

# 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 **two weeks** before the next meeting to: csmith23@tcwny.rr.com

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

2022 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

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### ~ CNYOS 2022 Meetings ~

**Feb 6th - ZOOM** Speaker: Dr Leslie Ee  
 Topic: Paphiopedilum venustum:  
 The Pauper Prince of Dragon Kingdom

**Mar 6th - In Person** Potting Clinic: Sue Finger will be setting this up with plugs from an orchid nursery. Bring appropriate pot. Variety TBA. Orchidata bark will be provided (donated by Marlow's Orchids)

**April 3rd - NO MEETING** Members are invited to attend the GROS show, 1st - 3rd. Lecture is to be given on Sunday the 3rd by Claudio Rossi of Cloud's Orchids. Our Club members may attend.

**May 8th - In Person** Speaker: Art Chadwick  
 Topic: TBA  
 Likely to be large-flowered Cattleya species. *He will be selling plants.* This is a date change from our usual so that we can share this speaker with our group of Thruway Societies.

**June 5th - In Person** Annual Picnic and Annual Auction of Member Plants and donations from vendors. A list of donated plants will be printed in the newsletter before the meeting. More instructions TBA.

**July or August** - No meetings as usual.

### REMINDERS:

- ~ Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out.
- ~ Updates will be done if needed in each newsletter.
- ~ There will be a *Show Table* in March, May, and June.
- ~ *Raffle Table* will only be in March.
- ~ Divide your plants in the spring or set aside any that you can donate for the June auction.

**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.fairorchids.com>

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[orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) \*\*

[edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net)

To contact Windswept in Time Orchids

<https://www.msorchids.net> \*\*

<https://carter-and-holmes.com>

<https://www.kalapanatropicals.com>

**\*\* denotes vendors at our show**

**Upcoming Webinars:**

*American Orchid Society: Register at [aos.org](http://aos.org)*

February 15, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

***Evolution of LED Lighting***

***How to Set up an Indoor Grow Area***

*Kelly McCracken*

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February 23, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

***Greenhouse Chat February 2022***

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by Feb 20th)

March 16, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

***The Story of Jewel Orchids***

***Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor***

Nicholas Rust

**(Member Only Webinar)**

**Minutes: January 9, 2022 - Zoom Meeting**

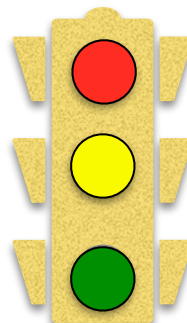
- ~ We had 17 participants for Sarah Hurdel's fabulous talk. (See Pages 7 and 8 for key slides)
- ~ Sue started with the Treasury Report: We gained \$37, sent out \$11.55 and we've got \$5156.46 in assets.
- ~ Charles Ufford reminded the club our auto-renewal for our 3 year club domain name will occur on 1/15/22 and will cost \$357.20.
- ~ Sue told us of all the work she's done to try to keep our show on track. Beaver Lake is reserved from Sept 30 - Oct.2. Feelers put out for judges. Glen Decker will vend one table, but both Kelley's Korner and Main Street have declined. (kudos, Sue!) We discussed and decided whether a show is possible with one vendor, several members suggested vendors: Sarah Watson, Fabio Rossi, Little Brook. Talked of the club ordering orchids to sell. All good ideas to be discussed Friday at the Executive Meeting.
- ~ Sarah reminded us that the lecturer at February's Zoom meeting will be Dr. Leslie Ee Topic: Paph. venustum

Upcoming meetings:

- April 3 show in Rochester
- May 8 meet on Mother's Day
- June picnic - possible auction!

~ Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Jan Woodworth



**REMINDER:**

Any CNYOS members who have not paid their dues for 2022 will be dropped from the newsletter and email lists. The February newsletter will be the last communication from the club unless dues are paid.

**\*\*\* CNYOS FALL SHOW ~ Oct 1 - 2, 2022 \*\*\***

Hours: 1 PM: Friday, Sept 30 - Set up  
 Noon - 5: Saturday, Oct 1 - Show open  
 10 - 4: Sunday, Oct 2 - Show open, clean up

Progress has been made with preparations for our club sponsored show as we used to do it.

Show Co-Chairs are Jerry & Sue Finger.

