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: egglson@twcny.rr.com

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It's time to renew your membership! Individuals \$20 Family \$22

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Next Meeting: Sunday March 7, 2 PM, Lecture/Demonstration on the use of keiki paste by CNYOS Member Iris Cohen

Making More of your Favorite Orchids

The March meeting will feature a demonstration of using keiki paste to clone Phalaenopsis orchids. Keiki is the Hawaiian word for baby, and it is used for an offset or adventitious plantlet, especially on orchids. The correct native pronunciation is kay-ee-kee, but in English it is shortened to two syllables.

Dr. James Brasch invented keiki paste, trade name Keikigrow Plus, a little more than 30 years ago while trying to rescue a rare plant that was extinct in the wild. It is a formula of plant hormones and vitamins in lanolin paste. He has since developed several other products for use on orchids. For further information, go to: http://www.orchidmall.com/hormones/index.htm.

At the meeting, there will be a series of Phals showing phases in the development of a keiki, and the procedure will be demonstrated. Dr. Brasch has also provided us with a PowerPoint to see first. If you have a special Phal. or Doritaenopsis that you would like duplicated, bring it to the meeting. It should be toward the end of its blooming period, with the last flower open, or could be finished blooming, as long as the flower stem is still green. Do NOT cut off the end of the stem. Any remaining flowers or buds should be removed. Don't forget; if you are successful in producing a keiki, label it and the parent plant with a clone name if the latter doesn't already have one

If time permits, we will also demonstrate how to pollinate an orchid. If you have an orchid in bloom that you would like to get seeds from, or two orchids that you want to cross, bring them along. There are facilities available for germinating orchid seeds.

Please do not bring any plants for either of these procedures unless they have been virus tested by reliable methods. It is very important to control the spread of virus, both in your own collection and as a courtesy to others. In hybridizing, both parents must have been tested.

We have something else to look forward to. Dr. Brasch has also kindly donated a sample of Keikigrow for the raffle table. Don't miss this novel program. For more about the demonstration, contact Iris Cohen, 315-461-9226, iriscohen@aol.com.

There will be a Beginners's Meeting at 1:30 The subject will be the importance of knowing your orchid's name and reading and understanding tags. Members can bring in tags that they have questions about. The rest will be open to questions and answers.

There will also be a Show Committee Meeting at 1:30 David Ditz wants to start working out details for our October show early, so everyone interested in working on the show should attend.

February Show Table

Please note all names and abbreviations in boldface. Kindly **update your records** with registered names or parents. Extra large type indicates the hybrid has been looked up before.

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. Eagle's Nest (Pat Rowland × fairrieanum) Paph. Kay's Green Jaguar (Hanes Green Honda × Kay Rinaman) Phrag. lindleyanum syn. kaieteurum	Braue Coleman
Paph. Ruby Pulsar f ₂ (Ruby Peacock × Pulsar) Paph. lowii	Pfromm Dimon
Paph. Darth Vader (argus × wardii) Paph. In-Charm Cloud (In-Charm White × godefroyae)	" Ditz

Cattleya Alliance

Daily
Braue
11
Ditz
Finger
Ufford

Brassocatanthe (Bct.) Haleahi Profusion

(Brassanthe [Bsn.] Maikai \times C. maxima) Coleman

Vandaceous

Sns. juncifolia	Daily
Crtn. fesselii	"
<i>Dtps</i> . Taisuco Micky* (<i>Phal</i> . Golden Peoker \times <i>Phal</i> . <i>pulcherrima</i>)	Witkin
Phal. New Wave (stuartiana × venosa)	Braue
<i>Neost.</i> Lou Sneary (<i>Neof. falcata</i> \times <i>Rhy. coelestis</i>)	"
Phal. celebensis	Coleman
<i>Dtps</i> . Fusheng's Glad Lip (<i>Phal</i> . Be Glad \times <i>Dtps</i> . Mount Lip)	Cohen

