

# 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

2021 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

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### Message from Marlow Orchids to CNYOS:

I hope this email finds you all well! I am emailing each of you to inform you that I have had to make the unfortunate decision to close Marlow Orchids. Despite my efforts to find a way forward, I have been unable to secure the financing necessary, and with the uncertainty of our times, I cannot justify continuing forward. We will be working on a phrasing down/out process with plans to be officially close by the end of this year or the first part of 2021.

As part of the beginning of the phrase out, I would like to offer each of your respective clubs the opportunity to come out to shop at least one more time. Due to Covid, I would like to dedicate a day to each of your clubs for an "Open House" for shopping. Because of Covid, this will not be a traditional open house of our. We will only have the greenhouse open for shopping, and we will adhere to all Covid regulations.

The CNYOS date is Saturday, October 10th, from 10am to 3pm.. This is the first day of the sell out.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks,  
Jonathan

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~ See Additional information on Page 4 ~

**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.pipingrockorchids.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 6, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
*Greenhouse Chat October 6, 2020*

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Oct 2nd)

October 20, 2020 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
*Paths! Their Care and Understanding*

Dave Sorokowsky

(Member Only Webinar)

**AOS Webinars**

Webinars are online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch the recorded webinars any time at your convenience. New webinars are added monthly so check back often!

**Minutes:**

~ No minutes to report, no meetings.

**Treasurer's Report: September 2020**

Inflow:	\$ .00		
Outflow:	9/21/20	Taxes paid	\$5.62
	9/28/20	Speaker fee	\$200.00
As of 9/28/20		Bank total	\$4685.58
		Petty Cash	\$117.50
		Total Assets:	\$4803.08

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sue Finger, Treasurer CNYOS

**~ 2020-2021 CNYOS Dues ~**

Any dues paid already for 2020 will cover membership for 2021 also. Anyone who has NOT paid for 2020 can pay now and cover 2021 also.

Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Send payment to Sue Finger.

(See front page sidebar for additional info)



To help pass the time .... check out the 1000s of pre-recorded Webinars at [aos.org](http://aos.org).

## ~ September: The Month of Aloha ~

~ by Thomas Miranda

*This is a re-print of an article from **Orchids** September 2017*

A singularly beautiful word from the Hawaiian language with several meanings including love, hello and goodbye, Aloha is more about spirit and philosophy. It reflects a caring and nurturing nature that kind people feel for each other. It does not judge, it does not discriminate and it is a universal term of endearment. This month, many of us say goodbye wistfully to summer friends, jobs and carefree days, while simultaneously embarking on fantastic new adventures and initiatives. I am no exception, as I begin my new position at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden this month. I know this new adventure will be hard work and will present many challenges for me. Nonetheless, I am invigorated by the Aloha I know I will experience there. Needless to say, the capacity to grow orchids outside is icing on the Haupia cake.

Our lives take us on many different paths, but all of us on the orchid path know what it means to be nurturers and cultivators. This month as the seasons shift again and temperatures and day length wax and wane (depending on what hemisphere you are in), it is important to be very observant of your collection. Some photoperiod-dependent plants will slow down with these changes, others may speed up as temperatures are more to their liking, but one thing is for sure, changes are coming!

**OVERHEATING IS OVER** With the onset of fall, many things shift; that is, temperatures are getting lower and nights are getting longer. The intense, and sometimes damaging, heat that has kept many plants in suspended animation is ending and more favorable growing conditions commence. I have often seen new flushes of growth on cattleyas, dendrobiums and Oncidium alliance plants this time of year. If you live in a climate where the cold weather does not start for a couple more months, then

you can water and fertilize as you might in the spring for another month or so. But if your winter weather starts in October, you might want to slow down or hold off on feeding your plants this month to get them ready for dormancy, (catasetums, and deciduous dendrobiums) or spike initiation (phalaenopsis and cymbidiums).

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS** Any plants that have summered outside may have grown spectacularly with the excellent light, fresh air and rainwater. Even so, if you live in a harsh winter area, you need to at least start thinking about where the plants will go as the weather shifts again to cold. Make sure your indoor spaces, be they greenhouses, windowsills or light rooms are sanitized and ready for the return of all the “ ’chids” that were camping out this summer. Since they will have grown, there may not be room for everyone! You might consider giving away some plants to new orchid society members or making some divisions of really choice plants that you love and cannot part with.

**SAFETY INDOORS** It is also very important to inspect plants for hitchhikers such as ants or sow bugs (or worse things) that might have invaded them while outside. Spray or drench any such plants before bringing them inside as they can cause serious problems if they spread through your collection. It is also wise at this time to test your heaters, vents, fans, and misting and irrigation systems to make sure they are still in good working order. You do not want that unpleasant surprise of finding them malfunctioning during the first cold snap of the year.

