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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 second week of the month before the next meeting to: egalson@twcnyc.rr.com

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Are we tired of the snow yet ?

Help :

Would the person who contributed the *Zygopetalum* to the silent auction at last month's meeting please call or e-mail the editor. There was no label on the pot when I brought it home.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 1, at 2 PM

Tom Daily will present a program on "Miniatures Under Lights." Anyone with specific questions should e-mail him at (growing24@verizon.net)

Beginners' Meeting at 1:30 PM

This month's beginner's class will be on "Beginners' Orchids" (how to pick an orchid that's right for you). Then the class will be open to questions.

From the Office of the President

It was certainly an interesting first meeting for me. We touched on a number of items I'd like to share with you.

The most pressing issue we discussed was whether we wanted to do our annual orchid show and do we have a date. The answers were, yes we want to do the show and no we don't have a date yet. This is being worked on.

Next we discussed the fact that the things we want to accomplish as an orchid society are largely based on people stepping up and helping to complete a task or project. This makes all we do much more enjoyable. If getting these necessary projects done always falls on the few who generously do so much, then in short order all the fun goes out of being a part of the club for them and many times those individuals depart.

As president I can't make anyone help out nor can I commit to do projects without the means to accomplish them, whether that means money or volunteers.

I am pleased to tell you we did have a number of people step up to be part of a committee to help as we go forward in our planning of this year's annual orchid show.

We talked about raising the dues to \$20/yr. To take care of covering necessary costs. We also talked about a nominal charge for entry into the annual show.

What are the goals of the orchid society? Do we want to participate in some kind of orchid conservation? How can we do this? How badly do we want high profile speakers? How would we raise the necessary funds? What other events should we participate in to get greater exposure for our club?

If we only have 8 bone fide meetings, is our expectation realistic concerning what we accomplish?

What objectives are important to you? What do you want to do or learn?

Last and not least we need a better way to welcome visitors to our meetings so they don't immediately feel out of place. We are going to have beginner's sessions to precede our general meetings.

You can speak to me if you'd like to participate in planning or implementation of some aspect of our club or to either of the Vice Presidents (Charles or Dolores).

For me it's about participation not about being entertained. If you've got good ideas share them and be willing to be a part of getting them implemented.

I welcome your input. Tom Daily

Beginners' Meeting

To follow up on Tom's statement, we will have regular beginner's meetings starting with this coming meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:30 before our 2:00 meeting. It's open to anybody and any questions and ideas. Some of the subjects will be : roots, potting, watering, labels (with Iris), where to buy, what to buy, general problems. We are open to discussion about anything. Judi Witkin is coordinating these meetings.

Treasure's Report

Balance as of 1/11/09	\$2,710.38
Net inflows/outflows 1/1/08 – 12/31/08	- \$ 391.80
Total 10/3/08 Show income/expenses	- \$1,268.16

Refreshment Volunteers

February -	Judi Witkin & Pat Cotter
March -	Pamela Gotjen & Lori Hoffman
April -	Charles Ufford & Dolores Capella
May -	Rick Braue, Dale Corey, and Barbara Weller
June -	Picnic details TBA

Events Calendar

February 1	CNYOS meeting Program given by Tom Daily on "Miniatures Under Lights"
March 1	CNYOS meeting – Speaker is Wally Orchard of Oregon a grower of Disas
March 4-8	CNY Blooms –Syracuse Flower and Garden Show, Convention Center at Oncenter
March 7	Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Spring Sale & Blooming Orchid Display, Newburgh, NY
April 2-5	GROS Spring Show & Sale
April 5	CNYOS meeting - Glen Lehr of New World Orchids, a specialist in orchids of Japan
April 22-26	2009 Houston Orchid Society Orchid Show "Orchids Texas Style" go to the HOS web site www.houstonorchidsociety.org and download all of the details. The American Orchid Society is not the only orchid group meeting in Houston, the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Orchid Digest Corporation, Odontoglossum Alliance and the Slipper Orchid Alliance will also be there. You can see Houston and "Orchids, Texas Style" is the place to be in April if orchids interest you.
May 3	CNYOS meeting Orchid Auction
June ?	CNYOS Picnic Details TBA

Dues

It's time to pay your CNYOS dues for 2009. They are \$15 per person, or \$17 per family. Send your check to made out to CNYOS to Carol Haskell, 102 Wythrop Rd. Syracuse 13209. Those who have not paid by the middle of February will not receive the March Newsletter.

