

# 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 by the first week of the month before the next meeting to: [egalson756@gmail.com](mailto:egalson756@gmail.com)

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## Membership Renewal Reminder

2018 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Send to:

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## President's Message:

Lots of the fall to Christmas bloomers are gearing up for a display of flowers. Bring something in to show us all what's happening in your growing areas. We'd love to see them!

December 3rd at 2:00 pm is our next meeting with our Holiday Luncheon. Bring a dish to pass please and your table service with a beverage. No planned program so we will have a Raffle Table and Show Table. A very short business meeting will be conducted since we have to vote on the officers who were either nominated or volunteered at the last meeting. Come in for the FUN!!!

Sue Finger



## 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> \*\*

\*\* denotes vendors at our show

### Upcoming Webinars:

*American Orchid Society: Register at*  
[aos.org](http://aos.org) (Greenhouse Chats are Open to All)

*December 14, 2017 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

*Greenhouse Chat December 2017*

*Ron McHatton*

*January 10, 2018 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

*Greenhouse Chat January 2018*

*Ron McHatton*

*February 6, 2018 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM*

*Greenhouse Chat February 2018*

*Ron McHatton*

## Minutes: November 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order and Carol (treasurer) reported cash and bank accounts of \$5,440.52. Also, noted the fact that Main Street Orchids had the best sales for our show this year.

### Old Business:

- ◆ Signs for the show were better this year.
- ◆ Honey thanked everyone for signing and sending a get well card. Carol also felt better.

### New Business:

- ◆ We will continue nominations at December meeting and vote then. As stands: Carol will remain treasurer. Dolores as secretary. Sue will continue as president. Jack Hasse nominated Lori Burritt for vice-president.
- ◆ Eva is traveling to California for December so Chris Smith volunteered to help Eva out.
- ◆ Dave Ditz would like to see a monthly care list for growing orchids in C.N.Y. put in the up coming newsletters.
- ◆ New membership list is being formed by Carol and Eva.
- ◆ December 3rd is our holiday dinner. Bring your tableware and a dish to pass. We will not go by last names so you may bring any of your favorites.
- ◆ January is our silent auction.

Submitted by Dolores Capella

## Show Table: November 5th, 2017

~ Barbara Weller ~

Epidendrum porpax species L

~ Donna Coleman ~

Vanda Twinkle

(falcata x miniata)

Macodes petola species

Diodonopsis erinacea species

Dendrochilum quadrilobum species

Oncostele Wildcat W

(Ons. Rustic Bridge x Onc. Crowborough)

Gombrassiltonia Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' AM/

AOS W

(Brat. Olmec x Gom. Mantinii)

~ Jack Hasse ~

Restrepia purpurea species L

Masdevallia (yungasensis x Angel Tang) L

Masdevallia veitchiana species L

Masdevallia Cheryl Shohan 'The Babe' AM/

AOS L

(Xanthino-Veitchiana x Redwing)

Masdevallia Antizana L

(Angel Frost x yungasensis)

Vanda Kru **Chom** 'Red Butterfly' L

(Somsri Pink x Somsri Delight)

**Oncidopsis** Nelly Isler 'Swiss Beauty' L

(Oncidopsis Stefan Isler x Miltoniopsis Kensington)

Paphiopedilum gratrixianum species L

~ Jerry & Sue Finger ~

Habenaria Regnieri L

(carnea x rhodocheila)

Eria hyacinthoides species L/Out

Paphiopedilum sukhakulii species L

Paphiopedilum charlesworthii species L

Paphiopedilum (Hilo Mojito x Hilo Key Lime)

Paphiopedilum wardii species L

Paphiopedilum primulinum species L

Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer L

(sanderianum x gigantefolium)

Dendrobium taylorii species L

Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset 'M' L/Out

(Van. Thai Noi x Aer. houlettiana)

Vanda Bangkok Blue L/Out

(Diane Ogawa x coerulea)

Vanda Suksamran Sunlight L/Out

(Jiraprapa x Pralor)

Galeandra baueri species L

Scaphosepalum breve species L

Ceratostylis pleurothallis 'Floral Hill Alice'

CHM/AOS species L

~awarded 82 pts for Horticultural Merit at our 2017 show~

Changes of names or spelling appears in **Bold** print.

Well Done --- to all who brought plants in.  
Submitted by Sue Finger

### CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)

Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor.

AOS Awards

## December: The Month of Unbridled Joy ~ by Thomas Mirenda

This is a re-print of an article from Orchids magazine, December 2013.  
It's still as useful today as it was when Tom first wrote it.

### Gifting Your Friends with Orchids and the Joys of Growing Them

I'm not ashamed to say that of all the people who've come and gone through my life, I miss my mother, Patti, the most. This might make me a sentimental mama's boy to some, but I don't care. Mothers throughout history have always gone to heroic lengths to bring happiness to their progeny. I'll never forget one holiday season when I was eight or nine. I was an avid collector of rare seashells (I still am) and mom took me to meet a famous local collector she read about in the newspaper to encourage my interest. There was a fascinating shell in that collection that was rare and probably one of a kind. After all these years, I've never seen another. It was beyond my imagination that I would find this rare creature inside a box under the Christmas tree that year. I don't think I can recall ever again being as ecstatic. I'll never know what she had to do, nor how much it must have cost, but that is what love is. And that year I knew I was loved.