Oncidium Alliance

Trt. tigrinum	Capella
Milt. Lennart Karl Gottling (Timberline × Pearl Ono)	Pfromm

Pleurothallid Alliance

Rstp. sp.	Daily
Rstp. elegans	"
Drac. decussata	"
Masd. Aquarius (constricta \times davisii)	Finger
Masd. Dawn Glow (melanoxantha \times constricta)	Coleman

Dendrobium

Den. unknown	Finger
Den. kingianum	Lloyd
Den. aberrans	"
Den. moniliforme	Braue
Den. Aussie's Chip (aberrans \times atroviolaceum)	Coleman
Den. aberrans	Capella

Miscellaneous

Psnth. Raspberry Delight (Cnths. discolor \times Pes. coronaria)	Braue
Psnth. Raspberry Delight	Capella
Ddc. tenellum	Witkin
Ddc. exile	"
Saintpaulia 'Rob's Kitten Caboodle' (Gesneriaceae)	Cohen

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*Taisuco stands for Taiwan Sugar Corporation, a state run agri-business. The sugar cane business became unprofitable, so in 1987, they went into the orchid business, and became one of the largest Phalaenopsis producers in the world. Iris Cohen

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

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting February 7, 2010

Lori Hoffman opened the meeting at 2:10 PM by welcoming the club members and visitors:

- 1. Judi Witkin held the first 2010 Beginner's Meeting at 1:30PM; the topic was "Good Plants for Beginning Growers."
- 2. Lori reminded the club that we are still looking for a 2nd Vice-President to work with Charles. Any interested person should contact Charles or Lori.
- 3. Charles was not able to contact Jim Marlow to schedule a compoting workshop for the March meeting. Iris Cohen will present a program on "How to Use Keiki Paste and How to Pollinate Phalaenopsis" at the March meeting. She said members can bring a phalaenopsis to the meeting to try the keiki paste on or can bring any plants they are interested in cross-pollinating. Iris specified that any of these plants must be virus-tested and given a clean bill of health before the meeting. The testing process requires a small section of leaf be sent to a lab and Iris can provide information on a testing lab to use. Testing takes about 1 week to ten days.
- 4. The GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show will be held from Friday, April 9, 2010 through Sunday, April 11, 2010. Setup will take place on Thursday, April 8, and teardown on Sunday, April 11, at the end of the show. Send plant registration information ahead of the show to Iris Cohen for any plants you will be entering in this show in the CNYOS Show Display. Jan Woodworth will handle the setup. A sheet was passed around for signup to help with setup but call Jan if you would like to help and didn't sign up Charles Ufford will collect plants for anyone in the Utica area and bring the plants to setup on Thursday.
- 5. The club will also set up a display at the STOS (Southern Tier Orchid Society) Show and a sign-up sheet was distributed for volunteers to help there. This show will be held April 24 and 25, with set up on April 23.
- 6. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently, the club has a balance of \$3649.82 in our account. Carol reported that club cleared \$353.00 from last month's silent auction. She also reminded all members that it's time to pay 2010 membership dues, if they haven't done this already.
- 7. Lori reminded the club that our own annual show needs to be planned and we still need a show chairman. The 2010 CNYOS Show is tentatively scheduled to be held at Beaver Lake Nature Center on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, 2010, with set up being completed on Friday, October 1. The club briefly discussed whether or not to hold the show at Shoppingtown Mall again. Jan Woodworth motioned that we continue to have our show at Beaver Lake Nature Center. The motion was seconded by Monica Kot and approved by a show of hands from the club.
- 8. The club also discussed whether or not we need to hold a separate club meeting on October 10, the Sunday after the show. After a brief discussion, the club voted by show of hands not to have an October meeting. The show will stand in place of the monthly club meeting.
- 9. David Ditz volunteered to serve as Show Chairman for the 2010 CNYOS Show (Thanks, David!). His show committee will be; Sue Finger, Vendors Chairman: Charles Ufford, Judging Chairman: and Iris Cohen, Registration Chairman. David will hold a show meeting in August.
- 10. David asked the club to consider whether or not we should charge admission for the show. The fee would apply to adults; children could attend for free. One suggestion made was to give each attendee a free raffle ticket with their paid admission. We should also ask attendees for their name, address and email address to build a list to notify ahead of time about details of the 2011 Show. Lori suggested we also ask them how they found out about the show to decide how well our publicity efforts work. David said we would have to check out if Beaver Lake would let us charge admission. Cheryl Lloyd will talk to Beaver Lake about this. Even if they disapprove us charging admission, we might still be able to ask for a donation. Barb Weller

