

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
Family \$22

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Next Meeting: Sunday, September 7, 2014 at the Church

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

Fred Clarke, the speaker previously announced for this meeting, is not available, but Sue has arranged for a substitute.

Hadley Cash of Marriott Orchids in North Carolina will be speaking on slipper orchids.

He is also speaking at GROS the next day. Pre-orders can be made at marriottorchids@triad.rr.com

Check out his website www.marriottorchids.com

He specializes in pinks. He will be bringing assorted colors of seedlings, blooming size and in bud plants. We've never had him up this way before I think, so let's pack the room!

Here is a quote from his website: My "Holy Grail" in orchids was realized at the end of 2005 when I received a letter of congratulations from Lee Cooke, Executive Director of the American Orchid Society. In it he explained that a plant of my hybridizing, Winwine 'Dark Spell' FCC/AOS, had just been voted as the winner of two AOS "Special Awards". The AOS Trustees had voted for it as the winner of both the W.W. Wilson Award and the Merritt W. Huntington Award, for 2004. The former award is for the most outstanding Cypripedioideae (slipper) awarded in that year. The latter award is for the most outstanding FCC awarded plant of any genus in the previous year. Words are not adequate to express my gratitude at being given these two awards. Now all I need is 48 more years to share life with my wife, and see my son grow up... and I can die a happy man!

Bring your blooming beauties for the show table, but nothing for the raffle table, since Mr. Cash is bringing plants to sell.

President's Message

Time to gear up for fall. Meetings go into full swing again so you can find out what everyone did this summer. You'll have to find indoor space for all the plants that you put outside and of course you have too many for your benches so be sure to bring any extras or divisions for the raffle table! (but not this month, Editor) I picked up a box full of mesh pots this summer that one of our members donated so keep an eye out for them. We'll also do our usual show table so be sure to

bring plants for that. We'll be making lots of plans for the October show. The flyers have been done by JanWoodworth so be sure to print copies and hang them up. Volunteer sheets will be passed around during the meeting so be sure to sign up to help out.

If you have any suggestions for events coming up this year please feel free to speak up!

I hope everyone had a terrific summer! See you on September 7th at 2 pm.

Sue Finger

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. Deperle (primulinum × delenatii)</i>	Woodworth
<i>Paph. Memoria Cha Cha Sprintz (Double Deception × Makuli Magic)</i>	"
<i>Paph. Ap Philip (Judge Philip × rothschildianum)</i>	"
<i>Phrag. longifolium</i>	Finger
<i>Paph. Prince Edward of York (sanderianum × rothschildianum)</i>	"
<i>Paph. Deperle</i>	Coleman
<i>Paph. primulinum</i>	"

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Brsdm. Gilded Urchin (Brs. arcuigera × Onc. wentworthianum)</i>	Coleman
<i>Psy. Butterfly (papilio × sanderae)</i>	"
<i>Psy. Kalihi (krameriana × papilio)</i>	"
Brs. Eternal Wind (Bracdiana × Rex)	Ditz

Vandaceous

<i>V. Tokyo Blue × Kasem's Delight</i>	Finger
<i>Phal. KV Beauty (Salu Peoker × Chih Shang's Stripes)</i>	"
<i>Phal. unknown</i>	Goshorn

Dendrobium Alliance

<i>Den. macrophyllum</i>	Woodworth
Den. tentaculatum	Finger
<i>Den. antennatum</i>	"
<i>Den. Little Sweetscent (parishii × anosmum)</i>	"

Pleurothallids

<i>Masd. Doris (racemosa × triangularis)</i>	Finger
<i>Masd. Ted Khoe (constricta × welischii)</i>	"

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, iriscohen@aol.com

Club Picnic Minutes

On June 8th we had our Orchid Society picnic which was held at the church. It was very nice, and I wish there were more people present. We will try for more participation next year.

David Ditz was awarded a lifetime membership for all the extra help getting the church ready for our meetings, and all the extra participation he does. Thank you very much, David!

Hafners has give the Society an OK to put flyers next to their orchids on how to take care of them after they take them home, and also some information about the CNYOS. Good job Jerry and Sue Finger!
(Sue just notified me the Ballentyne Gardens in Liverpool has also agreed to let us put up flyers. Editor)

Our next year's bus trip might be to the Piping Rock picnic, Park Side Orchids, J&L Orchids, or Sea Park(?). We will vote and decide closer to the time.

We will be having four vendors at our show on October 4&5 at Beaver Lake. Set-up will be on October 3d. They are Marlow Orchids, Piping Rock Orchids, Just Pat Orchids, and Kelly's Corners. Very good pickings, Sue and Jerry Finger! Save your money, everyone!

On June 26 at the N O'P Library from 3 to 7PM Sue Finger gave a presentation on how to make beaded bracelets, while Jerry presented "How to Grow Orchids".

