

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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Next Meeting: Sunday April 6 at 11 AM.

We will gather in the social hall at St Augustine's Church, which is directly across the parking lot from our regular meeting place.

After a short meeting, we will car pool to Rochester to attend the closing hours of the 34th annual Orchid Show and Sale of the Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS). If you go to their website, www.geneseeorchid.org, you can download a \$ 1.00 coupon to reduce the cost of admission which is \$5.

Our orchid society will have a table at the GROS. Anyone with blooming orchids to submit should drop them off at the home of John Bradley, 119 Grove St. No. Syracuse. He will be home Sat & Sun afternoons 3/29, 30. If that is not convenient, call 458 -8372. For those in the east, Janet Woodworth will take plants at 728 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Kirkville, but call first at 687-7207

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President's message from John Bradley:

I would like to thank Dolores and Carol for the great work they did for us on handling the logistics of the mounting clinic. They really did pitch in to make things flow smoothly and to keep the plants in good shape. I also want to thank the experienced members for the help they gave in instructing us inexperienced folk with the mounting. Thanks especially to Dolores and her box of rubber-bands!

Many have been very supportive with volunteering to do the work on up-coming events. Kim has said that she will handle the contacting of vendors for donations and has asked for volunteers to take home the donations which donors will bring to the GROS Show. She also needs people to receive donations sent prior to the auction in May.

We are covered very well for set-up & break-down for the GROS Show, but we could still use an experience person for the STOS Show set-up. There are people willing to help. Break-down is covered!

Nancy Loveland & Tammy Pomietlasz have said that they will Chair/Co-chair the Beaver Lake Show in October, but will need some help with the details (set-up, break-down, etc.) They will let us know what the other needs may be as the time nears.

IMPORTANT: The correct spelling of an orchid in last month's show table is Phalaenopsis tetraspis. There was an error in three online databases. We apologize for perpetuating the error without adequate research.

MARCH SHOW TABLE

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations. Next time you present the plant, include name and parents.

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Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. liemianum	<i>Cohen</i>
Paph. concolor	"
Paph. Prim-n-Proper x liemianum	<i>Galson</i>
Paph. armeniacum 2 plants	<i>Ufford</i>
Paph. Warmest Regards (Sarella x spicerianum)	<i>Witkin</i>
Phrag. lindleyanum var. kaieteurum	<i>Coleman</i>
Paph. Memoria Maurice Powers x fairrieianum)	

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Cattleya Alliance

Guarisophleya (Gsl.) Exotic Mini Treat (Srt. Trick or Treat x Sc. Seagulls Mini-Cat Heaven)	<i>Coleman</i>
Epbns. Golden Spice (Bnts. Richard Mueller x Epi. stamfordianum)	

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Vandaceous

Dtps. Yu Pin Summer (Phal. Modern Stripes x Dtps. Sun Jye Diamond)	<i>Galson</i>
Vf. Blaupunkt (V. coerulescens x Neof. falcata)	<i>Witkin</i>
Trgl. pusilla	"
Chsch. lunifera	"
Phal. aphrodite	<i>Ufford</i>
Phal. bastianii	"
Phal. sumatrana	"
Phal. celebensis	"
Phal. cornu-cervi	"
Phal. stuartiana	"
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope (Hausermann's Candy x Daryl Lockhart)	<i>Coleman</i>

Pleurothallid Alliance

Sppm. aff.* swertiifolium	<i>Ditz</i>
Specklinia macroblepharis	"
Stelis cypripedioides	<i>Cohen</i>
Trichosalpinx scabridula	<i>Witkin</i>
Pths. niveoglobula	"

Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Ellen (kingianum x tetragonum)	<i>?</i>
Den. atrovioleaceum	<i>Woodworth</i>
Den. moniliforme	<i>Haskell</i>
Den. Aussie's Chip (aberrans x atrovioleaceum)	<i>Coleman</i>

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Miscellaneous

Max. cf.† striata

Woodworth

**aff. is the abbreviation for "affinity to." It means belonging to a species complex, including this species.*

cf. is an abbreviation of the Latin for "compare with." It means this plant has not been identified, but this species is one it closely resembles.

Iris Cohen

A Further Note from Iris (She not only keeps us on our toes as far as nomenclature is concerned, but also updates the name tags and membership list)

Those of you with e-mail have received a draft of the membership list. If you have e-mail, but are not on our e-list, please send us your address. You can still receive the newsletter via regular mail if you wish.

The name tags have been updated. Even if you do remember your name, please wear your name tag, as others are not so fortunate. There are extra holders under Z. There are also blank tags if you don't find yours. Leave the new tag after the meeting & we will make one for you.

Are You Bothered by Fungus Gnats ? (abstracted from an article by Paul Johnson on the web site of South Dakota State University)

The common fungus gnats in the hobby orchid collection are small (ca. 1.5-3.0 mm), long-legged, long-antennaed, delicate flies with dark bodies and one pair of dusky-grey to black wings.

As with most other insects with four life stages (i.e., egg, larva, pupa, adult), it is the larva or maggot that does most of the feeding. The maggots feed only on fungal growths. However, they will also feed on seedlings, dying and rotting tissues such as roots, and will rapidly devour a leaf resting on the surface of moist potting media. Adult fungus gnats do not bite and are absolutely harmless to people and pets.

Fortunately, for orchid growers, these little flies are usually mere nuisances. However, these insects can be used as an indicator of poor orchid care, even though they are commonly considered pests.

The following cultural procedures will help control fungus gnats:

1. Repot your plants on a regular basis and use mixes containing materials such as charcoal and coconut (fiber or chunks) that are slow to decay, or inorganic components such as perlite;
2. Do not keep the media constantly wet and if possible allow the media to dry between waterings, especially the upper inch or so;
3. Keep fertilizer to the minimum needed for the plant and adjusted to the potting media used.