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- motioned that we charge an admission fee if acceptable to Beaver Lake. Tom Daily seconded the motion and the club approved the motion by a show of hands. Cheryl noted, that if okay, we would need to add the admission fee to our flyers.
- 11. Charles Ufford asked if anyone was interested in a field trip to Bloomfield Orchids. He asked for a show of hands and will contact Joe Kunisch to ask about possible dates.
- 12. Our Spring Auction is coming up in May. Judi Witkin and Carol Haskell volunteered to contact the vendors for plants.
- 13. Lori closed the meeting by introducing our speaker, Rick Braue, who spoke on "Growing Orchids Semi-Hydroponically."
- 14. Thanks to Jan Woodworth and Marlene Weibel for providing refreshments for the February meeting!

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 2-17-10

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 1/10/10

Total 3,649.82

Jan. Silent Auction Profit 353.00

Refreshment Volunteers

March
1. Sue & Jerry Finger 2. Eva Galson
April
No refreshment needed – Rochester Show
May
1. David Ditz
2. Pat Cotter

June Spring Picnic Everyone Contributes

Events Calendar

March 7 CNYOS meeting – Lecture/Demonstration on use of keiki paste April 9-11 GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show & Sale

April 11 Meet at 11AM at the Parish hall for a short business meeting and then to car pool to the GROS

Spring Show & Sale in Rochester

April 17-18 Dickman Farms "Va Va Bloom" Open House

April 23-25 STOS(Southern Tier Orchid Society) Show & Sale

May 2 CNYOS meeting Orchid Auction

June? CNYOS Picnic Details TBA

July & August No Meeting

September 5 CNYOS Meeting TBA October 1-3 CNYOS Show and Sale

Dickman Farms

Dickman Farms has a huge garden center and greenhouses in Auburn. On April 17 and 18 they are holding their annual "Va Va Blooms" Garden Show. As in previous years, we are selling plants there, and anyone who is willing to help is welcome to participate. Contact Judi Witkin 422-0869 if you are interested. It's lots of fun; the

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greenhouses are full of flowering plants; and they conduct tours of their growing greenhouses which are not usually open to the public.

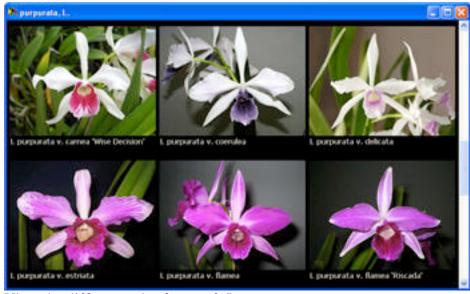
OrchidWiz.

As I wrote in the January *Orchid Enthusiast*, OrchidWiz, the Orchid Encyclopedia and Data base, offered a free copy of its SWAP (Software for Auction Program) to orchid clubs and societies to raffle off at their annual auctions to raise money for club activities. The club can keep the entire proceeds of the auction. We have signed up for the program and have received the software which will be raffled off at our May auction. One of the requirements of participation is that the membership be informed about OrchidWiz via an article in the Club newsletter, so here is some information:

The software is the latest version – Encyclopedia and Journal 6.02. It is on a DVD-R, and it requires the user to have Windows XP, or Windows Vista, and 2 GB of disk space. It comes with 2 months of technical support, and can run on two computers.