Our next meeting will be on September 7. See page of this newsletter for the program.

October will be the Show and Sale

November TBA

December Holiday Party

January Member Auction

February Jim Marlow

Respectfully Submitted, Monica Kot

CNYOS Show and Sale

The CNYOS Show and Sale will be held October 4 and 5 with set-up on Friday, October 3. 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 7	CNYOS Meeting Speaker is Hadley Cash
October 4-5	CNYOS Show and Sale (Set-up Oct 3)
November 2	CNYOS Meeting – TBA
December 1	CNYOS Holiday Covered Dish Party
January 5	CNYOS Member Auction
February 1	CNYOS Meeting – Speaker is Jim Marlow

Refreshment Volunteers

September	1. Jack & Deb Hasse	2.?
October	Show	
November	1 Dolores Capella	2. David Ditz

December 7	Holiday Party	
January 11	1. ?	2. ?

Treasurer's Report *This report is not the latest, but it has not been published before*

Assets as of 5/4/14	
Cash Account	624.00
Key Bank	<u>2,915.37</u>
Total	<u>3,539.37</u>

Summary Report 1/1/14-5/4/14	
Total Inflows	2,736.00
Total Outflows	<u>2,907.57</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	(171.57)

Botanical Treasure Hunt *from the Aug. 2014 issue of the NYS Conservationist*

Nestled on an unassuming mountain slope deep in the understory of the 2700 acre Schunnemunk Stat Park in Orange County lies one of the rarest plants in eastern North America: the small whorled pogonia (*isotria medialoides*). Only a single population consisting of six individuals of the federally threatened and state endangered orchid is known to reside in NY.

The species was thought to be extirpated from the state long ago, when the last of two specimens disappeared from Onondaga County in 1976 as a result of habitat alteration.

The search for this elusive orchid can best be summed up as a “botanical treasure hunt”, and like a quest for precious metals or gems, one must be wary not to be deceived along the way by fools gold. Large whorled pogonia (*Isotria verticillata*), a separate, but closely related species that in many ways mimics the small whorled variety, can be found in modest numbers throughout the state. Indian cucumber root also superficially resembles these orchids and is often misidentified as such.

Small whorled pogonia generally can be found rising from the leaf litter to a maximum height of around 10” with five to six leaves that are “whorled”, or encircle the top of the stem, just below the flower. Leaves are light green and glaucous, meaning they have a waxy and grayish tinge, similar to a grape. The stem is short, robust and solid green.

Large whorled pogonia also possess the same number of leaves in an identical pattern. However, these are slightly darker and are not glaucous. The species has a slightly longer stem, and the bottom portion has a purplish coloration. This is the easiest characteristic to differentiate the two species: a light green stem for small



whorled, purple green for

Large whorled
Pogonia
Isotria verticillata (left)

Pictures from Jay's

Small whorled Pogonia
Isotria medeoloides (right)



large whorled.

Both orchids can be found in bloom at similar times , starting in May and lasting until mid June. Flowers last little more than a week. Each plant has a single yellow-green flower, but on extremely rare occasions may be found with two. The flowers of small whorled pogonia are tinier and have shorter sepals that are entirely green and are less than an inch in length. Plants can go up to eight years between blooms.

These orchids prefer to sprout in moist, but well drained deciduous forest that contains acidic soil. They especially favor gently sloping hills or mountains that have secondary forest growth, having been logged or disturbed in the past, and are in the process of regenerating. The largest population of small whorled pogonia normally contain no more than 20 orchids.

Often, small and large whorled pogonias can be found growing side by side, and in areas in which Indian cucumber root also makes an appearance.

Seeing these plants in their proper habitat is the best way gain some experience for future searches of small whorled pogonia. It is difficult (and tedious) to wander the woods in search of an orchid. It is necessary to be aware of other common plants that can lead you to these rarities. Orchids are often present in conjunction with several other plant species that can be used as indicators of the possible presence of pogonias. A partial list includes: American beech, hemlock, red maple, red oak, witch hazel, wintergreen, partridgeberry, and various ferns.

If during a walk or hike , you happen to come across a specimen of small whorled pogonia, contact the NY Natural Heritage Program. This organization maps the distribution of rare plants in New York, and is instrumental in making sure these gems remain protected.

It is important to note that orchids do not transplant well, and will probably die if removed from their native habitat. Mycorrhizal fungi that help the plants germinate stay with the orchid for the entirety of their lifespan, forming a mutual association. Uprooting a plant damages this bond, and as most soils do not contain the proper fungi to reestablish it, these sensitive plants will not survive the move. Small and large whorled pogonias are best viewed in the wild.

Adapted from an article by Mike Adamovic

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CNYOS Meeting- Speaker
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