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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 February 7, 2 PM, Growing Orchids Semi – Hydroponically presented by CNYOS Member Rick Braue

There will be a Beginners's Meeting at 1:30. The topic will be: Good Orchids for Beginners

President's Message

A big thank you to those of you who braved the cold and came to January's Meeting. Hopefully the weather will warm up a bit. There will be a Beginner's Meeting at 1:30pm prior to the 2pm February Meeting. The Beginner's Meeting will be addressing "Good Plants for Beginning Growers". Our speaker for the February meeting is Rick Braue, who will be speaking on the use of semi hydroponics. Many thanks to Rick for volunteering to do this talk. Also, Charles will be setting up a lab to test water hardness, so please bring a sample of your water. We still need volunteers to help with the Show October 1st, 2nd and 3rd at Beaver Lake. We simply cannot have a show without volunteers. It would be a shame to see this fun event dissolve due to lack of participation. We still need a co-vice president to serve with Charles and eventually take over this position.

Please consider volunteering!!! See you in February!!

Lori Hoffman

Show Committee

In line with Lori's comments, we are forming a Show Committee, so the tasks of putting on the show can be distributed among a number of people. Anyone interested in helping with the show, please meet at 1:30 before the February meeting.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met before the January meeting. Judi Witkin showed the group two attractive materials she had produced. One was a small poster describing CNYOS, with tear – off pieces containing our web address at the bottom, to be attached to any public bulletin board. The other was a one page description of the club which we will give to new members or prospective new members.

***It's time to renew your membership!
Individuals \$20
Family \$22***

***Send check to:
Carol Haskell, Treas.
102 Wythrop Rd
Syracuse NY 13209***

If you know of a public bulletin board near you, or know a prospective new member, contact Judy at judimark@verizon.net for copies of the materials.

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting January 10, 2010

Lori Hoffman opened the meeting at 2:16 PM by welcoming the club members and visitors and wishing everyone a Happy New Year:

1. Judi Witkin held a meeting for the Membership Committee at 1:30PM, prior to the regular club business meeting. The committee reviewed a Club Information sheet intended to be placed on community bulletin boards and a New Member Info sheet to be given to any new members. Judi designed both sheets. The New Member Info Sheet handout will include four free raffle tickets for the new member to use. The Club Information sheet was given to members of the committee to place on their local bulletin boards at libraries, stores, etc. and has a row of tear-away tags along the bottom edge providing the club's website address. The membership committee approved both sheets. The committee also discussed having a greeter for each meeting to greet new members and visitors and explain how each meeting runs. Committee members will alternate for each meeting.
2. The membership committee also reviewed topics for the Beginner Meetings. These will restart at the upcoming February meeting, at 1:30PM; the February topic will be "Good Plants for Beginning Growers." Topics for future meetings will include: Orchid Nomenclature (the stuff on the plant tags), RHS and J Pfahl websites, Reputable Orchid Vendors, Bugs, Summer Care, How to Bloom and Rebloom Orchids, the Club Library and Hybrid vs. Species Orchids.
3. Charles noted that, though he volunteered to serve a 3rd term as a VP, he still would like a 2nd Vice-President to serve with him and eventually take over for him. A vice-president schedules the club programs and the speakers. Charles noted that only about half of our meetings would require a program and speaker. The rest are taken up by annually scheduled events like the two auctions or the picnic and Christmas party. Any interested person should contact Charles or Lori.
4. Dues are now due and can be paid to Carol Haskell. Dues are \$20 for Single Membership and \$22 for Family Membership.
5. Charles is trying to contact Jim Marlow to schedule a computing workshop. Since the April meeting will be a shortened meeting held prior to a club carpool to the GROS Spring show, this workshop might be held at the March meeting. Charles will know definitely once he contacts Jim and reviews his schedule and availability.
6. Rick Braue will present a program at the February meeting (February 7, 2010) on Growing Orchids Using Semi-Hydroponics. At this meeting, the club will also offer members a chance to have their own water tested. Charles Ufford asked members to bring a sample of the water they use on their plants to the meeting and he will set up a mini-lab to test these water samples.
7. Orchid Wiz has offered the club a free copy of its program, Orchid Wiz, if the club will list Orchid Wiz as a club member, send them a copy of our newsletter and mention the company in our newsletter. Lori suggested we might auction the program off (normally a \$259 value if bought by an individual) for the club's benefit. Barbara Bessette motioned that we accept Orchid Wiz's offer and terms and the motion was approved by a show of hands from the club membership.
8. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently, the club has a balance of \$3193.50 in our account. Carol reported that we ended 2009 with a final inflow of \$498.12
9. The April meeting is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 4, which is Easter Sunday. The following Sunday, April 11, will be the final day of the Spring 2010 GROS sale in which our club participates heavily. To accommodate both the holiday and the GROS Show schedule, we will reschedule the April CYNOS meeting from April 4, 2PM, to April 11, at 11AM, in the St. Augustine's Parish Hall, and only hold a brief

business meeting. After this meeting, any interested members can carpool to the GROS Show in Rochester. No refreshments will be required for this abbreviated meeting.

