

# The Orchid Enthusiast

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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 2. Meeting Date Coincides with CNYOS Fall Show and Sale**

CNYOS Fall Show and Sale is October 1st and 2d at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Set up is Friday, September 30, from 3 to 8 PM. Take down is 4 PM on Sunday.

Register your plants with Iris Cohen as soon as possible to prevent a last minute flood of registration, and because Iris will be occupied by the Jewish High Holidays which coincide with the show: by phone: 315-461-9226, e-mail: [iriscohen@aol.com](mailto:iriscohen@aol.com) mail: 6 Bevell Lane, N. Syracuse 13212 or fax : same as the phone number, but call first.

Iris needs: the correct plant name, the plant parentage, whether it was grown under lights or windowsill, and if your orchid is a Phal. or complex Paph she needs the color. The website [www.RHS.org](http://www.RHS.org) can help you find parentage. If you don't know the name, give Iris whatever information you have. If the orchid is entirely unknown it can't be registered in the show, but put it on display anyway to enhance our table.

When in doubt as to whether an orchid will be ready for the show or not, register it anyway. It's easier to take it off an early list then squeezing it in at the last minute.

Bring your plants to Beaver Lake Nature Center is at 8477 E. Mud Lake Rd, Baldwinsville between noon and 2 PM on Friday. For directions go to the Beaver Lake website or to Google Maps. If you can't get to Beaver Lake that Friday to deliver orchids, you can contact Judi Witkin 422-0869, Jan Woodworth 687-7207, or Sue & Jerry Finger 458-3040, for other arrangements.

Here are a few tips on how to get your plants ready for the show:

Remove all traces of insects and disease.

Remove all weeds from the potting medium.

Remove all dead leaves and cut off any browned leaf-tips. Remove dead sheathes from cattleya pseudobulbs.

Wipe off hard water or salt residue from leaves. Thick leaves, such as those on Phal. and Cattleyas can be made more attractive by wiping them with a small amount of vegetable oil.

Remove the plant tags, and put the plant name and your name on the pot with indelible pen. If the pot is black, put the name on a piece of tape attached to the pot.

Put your name and the list of plants on the box in which you brought your plants, to make it easier for those taking down the show.

**So pretty up your beauties, and bring them for display to make our booth outstanding.**

**Tell your friends neighbors and acquaintances about the show and bring the along.**

### ***President's Message***

So you'll be getting this newsletter just before our show. Most all of the show specifics will be mentioned but I thought I would point out some new things for this year.

We have a new vendor coming in. It is Piping Rock with Glen Decker. I'm very excited that he could make it since we went to the nursery for the NENYOS picnic.

Tom Nasser of Carolina Orchids will be giving a presentation on Sunday. This is a real plus.

He'll be covering General Orchid Culture but will answer questions afterwards.

Show committees have been hard at work to make this an exceptional show. Think about signing up to help man the club booth at the entrance. It's a great way to meet new people and talk about orchids. Monitors in the show room are necessary to keep all the exhibits safe and if guests have a question you could be a big help.

As for our Central New York culture - well, all our plants are in except the cymbidiums since they can withstand our colder nights. Organizing our collection has gotten away from me due to work obligations but now I look forward to updating my plant listing. I have to keep a list with me at the show so that I don't buy something we already have!

See you at Beaver Lake!!

Sue

### ***Show Volunteers***

Here is a reminder of what everyone promised to do during the show. Please note that display monitors are still needed for the whole show and we could use more food on both Saturday and Sunday. We also would like to have two people for each shift at the club booth.

CLERK: 1)Barbara Bassette  
2)David Ditz  
3)Sue Finger  
4)Judi Witkin  
5)Cheryl Lloyd  
6)Pam Reeve  
7)Jeff Stuart

8) Deb Hesse  
9) Jack Hesse

REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE WITH IRIS:

2)Pat Cotter (Sat. also)

CLUB BOOTH: **NEED Help**

FRI. 3-5 Jerry Finger

SAT. 11:30-2:45 Jerry Finger

SAT. 2:45-5:00 Bob Pfrom

SUN. 10:00-1:00 Pat Cotter

SUN. 1:00-4:00 Judi Witkin, Cheryl Lloyd

FRIDAY SETUP AND MOVE IN:

1)Jerry and Sue Finger

2)Donna Coleman

3)Pam Reeve

4)Eva Galson

CLUB DISPLAY SET UP:

