

The Orchid Enthusiast

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Next Meeting Feb. 4th. - Our speaker/presentation for the month of February is still up in the air. Either we will have a speaker from down South topic to be determined, or one from up North talking about species culture and how it can be used for growing hybrids as well. We will be having a Beginner's Session as well at 1:30p.m. If you have a sick plant, and don't know what is wrong with it, put it in a plastic bag and bring it in to our panel. The whole group will check out the plant and see what we can come up with. If you have any books about determining orchid pests and diseases feel free to bring it in. Plant must be in a plastic bag!

We may also have a mini-silent auction of member plants. If you have interest in bringing plants to be auctioned, please contact Charles Ufford about what and how many plants you may be bringing. We may limit it to a few plants per person so that an auction doesn't interfere with a presentation.

Please note that there will be neighboring orchid societies holding shows this Spring, including the big show down in New York City. The Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS) will be holding its show at the Eisenhart Museum in Rochester, NY from March 31st through April 1st, with setup on the Thursday before the show (3/29). The Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) will be holding its show at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City, NY April 27th through the 29th, with setup the Thursday before (4/26). We will be having a display at each of these shows. If you would like to help with setup, takedown or offer plants for the display, please talk to one of the officers at one of the meetings. I'm sure there will be handouts circulating with time slots where people can sign up. If you would like to enter plants in the display, think now about properly presenting them for showing. That means staking an inflorescence so that the flowers are properly displayed, repotting the plant so that it is healthiest for the show, and removing all pests and/or diseases or browned leaves. There will be determined times and place for plant collection and return. Please note that we can always use non-flowering non-orchidaceous plants in the display as fillers and backdrop material. Note that anyone can also display orchid art and photos in these shows.

The Greater New York Orchid Society will be having it's show in April as well. Bus services in both the Binghamton, NY and Syracuse, NY areas will be having bus tours of day trips down and back from the show.

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CNYOS Meeting and Event Calendar

Feb. 4th tba and Officer Elections, possible mini-auction

Feb. 10th (tentative) Trip to Bloomfield Orchids

March 4th Orchid Compotting clinic Marlow Orchids host
March 31-April 1 GROS show, setup March 29

April 1st to be determined

April 21, 2007 Onondaga Coach Bus Tours has whole-day trip to Greater New York Orchid Society Show; \$49.00 for a one day trip. Web site is <http://www.onondagacoach.com> click on One Day Trips, or New York City. Call Donna C. for info 315 633-2437

April 27-29 STOS show, setup April 26

May 6th Annual Orchid Auction

June 3rd Annual Spring Picnic site to be determined

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

2007 CNYOS Dues are now due, and should be paid to our Treasurer Carol Haskell as soon as possible. Carol Haskell 102 Wynthrop Rd. Syracuse, NY 13209 315/468-0811 chaskell33@earthlink.net
We will also likely be updating our records of our Members, their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses at this meeting. If any of your contact info has changed, then please let Carol know asap. It is our policy that if members have not paid their dues after a few months, they will no longer receive their newsletters. Please keep your membership up-to-date! We don't want anyone to miss out on all of the activities happening this Spring. Yearly dues are \$15.00 per individual, or \$17.00 per family.

There is a tentative trip to Bloomfield Orchids near Rochester, NY scheduled the Saturday after our February meeting. Officers are contacting Joe K. to determine if that time is available.

Also another important note is that we will be having Officer Elections at this meeting. Elections were postponed at the last meeting since there was a low turnout due to the icy weather. I have not received any nominations for new officers yet, and if there are no new volunteers then it is likely that the previous officers will be voted in for another term. There are committee positions that need filling. It isn't necessary for just one person to do a whole task, it is much easier if there are a few hands to do different parts. Please volunteer!

Misc. Business

Club Vice-President Kim Boronczyk has orchid 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. Donna Coleman is looking for a room mate for the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami, January 22 to 26 (approximately), 2008. Check out the web site at <<http://www.19woc.com>>www.19woc.com and call her if interested, 633-2437.

The club has an orchid book library at our meeting location. Please contact Judi or Tom to find out what is available and to sign out a book.

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.

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Anyone who has ideas for Beginner's Session topics please feel free to contact Tom D. by phone at 315-687-3449

CNYOS Meeting Minutes – January 14th, 2007

Orchid Club-Happy New Year

Gentle reminder-September and January only 2 months that we meet on the 2nd Sunday instead of the first. Lateness of newsletter-please let Judi know so that she can alert Charles.

Election of Officers- as posted in the newsletter.

