

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 way past time to renew your membership!
Individuals \$20
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**Next Meeting: Sunday, September 9, 2012 at the Church
– We Are Planning to Have a Repotting Clinic**

Remember that this meeting is the second Sunday in September because of Labor Day



By the time the next meeting rolls around, fall will be rapidly approaching, and it will be time to bring in the orchids that have been summering outside. They have probably suffered from the heat just like the rest of us, and it's a good time to give them a new lease on life by giving them fresh medium. This is also a good time to examine the roots for hitchhiking bugs and slugs, and divide those plants that have outgrown their containers.

This program will demonstrate how to do the dividing and repotting properly. The meeting and demonstration will be conducted by Krum Satirov. Please bring a plant that needs repotting to the meeting. If you have a favorite potting medium bring it also.

Don't forget to bring your blooming plants for the show table, and any of your excess plants for the raffle table.

President's Message

Whew! Good to have a break from all the heat! Hope that your collections came through without a lot of problems. Night time lows are in the low 50s now and so some plans will have to be made soon allowing for "where the heck am I going to put all these plants?" when the outdoor vacationers come inside.

With our September meeting coming up soon, that means our October show is in the final planning stages. Start grooming now for your possible show plants and it will make the job easier when you're ready to pack them up for the show. And if showing plants isn't your forte, the September meeting gives you a chance to visit with friends again. Don't forget that our experienced members are always willing to help you out with the culture for a plant that's being resistant to your efforts.

I hope we all get to catch up on everyone's summer activities.
Bring your show table plants and something for the raffle table!

Sue

JUNE 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

<i>Paph.</i> Black Arrow (Shadow Dancer × Hsinying Viny)	Ditz
<i>Paph.</i> Prim Susan (Susan Booth × <i>primulinum</i>)	Woodworth
<i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Citron × Hsinying Dress	Finger
<i>Paph. callosum</i> × Fremont Peak	"
<i>Paph. philippinense</i>	Witkin

Cattleya Alliance

<i>B. nodosa</i>	Finger
<i>Epi.</i> Max Valley (Fantasy Valley × Magic Valley)	"
<i>Cty.</i> Alexis (<i>C. milleri</i> × <i>E. incumbens</i>)	"
<i>Psh. garciana</i>	Woodworth
<i>Rlc.</i> unknown*	"
<i>E. bractescens</i>	Ditz
<i>C.</i> Petite Elf (Jungle Elf × Petite Pride)	"

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Oncostele</i> Catatante (<i>Onc.</i> Sphacetante × <i>Ons.</i> Wildcat)	Ditz
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Vandaceous

<i>Phal.</i> unknown	Finger
<i>Phal.</i> FANGtastic Don Herman (Golden Peoker × Norman's Mist)	Woodworth
<i>Neof. falcata</i>	Witkin
<i>Neof. falcata</i>	Ditz

Dendrobium

<i>Den. loddigesii</i>	Bessette
<i>Den. hemimelanoglossum</i>	"
<i>Den.</i> Himezakura (Oberon × Cassiope)	"
<i>Den.</i> Aussie's Chip (<i>aberrans</i> × <i>atroviolaceum</i>)	Witkin
<i>Den. oligophyllum</i>	"
<i>Den. trigonopus</i>	Woodworth

Pleurothallids

<i>Masd.</i> Angel Frost (<i>veitchiana</i> × <i>strobilii</i>)	Finger
<i>Tris. triglochin</i>	"
<i>Drac. decussata</i> (syn. <i>niesseniae</i>)	"
<i>Masd. coccinea</i>	"
<i>Stelis quadrifida</i>	"
<i>Prgm. echidna</i>	"
<i>Masd. herraduræ</i>	Witkin
<i>Rstp. trichoglossa</i>	"

Miscellaneous

Brachycorythis kalbreyeri

Ddc. formosum

Gga. amparoana

Ddc. magnum

Witkin

Finger

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*Blazing Gold is an unregistered trade name. Contact your supplier.

Iris Cohen

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

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

Visit to Piping Rock Orchids and Club Picnic

(I was not able to attend either of these two events. The following report is from Sue)

The picnic at Piping Rock was a blast as usual. Jerry and I did not bring a dish to pass this year but were doing the make a donation to the club for the food expenses. When we asked who should take the money they said to just put it in the raffles so we won 2 plants! Glen donated a kovachii for a raffle also which was a great opportunity for those who were interested in growing that plant. It rained some on our way there but then cleared up and the weather was great. A selection of plants was available from Mountain Orchids.

Our own picnic was hosted by David. We had a tour of all his growing areas. It was fairly well attended with lots of plants on the raffle table and a very nice show table. His back yard was very comfortable with shade up by the house and the food was great!

CNYOS Show and Sale

The CNYOS Show and Sale will be held October 6 and 7 with set-up on Friday, October 5. The show committee has been hard at work arranging for the judges, the other clubs, vendors, and publicity, but we need the help and participation of all the members to make the show a success. We need volunteers to set up and take down the show, clerk for the judges, help vendors bring in their materials, monitor the show, man the front desk, put up publicity posters in available venues such as libraries and grocery stores, bring food for those working at the show, etc. And of course we need all of you to bring your blooming orchids to win prizes and make out display outstanding.

Sign-up sheets for the show will be passed around at the September meeting, so please sign-up and help to make our show a success. If you won't be at the meeting and want to volunteer for a task, e-mail or call me at 446-0224 or egalson756@gmail.com

Events Calendar

September 9	CNYOS Meeting Repotting Clinic led by Krum Satirov
October 6-7	CNYOS Show and Sale (Set-up Oct 5)
November 4	CNYOS Meeting – Fred Clarke Sunset Valley Orchids, California
December 2	CNYOS Holiday Covered Dish Party
January 6	CNYOS Member Auction

Photo of the Week

Dresslerella pilosissima

Dresslerella is a small genus in the Pleurothallidinae which is named after Robert Dressler, a well known researcher in the Orchid world. There are around 10 species known. This is without doubt one of the easiest to grow and best looking ones.

D. pilosissima is found near San Ramon, province Alajuela in Costa Rica. The specific epithet is from the latin word "pilosissimus", which means, very hairy.



Growing dresslerellas is not easy for the novice, the plant should be grown intermediate both in temperature and light. The growing medium should not be allowed to dry out completely, although in nature the leaves can shrivel to less than half its size. With daily mists, it will survive this dessication. For me it grows best on plaques of bark from the *Sequoiadendron giganteum*. This is so soft you can squeeze it like a sponge. If you do this from time to time using rainwater, it will make an astounding amount of roots. As you know, first thing about orchid growing is developing good roots

The photo was taken with a Canon EOS 350D Digital with 100mm macro lens at f.32. I prefer to take photos using natural light on a cloudy day. Exposure time is usually 2-3 seconds.

Photo and text © Wiel Driessen.

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 chlorochilon*, 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.



Cyc. chlorochlon

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

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..

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.

Rossioglossum grande shows off its large, dramatic flowers

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