We all have the power to create such unbridled joy. With our orchid friends, in this day of massive orchid propagation, such tasks are easy. Most adults won't indulge in that rare orchid for themselves, but you know what brings your orchid friends joy. With all the strife, division and despair we're feeling around the world, the gift of a young seedling or clone of that orchid your friend so desperately wants should go a long way to spreading much needed happiness and goodwill. This holiday season, I encourage you to spread that unbridled joy of orchid growing. You might be surprised at how good it makes you feel when full-grown adults jump up and down and run screaming around the room like beloved, happy children.

**BREAK THE ICE** The weather has taken a turn for the inclement with the winter season. It's bleak, barren and cold outside, but warm, buoyant and full of life in the greenhouse. Spikes are everywhere this time of year, particularly on Phalaenopsis and Cymbidiums, but also on many others triggered by cooler night temperatures and short day lengths. Collecting ice and snow can be novel ways of supplying pure water for your orchids, although you would want to melt them and allow the water to reach room temperature before applying to your plants because cold water will shock them. Imagine someone sticking your foot in an ice bucket while you're sleeping.

**UP IN THE AIR** There is one thing that we all tend to lack in our air this month. If you wake up with a scratchy throat and a dry mouth in the morning, it's a sign your humidity has plummeted, often to levels lower than a cactus might need. In the greenhouse, misting systems and wetting down gravel and floors can help alleviate this problem, but on windowsills this can be much more challenging. Pebble trays are one option, but any humidity that rises a few inches above the surface dissipates quickly. (A pebble or humidity tray holds wet pebbles on which containers are placed; the increased surface area of all the stones creates extra humidity around the plants.) Grouping your plants can help create a humid microclimate. Frequent misting can be beneficial, but is labor intensive. Placing plants behind a partition or shower curtain can create that humid terrarium effect, but beware of low air circulation under such circumstances. I never cease to be amazed by the ingenious ways people solve these problems for their individual conditions.

If you have a novel solution you'd like to share with our readership, please send it to me.

**KEEN OBSERVATION** Because temperatures and day lengths have decreased dramatically over the last two months for most of us, it is more important than ever to monitor your watering, fertilizing and other proactive activities in your collection. Some frequently grown orchids, including Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis and most Dendrobiums, need significantly less water now than they did three or four months ago. It's okay for most succulent orchids, particularly those with large pseudobulbs, to dry out more thoroughly at this time of year. Some plants should barely be watered at all. This is especially true for deciduous dormant plants, such as *Catasetums*, *nobile*- and other deciduous-type Dendrobiums, many terrestrials and seasonally dry forest plants, such as *Prosthechea citrina* and *Prosthechea mariae*, that will rot if watered heavily at this time of year. Aside from books, the best way to know these things is to observe your plants daily, and learn as much about individuals as you can. At that orchid club holiday party, ask those more experienced growers about the plants you're having trouble with or don't know much about. With few exceptions, orchid people tend to be uncommonly nice. Most are happy to help.

*Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades, is an AOS accredited judge, recently coauthored The Book of Orchids: A life-size guide to 600 species from around the world and begins this month as the director of horticulture, education and outreach at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden*

## Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden

[www.htbg.com](http://www.htbg.com)

"Garden in a Valley on the Ocean"

- ~ Unique Tropical Nature Preserve & Sanctuary
- ~ The 40-acre valley is a natural greenhouse, protected from buffeting Tradewinds and blessed with fertile volcanic soil..
- ~ Over 2,000 species, representing more than 125 families and 750 genera, are found in this one-of-a-kind garden.
- ~ Acclaimed as one of the most beautiful areas in Hawaii.





### 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>

Facebook: Central NY Orchid Society



### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- December 3, 2017 - 2 pm  
CNYOS Holiday Lunch
- January 7, 2018 - 2 pm  
Member's Silent Auction
- February 4, 2018 - 2 pm  
Jim Marlow of Marlow Orchids
- March 4, 2018 - 2 pm TBA
- April 2018 - No Meeting  
GROS, Easter, SEPOS
- May 6, 2018 - 2 pm  
Annual Auction
- June 3, 2018 - 2 pm  
CNYOS Picnic

**GROS Show** - March 23-25, 2018

**SEPOS** - Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Society  
Annual Show - April 6-8, 2018  
<http://www.sepos.org>

**Piping Rock** June 10, 2018 - 10 - 5  
Open House and Picnic  
(To Be Confirmed With Greenhouse)

**Refreshment Volunteer List:**

2018

January 7th - Kim O'Boyle and  
Sue & Jerry Finger

*Volunteers Needed for Upcoming  
2018 Meetings - Sign-up sheet will be  
circulated at the December Meeting.*

### ***The Orchid Enthusiast***

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**Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer (sanderianum x gigantifolium)**

**CNYOS November Meeting Show Table**

**Jerry & Sue Finger**