Auction, Hotel DuPont (in conjunction with AOS meeting)

October 19 – STOS regular meeting at Vestal Library – Dennis D’Alessandro speaking

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

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

Monthly Checklist for September and October

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers

resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Lemboglossum bictoniense

Both *Lemboglossum* (syn. *Odontoglossum*) *bictoniense* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Lemboglossum bictoniense* is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm. Bittersweet* and *Odm. bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved *paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay .



Slc. California Ember (Sl. Pole Star x Slc. Bright Angel)

Terrence Thompson

This Slc. California Ember (Sl. Pole Star x Slc. Bright Angel), a mini-cattleya, was grown and photographed by Terrence Thomson, who posted it on the AOS website. It was purchased as a seedling in September 2004 and it has bloomed faithfully twice a year since. It is in a four-inch pot and has bloomed for as long as three months putting out flower after flower. The plant came from Gold Country Orchids, which registered the hybrid.

OrchidWiz

The club computer with the program OrchidWiz loaded on it is at Iris' house, and she urges members of the club to take advantage of this wonderful program for orchid identification. Call or e-mail her to set up an appointment to learn to use the program.

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For those of you who have not heard of OrchidWiz, it is an easy to use, comprehensive orchid encyclopedia with pictures, where one can look up species and hybrid data. One can look up orchids and cultural information with just a partial name or without knowing the genus. It contains information on parents, progeny, synonyms, awards received, cultural recommendations including light intensity and night temperatures. There are lists of orchids that are fragrant, those that are long bloomers, and month by month flowering times for more than 5000 species. In addition to the work of the developers, OrchidWiz enjoys the support of over 100 volunteers who are helping to make the product even better. Volunteers have contributed over 25,000 digital photographs; over 120,000 image source references; and thousands of pronunciation tips for species and genera.

Everyone in the club should avail themselves of the opportunity to become familiar with this great resource.

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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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