Detection & Management: Fortunately, fungus gnats are usually easily managed and can be kept in check in most orchid collections. Yellow sticky cards sold for monitoring and control of aphids and whiteflies are excellent for trapping fungus gnats. These cards are so effective when there are only a few flies, that there is no need to use any insecticide. However, often female gnats will fly little so sometimes it is useful to cut strips of the cards and insert these strips into a pot to capture more of the females. Larvae are easily controlled by adjusting watering and ensuring that your orchid medium is not overly decomposed and is draining well. This may require frequent repotting if you use a heavy watering regime.

(If you don't have yellow sticky cards handy, here is a tip from Norman's Orchids Web site Orchid Tips): **Use Yellow Cups to Catch Insects- smear plastic yellow cups with regular Vaseline and place in your greenhouse or among your orchid collection. The yellow color will attract all kinds of insects and they will be caught in the Vaseline.**

Events Calendar

The CNYOS website lists the events calendar, but here are some additional happenings:

Saturday, May 3 African Violet Society of Syracuse Annual Show and Sale, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville
Sale 10 - 6 pm Show 1 - 6 pm
Sunday Sale & Show 10 am - 4:30 pm

"Come see the African Violets and other Gesneriads, before our big Orchid Auction on May 4!!!!"

Saturday, May 31 "SPEAKERS' DAY" Sponsored by the Joint Presidents Council

In conjunction with The American Orchid Society

Holiday Inn North - Newark International Airport - Newark, New Jersey call: 516 374 6426

The Joint President's Council of the metropolitan New York Area in conjunction with the American Orchid Society present the 25th "Speakers' Day" featuring talks by leading orchid authorities from all parts of the world. The daylong event will highlight four outstanding speakers; orchid plant and book sale raffle of fine plants; morning refreshments and a complete lunch, all included in the registration price of \$39.00. COME MEET, HEAR AND TALK WITH THESE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SPEAKERS:

Through Sunday, April 13 **An Alphabet Garden of Orchids** -The **orchid exhibit** of the Smithsonian is open at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory on the Mall in Washington DC

Minutes of February 2, 2008 CNYOS Meeting

1. Welcome to Marilyn Cowan and her daughter in law, Laura. (They are new members. Editor's note)
2. Our new newsletter editor is Eva Galson
3. Dues are due, please give them to Carol Haskell, our treasurer.
4. Bloomfield Orchids- field trip, so far enough people have not signed up. If you are interested , please sign up.
5. Treasurer-s Report regarding our past Fall Show(07), we are \$ -612.22, a good effort for us.
6. GROS(Rochester) Show- 4/5&4/6. There was discussion about meeting prior to car pooling to attend the Rochester Show as this would be our regular meeting date. It was agreed to meet at 11 a.m. in the Parrish Hall on 4/6.
7. Charles Ufford was granted Life Time Achievement Status.
- 8 Dickman Farms- Spring event- Cheryl, Kim, Judy, and Barbara B. will represent our club during this event on the last weekend of March.
9. Sonnenberg Gardens is having an exhibit of orchids.
10. Iris Cohen will be doing plant registration for the upcoming Shows, and requests help.
11. GROS Show- John will help to set up, David Ditz and Donna Coleman will take down, Submit your plant information to pre-register to Iris as soon as possible.
12. STOS Show(Binghamton- Johnson City) the Club needs volunteers to set up on 4/24, Thursday. Take down will be Donna, Gary, Judy, and Charles. We may submit Art Work for the STOS Show.
13. Auction- Kim will be getting the plants together.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Weller

Orchid of the Month: MILTONIOPSIS (The following is adapted from an article by Thomas Miranda of the Smithsonian, which appeared in *ORCHIDS* in April 2006)



Miltoniopsis Red Tide '159' grown & photographed by Eva Galson

The variable *Miltoniopsis* hybrids have two burdens to overcome before they can take their rightful places as the jewels of spring in our collections – a pedestrian common name (pansy orchid), and a bad cultural reputation. Widely and mistakenly believed to be fussy cool growers, most *Miltoniopsis* thrive under the same temperatures we humans favor. Denizens of transitional, mid elevation forest edges that are bathed daily in mist, the species thrive under typical intermediate to warm temperatures: 75 - 82 F days and 60 – 65 nights, as long as they receive high humidity and excellent air movement. For good results, keep *miltoniopsis* plants evenly moist, especially in hot weather, protect from intense light, and supplement humidity levels. Annual repotting in a fine orchid bark mix with added fine charcoal, perlite and chopped sphagnum is carried out on the plants at the Smithsonian Institution. The

wildly distinctive array of patterns and colors of the hybrids are derived surprisingly (until recently) from three species: *Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis*, *Miltoiopsis roezlii*, and *Miltoniopsis vexillaria*. A recent influx of species with greater heat tolerance and higher flower count (though of smaller dimensions), has had the pleasing result of adding *Miltoniopsis bismarckii* and *Miltoniopsis santanaei* to the breeder's palette.

Treasurer's Report

Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$2,236.93
Year to Date Net Inflows Outflows 1/1/08 – 3/2/08	\$ -850.25

(This deficit is largely due to plant purchases for the mounting clinic, which will be covered by receipts)
Carol Haskell, Treasurer

Next Meeting (con't)

Pre – register your plants with Iris Cohen iriscohen@aol.com, 461-9226, by Wednesday, April 2, but preferably by March 29. Plants should be properly groomed and staked, and your name and the name of the plant should be affixed to the pot, and not to the stake, which should be left at home. Plants should be in a box also labeled with your name. If you are a first time exhibitor, or if your plants are grown on the windowsill without artificial light in winter, note that since there are special categories for these.

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