

The Orchid Enthusiast

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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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It's not too early to renew your membership!
Individuals \$20
Family \$22

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Next Meeting: Sunday September 12, 2010, 2PM at the Church – Program is a Repotting Clinic



With Fall approaching, many of us will be bringing inside those orchids that have spent the summer outdoors. This is a good time to examine the roots for hitchhiking bugs and slugs, and divide and repot those plants that have outgrown their containers. This program will demonstrate how to do this properly. If you have plants bursting out of their pots, bring them along to use as a demonstration.

We will also have a mini silent auction, so bring any surplus plants for other members to bid on, or to put on the raffle table.

If you have any plants that you want to offer for sale, bring them

also.

And, of course, bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope that you have been enjoying your Summer. My outdoor plants have certainly been enjoying the sunshine as well as the humidity. I have discovered a secret to making my indoor plants bloom---the air conditioner! Being uncomfortable in hot weather I was turning the air conditioner down to 63 degrees at nighttime. After a few weeks of daytime air at 76 degrees and night time 63 degrees, the spikes started shooting out all over the place! Although the orchids have been VERY HAPPY with this environment, it has proven to be an extremely expensive way to flower my orchids and stay cool!

I would like to thank Honey for hosting our picnic in June. Although the weather did not cooperate, we had a fun time. The plants on the show table were just gorgeous.

Speaking of gorgeous plants, our Annual Show is coming up. Jerry and Sue Finger and Dave Ditz are the coordinators for this year's show and they will be giving an update at our next meeting on Sept 12th. If you are able to help with the show, please see Jerry, Sue and Dave to sign up.

Hope to see everyone on Sept 12th,
Lori

June Show Table

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

Kindly **update your records** with registered names or parents.

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. Annabellchen (*liemianum* × *delenatii*) Coleman
Paph. callosum Cohen

Cattleya Alliance

C. purpurata Capella
Epic. René Marqués (*Epi. pseudepidendrum* × *C. Claesiana*) Coleman
C. Tropical Pointer (*Tropic Glow* × *intermedia*) "
Rhyncattleanthe (Rct.) Haw Yuan Glory (*Rlc. Love Call* × *Ctt. Kauai Starbright*) Finger
Ctt. Secret Love (*Candy Tuft* × *C. Mini Purple*) "
Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Gene Crocker "
(*Newberry Delight* × *C. Newberry Promise*) "
Rhyncattleanthe (Rct.) Love Passion (*Rlc. William Farrell* × *Ctt. Trick or Treat*) "

Vandaceous

Phal. Dou-Dii Perfume (*Golden Peoker* × *Salu Peoker*) Coleman
Dtps. Fangtastic Mariana Myers (*Phal. Golden Peoker* × *Dtps. New Candy*) "
Rnet. Sunrise (*Neof. falcata* × *Ren. imschootiana*) "
Phal. lueddemanniana "
Phal. Golden Peoker × *Zuma Aussie Delight* Cohen

Oncidium Alliance

Zed. Kukoo (*Zel. onusta* × *Onc. cheirophorum*) Coleman
Burr. Pacific Ripple (*Vuyl. Far Side* × *Onc. Ron's Rippling Delight*) Goshorn
Ocdm. Wildcat (*Rustic Bridge* × *Crowborough*) Finger

Dendrobium

*Den. unknown** Finger
Den. rhodostictum Bessette

Miscellaneous

Bulb. frostii Capella
Max. uncatata Finger

*There is no registered grex anything like this name, which is probably a trade name. Contact your supplier or the orchid registrar for more information, orcreg@rhs.org.uk or orcreg@aol.com.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail <mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table>.

Hard Times for the National AOS

Some of you may have received an e-mail from the president of the American Orchid Society indicating that the organization is having a hard time financially. A part of the message is reproduced below:

“As a major step taken to refocus the Society on our core values, the trustees approved the establishment of a task force to investigate the sale of the headquarters building. In addition, adjustments were made to the 2010-2011 budget to balance anticipated cash flow.

