

# 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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A green jacket was left in the break room at Beaver Lake. If it's yours, please identify yourself to Sue or Jan.

**It's time to renew your membership!**  
**Individuals \$20**  
**Family \$22**  
**Send check to:**  
**Carol Haskell,**  
**Treas.**  
**102 Wynthrop Rd**

## **Next Meeting: Sunday December 2, 2 PM. Holiday Covered Dish Party**



I'm here in sunny California for Thanksgiving, but I'm sure by the time I get back to Syracuse, the weather will have put us all in the mood for the holidays and our Holiday Covered Dish Party.

We alternate those bringing main dishes with those bringing dessert, so this year those whose last name begins with the letters K-Z please

bring a main dish, and those with letters A-G please bring dessert. Those with letters H-I please bring something to drink. If you have an all-time favorite that you think the group will enjoy, please ignore the above and bring your delicious production.

At 1:30 before the meeting, the Show Committee will meet to discuss what went right at the show and what improvements can be made. Anyone with ideas on the matter is welcome to attend and share them. We will summarize our meeting for the whole club afterwards.

We will have a show table, so bring your blooming beauties to show off. There will also be a raffle table.

## **President's Message**

I thought things would quiet down after the show but we have all kinds of things going on with the club. Look for info on upcoming meetings for programs, bus trips, thank you notes, computer access questions and more. Lots of planning coming up plus the December regular meeting will be just fun and friends with a dish to pass. Should be a great day so bring your show table plants and something for the raffle table, too.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!**

Sue Finger

## **November Meeting Agenda**

Pat Cotter was not at the meeting, and no one took minutes, so here is an outline of what was discussed, as sent by Sue:

Treasurer's Report: Carol stopped in with the report, but could not stay, so we don't know yet what income and expenses we incurred from the show.

Sunshine Committee: Monica was not at the meeting, but Rick Braue was in the hospital with back problems. We wish him well.

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These are the nominations that will be voted on in December:

Pres. -Sue Finger

VP - Honey Goshorn - She is requesting someone else to volunteer to help her out. She's more comfortable with 2 people in the position.

Treas - Carol Haskell

Secr - Pat Cotter

Each of these people have accepted their nomination.

Dick Clarke of Sunset Orchids was our speaker for November. He was taken out to a meal at Lock 24 after the meeting.

## NOVEMBER 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.</i> Prince Edward of York ( <i>rothschildianum</i> × <i>sanderianum</i> )*	Ditz
<i>Paph.</i> Spots Galore (Magic Spots × Lady Macbeth)	Woodworth
<i>Paph.</i> Charlene ( <i>haynaldianum</i> × <i>liemianum</i> )	Cohen
<i>Paph.</i> <i>liemianum</i>	"

### Cattleya Alliance

<i>Ctt.</i> Chocolate Flirt ( <i>C.</i> Flirtie × Chocolate Drop)	Ditz
<i>C.</i> Mini Purple ( <i>pumila</i> × <i>walkeriana</i> )	Coleman
<b><i>Bct.</i> Little Marmaid</b> ( <i>C.</i> <i>walkeriana</i> × <i>Bsn.</i> Maikai)	Burrirt
<b><i>Ctt.</i> Acker's Madison</b> × <b><i>Ctna.</i> Donovan Bennett</b>	"
<i>Rlc.</i> Mari's Melody ( <i>C.</i> Mari's Song × Chyong Guu Chaffinch)	"
<i>Ett.</i> Don Herman ( <i>Ctt.</i> Gold Digger × <i>Epi.</i> <i>stamfordianum</i> )	"
<i>Epi.</i> <i>peperomia</i>	"
<i>Rth.</i> Golden Chieftain ( <i>Ctt.</i> Chocolate Drop × Golden Delicious)	"
<i>Bc.</i> Memoria Vida Lee ( <i>Binosa</i> × <i>C.</i> Brazilian Treasure)	"
<i>C.</i> Mini Purple	"
<i>Epi.</i> <b><i>ciliare</i></b>	Capella
<i>C.</i> <i>cernua</i>	Finger
<i>C.</i> Mini Song (Mini Purple × Mari's Song)	Cohen

