

The Orchid Enthusiast

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November Meeting(s): Nov. 5th. - Our speaker this month will be our own Tom Daily who will be presenting on IPM for Orchid Growers. Tom will explain how to use Integrated Pest Management to best protect our plants from insects and disease. Judi Witkin will be hosting our Beginner's Meeting and discussing how to read and make sense of plant tags. Bring some tags if you have questions about them as well.

During the November meeting we will be holding a Silent Auction to help raise funds for the club. Our expenditures have been high as of late, and there are some surplus plants that have been donated to raise money for the club. If you would like to donate plants, or would like to submit plants to be sold but would like some of the proceeds, bring them to the meeting. Please submit a list of any plants that you would like to bring to Judi Witkin. Plants must be free of pests and diseases, and would be very helpful if they were all labeled properly and as clean as possible, and if the media is in bad shape a repotting would be very helpful. Note that if you are not making a 100% donation of plants to the club, then the proceeds of the sale of your plant will be split evenly between the club and yourself (50/50). All orchid-related material can be auctioned off in the sale.

On November 12th the club will be holding a field trip to Marlows Orchids in Rochester, NY. People wanting to attend can meet at the Baldwinsville St. Augustine's Church Parish Hall across the parking lot from our usual meeting location at 9:45a.m. The convoy will head out at 10a.m. sharp. More details at the meeting.

Our 2006 Fall Show and Sale went very well! Thanks to all who assisted with the show. Awards lists will be posted in this issue of the newsletter. Four AOS awards were given out this year.

Dody Ellenberger of the GROS in Rochester, NY recently suffered a severe heart attack. She is recuperating at Strong Memorial Hospital. The Home address where cards can be sent is:
6764 Gillis Rd. Victor, NY 14564-9709

Our thoughts & prayers are with her & her husband, John.

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Please remember to bring your flowering orchids to display on our Show Table!

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting October 1, 2006

Judi Witkin opened the business portion of the meeting by announcing that this meeting would primarily deal with show business for the upcoming CNYOS Orchid Show, October 14-15:

1. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's report and reported that the club account currently contains a total of \$3145.47. Many of the show expense bills are starting to come in, so Carol warned that this balance was due to change quickly.
2. David Ditz asked if press releases on the show had been sent to the local television and radio stations. Tammy Pomietlasz said that Beaver Lake had done that. David suggested that either Tammy or Nancy Loveland contact the radio and television stations directly; we would get better coverage, more specific to our upcoming show, that way. Nancy said she would take care of it. Nancy noted that Carol Bradford would write her column in the next STARS in the Sunday Post Standard to promote the orchid show.
3. Judi reported that the club laptop was completely programmed and ready to use with our new digital projector. Iris asked if this laptop contained the Orchid Wiz program. Judi said it was programmed with both Orchid Wiz and Wildcat. Iris asked if we could use this laptop to help during show registration. That way, the laptop could be used to research orchid names, while the other computer could be used to register the plants.
4. Donna Coleman and Judi researched the booth fee for the CNY Blooms show in March 2007. The fee for CNY Blooms for a club booth would be \$475. Judi told the organizers that that fee was too high for our club and we wouldn't participate unless they could find a sponsor to pay that fee.
5. Charles Ufford asked that anyone who does not receive a CNYOS newsletter contact him via email directly. Unless his server's Mailer Daemon notifies him that an address or email is undeliverable, he assumes that the newsletter reached its recipient. He noted that the current newsletter is also posted on the CNYOS club website (www.cnyos.org).
6. CNYOS October Orchid Show Planning Meeting:
(this section has been deleted due to length and no really pertinent information)
7. New Business:
 - * After the rigors of the show, the club will take its annual field trip to Marlow's Orchids on Sunday, November 12. It is always a great trip, filled with beautiful plants, wonderful food and good friends. We will meet at St. Augustine's, Baldwinsville, NY, at 9:45A to carpool. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting or let Judi know if you want to go.