Bloomfield Orchids- we usually visit Joe Kunisch on the 2nd Saturday after our February meeting. Kim will contact Joe to confirm.

GROS/Rochester Show will be held 3/30-4/1, with set up on 3/29

STOS/Binghamton/Johnson City to be held (4/23-24)sic (***please note*** that these dates presented at the meeting are incorrect. The following correct info is from the STOS newsletter)

Setup — Thursday, April 26, 2:00 p.m.

Judging — Friday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Open to the Public – Friday, April 27, 4:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Our club will need volunteers to set-up and break down these displays.

Dickman Farms in Auburn called Kim . They would like our club to participate in their ‘‘Flower Show’’; we will be able to sell orchids. The dates are March 16-18, and can present a one hour talk.

Herb and Flower Show in Oriskany on 6/23/07. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Don Leopold speaking on native plants of the Northeast.

June Wolle is requesting clothing, household items, calendars and tissues on behalf of her Church group. June also wanted to express her thanks to us for our past contributions.

Dorothy distributed flyers about Hamilton Books, a supplier of horticultural books at reduced cost.

Kim gave a presentation on growing media and repotting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Weller

Volunteer Schedules - Refreshment List for Winter/Spring 2007

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

March 4th - Maxine Weibel and Charles Ufford

April 1st - to be determined

May 5th - to be determined

June 2nd - Annual Picnic, everybody will bring goodies!

please note that once we have volunteers for the GROS and STOS shows, the schedules will likely be presented here

Please remember to bring your flowering orchids to the meeting for our Show Table!

Member Growing Spotlight

(CNYOS Member Rick Braue converses about how he got started growing orchids, and why he now mainly grows fragrant orchids using semi-hydroponic culture)

‘ I was asked the other day, "What got you into orchids?" Well, I was in Orlando FL, in 1982 for our oldest Son’s wedding. While at my Sister’s house visiting, I noticed an interesting fake plant on her coffee table. It was relatively small. I picked it up and was shocked to realize it was real! It was a small Phalaenopsis, a gift to my sister. She had the paperwork that came with it so I copied the address.

Upon arriving home I sent for a catalogue. When I received it I was surprised at their cost, so I ordered the cheapest one available. Then I started to read all I could find on Orchids. Libraries didn’t have much. Cornell Cooperative Extension had more. Warmth and humidity seemed to be the most important things needed.

My plant arrived and I put it in an old aquarium, set on another upside-down pot to bring the top of the plant to within 1 inch of the top. When watered I let the water run down in the aquarium to evaporate and raise the humidity. I watered with our house water, from a gal jug, that I let sit out for 24 hrs to warm up. The water has lots of minerals as the bottom of the well sits on a limestone shelf. I had read that rainwater was good for orchids so I collected a bucket full. I still use rainwater for my plants, siphoned through a filter to take out dirt and algae.

When the Phal. flowered with 2 smallish flowers I was hooked! At the present time there are about 130 orchids in a room in our basement. They grow under fluorescent lights on a timer for about 14 hrs a day. No heat other than the house ambient heat & heat from the light ballasts. A 15" fan goes 24/7 for air movement. There is a fogger which runs 15 mins 4 times a day to keep the humidity up.

I started growing as most beginners do in bark. As I learned, and yes I killed my share of plants, I added things like horticultural charcoal, coconut husk chips, ground up styrofoam, sponge rock & Aliflor (clay balls). It proved to be a pain to try to mix up a special mix to repot a small plant.

While cruising the Web, I stumbled on "Firststrays.com". Reading about his "semi-hydroponic" growing system was interesting, so I sent for a starter kit. (Ray gave the Club a presentation last year) The plants I put in the 2 pots did well! I started collecting all suitable plastic containers and making my own pots. They worked fine. The problem I encountered was the cost of shipping the Aliflor. It was as much as the product itself! I finally found a place in Syracuse that stocked it. I understand there is now a second place that sells it.

My plants are either in S/H with Aliflor or mounted. I was also asked why I desired fragrant orchids. Why not enjoy the fragrance of the flower as well as the sight of it? Of course if you are into stinky smells you can grow some of the Bulbophyllums. Some of them really stink!

I'm happy to share information with anyone who is interested.'

Rick Braue

Expanding Horizons: Books of Interest

AFRICAN ORCHIDS IN THE WILD AND IN CULTIVATION

Isabel and Eric La Croix. 1997 by Timber Press, Portland, Oregon

"Many people are put off by the idea of growing African orchids, believing that these need much heat because Africa is a hot continent. In reality, few orchids grow in very hot places, and almost all will grow well in an intermediate house. From whatever part of Africa an orchid comes the higher the altitude where it grows, and the less heat it will require, so knowledge of the altitude is very useful."