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting January 11, 2009

Tom Dailey opened the meeting at 2:30PM by welcoming members and guests:

1. Tom Dailey is our new President for 2009. Dolores Capella and Charles Ufford will be serving as co-Vice Presidents. Carol Haskell will continue her hard work as our Treasurer. Congratulations and thanks to new and returning officers!
2. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's Report to the club. The club's current balance is \$2710.38. The final figure for the 2008 CNYOS Show' net profit/loss is -\$1268.16. Our biggest show expense was for advertising. Carol also reminded everyone that dues are now due and should be paid to her - \$15 for a single membership, \$17 for a family membership.
3. Tom Dailey asked the club to consider if we still wanted to hold our annual show in 2009, after considering the treasurer's report of the results of the 2008 CNYOS Show. The club voted to hold a show in 2009 at the Beaver Lake Nature Center by a show of hands. The club also discussed how to cut back on show advertising expenses. David Ditz and Laurie Hoffman volunteered to co-chair the show advertising committee and investigate the suggested options.
4. The club also agreed to continue holding the show during the Fall. Cheryl Lloyd will contact Beaver Lake to get a list of open weekend dates for our 2009 show.
5. We also need a show chairman and volunteers to serve on the various show committees. Judi Witkin sent around a sign-up sheet for show committees during the meeting. Tom will call an executive committee meeting if necessary to discuss other show issues and bring recommendations before the membership.
6. Charles Ufford mentioned that we have been having a very large number of plants at recent meeting plant raffles, where we also had speakers who brought plants to sell. The raffles may have detracted from the plant sales made by the speakers. He suggested we dispense with the plant raffle when a speaker is coming with plants to sell. The club voted in favor of this motion.
7. Judi reminded the members that our plant auction will be held at our May meeting. She will send out letters requesting plants from various vendors.
8. Charles is setting up the speaker schedule for the coming year. He asked that members contact him with any suggestions about speakers or topics they would enjoy.
9. Tom would like members to consider what our club's goals should be. He wanted to know if we should consider a contribution for an orchid conservation program and if we should raise club dues for 2010 or leave them at current rates. He asked that members contact him by phone or email.
10. Tom also asked if we wanted to return to our old style of handling the show table during the meetings. Previously, each grower with plants on the table would talk about their plants and describe how they cared for them during the Show Table portion of the meeting. We have not followed that procedure consistently recently. The club agreed by show of hands that they liked that idea.
11. Eva Galson asked if we were continuing with the Beginner's Round Table prior to the start of our monthly meeting (1:30PM – 2PM). Judi said she would be glad to organize the round table discussions. She will make up a list of subjects to cover for the 2009 meetings and ask various members to chair the round table for each meeting. Iris Cohen volunteered to do a beginner round table on plant labeling and nomenclature.
12. The club also discussed asking club members who have extensive experience growing specific plant groups or specific orchid-growing experience to consider being a meeting speaker.

Submitted by
Pat Cotter, Secretary, 1-11-09

Don't Forget to Bring Your Blooming Orchids for the Show Table !

JANUARY 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. Each plant that has a complete & correct show table slip will receive a free raffle ticket.

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Phrag. Grande (longifolium × caudatum)</i>	Capella
<i>Paph. Merce-Lou Audino (Greenvale × Lambert Day)</i>	"
<i>Phrag. Eric Young (longifolium × besseae)</i>	Coleman
<i>Phrag. Hanne Popow (besseae × schlimii)</i>	"
<i>Paph. Skip the Buss (Hampshire Buss × Skip Bartlett)</i>	"
<i>Paph. Stone Lovely × primulinum*</i>	Galson
<i>Paph. primulinum f₂</i>	"
<i>Paph. Surf Rider × Black Cherry</i>	Kot

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Cattleychea (Ctyh.) Siam Jade (C. Penny Kuroda × Ctyh. Vienna Woods)</i>	Capella
<i>C. Batalinii (bicolor × intermedia)</i>	"
<i>Guarisophleya (Gsl.) Hazel Boyd × Rsc. Golden Slippers†</i>	Braue
<i>Rsc. Catherine Sparks (Estelle Smith × Rlc. Memoria Hayley Vaughn)</i>	"
<i>Rtt. Cherub (Gur. aurantiaca × Rhn. Trinket)</i>	Cohen
<i>Epi. ciliare</i>	"
<i>Bnts. Donald Prince (S. brevipedunculata × B. nodosa)</i>	Coleman