### Oncidium Alliance

<i>Brsdm.</i> Nittany Gold ( <i>Brs.</i> <i>verrucosa</i> × <i>Onc.</i> <b><i>ghiesbreghtianum</i></b> )	Coleman
<i>Gom.</i> <i>radicans</i>	Witkin
<i>Rdza.</i> <i>venusta</i>	Capella
<b><i>Oncidesa</i> (<i>Oncsa.</i>)</b> Lemon Heart (Sum Lai Woh × <b><i>Gom.</i> <i>concolor</i></b> )	"
<i>Mcm.</i> <i>bicolor</i>	"
<i>Im.</i> Popcorn ( <i>Gom.</i> <i>flexuosa</i> × <i>Inps.</i> <b><i>utricularioides</i></b> )	Woodworth
<i>Alcra.</i> Marfitch ( <i>Brat.</i> Charles M. Fitch × <i>Onc.</i> Fremar)	Burrirt

**Vandaceous**

*Dtps.* Kenneth Schubert (*Phal. pulcherrima* × *violacea*)† Coleman

**Dendrobium**

*Den. lamyaiiae* Coleman  
*Den. unknown* (2 plants) Capella  
*Den. strongylanthum* Finger  
*Den. Baby Pink* (*affine* × *bigibbum*) Cohen  
*Den. Samarai* (*stratiotes* × *antennatum*) Burritt

**Miscellaneous**

*Cycd.* Wine Delight (*Cyc. lehmannii* × *Morm. sinuata*) Ditz  
*Hab. medusa* "  
*Pol.* Rodney Ellis (*pubescens* × *bella*) Woodworth  
*Camaridium* (*Cmd.*) *praestans* "  
*Ddc. exile* Capella  
*Trias disciflora* "  
*Ddc. glumaceum* "  
*Ddc. cootesii* "  
*Isochilus sp.* Witkin  
*Oberonia sp.* "

\*Botanists have determined that the incredibly long petals on certain Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums are to enable the non-winged pollinator to climb up from the ground to reach the flower (think Rapunzel).

†The genus *Doritis* has been abolished, but RHS has not yet made the change.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail

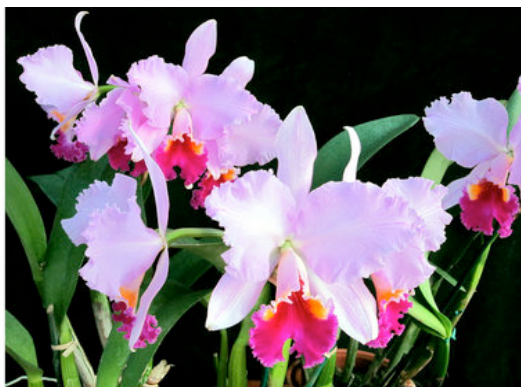
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**Events Calendar**

December 2	Covered Dish Holiday Party
January 6	Member Auction
February 3	Compotting or Jim Marlow
March 3	Compotting or Jim Marlow
April 5	Trip to Rochester for GROS ?
May 5	CNYOS Auction

**An Orchid by Another Name Is a Marquee** By JASON TESAURO

The following article appeared in the NY Times on July 13, 2012, and since it mentions an associate of our November speaker, Fred Clarke, I thought it was particularly appropriate. EG



Arthur A. Chadwick gives Michelle Obama her namesake cattleya orchid

LIZZY SCARLETT JAGGER, the oldest of

Mick Jagger's and Jerry Hall's four children, is a visual hybrid, with elements of her father, the undulating Rolling Stones frontman, and her mother, the leggy flaxen-haired model. And the splashy Honky Tonk Woman orchid, first bred in the late 1990s by a North Carolina greenhouse, is too: one parent is *Schomburgkia undulata*, a wavy brown and purple cattleya; the other is *Rhyncholaeliocattleya Bouton D'Or*, a showy "golden button" cattleya that lends glam to the red lip that marks the plant.

There are more than 30,000 naturally occurring types of orchid, but the white moth orchid *phalaenopsis*, like smoked sea salt, has gone from hard-to-find gourmet treat to suburban grocery staple. *Cattleya*, on the other hand — a fragrant, slow-to-grow but show stopping genus dripping with blue ribbons and horticultural sexiness — has thus far defied commercialization and all but the most attentive south-facing windows. This leaves a fertile market for hybridizers and so-called plant artists who are increasingly adding their names to botanical annals by creating new variations.

One is Fred Clarke, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids, based in Vista, Calif., who bred a black orchid for the designer [Tom Ford](#). "Anyone can get a dozen roses, and anyone can keep a *phalaenopsis*," Mr. Clarke said. "They're so common."

This isn't the first time mass marketing had led to the demise of a flower's mystique. African violets ceased to seem special when they started showing up at the Home Depot for \$1.50. And the Stargazer lily, developed in 1978, has gone from cachet to cash crop.

