

# THE ORCHID ENTHUSIAST

## The Newsletter of the Central New York Orchid Society

*Affiliated with the American Orchid Society and Orchid Digest*

### 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 **two weeks** before the next meeting to: csmith23@twcny.rr.com

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

2020 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Send to:

Carol Haskell, Treasurer  
102 Wythrop Road  
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### President's Message:

It's always exciting as our club show approaches.... Will those buds open in time? Will those open blooms hold? Do I register this plant or not? What wonderful plants will the vendors have for sale? Will lots of people come to see the show? Why does my plant look different than that one with the same name? There are so many questions. But most of all, will the hard working team that plans our show have another successful event? Will they have enough help setting up and tearing down? How can I help without getting in the way?

Best of luck to all who bring plants and hope for a ribbon or trophy to distinguish their coveted blooms above the rest in the displays.

~ Lori Burritt, President

### ~ CNYOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale ~

Members: Please see page 8 for additional information on the openings for volunteers still available and the current show refreshment list.

**"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success."**

### Vendor List:

Our auctions and shows have benefited greatly from the generosity of the following vendors. When shopping for new orchids and supplies, please check them out first!

- <http://www.andysorchids.com>
- <http://marlowsorchids.com> \*\*
- <https://www.kkorchid.com> \*\*
- <http://www.jlorchids.com>
- <https://www.mountainorchids.com>
- <http://www.fairorchids.com>
- <http://www.stonybrookorchids.com>
- [edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net)

To contact Windswept in Time Orchids

- <https://www.msorchids.net> \*\*
- <https://carter-and-holmes.com>
- <https://www.kalapanatropicals.com>
- <https://cloudsorchids.com>

**\*\* denotes vendors at our show**

### Upcoming Webinars:

**American Orchid Society: Register at [aos.org](http://aos.org)**

**October 3, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Greenhouse Chat October 2019**

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Oct. 1st)

**October 7, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Conservation & Ecology of Western North American Cypripediums**

Tara Luna

(Member Only Webinar)

**November 7, 2019 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Greenhouse Chat September 2019**

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Nov. 5th)

### Minutes: September 2019

**Treasurer's Report:** No Update at this time.

**Sunshine Committee:** A card was passed for all to sign for Jack's sister who passed away.

**Committee Representatives:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- ~ Marlowe's open house October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ~ November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be speaker Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids. A sign up sheet was passed around for all to decide what topic we would like. Fred will bring orchids for sale and you can pre order also.
- ~ New vendor for our show will be Orchidophile.

~ Sheets passed for registering for our show, show schedule and show rules. Passed also were all types of sign-ups for our show. Many sheets were passed for needed food, clerks, monitors and etc. for our show.

~ Submitted by Dolores Capella

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**October 2019 AOS Orchidist's**

**Word of the Month:**

**genus (JEE-nus)**

pl. genera (JEN-e-ra); A subdivision of a family consisting of one or more species that show similar characteristics and have an assumed common ancestry.

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**Show Table: September 8, 2019**

~ **JERRY & SUE FINGER** ~

Procatavola Golden Peacock	L/O
(Brassocattleya Richard Mueller x Prosthechea vitellina)	
Coelogyne tommyi	L
Dendrobium Mini Purple Queen	L/O
(Dendrobium Carolie Simone x Dendrobium Minnie)	
<b>Vanda Hollis Presnell</b>	L/O
(Vanda Bill Burke x Vanda Paki)	
Vanda Vivian x Vanda sanderiana	L/O

~ **DOLORES CAPELLA** ~

Dendrochilum filiforme 'Fishing Creek'	
Cattleya Mini-Beau 'The Babe's'	
(Cattleya Beaufort x <b>Cattleya longipes</b> )	

~ **DAVID DITZ** ~

Lepanthes lucifer	
	Humid, Cool-Warm, L
<b>Diodonopsis</b> erinacea	
	Humid, Warm-Cool
Galeandra baueri	L
Trisetella pantex	
	Very humid, Cool-Warm
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Haiku Surprise G	
(Cattleya Lulu	
<b>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</b> Sun Spots)	

