# The Orchid Enthusiast

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Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' Grown & photographed by Eva Galson

### 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: egalson@twcny.rr.com

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# Next Meeting: Sunday September 7 at 2 PM

Our speaker will be Mr. Kim Metzler of Kinderwassa Acres of East Nassau, NY near Albany. He will be speaking about Masdevellias and Draculas and perhaps some other Pleurothallids and how to mount them on rocks, clay pots, bricks, and the like. His e-mail is <u>kemetzler@msn.com</u>. Contact him about the possibilities of pre-ordering plants, though he will have plants available for sale at the meeting.

Anyone wanting to go out for lunch or dinner with him on the day of the meeting, contact Charles at <u>uffnet@surfbest.net</u>.

A beginner's session will be held at 1:30, led by one of our knowledgeable members. Bring your orchid questions or problems, and they will put their experience to work.

Please note that though we usually have our September meeting the second Sunday of that month to be a week after the Labor Day weekend, this year Labor Day is on September 1, and our meeting <u>is</u> the week after, even though it's the first Sunday of the month.

# **CNYOS FALL SHOW AND SALE IS OCTOBER** $4^{TH}$ & $5^{TH}$ Set-up is on Friday, Oct 3. More about show preparation and entry instructions p 3-6

For many years Iris Cohen has been our registrar, in addition to making the plant lists, judging lists, and result lists for the show. She has also helped members determine the parents of their plants, using Orchid Whiz, a computer program which is on the club computer. This year, she will not be able to take on all of these duties, and requests that members come to her house to learn the programs and help with registration. The weekend before the show would be a good time for instructions. Both Iris' computer with the registration software, and the club computer with Orchid Whiz will be at the show.

Phone: 315 481-922Contact her to set up the best time to meete-mail: iriscohen@aol.comfor training and registration help.

### AUGUST 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.

#### Cattleya Alliance

Encyclia <i>Orchid Jungle</i> (E. alata × phoenicea) B. nodosa E. <i>cf.*</i> guatemalensis	Coleman Galson Kot
Vandaceous	
Phal. braceana Phal. maculata	Ufford "
Phal. equestris	"
Phal. deliciosa <i>subsp.</i> hookeriana	"
Dar. Fuchs Cream Puff $f_2$ (Neof. falcata × Vasco. Five Friendships) Gchls. japonicus	Coleman "
Phal. Dou-Dii Perfume (Golden Peoker × Salu Peoker)	"
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope (Hausermann's Candy × Daryl Lockhart)	"
Phal. Sogo Mini Dog (Happy Lip × Carmela's Pixie)	"
Phal. <i>Mini Mark (Micro Nova ×</i> philippinensis)	"
Phal. Princess Kaiulani (violacea × amboinensis)	Woodworth
Phal. amabilis	Frost
Phal. unknown	Galson
Phal. unknown, 2 plants	Hoffman
Asctm. miniatum	Kot
Gchls. japonicus	"
Phal. <i>Mini Mark</i>	"
Mok. Jairak Gold (Sayan × Ascda. Fuchs Gold)	Bessette
<b>Oncidium</b> Alliance	
Odcdm. <i>Pacific Skies</i> (Onc. <i>Sharry Baby</i> × Odm. cirrhosum) Odcdm. <i>Wildcat (Rustic Bridge × Crowborough)</i>	Coleman "
Milt. Andrea West (Capitola × Doctor Ruth Ono)	"
Hwra. <i>Lava Burst (Mini-Primi ×</i> Rdza. lanceolata)	Galson
Oda. <i>Charlesworthii</i> (Cda. noezliana × Odm. harryanum)	"
Odcdm. Pacific Skies	Kot
Dendrobium	
<b>Den.</b> Haleahi Buzz (Wee Wee × Golden Wasp)	Coleman
Den. <i>Hsinying Cruenzuki</i> (cruentum × suzukii)	Woodworth
<b>Den.</b> Genting <b>Blue</b> × <b>Blue</b> Thunder	Frost
Den. unicum	Kot
Miscellaneous	
Angcm. Longiscott (A. eburneum subsp. superbum × scottianum)	Woodworth
Angem. distichum	Frost

\*cf. is the abbreviation for the word confer, which in Latin means compare. It is used when the taxonomists cannot pin down a new specimen to a definite species, and use this for the nearest one they can find; in the vernacular, "close but no cigar." Iris Cohen

## Show Preparation;

### How to Win Ribbons

Even if you are a small under-lights or windowsill grower, your blooming orchids will enhance the orchid show and add to your enjoyment of the hobby. Don't hesitate to enter them. Here's how to exhibit them at their best.

Make sure there are no insects or diseases lurking about. Spray your plants with a broad spectrum pesticidefungicide well before the buds open. Since we have a fall show, you can safely do this outdoors before you bring them in for the winter. Carefully examine under the leaves and remove all signs of scale or other stationary pests. Remove moss or weeds from the potting medium.