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**September: The Month of Aloha** ... Con't. from page 3

**WILD AND GARDEN ORCHIDS** Many fantastic natives are blooming around this time of year including the glorious platantheras and spiranthes among others. Do not miss this show! Find out about local populations and see these beauties at their peak of blooming. If you are growing hardy orchids such as bletillas and cyripediums in your gardens, most have ragged foliage by now, or may not even be visible above ground this month. Make sure you mark their location and purchase or gather the mulch (usually pine needles are good for many of these types of plants) that is helpful and often necessary for their winter protection. I am looking forward to not having to do this winter ritual anymore. Do not be jealous. Come visit me instead! Aloha! *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 86, NO.9, September 2017) then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 84, NO.8, August 2015)*



**Message from Sue Finger Regarding Marlow Orchids ~**

CNYOS to enjoy time shopping in the greenhouse specifically for us. Our date is **October 10th, a Saturday, from 10am to 3pm.**.. This is the first day of the sell out.

I have been in contact with Jonathan because he wanted to have special days for the members of the area's clubs and have set a date for CNYOS to enjoy time shopping in the greenhouse specifically for us. Our date is October 10th, a Saturday, from 10am to 3pm.. This is the first day of the sell out.

I'm sure that Jonathan will need a head count of those who plan to attend and an approximate time that you plan on being there since there will be restrictions to follow for COVID19. This will run like their usual Open House but is limited to the Greenhouse only. Number of people allowed in the greenhouse will have to be limited, wear a mask at all times please.

Please check with Jonathan to see what times are available, either by calling the greenhouse or by the email address below, to set up your appointment. Tell him you are a member of CNYOS.

Marlow's Orchids has done a tremendous amount for all of us over the years. They have donated many plants to our auctions, done programs at reduced rates (and brought Mike's pies with them!), sold plants at our meetings, and participated as a vendor at our shows for **many** years. Therefore, I hope that you will keep in mind what they have done to support us and go out of your way to support them in these trying times.

**~ Monthly Checklist ~  
Orchid Care  
AOS Monthly Checklist for  
September/October**

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: **September 2020 AOS** :  
: **Orchidist's** :  
: **Word of the Month:** :  
: **overpot (OH-ver-pot):** :  
: To pot an orchid in a container :  
: larger than necessary, allowing :  
: more freedom for root growth or :  
: for greater plant growth, or :  
: allowing for a greater time :  
: interval before repotting; in :  
: inexperienced hands, this can be :  
: detrimental to the plant. :  
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## Oncidium Orchids

Better-Gro Orchid Blog

*July 17, 2020*

The *Oncidium* genus includes roughly 330 species, but it's often used in a less-technical term to refer to any number of 100,000-plus varieties and hybrids. The unifying trait of all of these orchids, regardless of how the term is used, is their swelling lower lip.

### What Are Oncidium Orchids?

In April 2013, researchers and orchid experts finally agreed to amend the *Oncidium* genus, which had come to be a “dumping ground” for orchids that didn't fit in other genera. Most notably, equitant *Oncidiums* were reclassified into the *Tolumnia* genus. Other orchids that were reclassified included the mule-ear orchid, which was moved to the genus *Trichocentrum*, and the Brazilian *oncidium*, which is now part of the *Gomesa* genus. These changes show that even expert growers and researchers are still learning about the plants they love.

While most official literature (such as American Orchid Society publications) has been updated to reflect these changes, *Oncidium* is still used by many to refer to plants that are technically part of other genera. After all, these orchids still all have a swollen lower lip. Thus, the term may be used to refer to about 330 species or to 100,000-plus hybrids. (Below, equitant *Oncidiums* will be compared to other types of orchids in the genera even though they're now part of another genus.)

### Where Do Oncidiums Grow?

Oncidium orchids are frequently found in Mexico and the Caribbean, although their natural habitat ranges from the southern portions of Florida through much of South America. They grow at all elevations in this large region, from sea level to the tree line of the Andes.

Most *Oncidiums* are epiphytes and grow on trees. A few species are lithophytes (growing

on rocks) or terrestrials (growing on the ground).

### What Do Oncidium Orchids Look Like?

*Oncidiums* are named for their flowers' swollen lower lips. *Oncidium* comes from the Greek word “onkos,” which means “swelling.” The flowers are dominated by their lower lips, which are large, and often have ornate calluses or crests.

Beyond this first common trait that defines all *Oncidiums*, these orchids can be further segregated into three categories based on appearance.