~ **LORI BURRITT** ~

Brassocatanthe Little Mermaid	
'Janet' AM/AOS	W
(Cattleya walkeriana x Brassanthe Maikai)	

~ **DONNA COLEMAN** ~

Psychopsis Kalihi 'Green Valley' alba	
<b>HCC/AOS</b>	
(Psychopsis krameriana x Psychopsis papilio)	
Vanda Twinkle (1960)	
(Vanda falcata x Vanda miniata)	
Masdevallia floribunda	
Phalaenopsis japonica	
Phalaenopsis equestris 'Gino' <b>JC/AOS</b>	
Habenaria rhodocheila(NO subspecies)	
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' <b>AM/AOS</b>	
(Rhyncholaeliocattleya California Girl x Cattleya Beaufort)	

Interesting show table! A new hybrid name, name changes, and awards to take note of for your plant labels.

Cattleya longipes is the accepted name now for Laelia lucasiana.

All changes are in **BOLD**.

Good job everyone!  
Respectfully submitted;  
Sue Finger, Registrar

**Growing Key:**

L=lights  
W=windowsill  
G=greenhouse  
T=terrarium/tank  
O= outside summer



## THE OCTOBER 2019 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee  
([dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com](mailto:dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com))

### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

We are happy to welcome our newest affiliated society, Worcester County Orchid Society. They are located at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA. You are not going to want to miss the exciting event planned for February and March in the Arboretum. We wish them great success. Also, if you're in the area on the 1st Saturday of any month at 1:00 pm, you can stop by for a visit to the AOS Northeast Judging Center to attend and participate in monthly AOS judging.

### ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!

16-page award gallery of breath-taking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

### RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "[Latest Orchid Awards](#)" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and non-members.

### YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:

Upcoming shows are a good time to encourage new membership to AOS. Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that they refer (note: membership renewals don't count). Make sure to note your Society Affiliation in the comments section of the application. Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name already filled in and available at your club meetings! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources at their disposal making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful. Digital Access to Over 350+ past issues of Orchids magazine extending back to 1932!

**THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** This is the month in which our annual Supplement is included. This year's subject is the vast and beautiful Oncidium Alliance. The supplement and the issue itself are chock full.

- Genus of the Month - The true miltonias by Tom Mirenda
- For the Novice - Those fall and winter preparations by Sue Bottom
- New Refugium Botanicum - TBD
- Orchids Illustrated - *Catasetum* by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- The Catasetinae, Part 3 - Breeding with Goblins (*Mormodes*) by Fred Clarke
- Vanilla in Puerto Rico by Paul Bayman
- *Miltoniopsis* by David Rosenfeld

***Let's grow together, Denise Lucero***

## Orchids on the Half-Shell

~ by James Massay

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids**, November 2014*

### Oyster Shells as Orchid Mounts

“If only it were as easy to grow orchids as it is to raise oysters . . . !” How many times have I repeated this complaint over the years?

Raising oysters has been a hobby of mine almost as long as I have been struggling with orchids. A possible intersection of the two endeavors struck me three years ago when a woman in my local orchid society, not knowing that I raise oysters, happened to tell me she was looking for some large oyster shells on which to mount orchids. I laughed and said, “I’m your man.” After that, of course, I became interested in raising orchids on oyster shells myself. I always like to make good use of everything available, so this seemed like a very good purpose for my numerous shells.

There are several advantages to using oyster shells for orchid mounts. The shells are very inexpensive (usually free) and readily available in areas where oysters flourish. In contrast to other mounting materials, they are durable and not subject to decay. Two elements needed by orchids, calcium and nitrogen, are present in the shells and provide slow-release nourishment for the plants. The orchid’s roots find a place on which to anchor themselves on the rough surface of the shell. When in bloom, an orchid presents a striking appearance on an oyster shell.

Like many other orchid growers, I mix crushed oyster shells with potting medium to provide nutrition for plants that are not mounted. Also, to ensure good drainage, I place whole oyster shells instead of packaging material in the bottoms of pots. This seems to me to be a more natural and beneficial method than using synthetic packing peanuts, as many growers do.