For the Cattleya alliance and similar orchids, wet the pseudobulbs under a faucet and remove all dead bulb sheaths and other dead tissue. Remove yellow or dead leaves or leaf tips. Also remove any flowers that are starting to go by, or probably will not last through the show. Use a separate new, disposable razor blade for each plant.

If your plant shows salt residue from hard water, go over it with a solution of detergent and water with 10% household bleach. Thick leaved orchids like Phals and Cattleyas can take some scrubbing with a washcloth. Rinse with plain water and dry immediately with a soft cloth.

Staking is extremely important. Don't expect the show committee to do this for you. If you don't have a stake, make one from a piece of fence wire or a coat hanger. Long inflorescences, such as on Phalaenopsis, should not be staked in a rigid upright position, nor should they be allowed to flop down. They should be staked just below the first blossom, and the upper stem should be allowed to curve gracefully. Do this as soon as the first buds reach a noticeable size. Keep the buds facing the light until they open. On a plant with multiple flower stems, arrange them in an orderly way. They should radiate outward as naturally as possible, not all facing front.

Buds in the Cattleya alliance often need some help. There is much controversy over what is ethically permissible, but this doesn't enter into ribbon judging, as long as all the helps are removed before the show. If the buds tend to crowd together, push them apart with spacers made from Styrofoam peanuts. Cotton or florist's wax paper can be used to protect flowers on the way to the show.

Make sure the plant is identified and labeled accurately. If you don't have the plant's name, it can still be in your club's exhibit, but it will not be entered. A beautiful unnamed orchid can help your club win an exhibit award. If you have at least part of the name, or only the parents, consult the entry clerk for the correct name.

When you bring your plants to the show, remove the plant label or stick it way down in the pot so it is not visible. Put your name and the plant's name directly on the pot with indelible pen. Also put your name on your box, so it can be retrieved after the show. Have a list in the box with your name and the names of your plants. All this will make life much easier for the setup people and the show committee, as well as those taking down the show.

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### page 4 Volume 10: Issue 8 September 2008 THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO THE 2008 SHOW

# Time: Set-up 3-8 PM, Friday October 3, 2008. Judging, 8:30 AM, Sat. October 4. Dismantle: 4 PM Sunday October 5.

Place: Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville

1. The show will be judged according to the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, 11<sup>th</sup> edition.

2. Pools or fountains may be used, with permission. Any leaks must be repaired immediately.

3. All exhibits must be registered in the show. Individual plants intended for judging must be registered and correctly labeled with the species, or cross name (if registered with RHS) and parents, in order to be judged. (Unidentified species should be labeled with the correct genus if possible.) Unregistered or grossly mislabeled plants will be excluded from ribbon judging. In the event a plant is in the wrong class, it may be reclassified at the judges' discretion. If that class has already been judged, the plant may be disqualified. Correct labeling of plants in the show will be the exhibitor's responsibility. Plants eligible for more than one class may be entered in both. The Show Committee will provide uniform exhibit signs and supplies for making plant labels. Individual plants that are unidentified may be used as part of any exhibit. The presence of unlabeled plants will not affect an otherwise qualified exhibit.

4. The show schedule and a sample registration sheet will be sent to each exhibitor, as soon as the reservation slip has been returned. To aid the registration process, please register with Iris Cohen in advance, by phone, (315/461-9226), e-mail, (IrisCohen@aol.com), or mail to 6 Bevell Lane, North Syracuse 13212. Fax registration may be sent to 461-9226 by calling first. Plants can always be deleted at the last minute. Please come to the show with a list of display plants, for referral purposes of exhibitor and/or show committee, and/or takedown.

5. All tropical (home or greenhouse) orchid plants entered for possible consideration for a Cultural Award must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least six months. Any hardy native plant (orchid or foliage) that is on this state's protected list must have been owned by the exhibitor or under cultivation for at least two years.

6. Exhibitors need not be members of the American Orchid Society or the Central New York Orchid Society. There is no entry fee. By entering this show, the exhibitor represents that all species orchids entered have been obtained in conformance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Plants that are not established will not be judged.

7. Every precaution will be taken, but neither the Central New York Orchid Society nor Beaver Lake Nature Center can be responsible for loss of, or damage to plants, blooms, containers, or other personal property.

8. Set-up must be completed by 8:00 Friday evening. Judging will begin promptly at 8:30 AM Saturday. Decision of the judges will be final.

9. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any plant or exhibit which shows signs of pest infestation, disease, or severe genetic defect. No plants or cut flowers may be entered for judging by exhibitors who are in arrears for failure to pay AOS award fees.

10. At their discretion, judges may divide a class that is too large. They may withhold awards if there is no worthy entry, or designate a special award for an outstanding specimen not covered in the schedule.

11. No plant or part of it, artifact, or accessory in any type of exhibit may carry a price tag, or be removed, sold, or tampered with during the show, except for the removal of wilted blossoms. Craftspeople with items for sale will offer them at separate tables in the sales area.

12. Visitors who would like to observe the judging process or serve as clerks are welcome, but must inform the Chairman of Judging Activities in advance.