Vandaceous

<i>Neost. Lou Sneary (Neof. falcata × Rhy. coelestis)</i>	Braue
<i>Phal. lindenii</i>	Ufford
<i>Phal. equestris</i>	Coleman
<i>Phal. Dou-dii Perfume (Golden Peoker × Salu Peoker)</i>	"

Dendrobium

<i>Den. nobile</i>	Galson
<i>Den. Mini Snowflake (aberrans × johnsoniae)</i>	Kot
<i>Den. aberrans</i>	"
<i>Den. atroviolaceum</i>	Weller
<i>Den. speciosum var. pedunculatum</i>	Lloyd

Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Rstp. brachypus</i>	Cohen
<i>Specklinia macroblepharis</i>	Ditz

Miscellaneous

<i>Bulb. rufilabrum</i>	Cohen
<i>Bulb. nitidum‡</i>	Braue
<i>Kefst. ocellata</i>	"

*Every orchid genus that has been used in hybridizing has an official abbreviation.

†*Rhynchosophrocattleya* Haw Yuan Gold is an entirely different cross.

‡The species name is essentially an adjective, which must agree grammatically with its noun, the genus name, including gender.

Iris Cohen

Communication from the president of AOS, Carlos Fighetti

Back to Basics

Economic uncertainty is forcing us to look into our operations and determine which are the most important services to our membership and hence come up with a new strategy to weather the storm. For this to happen, we need to set priorities.

To the majority of our members, Orchids magazine is the most important reward of being members of this organization. So, our top priority is to publish a quality magazine, and we intend to continue to do this. As I explained in last month's column, in order to reduce the cost of production, we made some changes. The width has been slightly reduced to get better use of the paper at the printer, and the number of pages has decreased. Also, the cover finish has been changed and the binding replaced by the original saddle stitch type that the AOS Bulletin had. All of this provides us with enough savings to allow us to continue with a monthly publication. Our second priority is AOS judging. Again, this is an aspect of high importance to a great number of our members as they exhibit orchid plants everywhere. Many of you may not be aware that orchid flower and plant judging occurs every month at 35 different sites in the United States and Canada and routinely more than 700 AOS judges and student judges participate. In addition, AOS judging occurs at orchid shows throughout the United States as well as all over the world. We are committed to support all of these activities as usual by quarterly upgrading our AQ Plus® computer program that contains all awards statistics and images since judging was started in 1932, and by providing the necessary paperwork support and processing of all awards in a timely basis.

Third, our Web site will continue to receive our attention as many of our members and orchid growers in general worldwide use electronic media to access information on all aspects of orchidology. Through the Web site we will be able to disseminate information on how to grow plants, provide articles of interest in all orchid aspects and provide news about the organization. Also, articles that we cannot place in our magazine for lack of available space will appear on www.aos.org.

This does not mean that we are going to forget about education, conservation and research. On the contrary, this is our mission, and we are committed to continuing to foster the passion for orchids. It only means that for the time being we will not be able to provide additional grant funding for these activities.

What we are facing today are extraordinary economic times with no clear end in sight. After a year of holding a steady membership level, we are starting to see a decline again. Also, contributions to our general fund for operations have substantially decreased. All of this has forced us now to do what we are doing. It is our Board's responsibility as leaders of this organization to preserve our resources so that the organization continues to exist as it has done for 88 years. Consequently, we have decided to concentrate on the activities listed above. We have significantly reduced our staff at the Delray Beach facilities and have put on hold or cancelled some of the activities at the headquarters.

However, I must reiterate what I said in last month's column. The AOS is debt free, and we will continue that way. We have more than \$1.7 million dollars in restricted funds for programs such as the construction of a library, for research, for annual awards and other projects and we will continue to safeguard these funds as required by law. It is also our intention to remain in our headquarters facility and to maintain our gardens; so much of which has been donated by our membership, so that when we come out of this recession, we can continue to grow as our predecessors originally intended.

The volunteer leadership and staff cannot do this alone. We need your help. We need you to help us reduce our expenses by, for example, renewing your membership immediately when it is due. Do you know that it costs us \$9 for every renewal that it is not done when the first renewal notice is sent? We also need your help in securing new members. This can be done by promoting our organization at your local and regional meetings or at shows and judging. Sometimes, all you have to do is bring a copy of Orchids magazine and show it to your friends. And, most certainly you can help us by making a fully tax deductible, unrestricted contribution to the AOS. Dues alone are not enough to provide all of services listed above.