If you don’t live on one of the coasts, you can obtain oyster shells inexpensively by simply buying some oysters still in the shells and having a feast before putting the shells to work. Another option would be to stop in a restaurant that serves oysters-on-the-half-shell and ask for some of the shells. I always clean my shells with a pressure washer to remove the salt. You could accomplish the same result by soaking the shells in fresh water to get rid of the salt and then scrubbing them with a stiff brush. Orchids are mounted on an oyster shell the same way as on any other mounting material. You can use either the smooth side or the rounded side of the shell, depending on your preference and the size of the plant.

In nature, oysters frequently make the defensive move of bonding to each other. In the past, I would divide oysters that were bound together. Now, I leave them alone and hope they will get bigger—together. Two conjoined oyster shells make a wonderful mount. People have accused me of gluing two shells together; however, conjoined twins are, in fact, just a lucky find in my oyster float. I have given several people in my local orchid society oyster shells to use, and some have had success with them. My own best results have been with hard-cane dendrobiums. I should add, though, that I always get my best results in any growing medium with these dendrobiums. Some cattleyas I have put on oyster shells look healthy and promising, but they are not yet big enough to bloom. I am continually experimenting with different orchids to see if they will thrive on oyster shells.

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## Orchids on the Half-Shell Con't. from page 5

Old farmers used to say that when they butchered hogs, they used everything except the squeal. Oysters don't squeal, but they do squirt water. If you eat an oyster and mount an orchid on its shell, you can use everything except the squirt!

~ Jim Massay is an AOS member living in Yorktown, Virginia, and is a member of the Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia. 111 Faulkner Road, Yorktown, VA 23692 (jimmassay@cox.net).



Mounting complete. A dendrobium plant with sphagnum moss around the roots. I tie the plants to the mount using strips of recycled pantyhose. It is easier to tie than monofilament

### Save the Dates: 2019-2020 Events Schedule

#### **October 4, 5, 6, 2019: CNYOS ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

Friday - set-up display and help get vendors settled, pizza; Judging Saturday Morning; Open to the Public Saturday - Noon-5 and Sunday 10-4. Sign up early to help out with clerking or show room monitoring and food. Co-chairmen - Judi Witkin and Sue Finger

**November 3, 2019: CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Fred Clarke** of Sunset Valley Orchids in California! His topic will be decided later. He is an expert in so many areas. He will bring plants for sale. This will be a must-see program!

#### **December 1, 2019: CNYOS Program - Holiday Luncheon**

No formal program, bring a dish to pass, your table service and beverage.

~ **2020 Don't forget to pay your dues as 2020 is gonna be fantastic for CNYOS!** ~

#### **January 5, 2020: CNYOS Program - Silent Auction**

**February 2, 2020: CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Jonathan Jones** from Marlow's Orchids.  
Topic TBD

**March 1, 2020: CNYOS Program - Jan Woodworth and Judi Wilkin** will present a slide show of last year's South East Penn Orchid Society's Spring (SEPOS) show in Oaks, PA Expo Center. This year's show will be held on the first weekend of April, 2020. (Go to the SEPOS show early (Fri or Sat) so everyone can be back here for our April meeting showcasing our speaker Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids in California, a Master of Mini-Catts!!

**April 5, 2020: CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Peter Lin** of Diamond Orchids in California

**May 3, 2020: CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Alan Koch** of Gold Country Orchids in California

**June 7, 2020: CNYOS Program - Annual Auction/Picnic**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**October 4 - 6, 2019 -**

*CNYOS Annual Show & Sale  
(See Save the Dates Events Schedule  
for dates and times)*

**November 3, 2019 - 2 PM - Guest Speaker**  
Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids  
Topic: TBD  
*(There WILL be plants for sale)*

**December 1, 2019 - 2 PM**  
*CNYOS Holiday Luncheon*

**Refreshment Volunteer List:**

**October 4 - 6, 2019**

**CNYOS Annual Show & Sale**  
*See Page 8 for Refreshment List*

**November 3, 2019 - Meeting \*\***

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Beverages: Donna Coleman

**December 1, 2019 - Meeting**

*~ Holiday Luncheon ~  
Everyone brings a dish to pass.*



Miltoniopsis Maui Tropical Sunset 'WOW' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Maurice Marietti

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION:**

**Marlow Orchids Open House - Oct. 19, 2019**

Food, Fun, Lectures & Shopping!!!