Current economic conditions are difficult and we must remain solvent in today's economy. The overhead cost

associated with the building and gardens have diverted funds from the primary mission of the Society. The trustees believe that it is in the long-term best interest of the members to make these changes. The facility will continue with a full schedule of events and activities during the process. “

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 5/30/10

Cash & Bank Accounts

Key Bank \$ 2,484.27

Cash Account 2,247.50

Total Cash and Bank Accounts 4731.77

Summary Report 1/1/10 – 5/30/10

Inflows 2,689.50

Outflows 1,151.23

Net Inflows/Outflows 1,538.27

Net Revenue (included in above figures)from
The sale at Dickman Farms and the Mau auction

Dickman Farms 137.00

May Auction 999.00

Carol Haskell, Treasurer

Three Orchid Tips

Here are three tips informative for new growers, and reminders for experienced growers:

1.) ALWAYS QUARANTINE NEW ORCHIDS:

Always quarantine new orchids for at least 3 weeks when bringing them into your home to prevent them from spreading any pests or diseases to your other plants.

Simply keeping them in a separate room, away from your existing collection during their 3-week quarantine period will do the trick.

During this time, inspect your plant closely and regularly for signs of pests and disease - and don't forget to look under the leaves because this is where unwelcome insects will most often be hanging out.

After 3 weeks, if all signs suggest that the plant looks healthy and pest-free, then you can consider it safe to move it with your permanent collection.

2.) WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MOVE YOUR ORCHID ONCE IT'S IN SPIKE!

Once you've determined where you're going to place your orchid in your home, orient the plant so that the flower spike is growing in the direction of the best light - and then leave it there. And fight ALL urges to move it again!

Here's why:

It's very important that you don't move the plant's orientation once the flower spike begins to grow. If you do, the spike will try to reorient itself to the best light again, and this is going to result in a twisted, distorted spike.

Instead, wait until all the flowers have finished opening before moving your orchid again. The fact that the flowers have all opened will tell you that the spike has finished growing and it's now safe to move or reorient your plant as you would like!

3.) STAY AWAY FROM DECORATIVE POTS

This may come as a shock to you, but you should NEVER place your orchid directly in a decorative pot, and here's why:

Unlike most houseplants, orchid roots and leaves are EXTREMELY sensitive to the paints and glazes used in decorative pots.....So sensitive in fact, that orchids can very easily experience a toxic reaction to the metal-based glazes found on most decorative pots today!

Many retail flower shops these days will sell orchids directly placed in decorative containers because they look more attractive this way when on display.

What you may not realize is that this is setting up your orchid for a quick demise!

Instead, you should always place your orchid in a plastic or natural clay pot first, and then position that container in a decorative pot for display purposes only.

So, if you've recently purchased or received an orchid as a gift, check right now to make sure that your orchid was first potted in a plastic or natural clay pot.

Some Orchids With Predominantly Green Flowers

(From the AOS website under "Collector's Items")

Although lavender, pink, orange and red orchids rate high in the marketplace, growers with large or mixed collections usually have one or a few green-flowered orchids. There is something fresh about a lettuce-green flower that appeals to our nature. Although most commonly cultivated genera have green species, they are certainly not common. Below we present a sampling of favorite green orchids. Try a few, they are certain to make your fellow growers green with envy!



Coelogyne Burfordiense 'Bessey Creek' HCC/AOS – © 2009 Greg Allikas - Plants of this species get big but reward the grower with impressive long Inflorescences of large green flowers with a black-marked lip



Den. epidendropsis © 2009 Greg Allikas Best grown mounted or in a basket to accommodate the pendant canes. Intermediate to cool-intermediate



Paphiopedilum malipoense –
© 2009 Greg Allikas
Desireable species from China described in
1984. Intermediate to warm.



Ida locusta - © 2009 Greg Allikas -
Beautiful large orchid formerly known as
Lycaste locusta. This species from the
mountains of Peru requires cool
temperatures



Rhyncholaelia digbyana - © 2009 Greg Allikas -
Formerly known as Brassavola nodosa, this is the
orchid that added the 'B' to Blc. This species is
from dry regions of Mesoamerica. It has an
unmistakable citrus fragrance at night.
Intermediate to warm.



Dendrobium anceps - © 2009 Greg
Allikas – This small-flowered species
is often grown just for its interesting
“rick rack” foliage. Best grown
mounted.
Intermediate to warm.

Events Calendar

September 12
October 1-3

CNYOS Meeting TBA (second Sunday of the month because of Labor Day)
CNYOS Show and Sale

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