We have a venue; Beaver Lake Nature Center (the usual place), same rooms. We have one confirmed Judge and 3 Vendors so far (J&L and Fair Orchids, Glen Decker with 1 table only). GROS and STOS will both be setting up displays. Our Photographer will be Charles Ufford, as before. Committees are being formed so feel free to contact these members if you can help them in any way.

David Ditz: Advertising, Trophies and Ribbons, Head Clerk.  
 Jan Woodworth: Advertising (road signs), and Garden Club contacts.

Judi Witkin: Hospitality Front Desk and Raffle Coordinator  
 Jerry Finger: Food Room for Workers Coordinator  
 Sue Finger: Registrar, Judges Coordinator, Vendors and Clubs Coordinator, Venue Contact for BLNC, Show Treasurer, Update of Rules and Schedule.

There are committee openings for Set-up of the show room tables on Friday, & Room Monitors for the show days on Saturday and Sunday.

If anyone can host a Judge overnight or a Vendor for 2 nights, please call or email Sue Finger 315-247-8980 or [jandsfinger@aol.com](mailto:jandsfinger@aol.com) We need help with this!!

**Treasurer's Report: January 2022**

Key Bank: \$ 4234.31  
 Petty Cash: \$ 453.50  
**TOTAL ASSETS: \$ 4687.81**

Expenses this month:	Income: Deposits:	\$20.00
Domain Name: \$ 358.20	(Cues ck x1)	
Speaker Fee: \$ 125.00		
<b>TOTAL OUT: \$ 483.20</b>	<b>TOTAL IN:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

~ Respectfully submitted,  
 Sue Finger, Treasurer CNYOS

**GROS SHOW** - As listed in the programs list for April 1-3, the CNYOS Show Team will need plants to set up a show display for competition. Please watch for instructions on where to drop off your plants for the show. You will also receive detailed instructions on how to register your plants for the competition. Any questions; please email or call Judi Witkin, Jan Woodworth, or Jerry and Sue Finger.

**~ Monthly Checklist ~  
 Orchid Care  
 AOS Monthly Checklist  
 for Jan/Feb**



CNYOS would like to thank David Ditz for all he does coordinating our club needs with the church. He is always the first one there, and the last to leave. Thank you David!

If you would like to nominate someone for a **Shout Out** for outstanding support & commitment to CNYOS, please drop a note to Chris Smith for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the *Orchid Enthusiast*.



**Got Orchids?**

The American Orchid Society website is your portal to knowledge for all things orchid. The AOS website, along with ongoing Webinars and OrchidPro, offers a plethora of information to help you grow and show your orchids to peak performance. We encourage use of the **AOS website** by **ALL** orchid growers. The next best place to learn about the orchids that will thrive in your area, is to attend and become involved in your local **Affiliated Society** meetings.

**Webinars** offer new material each month and recorded sessions allow you to search a multitude of topics to view on your personal schedule. The popular monthly **Greenhouse Chats** are open to everyone. AOS membership is not required. However, if you are an AOS member there are so many more webinars available to view.

**OrchidPro** helps you prepare to exhibit your orchids in a competitive field. Compare your blooms to those of similar previously awarded orchids. Consult the **Handbook on Judging** for insight into what the judges are looking for when your plant comes to the table.

Whether you are new to the hobby or an established successful grower, there is always more to learn. This issue will give insight on the **Butterworth Prize, a Special Annual Award** that any orchid exhibitor is eligible to win. Unlike flower quality awards where you pay for processing, the Special Annual awards (all but one) come with a cash prize.

There are a variety of different genera that are eligible for Special Annual Awards. Review them on the AOS website. Bring your orchids to the nearest **Judging Center** or set up an Outreach Judging for your society. You now have orchid growing goals! You're welcome.

~ Eileen Hector



**The Centennial Celebration is Almost Here!**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Centennial Celebration, **April 6th-9th, 2022** in Coral Gables, Florida being held in conjunction with our Spring Members Meeting. For more information and to register go to:

**AOS 100th Anniversary 1921-2021**

**February 2022 AOS Orchidist's Word of the Month:**

**bare-root (bair-root):**

- Of, or pertaining to, a plant prepared
- for transplanting or repotting by having
- all or most of the medium removed
- from its roots.