1)Jan Woodworth

2)Judi Witkin

3)Jerry and Sue Finger

TAKE DOWN AND CLEAN UP:

1)David Ditz

2)Jan Woodworth

3)Eva Galson

4)Barbara Weller

5)Judi Witkin

DISPLAY MONITORS:

SAT. 11:30-2:45 **NEED Help**

SAT. 2:45-5:00 **NEED Help**

SUN. 10:00-1:00 **NEED Help**

SUN. 1:00-4:00 Eva Galson, **NEED help**

FOOD:

FRI: 1) Cookies – Donna Coleman

2)Fruit, Crackers, Cheese – Jerry and Sue Finger

SAT: Breakfast

Coffee, Bagels & Cream Cheese, Yogurt, Fruit(?) - Nancy Loveland

SAT: Meatballs – Jan Woodworth

?? - Judi Witkin **NEED Help**

SUN: Cheese Cake – Jan Woodworth  
Noodles and Meatballs – Eva Galson  
?? - Monica **Kot**  
**NEED Help**

## SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE

Please note all names, accent marks, and abbreviations that are in boldface.

Kindly **update your labels** with registered names or parents. Bring the information to the show table next time.

### Cypripedium Alliance

*Phrag.* Cape Sunset (Eric Young × *schlimii*) Braue  
*Phrag. pearcei* "  
*Phrag.* Living Fire (Sorcerer's Apprentice × *besseae*) Burritt

### Cattleya Alliance

***Cattlianthe (Ctt.)*** Gold Digger (Red Gold × Warpaint) Braue  
***Prosthechea (Psh.) cochleata*** "  
C. Petite Elf (Jungle Elf × Petite Pride) Burritt  
***Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.)*** Hawaiian Charisma  
(Hisako Akatsuka × C. Memoria Robert Strait) Finger

### Oncidium Alliance

*Br.* Rex (*verrucosa* × *gireoudiana*) Finger  
*Rdza. venusta* Capella

### Vandaceous

*Dtps.* DeLeon's Kisses (Happy Smile × I-Hsin Red Lip) Burritt  
*Phal.* Sogo David (Bother Sara Gold × Fireberry) "

### Dendrobium

*Den.* unknown Capella

### Miscellaneous

***Zygotoria (Zgt.)*** Midnight Blue (*Pes. violacea* × Z. B.G. White) Reeve  
*Trias disciflora* Capella

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail

<mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table>.

## ***Ants in Orchid Pots***

*Guest Author - Susan Taylor on the web site Bella on line*

For those of us who grow outdoors part of the year or in a greenhouse, ants are a nuisance in our orchid pots. In addition, they farm aphids, mealy bugs and caterpillars which can seriously damage tender new growing parts of the plant, especially buds and inflorescences. The honeydew which is left from these insects allows mildews to grow and provides another place for attacks on our plants.

The ants themselves do relatively little damage to the plants, but if you've ever picked up a pot with ants in it, especially fire ants in the southern United States, you know how the ant bites will feel to the plant grower! Spring and summer tend to be the times that ants are attracted to orchid pots. It is a great home for them -- they can move right in without digging through soil and removing it for their tunnels.

If the pot is seriously infected and the ants come swarming out when you try to pick it up, mix up a gallon of water with a cup of insecticidal soap or dishwashing liquid and pour about half of it slowly through the pot. It will not kill all the ants, but will kill any that it comes directly in contact with. If you have a spray bottle, spray the plant with the solution to kill any that escape the pot and swarm on the foliage. It is best to do this in a shady location or when the plant is in the shade since you don't want to allow sun to burn the leaves through the water. Allow the pot to stay in the same location for about an hour without disturbing it.

Put the rest of the solution in a bucket and fill with water. If it's large, then add more detergent. Pick up the pot carefully and submerge in the water. This will kill the rest of the ants as they come in contact with the soap. Leave in the water for about 15 minutes and watch out for any pests that come out of the media and climb up the foliage. Remove from the water and then drench thoroughly with water from a hose to remove all residue of the soap and to eliminate the chemicals which ants secrete when they make their nests. Be sure to allow the plant foliage to dry completely before returning to a sunnier location and the media to dry before watering the plant again.

Fortunately ants are more a nuisance to us than a danger to our plants. Removing them is relatively simple once you know what to do!

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