Monthly Checklist for January and February

(last month this column discussed Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Lycastes, Odontoglossums, and Paphiopedilums. This month's checklist continues with Phalaenopsis and Zygopetalum.)

Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not re-pot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some re-potting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay

CNYOS Library



From the Librarian, Judi Witkin:

We have many books, magazines and some videos in our library that members are welcome to check out and use in between meetings. Some have cards for check out but many don't. If you want to borrow a book just date and sign the card and place it in the card box. If the book (magazine or video) doesn't have a card, please put the name of the object on a blank card (from the back of the box) and then date and sign and put it back in the box. We request that books be returned at the next meeting.

The following is a brief list of books you may be interested in but please feel free to browse the many others.

The Encyclopedia of Orchids	Alec Pridgeon
Flora's Orchids	Ned Nash and Isobyl la Croix
The Encyclopedia of Orchids	Isobyl la Croix
Fragrant Orchids	Steven A. Frownie
Miniature Orchids	Steven A. Frownie
Tropical Slipper Orchids	
Paphiopedilums & Phragmepediums Species & Hybrids	Harold Kooowitz
Masdevallias	
Gems of the Orchid World	Mary E. Gerritsen and Ron Parsons



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Below is a partial listing of the contents of the CNYOS Library. Tom had this list on his computer. It is not complete, as you can see from checking the list with Judi's suggestions. However, there are more than enough materials here to pique any orchid lover's interest. The rest of the list will be printed next month.

A Cultural Manual for Aerangis Orchid Growers- F. Hillerman (2 copies)

A Cultural Manual for Angraecoid Orchid Growers-	F. Hillerman (3 copies)
A Masdevallia Cultural Guide-	Rhodehamel
An Illustrated Treasury of Orchids-	Anderson
An Introduction to the Cultivated Angraecoid Orchid-	F. Hillerman
An Orchidist's Glossary-1974-	AOS
Breeding Variegated Oncidiums-	Moir & Moir
Creating Oncidiinae Intergenerics-	Moir & Moir
Culture of Phalaenopsis Orchids-Revised-	Gordon
Easy Orchids-	Lubbermann
Encyclopedia of Cultivated Orchids-	Alex D. Hawkes
Expanding Your Orchid Collection-	Rentoul
Field Guide to Orchids Of North America-	Williams & Williams
Field Guide to the Orchids of Costa Rica & Panama-	Dressler
Flora-Novo-Galiciana-A Descriptive Account of the Vascular Plants of Western Mexico-	Mc Vaugh
Growing Orchids-	AOS
Growing Orchids-	Morrison
Growing Orchids At Your Windows-	Kramer
Growing Orchids- Book One-	Rentoul
Growing Orchids Under Lights-	Charles Marden Fitch
Guide To Orchids-	Simon & Schuster
Handbook on Judging and Exhibition-	AOS (2 copies)
Handbook on Orchid Culture-	AOS
Home Orchid Growing-	R. Northern
Icones Plerothallidinarum II Systematics of Masdevallia-	Missouri Botanical Garden
Indian Orchids: Guide II-	U. Pradhan
Introducing Orchids-	Rittershausen
Letts Guide to Orchids of the World-	Hodgson, Paine, and Anderson
Masdevallias-	Kelleher
Miniature Orchids-	R. Northern
Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them-	R. Northern
North American Native Orchid Journal-vols. 1,2,3,4,5	
Orchid Fever-	Hanson
Orchid Genera Illustrated-	Sheehan
Orchid Genera Illustrated-	Tom and Marion Sheehan
Orchid Pests and Diseases-	AOS
Orchid Seedling Care-	B. Gordon
Orchid Species Culture- Pescatorea, Phaius, Phalaenopsis, Pholidota, Phragmipedium, Pleione-	Baker
Orchid Species Culture-Dendrobium-	Baker & Baker
Orchids-	Allikas & Nash
Orchids-	Rittershausen
Orchids-	Sunset Publications
Orchids-	Tibbs & Bilton
Orchids and Their Cultivation-	Sander
Orchids As Houseplants-	R. Northern
Orchids For Everyone-	Crown Publishing
Orchids For Everyone-	Gallery Books
Orchids for the Home and Greenhouse-	Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Orchids Guide To Growing Your Orchids-	Rittershausen
Orchids In Color-	Rittershausen

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The Central NY Orchid Society usually meets at St. Augustine's Church 7333 O'Brien Rd, Baldwinsville on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm, with beginner's session at 1:30 pm, right before the regular meeting.

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