## ~ How to Kill Your Orchids ~

by Milton O. Carpenter

I have been growing, and killing, orchids for 35 years now and it occurred to me that I should pass on to others some of the more basic, as well as advanced methods I have discovered, and in some cases “stumbled upon” to accomplish this task!

**BASIC RULES** Never seek information on how to keep them alive. For example, do not try to distinguish what KIND of orchid you have, do not ask for help from other orchid growers, do not read *Orchids*, do not go to local orchid society meetings, and do not purchase the AOS handbook on orchid pests and diseases.

**RATHER OBVIOUS FUNDAMENTAL METHODS** Aside from pouring on gasoline and striking a match, consider the following: Give your orchids far too little or too much light. As most orchids like fairly good air movement, either give them none at all or a veritable hurricane. Do not worry about what particular temperature your orchids like - a good “rule of thumb” is to treat them all alike. Forget that most orchids like rather high humidity and let the humidity drop as low as it will. Never “damp down” the benches and floors on really hot days. Remember to water every orchid every day (drench thoroughly) regardless of what kind of medium or pots they are in - or very seldom water them at all, allowing the pseudobulbs (those things between the top of the pot and the base of the leaves) to become very shriveled and wrinkled. Never be concerned about the quality of the water you are using - whether it is loaded with chlorides, sulfides, or what have you. Repot your orchids only when you have to and only “when you have spare time.” Use just about anything handy as a potting medium, it really does not matter and there is no truth to the thinking that certain types like different potting medium (that is the stuff you put in the pot). Potting in plain old dirt from your garden is a good idea. Fertilize only once or twice a year, but when you do - really pour it on, perhaps triple or quadruple the recommended strength. Try to never be concerned about insects or diseases - just let nature take its course.

**ADVANCED RULES** Because orchids prefer the full light spectrum, put them under badly discolored fiberglass or perhaps brightly colored plastic. Arrange your greenhouse or growing area near a bright city streetlamp so they will not know the difference between night and day. Try to locate your orchids as near as possible to heavily traveled roads - the carbon monoxide (and other goodies) will help with your job.....

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**How to Kill Your Orchids ... continued from Page 6**

Keep turning each pot around about one quarter turn each day so they will become thoroughly disoriented. If it gets cold, put an unvented kerosene heater in your greenhouse – the fumes will work wonders. If it gets really cold, do not do anything – perhaps they will just go into hibernation. When you water, always try to water late in the afternoon or, preferably, at night – the water standing in the new leads creates unusual effects. When potting your plants, always use a pot about four times as large as the plant's roots, remembering that that is the way they grow in nature. If your plant starts to look sick, **NEVER** take it out of the pot to see what is happening with the roots, after all, what you cannot see cannot hurt you, can it? Should you notice some sort of insect on a plant, just put it under the faucet and wash the critters off – do not bother to check the other plants in its vicinity and do not worry about some kind of pesticide, that stuff is hard to handle properly and besides, it leaves the greenhouse smelling poorly for days. Keep your leaves clean – never spray a preventive fungicide as it leaves an ugly residue. Always use the same knife or plant shears when cutting from one plant to another and do not bother to sterilize – if one has some sort of malady, soon they will all share!

I am sure there are those of you who have discovered more unusual ways to kill your orchids, but I have only been growing these plants for 35 years and I am still a' learnin'! (Reprinted from Orchids Magazine; February 2014, Volume 83, Number 2.)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The suggestions above are, obviously, all tongue-in-cheek but, unfortunately, we all do one or more of these at some point in our growing experience. Local societies are invaluable as sources of information relative to your specific issues. Who best to understand your local problems than others who are dealing with them. The AOS is invaluable for vetted orchid knowledge. It is true that "it is all available on the web" but that also includes the obviously incorrect as well as that which masquerades as correct. Invest in books, they are another source of invaluable growing knowledge. Ask! No question is dumb. We all, deep down inside know that, but how many of us remember it when it is important?*