10. Pat Cotter noted that we are still missing a show chairman for the CNYOS 2010 Show. Lori asked if any member would be interested in taking on this position. Previously two co-show chairpersons have done this job. Tammy Pomietlasz described how she and Nancy Loveland split the work. One dealt with the arrangements for vendors and the show setup; the other handled all the arrangements for the judges. Iris and Eli Cohen will still handle the show schedule and plant registration and awards paperwork. The show chairperson(s) notifies the orchid magazines of the show; arranges for the show ribbons; prepares and sends out all the notification letters for the show; serves as liaison with Beaver Lake to schedule and setup the show and as liaison with the judges and vendors; and schedules all the volunteer tasks such as the information tables, judges' clerks, etc. Tammy and Nancy will be glad to advise and help the new chairperson(s) as will other members. Anyone interested in this position, please contact Lori Hoffman. Lori will revisit this topic at the February meeting.
11. Charles asked if we could have a brief show meeting at 1:30PM at the February meeting for anyone interested in working on the show. He suggested we consider rescheduling the October meeting to October 10 but Dolores Capella asked if we could consider this after we have a definite date from Beaver Lake for our show. Tammy Pomietlasz said she would call Beaver Lake and get the dates from them before the February meeting.
12. Lori closed the meeting by reminding everyone to check out all the Silent Auction plants and to start placing their bids.
13. Thanks to Barb Weller and Lori Hoffman for providing refreshments for the January meeting!

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 1-10-10

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting December 6, 2009

(December minutes are printed here, because they did not arrive in time to be included in the last newsletter)

1. Tom Daily opened the meeting at 2:50 PM by welcoming the club members and visitors and wishing everyone the best of the holiday season:
2. Tom reported that he had not received any nominations for the open officer positions and announced we still need a new President, a Vice-President and a Show Chairman for the 2010 club year. Charles Ufford offered to continue as Vice-President for an additional term. Rick Braue made a motion to accept Charles' offer to extend his term as Vice-President to three terms. Lori Hoffman seconded the motion and the club voted to accept by a show of hands. Thanks, Charles!
3. Lori Hoffman asked Tom if he would describe the duties of president. After he reviewed them, Lori offered to serve as President and her offer was gladly accepted by the club membership. Thanks, LoriTom asked anyone willing serve as 2nd Vice-President to please contact him or Lori.
14. Charles also said he would serve on the show committee with whomever becomes show chairman. He can handle tasks, like contacting judges, which can be done remotely from Syracuse. Tom suggested that we revisit the topic of the show committee membership at the January meeting
15. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently, the club has a balance of \$3041 in our account. Carol reported that our show expenses exceeded our show income by only \$427.19, which is a considerable improvement from the 2008 show balance. She noted that the vendors did better at this year's show as well. Tom said we would be holding the 2010 show at Beaver Lake.
16. Carol questioned the decision made at the November meeting to eliminate many of the memorial show awards. She noted that the family of Cliff Rossler has continued to make donations to the club in Cliff's name and his family is still maintaining his plants. Iris Cohen made a motion that we reinstate the memorial award for Cliff Rossler for five more years and then reconsider. Lori Hoffman seconded this motion and the club voted to accept with a show of hands.

17. Tom asked the club how we could make the club more interesting to new members as well as our tried and true members. Judi offered to start a membership committee to discuss options. She also offered to set up the Beginner Meetings, which would run for a half-hour before each meeting, starting at 1:30PM. She suggested we have a member act as a greeter for new members and visitors for each meeting. A sign-up sheet for the Membership Committee was sent around.
18. The January Meeting will be held on January 10, 2010, and will be the annual Silent Auction. Members can bring in their extra plants for auction. Auction proceeds for each plant sold will be divided 50% to the contributing member and 50% to the club, unless the contributing member wishes to contribute the plant's full sale amount to the club. The plants offered for auction must be healthy and free of disease and pests. If a member wishes to bid in the auction but has no plant to contribute to auction, there will be a \$5 entry fee to bid.
19. Dues are due in December and can be paid to Carol Haskell. Dues are \$20 for Single Membership and \$22 for Family Membership.
20. Rick Braue thanked the club for the club donation made to Healing Waters in memory of his son.
21. Charles asked that all members consider the club's website and its features such as the Virtual Show Table. If you forward photos of your plants to Charles, he can post them here. This is a way to capture that beautiful plant that always blooms in between meetings for club posterity!
22. Thanks to all the members who provided the great feast we had at our Christmas party!