This book covers orchids south of the Sahara and does not include Madagascar or other Indian Ocean islands. The first half of the book is an excellent overview of the countries covered along with descriptions of the diverse vegetation and climatic conditions encountered. "Africa has fewer orchid species than do other tropical continents, with about 1550 species and 99 genera." Forests in the west are different than in the eastern part of the continent, with altitude playing a large part in both seasonal temperature and available moisture. Culture is thoroughly covered and is an encouragement to trying some African orchids. As with all the orchids we grow, we do best with them when we understand the conditions in which they are typically found. The second half of the book details the species with description, habitat information, as well as countries of origin. Many have drawings of the plants and their flowers. Though there are a number of color photos, I wish there were many more as descriptions alone seem insufficient.

You will find that this book is very different from reading about orchids in Central or South America because we are so unfamiliar with the geography of Africa. For that reason alone I recommend this book.

Tom Daily

JANUARY SHOW TABLE

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

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph.</i> Merce-Lou Audino (Greenvale x Lambert Day)	Capella
<i>Paph.</i> Oso Verde (Gege Hughes x Divisadero)	Lowell
<i>Phrag. besseae</i>	Ufford
<i>Paph.</i> Doctor Toot (<i>kolopakingii</i> x <i>delenatii</i>)	Ditz
<i>Paph.</i> Wössner Vietnam Wings (<i>moquetteanum</i> x <i>vietnamense</i>)	"
<i>Paph.</i> Grassau (<i>victoria-regina</i> x <i>delenatii</i>)	"
<i>Paph.</i> Charles Sladden (<i>bellatulum</i> x <i>glaucophyllum</i>)	"
<i>Paph.</i> Holdenii (<i>callosum</i> x Maudiae)	Galson
<i>Paph.</i> F.C. Puddle (Actaeua x Astarte)	Witkin
<i>Paph. venustum</i>	"
<i>Paph.</i> Doctor Jack (<i>concolor</i> x <i>niveum</i>)	"
<i>Paph. wardii</i>	"
<i>Paph.</i> Lathamianum (<i>spicerianum</i> x <i>villosum</i>)	"
<i>Paph.</i> Leeanum (<i>insigne</i> x <i>spicerianum</i>)	"

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Lc. Angel Heart</i> (Puppy Love x <i>C. Penny Kuroda</i>)	Capella
<i>C. Batalinii</i> (<i>bicolor</i> x <i>intermedia</i>)	“
<i>Lctna. Renate</i> (<i>Lc. Frenchy's Cheek-la</i> x <i>Ctna. Why Not</i>)	Lowell
<i>L. unknown</i>	“

Vandaceous

<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	Capella
<i>Phal. sumatrana</i>	Ufford
<i>Phal. schilleriana</i>	“
<i>Phal. venosa</i>	“

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Oncidioda</i> <i>Kilauea</i> (<i>Onc. Sphacetante</i> x <i>Oncda. Charlesworthii</i>)	Ufford
<i>Hwra. Lava Burst</i> (<i>Mini-Primi</i> x <i>Rdza. lanceolata</i>)	Galson

Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Drac. mopsus</i>	Ufford
<i>Rstp. flosculata</i>	Daily
<i>Dda. zebrina</i>	Witkin
<i>Pths. dilemma</i>	“

Dendrobium

<i>Den. aberrans</i>	Capella
<i>Den. christyanum</i>	Daily
<i>Den. lindleyi</i>	Weller
<i>Den. Frosty Dawn</i> (<i>Dawn Maree</i> x <i>Lime Frost</i>)	Galson

Miscellaneous

<i>Zygolum Louisendorf</i> (<i>Zspm. labiosum</i> x <i>Z. Artur Elle</i>)*	Capella
<i>Cym. Radiant Beam</i> (<i>parishii</i> x <i>Baltic Snow</i>)	Galson

*‘Rhein Harlekin’, AM/AOS is a clone name.
Iris Cohen

Orchid Trading Post

Club Member Tom Daily has some orchid books he would like to sell. He has the 'Native Ecuadorian Orchids' (5 vols) set For Sale \$430 + any shipping. They can call him at 315-687-3449 if they are interested. If you know anyone that might be interested please pass the word.

Kim B. has orchid supplies that can be brought to the meetings; please call her ahead of time to arrange purchases and delivery.

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February Issue - Meeting date, 2/4/07 1:30p.m.

February Meeting: tba and Officer Elections, mini silent auction
Beginner's Session: (at 1:30pm) all - Bring in your sick orchids for prognosis