Misc. business

Club Vice-President Kim Boronczyk has many orchid-related supplies for sale. Please contact Kim at 315-455-7587 before regular meetings to discuss what she has available and can bring to the next meeting. The club has a good selection of orchid-related books available to sign out. Please contact Judi or Tom to find out what is available and to sign out a book. A list will soon be posted showing what is available. The Wolles are still collecting clothing, household items, baby supplies and other food and paper stores for the Living Hope Christian Center in Syracuse. Members can bring their donations to the meeting to give to the Wolles.

Volunteer Schedules - Refreshment List for Fall 2006

November 5th - Carolyn Pace and Charles Ufford

January 7th? - Barbara Weller and Judi Witkin

February 4th - Diane Bordoni, Deb Coyle and Dolores Capella

March 4th - Maxine Weibel

Please remember to bring your flowering orchids to the meeting for our show table!

Loving and Growing Miniature Orchids

I fell in love with miniature orchids the first time I saw them at Rice's Nursery back in the '80's. Jim Rice had about thirty little plants mounted and hung on some chicken wire stretched between two posts in his #2 glass greenhouse. They were nestled between Paph. seedlings and a tray of overgrown cactus. Of all the beautiful orchids and other wonderful plants for sale in Jim's three greenhouses, I found myself wanting those little orchids the most. Unfortunately, they were not for sale. Jim was babysitting them for a friend who was moving. On one Saturday visit as I was staring at the little darlings, Jim ripped off a small piece of Dryadella zebrina and gave it to me. I was thrilled! I lovingly took it home, and within days it was dead. I was disappointed but not disheartened. It made me want to try even more to grow these little wonders. Now many years later (and many failed tries) I am growing my own collection of about 200 miniature orchids.

Far from being an expert, I am still learning and trying to improve my growing techniques. And yes, I still lose some once in awhile but I accept that as part of the challenge.

Many people think minis are fussy and too much trouble. Actually, they aren't if you have the right growing set-up. Since they require water every day and sometimes more in the summer, the secret for me is to be able to water them quickly in place. I took a trick from the vendors at our show and bought the plastic-covered metal shelving that they use to display their plants. It comes in several lengths so you can make a tall stand or a table stand. I wire mine together using green plant wire so that I have a standing three-sided box. This can be placed inside a tray or plastic covered box to protect your floor or tabletop. I wrap plastic drop-cloth around the outside of the three sides securing it with plant wire to the shelving and leaving the front of the stand open for air circulation. Make sure the bottom of the plastic is tucked into your tray. I hang a fluorescent light with a full spectrum tube over the top of the stand. Plants that like brighter light get hung high in the stand and shade lovers at the bottom. Smaller collections can also be housed in open terrariums the same way.

The next trick is watering. Some plants are fussier than others about water quality and since tiny plants tend to be bothered faster by salt and mineral build-up, I use rain water with just a smidgen of plant food formulated for pure water. I use a pump-up canister water sprayer that you can get at any hardware store or home center. The tray under the stand catches the run-off and the plastic walls help to keep the humidity in for a while. In the Summer I aim a fan at the stand for circulation. This keeps it cooler but also dries it out faster requiring more frequent watering. For a while I used a misting system on a timer to keep the humidity up. Unfortunately, I didn't use a filter and the system kept clogging up. So, until I invest in a filter I am using my tried and true hand sprayer.

Some mini orchids require cooler temperatures. I find that my plants grow better in the Winter but if I keep good air circulation with a fan and mist them often in the Summer for evaporative cooling they are more tolerant of higher temperatures. It is best to know the requirements of any plant, large or small before you buy it. There are many resources on the internet and many good vendors that are happy to share this information with you. Some of my favorite places to buy miniature orchids are: J & L Orchids (www.jlorchids.com) Mountain Orchids (www.mountainorchids.com) and Marlow's Orchids (marloworchids.com). A good resource book is Rebecca Tyson Northen's 'Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them'. A copy is in our club library. My advice to anyone who wants to try mini orchids is to do it. The rewards of growing and blooming the little flowers are endless! Don't be afraid to be creative while trying to meet the few requirements necessary for healthy growth. Also, listen to your plants. They always tell you what they need if you are ready to learn plant language.