Go to [marlowsorchids.com](http://marlowsorchids.com) for more  
information and directions.



Phalaenopsis LD's Bear Queen 'Alma' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Judith Higham

**November 3, 2019 - Meeting \*\***

Please let Chris Smith know if you  
would like to volunteer for refreshments  
for the November 3, 2019 Meeting. The  
program is guest speaker Fred Clarke  
of Sunset Valley Orchids.

**FYI:** If you preorder and prepay from Kelley's Korner and use the coupon code:

**CNYOS2019**

you will receive a 10% discount!

[www.kkorchid.com](http://www.kkorchid.com)



There are quite a few **Open** slots for Volunteers - Let's all do our part for another successful CNYOS Show & Sale!!!!

**Room Monitors:**

Saturday 12-2 D.Coleman & **Open**  
 2-5 **Open & Open**

Sunday 10-12 S.Finger & **Open**  
 12-2 D.Coleman & S.Kelly  
 2-4 B. Weller & D.Ditz

**Society Table and Raffle:**

Saturday 12-2 J.Woodworth  
 2-5 **Open**

Sunday 10-12 **Open**  
 12-2 **Open**  
 2-4 **Open**

**Room Set-up / Helping Vendors In:**

Friday 12-4 J. Hasse - D. Coleman  
 J. Carnessali - J. Finger

**Room Take Down / Helping Vendors Out:**

Sunday 4:00 J. Woodworth - L. Hoffman  
 Jerry & Sue Finger - D. Ditz

**Display Set-up CNYOS:**

J. Witkin - J. Woodworth - J. Finger

**CLERKS: Saturday 8am**

Judi Witkin	Jeff Stuart
Sue Finger	Jerry Finger
Chris Smith	David Ditz
Jack Hasse	<b>Open</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>

**Refreshments:**

**Friday:**

~ Club provides pizza.

~ Members could bring beverages, snacks, sweets, plates, spoons, forks, knives, cups, napkins.

**Saturday:**

~ Jerry - Mac & Cheese, Subs or Cold Cuts, Soda, Bottled Water, Ice

~ Jan W. - Candied Kielbasa

**Sunday:**

~ Jan W. - Chili, Bread

~ Barb W. - Lasagna

**Other:**

~ Donna C. - cookies

~ Chris S. - dessert

~ Sarah K. - pies

~ David D. - apple crisp

~ Feel free to bring additional food/beverages



### Central New York Orchid Society

The Central New York Orchid Society meets at St. Augustine’s Church, 7333 O’Brien Rd, Baldwinsville, at 2:00PM on the first Sunday of each month from September through June except for January and September (date moved to second Sunday because of national holiday weekends).

Website: <http://cnyos.org>

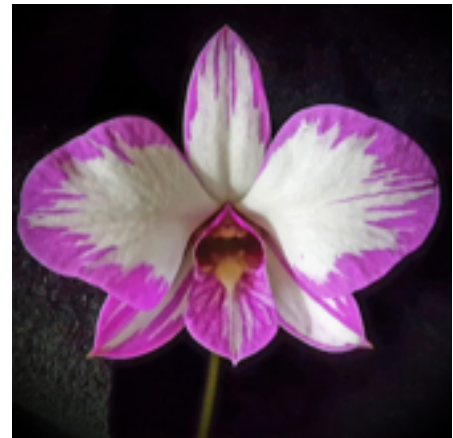
#### Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

<http://www.cnyos.org/directions.html>

### CNYOS Facebook Page:

If you have not checked out our Facebook Page, you can search “Central NY Orchid Society” on Facebook or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/CNYOS/>



Reminder: Be sure to “Like” our page!

### Central New York Orchid Society

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