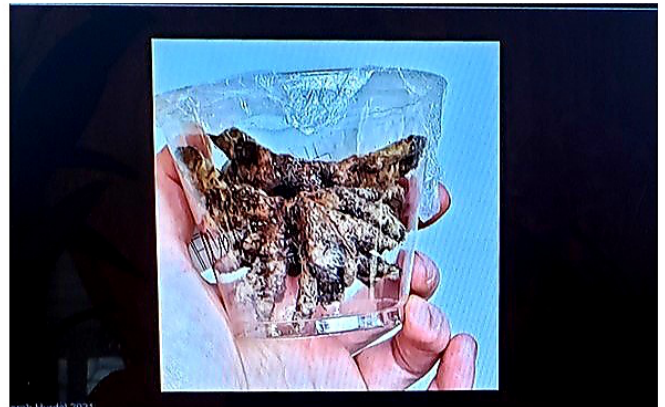
~ Eileen Hector

# Habenerias Decoded

Sarah Hurdel

### Storing Dormant Tubers

- Potted
  - occasional watering
  - vulnerable to pests



### Storing Dormant Tubers - Bagged

### Why do I bag them?

- Easier to know - when to pot up, and start watering
- Less likely to damage new growth pest damage - mice, slugs and snails
- Keeps them from drying out too much!

I ALWAYS bag new plants, or very small tubers for dormancy.

### Potting, My Way.

Too Late!

Promix HP

Medium Perlite

Pointy End Up!

Tall Pot

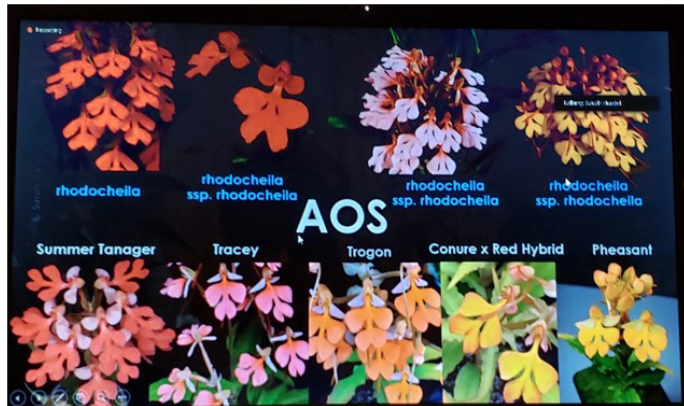


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# Habenerias Decoded

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### Habs - The Easy Way

Tubers begin growth – POT UP!  
Keep barely moist – do not water heavily

Until leaves separate and rapid growth begins – water lightly  
Keep water out of leaf crown!

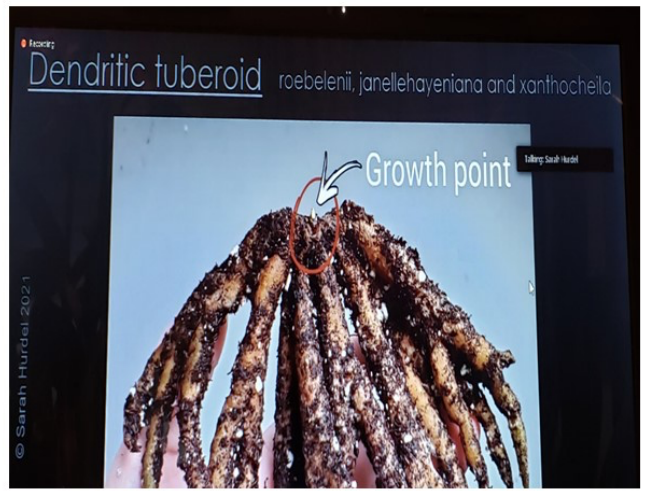
When rapid growth begins  
Add slow release fertilizer  
Keep moist

When last flowers open - more dry between watering

After blooms fade - dry completely before watering

When leaves begin to die back - dry completely for 2 weeks

Pot up, Add fertilizer, Keep MOIST!, Dry slightly between waterings, Unpot and bag the tubers



At this stage NEW tubers are:

- Fully developed
- Still attached by root tethers
- Root tethers are beginning to shrivel

### Completely Dry Between Light Watering

Foliage is dry and crispy.

Root tethers are dry and detached from new tubers.

New tubers are hardened off and ready to be unpotting.

IF left in pot to overwinter, water lightly every 2 weeks or so – ONLY if completely dry.