OrchidWiz is described as the world's most complete and accurate orchid research software. Updated through September 2009 with the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Sander's hybrid registrations and through September 2009 with the American Orchid Society's (AOS) awards. This is the most current data available.

OrchidWiz Encyclopedia contains more than 30 different analysis windows, providing the most complete and accurate information on orchid species and hybrids ever assembled. Here are just a few examples:



View the different color forms of *L.purpurata*

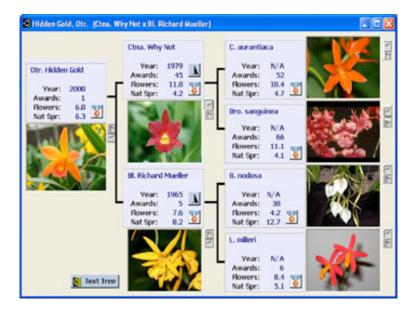
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Show the offspring of Paph. rothschildianum



Shows the offspring of *B. nodosa* by most awarded



Display image tree for Otr. Hidden Gold

Some of the Things You can Do With & Find On OrchidWiz

Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal

Add your own photographs into the Journal.

Almost 40,000 color photographs of orchids.

Genealogy charts for more than 127,000 hybrids.

Information on more than 29,000 species.

67,000 "other names" to search by, including prior genus assignments, species varieties, synonyms and common misspellings. These names provide a cross reference and are linked to the main and accepted names via look-up tables.

Award data from the American Orchid Society, Cymbidium Society of America, Australian Orchid Council, and the Orchid Council of New Zealand, a total of more than 73,000 awards.

Over 79,000 hybrids with at least one parent image; 27,000 hybrids with both.

More than 146,000 references to orchid photos contained in 2,300 publications.

2,347 genera, of which 920 natural and 1,427 hybrid.

16 distinct breeding groups provided for ease of search and analysis.

Complete data from 2,649 Charles Baker cultivation sheets displayed in graphical form.

Photographic references for almost 16,000 species.

Geographical distributions of over 26,000 species.

Month-by-month flowering times for more than 5,300 species.

Common names for 4,500 species.

Comprehensive culture recommendations for all hybrids (based on species composition) and for thousands of species.

Light intensity recommendations for 4,100 species.

Night temperature recommendations for 3,900 species.

Source of author and publication for over 26,000 species.

Over 1,000 noted fragrant species.

Almost 5,700 noted epiphytic species.

Almost 400 noted lithophytic species.

Almost 900 noted terrestrial species.

Relative sizes of over 2,600 species (i.e., miniature, small, medium).

More than 1,200 species which bloom for a long time or are frequent bloomers.

Information on 5,500 hybridizers, including names and, most often, addresses.

Over 37,000 orchids with one or more progeny listed.

Look-up references to over 31,000 photographs in Awards Quarterly and Register of Awards.

Species classified by 5 subfamilies, 21 tribes and 77 subtribes.

Look-up orchids by new taxonomic names or by older more familiar Sander's names.

Review by an Orchid Judge

Overall, I think OrchidWiz has filled a niche for orchid reference software. The many features make it useful to own. It is targeted to be used by everyone that has an interest in orchids: hobbyist, advance users, hybridizers, novice growers, and last but not least, AOS judges. OrchidWiz is here to stay, and many of us have welcomed and embraced the software and have it as an essential tool in our orchid judging kit, right next to our Excel spreadsheet or spiral notebook where we keep our notes and our plant collection lists. — Manuel Aybar

OrchidWiz at Our May Auction

OrchidWiz ordinarily retails for \$259. Come and bid for it at our May auction and have the chance get it for a more advantageous price, while also helping the club!!

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March 2010 Issue – CNYOS Orchid Meeting March 7,2 PM at the Church
Multiplying your Favorite Orchids With Keiki Paste
Beginners Meeting at 1:30