- 1 The first category features orchids that have green pseudobulbs, and long racemes with small flowers. Because these flowers are small, their swollen lip is especially pronounced. The most common color in this category is golden yellow, possibly with red-brown barring. Other possible flower colors include brown, yellow and brown, white and pink, and deep red.
- 2 Orchids in the second category tend to have small pseudobulbs, stiff, solitary leaves and long racemes. These orchids usually have yellow flowers that fan out on top of their racemes.
- 3 The third category, equitant *Oncidiums*, don't have pseudobulbs. Instead, they feature fan-shaped shoots with triangular sections of leaves. Their flowers are often beautifully complicated and have great colors, which is why these are some of the most popular *Oncidiums* even though they're technically in the *Tolumnia* genus now.

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Because of the current health situation and the fact we have not been able to have monthly meetings or social gatherings (and who knows when we will be able to again), this page is for tidbits of information that you would like to share with other CNYOS Members. This might not be the "normal" way we like to share information but for now it is the "current normal". Please feel free to email me tidbits you would like to share in upcoming issues.

Take care and stay healthy. Chris Smith ~ CNYOS Editor

## Question Korner



New MEMBER?

Problem Plant?

How to transplant?

What is a species vs. a Hybrid?

What do the tags mean?

Designing a growing area?

Too embarrassed to ask?

How do I grow this?

Club members will be on hand at 1:30p just before our meetings to answer your questions. If you suspect your plant is diseased, please bag it before hand. See you there!

**Send in Any Questions???**

Please feel free to send your orchid photos, growing tips, questions, etc. in for the newsletter.

We can have a "Virtual Show" to showcase our beautiful orchids in lieu of our Annual Show this year.

### Tidbit from Sarah Kelly:

This is a cool blog post about the positive benefits of house plants.

**11 Indoor Plants That Will Absorb Negative Energy and Supercharge Your World**

### ~ A Culture Tip ~

**For all those who will be bringing in plants after summering outside, here's an insecticide recommended by the AOS:**

In a gallon container, mix 1 pint Formula 409 Original Household Cleaner (anti-bacterial disinfectant) AND 1 pint 70% Alcohol. Fill rest of container with water. Add a few drops of dish soap (optional). Put in a pump or hand sprayer. Wet all surfaces of plant to treat. Kills by contact, not systemic.

I used this on an ant trail in my growing room and it kills within seconds. Formula 409 has been very hard to find due to COVID19 but I use any similar ingredient product.

~ Sue Finger



Vanda Amy Mitchell 'Crownfox Pink Lady'  
Photographer: Greg Allikas

### ~ Support Vendors ~

Vendor Information can be found on page 2.

**Oncidium Orchids ...Con't from Page 5**

**How Are Oncidiums Cared For?**

Oncidiums don't have many unique needs. Follow these **general orchid care tips**, and your Oncidium orchid should grow to be healthy and have great blooms.

Happy Blooming!



Onc. Sweet Sugar

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**\*\*\*An email will be sent with details and specific instructions on how to join the lectures\*\*\***

**October 4, 2020**

**NOTE: Meeting at 1:30 PM and speaker at 2:00**

**CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker -**

**Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise.**

Topic: Maudiae Paphs

**(Pre-order discount use NY2020 - 10% off orders of \$100)**

(Mr. Sorokowsky is also the AOS Webinar Presenter on October 20th. See Page 2 under Upcoming Webinars for more information)

**October CNYOS Annual Orchid Show - CANCELED**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - TBD**

**DECEMBER 6, 2020 - TBD**

**2020 Refreshment Volunteer List:**

**To be determined when meetings resume**

**Message from Charles:**

Idea - everyone should take lots of pictures of their flowering orchids and post them to our Facebook page. Or they can email pics to me and I can post. Everyone please stay healthy...

**Save the Dates: 2020 Events Schedule**

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**October 4, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Guest Speaker Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise. Topic: Maudiae Paphs Note: There will be a 10% Pre-order discount!

**\*\*\* Canceled \*\*\* October 2020: \*CNYOS Annual Show\***  
2nd weekend - CNYOS Annual Show at Beaver Lake

**November 1, 2020:** Open for Speaker (TBD)

**December 6, 2020:** CNYOS Program - Holiday Luncheon??? (TBD)

### **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>

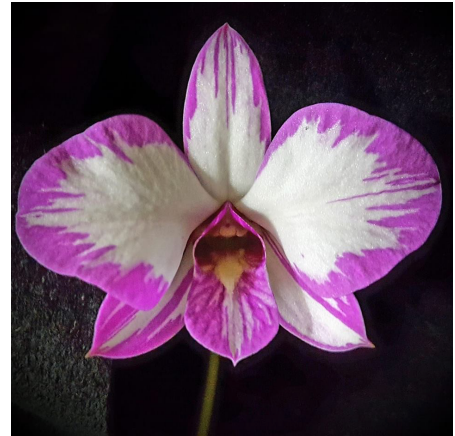
#### **Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:**

<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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