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**VENDOR PAGE**

orchidPhile: **January – early February 2022 Mail Order List**

<https://www.facebook.com/orchidphile>

**A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY 2022 TO ALL ~ WITH HOPES THAT IT'S KINDER TO ALL OF US!**

*We purposely did not release a December list due to our concern that the abundance of holiday-related internet orders would impact timely shipping. Looking ahead to 2022, we are continuing to bring in exciting new first-release plants from Taiwan so each month's list will include some great new surprises !*

**JUST ADDED TO OUR LIST:** *two new categories to make finding what you want easier*

**CUTTING-EDGE NOVELTY HYBRID SEEDLINGS:** *One-of-a-Kind Novelty Seedlings from seed (not Stems or Clones)*

**JUST ARRIVED:** *New orders we had placed that came in a week ago*

*In addition to the new shipment that just arrived, we've restocked a few of our most popular Stem Props & have added many One-of-a-Kind crosses to our new Hybrid Seedlings list, including many with **BLUE** potential. As always with all imports, once the plants have been checked (& potentially re-potted) for their best chance to thrive under our more challenged US growing conditions, they will be offered for sale on our Private Members Only FB Sales page & on our next Mail Order List if we still have stock on them. Our focus continues to remain on cutting-edge breeding by continuing to import from select Taiwan nurseries ~ these Phalaenopsis are very special, unique & still way ahead of what is readily available elsewhere.*

**A BREAKDOWN OF TODAY'S INCREASING IMPORTING COSTS:**

*~ Taiwan plant prices have exploded (quality stock from Taiwan's best nurseries is in very short supply & harder to get)  
 ~ Broker fees, container & air cargo shipping costs from Asia have increased 500% from just 12 months ago  
 ~ Add in the over 300% increase in pricing for NZ moss, pots & fertilizer (if you can even find them !)  
 ~ Plus a 250% bump in domestic air cargo fees to safely overnight them from Miami's port of entry to us in CT  
 With all these combined costs skyrocketing, we now have to price everything accordingly or close our doors.  
 The upside is that our select Taiwan hybridizers still offer the absolute best of the world's cutting-edge breeding.*

**UPCOMING SHOW(S) & COVID CANCELATIONS:**

*Shows in the northeast are all very tentative, so be sure to check each hosting society for last minute show updates !  
 Covid willing, we really hope to see many of you at one of the following still-scheduled shows for spring 2022:*

**March:** Nutmeg State Orchid Society (CT) & New Hampshire Orchid Society (NH)

**April:** SEPOS (Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society) (PA)

**MAIL ORDER SHIPPING:** *Shipping dates will be weather-dependent throughout the winter months*

*We strongly encourage early orders, allowing us to choose the best shipping date according to the weather. Once your order is guaranteed with a credit card, your plants will be removed from sale, tagged for you & set aside for shipping. We may choose to delay sending out your order until the weather is more agreeable, but your orchids will arrive safely as a result of waiting for an acceptable warmer weather window*

*We've stocked up on heat packs, foam sheets to line the shipping boxes & extra poly-fil insulation to wrap each plant in its own down-like "puffer", lots of newspaper weight paper for wrapping each puffer-protected plant, plus lots of shredded paper to cushion & insulate ~  
 all to further assure the safe arrival of your orchids.*



### 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>

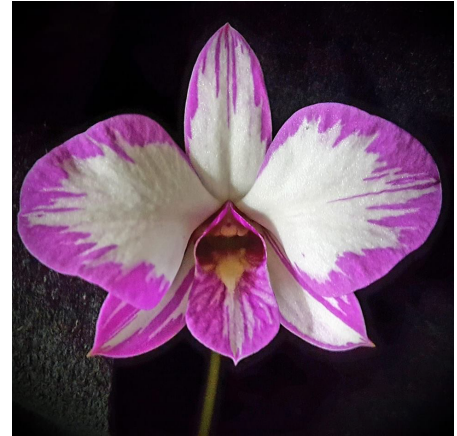
#### Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

<http://www.cnyos.org/directions.html>

### CNYOS Facebook Page:

If you have not checked out our Facebook Page, you can search “Central NY Orchid Society” on Facebook or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/CNYOS/>



**Reminder: Be sure to “Like” our page!**

### Central New York Orchid Society

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