- Judi Witkin

2006 Fall Show and Sale Awards listing - CNYOS Members

<u>Exhibitor Name</u>	<u>Entry Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award</u>
Iris Cohen	Phal.	76	1st
"	Phal.	78	1st
Donna Coleman	Bl. Yellow Bird	37	2nd
"	Odcdm. Susan Kaufman	103	1st
"	Barb. cucullata	152	1st
"	Bif. aureo-fulva	156	3rd
CNYOS	Exhibit	6	Best Exhibit in Show ODC Trophy
Tom Daily	Den. laevifolium	130	1st Best Dendrobium
"	Trias picta	154	1st
Dave Ditz	Slc. Petite Elf	33	1st
"	"	38	1st, Best Amateur C., Best C., Best Hybrid C., M. & F. Ummer Mem. Awd.
"	Paph. Charles Sladden	46	2nd
"	Mcm. manabinum	108	3rd
"	"	154	3rd

(Awards listing continued)

<u>Exhibitor Name</u>	<u>Entry Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award</u>
Cheryl Lloyd	Phrag. longifolium	52	3rd
Jeff Stuart	Den. pentapterum	130	2nd
“	Stelis cyripedioides	152	2nd
“	Den. pentapterum	154	2nd
Charles Ufford	Native Orchid Educ. Display	4	1st
“	Phal. equestris	78	2nd
“	Phal. equestris	78	3rd
“	Phal. pallens	78	2nd
“	Stelis mystax	152	1st
Judi Witkin	Phrag. After-Glo	53	3rd
“	Phrag. Silver Eagle	54	3rd
“	Milt. clowesii	100	1st
“	Tolu. Orchidom Romance	107	1st
“	Pths. loranthophylla	152	3rd
“	Spe. macrolepharis	152	3rd
“	Oeceoclades maculata	155	1st
“	Bulbo. nitidum	156	1st, Best Amateur, J. Rice Mem. Awd.

AOS Awards (and additional awards given to plant)

Ornithophora radicans ‘Windsong’	CCE/AOS, 1st, Best Species, Best Onc.	JustPat Orchids
Phrag. Don Wimber ‘Norma’, HCC/AOS	AM/AOS, 1st, Best Hybrid	Bloomfield Orchids
Yonezawaara (Yzwr.) Blue Star	AM/AOS, 1st, Best Vandaceous	Bloomfield Orchids
Vuyl. Edna ‘Stamperland’ x Milt. regnelii	JC/AOS, 2nd	Black Meadow Orchids

Orchid Speak

IPM- integrated pest management is a pest control strategy that utilizes the least toxic cultural, biological, and chemical techniques to achieve the same or better pest control as can be achieved with pesticides alone.

biological control- uses living organisms that are natural enemies of pests to regulate pest populations.

cultural controls- are horticultural practices that disrupt or reduce pest populations.

chemical control- is the use of pesticides.

arthropod- any invertebrate of the phylum Arthropoda, having a segmented body, jointed limbs, and usually a chitinous shell that undergoes molting, including the insects, spiders, and other arachnids, crustaceans, and myriapods.

The first four definitions are from Pesticide Safety Education #24 by Cornell Cooperative Extension. The last is from Webster’s Dictionary, 1996 edition, Random House Value Publishing, Inc.. - Tom Daily

Expanding Horizons: Books of Interest - Stranger in the Forest, on foot across Borneo by Eric Hansen

(excerpt from book) “The rain forest felt magical and enchanted as long as I was sitting still, but the moment I began walking it became an obstacle course of steep razorback ridges, muddy ravines, fallen trees, slippery buttressed tree roots, impenetrable thickets of undergrowth, and a confusion of wildly twisting rivers running in every direction.”