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 12-12-09

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 1/10/10

Cash Account	318.00
Key Bank	<u>2,875.50</u>
Total	3,193.50

Summary Report 1/1/09 – 12/31/09

Inflows	4,940.79
Outflows	<u>4,442.67</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	498.12

Refreshment Volunteers

January	1. Barbara Weller	2. Lori Hoffman
February	1. Marlene Weibel	2. Jan Woodworth
March	1. Sue & Jerry Finger	2. Eva Galson
April	No refreshment needed – Rochester Show	
May	1. David Ditz	2. Pat Cotter
June	Spring Picnic Everyone Contributes	
September 2010	1. Rick Braue	2. Dale Corey
October	1. Monica Kot	2. Donna Coleman
November	1. Dolores Capella	2. Pat Cotter

January Show Table

Please note all names and abbreviations in boldface. Kindly **update your records** with registered names or parents. Extra large type indicates the hybrid has been looked up before.

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Phrag.</i> Hanne Popow (<i>besseae</i> × <i>schlimii</i>)	Coleman
<i>Paph. helenae</i> × Jolly Green Gem	"
<i>Paph. fairrie anum</i>	"
<i>Paph.</i> Prim-N-Proper × <i>liemianum</i>	Galson

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Haw</i> Yuan Glory (<i>Rlc.</i> Love Call × <i>Ctt.</i> Kauai Starbright)	Hoffman
<i>Cattlianthe (Ctt.)</i> Whodunit (<i>Ctt.</i> Chocolate Drop × <i>C.</i> Psyche)	Capella
<i>E. bractescens</i>	Galson
<i>Epi. centropetalum</i>	Coleman
<i>C.</i> Memoria Alvin Begeman (<i>esalqueana</i> × Beaufort)	"
<i>Epicatanthe (Ett.)</i> Volcano Trick (<i>Ctt.</i> Trick or Treat × <i>Epi. stamfordianum</i>)	"

Vandaceous

<i>Dtps.</i> Orchidom Lemon Lip (Sogo Nancy × Glad Beauty)	Cohen
<i>Phal. pallens</i>	Coleman
<i>Phal. equestris</i>	"
<i>Ame. monticola</i>	"

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Onc.</i> Twinkle (<i>cheirophorum</i> × <i>ornithorhynchum</i>) 2 plants	Finger
<i>Onc.</i> Hawaiian Sunset (Pupukea Sunset × <i>fuscatum</i>)	Hoffman
<i>Wils.</i> Kendrick Williams (Autumn × <i>Oda.</i> Ray Buckman)	

Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Masd.</i> Ruby Throat (Grossbeak × Golden Sun)	Cohen
<i>Rstp. cuprea</i>	Finger
<i>Masd.</i> Tanabilis (<i>amabilis</i> × Tanager)	Capella

Miscellaneous

<i>Keforia (Kfr.)</i> syn. <i>Keferollea</i> Alice Marlow (<i>Pescatoria ecuadorana</i> × <i>Kfst. tolimensis</i>)	Galson
<i>Oberonia recurva</i>	Capella
<i>Den.</i> Andree Millar (<i>atroviolaceum</i> × <i>convolutum</i>)	Coleman
<i>Mac. petola</i>	"

Iris Cohen

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

[mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject>Show Table](mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject>Show%20Table).

Events Calendar

- February 7 CNYOS meeting - Program given by Rick Braue "Growing Orchids Semi-Hydroponically" also Water Testing by Charles Ufford. Bring a water sample
- March 7 CNYOS meeting – Either Lecture/Demonstration on use of keiki paste, or compoting clinic with Jim Marlow
- April 11 Meet at 11AM at the Parish hall for a short business meeting and then to car pool to the GROS Spring Show & Sale in Rochester
- May 2 CNYOS meeting Orchid Auction
- June ? CNYOS Picnic Details TBA
- July & August No Meeting
- September 5 CNYOS Meeting TBA
- October ? CNYOS Show and Sale

Moth Orchids – Winter’s Jewels



Doritaenopsis Chain Xen Pearl 'Penny', AM/AOS
(Ching Hua Spring x Nobby's Pink Lady)
Photographer: Tek H. Hia
Grower: A & P Orchids, Swansea, MA

Winter is in full swing this month and so is the moth orchid (*Phalaenopsis* and *Doritaenopsis*) flowering season. These brightly colored, easily grown beauties help to take some of the edge off the gloomy winter season. Years ago, *Phalaenopsis* were sort of like Henry Ford's early cars. You could have any color you wanted as long as it was pink or white (black in the case of the Ford Model A). Today, *phalaenopsis* hybrids are available in virtually every color of the rainbow,

including blue and green and every combination of spots and stripes you can imagine.