Historically, cattleya hybridizing, like that of roses, was done to honor royals, as in Russia in the 1800s, and wealthy benefactors would pay collectors to sniff around Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil for new varieties, according to "The Classic Cattleyas," by A. A. Chadwick and his son, Arthur E. Chadwick. Later, plants were hybridized to coincide with the corsage crunch around Easter, Mother's Day and prom time.

Some 150,000 orchid hybrids are logged in Britain with the Royal Horticultural Society International Register of Orchid Hybrids. According to Julian Shaw, senior registrar for orchid hybrids, "In Singapore, it's become quite trendy to name an orchid for your local school, hospital, notable anniversary or as social commentary of events and people: Titanic, 9/11, tsunami warning." An English breeder recently added *Oncidium alexandrae* Diamond Jubilee to the list.

Then there's the step beyond: custom hybrid cattleyas. For instance, if you see an orchid, and you want to paint it black, you can. But Mr. Ford beat you to it, conceiving of Black Orchid for his brand's first fragrance. "I've been obsessed with black orchids for years," he wrote in an e-mail, adding: "For me, it's really the perfect flower. Elegant, luxurious. The only thing is, it didn't exist."

Mr. Ford turned to Mr. Clarke, who created *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, a cross of *Mormodia Painted Desert* and *Catasetum Donna Wise*. "You'll never see these at Walmart," said Arthur E. Chadwick, the author, at Chadwick & Son Orchids in Powhatan, Va. This fancy-pants plant earned top awards from the American Orchid Society, but while judges look for color vibrancy, splash petals, spots and different-colored lips, they don't measure merit with an orchidometer. (Turns out that this is the name for an archaic medical apparatus used to measure the volume of the testicles.)

With seven years from seed to bloom, a get-rich-quick scheme these cattleyas are not. And traditionally, named orchids are reserved by breeders for honoring wives, daughters, dignitaries and dedicated orchidophiles. "We like to keep it in the family or name them after famous orchid people who haven't been recognized yet," said David Off of Waldor Orchids in Linwood, N.J., which has bred hundreds.

There are celebrity exceptions: [Michelle Obama](#), [Sarah Jessica Parker](#), Priscilla Presley, [Carla Bruni-Sarkozy](#), [Martha Stewart](#) and Elton John have all had cattleyas named for them by various breeders.

But Mr. Chadwick takes a more enterprising approach, offering named hybrids to anyone willing to pay \$1,500, a price that includes 20 seedlings, and a Royal Horticultural Society stamp of approval and verification of lineage.

“We’re running out of ways to honor people,” he said. “Sure, you can name a star or customize a Harley, but with this you can time the flowering to a birthday or anniversary.”

And, Mr. Ford wrote, “Orchids are one of the few flowers that can be masculine or feminine.”

### **UPDATE: Judging Legal and Illegal Plants<sup>1</sup>**



*Paphiopedilum gigantifolium*<sup>2</sup> and its hybrids — they are considered legal ONLY if they can be connected to a receipt from Piping Rock Orchids.

*Paphiopedilum hangianum* is simple — NO hybrids are legal and the only species plants that are legal were brought into this country in July of last year. They were mature plants and could be flowering soon.

*Paphiopedilum vietnamense* and *helenae* — all are considered legal

*Paphiopedilum wenshanense* are considered legal because they entered the country during a period where they were considered to be x *Paph. conco-bellatulum*

### **ALL other *Paphiopedilum* species described after 1990 are not in legal cultivation.**

Cultivars of species released into cultivation by Hengduan Biotech (Holger Perner) from South China and hybrids between these species and other pre-ban species of *Paphiopedilum* may be AOS judged. To complete processing of the awards, exhibitors will be required to provide proof suitable to the AOS that such plants are traceable to legally released material. Such proof must include a copy of the CITES document issued to Hengduan Biotech under which the plants were entered into the country in which the exhibitor resides AND a copy of the receipt of sale transferring said plants from Hengduan Biotech to the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has purchased plants from third parties, a complete chain of receipts will be required in order to complete award processing.

Cultivars of *Paphiopedilum gigantifolium* and hybrids between this species and other *Paphiopedilum* species and hybrids legally in cultivation may be AOS judged only if the cultivar can be traced directly to plants sold by Piping Rock Orchids. To complete processing of the award, the exhibitor will be required to furnish a copy of the receipt from Piping Rock indicating purchase of the plants and a copy of Piping Rock's EXPORT CITES list on which *Paph. gigantifolium* is listed. If plants were purchased from sources other than Piping Rock directly, for the award to be processed, a complete chain of sales receipts must be provided that trace the cultivar awarded from the exhibitor to a plant originally sold by Piping Rock.

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