13. Only judges and clerks who have served in the entry or judging process and their spouses are invited to the judges' luncheon. Other show committee members or visitors may join us at their own expense.

14. For judging the Memorial Awards, an amateur is defined as a person who does not regularly advertise, and does not derive a substantial income from the sale of orchids or related supplies. An orchid grown under lights is defined as one that spends the majority of time between October and May under a fluorescent lamp.

15. Foliage plants in exhibits may not be in bloom, except for inconspicuous grasses or the like.

16. Nomenclature and registration of species will follow the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. There may be occasional exceptions, at the discretion of the entry personnel.

17. AOS award judging will follow the ribbon judging. There will be a photographer on hand for award photos. There is no charge for this, but exhibitors are responsible for any AOS award fees.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

**1.** Read the Rules that came with the Show Announcement. If you have any further questions, please contact the Show Chairman before the show.

2. Read the show schedule. If you have questions, ask an entry clerk. For further details, refer to the AOS Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, 11<sup>th</sup> edition.

3. While checking the schedule, see if any of your plants are eligible for more than one class.

4. If you have not owned your plant for more than six months, be sure to check "NO" under "Ribbon" on your plant registration sheet.

5. If your plant is a registered hybrid, it is your responsibility to look up both the name and the parents. The clerks will show you how to do this. If this is a problem, you may call Iris Cohen, 315/461-9226, ahead of time. If any entered plant has had a previous AOS award, the clone name and award must be entered on the "Name" line of registration. Otherwise, please leave clone names out. If you do not have either the name or the parents, you may still use it in your display, but it cannot be entered for judging.

6. If your plant is a species, try to ascertain the correct name. If you have a computer, look it up under the Kew Checklist of Monocotyledons:

http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=907C1662EE94EA 4433BE1E91D185996F?checklist=monocots%40%40363291220071433153

If you know the genus, but not the species, it may be entered as XXX. sp.

7. If your plant is predominantly grown under fluorescent lights during the winter, check Yes under "Lts."

8. If you are entering a display, be sure to register it in the appropriate class.

9. If your display contains plants borrowed or recently acquired, enter the display under your own name, and the plants under the names of the (previous) growers.

10. Keep a list of the plants you brought to the show, and their owners.

11. Details of the registration procedure will be given you when you arrive. We will provide uniform labeling materials for you.

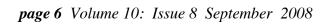
12. When you are done setting up and registering, each plant should have its uniform label, and a number on it. Similarly, your display should have a label - [name of exhibit, not the club or owner] - and a number. These numbers match the names given to the entry clerk.

13. Please show respect for our judges and exhibitors by remaining away from the exhibit area during judging. If you have any questions about the judging results, refer to the Chairman of Judging Activities. 14. Dismantling can begin at 4 PM on Sunday, and should be completed as soon as possible.

#### JUDGES AND AWARDS

This show is sanctioned by the American Orchid Society. All horticultural classes and exhibits will be judged by accredited AOS judges and/or student judges. Any plant or exhibit deemed worthy will be judged for American Orchid Society awards. Artistic classes will be judged by AOS judges and/or experienced artists and artistic judges.

2008 Show Committee: Co-Presidents: John Bradley & Monica Kot Show Co-Chairs: Tammy Pomietlasz & Nancy Loveland Registration Team: Technical Advisors: Iris & Elihu Cohen Head Registrar: Eva Galson



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# SHOW ENTRY FORM

### page 7 Volume 10: Issue 8 September 2008 August Meeting Decisions

The August meeting minutes were not available as this newsletter was finalized, but one of the items voted on at the meeting was not to have the current issue of the Orchid Enthusiast available on the club website. It will be posted only a month later. For those members of the club who have internet access, but cannot open the e-mail copy of the current newsletter for any reason such as too large a size, incompatible software, server rejection, etc, or who just don't want to receive an e-mail copy, I will have a link available a few days after publication. Just e-mail me at <u>egalson@twcny.rr.com</u>, and I will send you the link to view the current newsletter on line.

# Treasurer's Report

Total Cash and Bank Accounts	8/1/08	\$4,272.02
Year to Date Net Inflows Outflows	1/1/08 - 8/1//08	\$ 1,184.84 Carol Haskell, Treasurer

## **Events** Calendar

September 21 – STOS Annual Orchid Auction, Vestal Public Library

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

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 <u>parksideorchids.com</u> 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

### Snack Schedule

September 7: Donna Coleman & Monica Kot

October 3&4: Volunteers needed to provide food for vendors & volunteers for show set-up, & brunch items and snacks for clerks and judges.

November 2 – Two volunteers needed

Central New York Orchid Society	
President(s): Monica Kot 315/699-3947 John Bradley 315/458-8372 V. President(s): Charles Ufford 315/768-7466	
Dolores Capella 315/469-8697 Treasurer:	
Carol Haskell 315/468-0811 Secretary: Pat Cotter	
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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# September Issue – Meeting Sunday, September 7, at 2 PM

# Speaker Kim Metzler of Kinderwassa Acres