Commonly known as 'moth orchids' the very name *Phalaenopsis* is derived from the Greek words *phalaina*, moth; and *opsis*, appearance. Plants in this genus are monopodial (growing from a single stem) and usually epiphytic (growing on other plants), although there are occasional lithophytes (growing on rocks) and those species formerly included in *Doritis* are typically terrestrial in their native habitat. There are 63 species, 7 natural hybrids and numerous recognized varietal forms in the genus. *Phalaenopsis* are among the most popular cultivated orchids and thousands of hybrids have been made throughout the years. The plants themselves are attractive, with succulent leaves and some species exhibiting a sweet fragrance. Inflorescences range from short with few flowers to very branched floriferous stems. Flowers are generally long lasting, making *Phalaenopsis* the most popular of orchid pot plants.

Phalaenopsis species and hybrids make excellent houseplants and their ready availability makes them a likely choice for your first orchids. They will be happy in temperatures that are comfortable to humans and a drop of a few degrees between night and day will prove beneficial to growth and flowering. *Phalaenopsis* should be watered like many other houseplants; not kept soggy but watered just as the potting medium begins to dry out.

Correct watering is critical to a healthy root system and subsequent growth and flowering. Phalaenopsis need light levels similar to African Violets to flower well. A bright eastern exposure or somewhat shaded southern exposure is ideal for phalaenopsis grown as houseplants. The plants should be given as much light as possible without burning the foliage. If you are unsure, you can experiment on weekends following the sun's path and feeling the foliage of your plants. If the foliage feels hot, move plants further from the windows. It is essential that you watch your plants as the sun's angle changes with the seasons and trees either grow or shed leaves. An ideal exposure during the winter may turn out to be either too dark or too bright by mid-summer. If you are growing your plants under lights, the use of two 4 foot, two-bulb fluorescent fixtures placed side-by-side and suspended about a foot or so above the plants will prove adequate for a fair number of plants.

January brings the beginning of the phalaenopsis flowering cycle and constant, mild air movement is essential to avoid Botrytis-spotted flowers. Botrytis is a fungal infection that is fostered by cool temperatures (typically below 60F) and high humidity. Water carefully this month to keep the flowers dry and to minimize the risk of soft rot in the fleshy leaves. Fertilize sparingly and only when the potting medium is moist. If the medium has dried since your last watering, water the plants the day before and then apply fertilizer. This is the season to carefully watch for scale and mealybugs on your plants. Be sure to inspect the flower spikes as well as the undersides of the leaves. Alcohol and a cotton swab are effective at controlling these insects if found early. As an added benefit, many Phalaenopsis can be induced to re-flower from the old flower spike.

Where do I cut the flower spike when it is finished?



Phalaenopsis will often produce a secondary flush of flowers from a node on the inflorescence.

Of all of the more commonly available orchids, only Phalaenopsis (the moth orchid) will re-bloom from its old spike. Phalaenopsis will generally re-bloom given a little extra care. When the last flower fades, you can leave the spike (stem) on and it will still continue flowering but the stem gets very ungainly and the flowers get smaller. You can also cut off the stem leaving two nodes (those little brown lines on the stem below where the flowers were) on

the stem. One of these nodes will then initiate and generally produce flowers within eight to 12 weeks. Younger or weaker plants may not re-bloom and some Phalaenopsis are genetically incapable of re-blooming from the old spike. These are usually those that flower with branched spikes. It's always worth a try.

Some people believe it is best to cut off the stem entirely at the base where it comes out of the leaves. This conserves the plant's energy and it will bloom more vigorously again in several months. So it's your choice – a smaller bloom sooner, or a more vigorous bloom later. Orchids, like animals, are susceptible to viruses, so whenever cutting an orchid plant always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. A straight edged razor blade is a good tool to use for cutting flower spikes.

The above information and pictures are based on the AOS Feb 08 Newsletter and other AOS sources.

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