Many of you are familiar with the writings of Eric Hansen from his book, Orchid Fever. This book is Hansen’s amazing story of his ten month, 2400 mile, walk across Borneo without porters, provisions, or technical help. The island of Borneo is 80% tropical rainforest straddling the equator, with mountain ranges up to 13,000 ft., and rivers that flow in all directions. This book gives you more than just a taste of what these last remaining virgin rain forests are like and the few tribes that inhabit them. It fulfills the expectations, in detail, of what you might dream a trip like this would be like. Hansen’s persistence is challenged by numerous surprises, in the form of dangerous creatures, plants, and hostile tribes. If you like adventure and love the idea of traveling to the tropics without leaving the comfort of your living room armchair, then you must read Stranger in the Forest. - Tom Daily

SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations.

Cypripedium Alliance

Phrag. Grande (longifolium x caudatum) Capella
Phrag. Sedenii (schlimii x longifolium) “
Phrag. Memoria Dick Clements (lindleyanum x besseae) Braue?
Phrag. Silver Eagle (boissierianum var. czerwiakowianum x schlimii) Witkin

Cattleya Alliance

Scaphyglottis sp. Erickson
B. cucullata Capella
C. unknown “
Blc. Haleahi Starlight (Golden Tang x B. nodosa) Braue
Psh. cochleata Coleman
Epi. ciliare Frost
S. pygmaea Witkin

Vandaceous

Phal. bellina Ufford
Phal. lindenii 2 plants “
Neost. Lou Sneary (Neof. falcata x Rhy. coelestis) Coleman
Phal. unknown Bordon
Phal. lindenii Witkin

Oncidium Alliance

Brsdm. Longlen (Brs. arcuigera x Onc. leucochilum) Capella
Trpla. marginata Coleman
***Brsa.* Orange Delight (Ada aurantiaca x Brs. Mary Traub Levin)** “
Tolu. Orchidom Romance (Orchidom Waltz x Charity) Witkin

Pleurothallid Alliance

Rstp. brachypus Daily
Stelis maxima Braue
Spe. (Specklinia) macroblepharis Witkin
Tris. triglochis “

Dendrobium

Den. laevifolium Daily
Den. phiorum (provisional) Cohen

Miscellaneous

Ddc. filiforme Braue
Max. rufescens “
Ddc. glumaceum Capella
Trias picta Daily
Eria acervata Witkin
Bulb. pecten-veneris “
Bulb. nitidum “

Iris Cohen

OCTOBER SHOW TABLE

Cattleya Alliance

Psh. (Prosthechea) cochleata Frost
Rl. glauca Capella
Slc. Whodunit (C. Chocolate Drop x Sl.Psyche) “
C. intermedia “
S. (Sophronitis) dayana Coleman
B. Little Stars (nodosa x subulifolia)

Vandaceous

Phal. pulcherrima Coleman
Phal. Dou-Dii Perfume (Golden Peoker x Salu Peoker) “

Oncidium Alliance

Adgm. Summit (Rst. bictoniensis x Ada keiliana) Capella
Tolu. Orchidom Romance (Orchidom Waltz x Charity) Witkin
Rdza. lanceolata Daily

Pleurothallid Alliance

Pths. species Weller
Masd. herradurae Coleman
Spe. (Specklinia) megalops Witkin
Pths. loranthophylla “

Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Berry x Ku-Ring-Gai Frost
Cad. taylori Witkin

Miscellaneous

Ddc. cobbianum Capella
Galeandra sp. Coleman
Bif. (Bifrenaria) aureofulva “

Iris Cohen

Orchid Trading Post

Club Member Mike Candella would like to close down his personal greenhouse for the Winter, and is thinking of selling his orchids. Anyone who has interest should contact Mike at his home in Marcy, NY or at the family business Candella's Greenhouses also in Marcy

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The Central New York Orchid Society meets at St. Augustine's Church, 7333 O'Brien Rd., Baldwinsville, at 2:00^{pm} on the first Sunday of each month from September through June, with Beginner's Sessions at 1:30p.m. right before the regular meetings. Yearly dues are \$15.00 per individual, or \$17.00 per family. Dues should be paid to the CNYOS Treasurer, Carol Haskell

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Beginner's Session: (at 1:30pm) Making Sense of Orchid Tags