

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

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Dues

Remember to pay your 2016 dues if you haven't already done so, and by the time you get this newsletter it will be time to renew your 2017 membership. Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Send to: Carol Haskell, Treasurer
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Next Meeting: Sunday January 8, 2 PM, Member Silent Auction*

***Please note that the meeting will be held in the social hall across the parking lot from the church.**

I hope everyone had a good holiday!!

By this time your orchids should have adjusted to coming inside, and hopefully your cymbidiums and phalaenopsis as well as other winter bloomers are in spike. Perhaps you made some divisions that have now settled in but that are taking up needed bench space, or you've had some plants for years without a sign of bloom. Bring them to the auction, and give another orchid club member a chance to enjoy your favorites, or try their hand at getting your recalcitrant plants to bloom. At the same time you'll help the club to make some money and have a chance to pick up something new at a great price!! You can split the proceeds from the plants you contribute 50/50 with the club, though the club would appreciate your 100% donation. There will be a \$5.00 charge for those not bringing a plant.

The plants you bring should be bug and disease free. If not blooming, bring a picture of your plant in bloom if you have taken one, or download one from the web. Knowing what the flowers will look like will increase the bid price. If you're bringing divisions, they should have three pseudobulbs or more. Orchids without pseudobulbs, should consist of a decent clump. Iris has reminded us all, that if you have made a division, please give it a new clonal name.

Attached to this newsletter is a bidding sheet. Fill it out before you come to the meeting to save time.

We will have a Show Table, so bring your beautiful bloomers to show off!!

President's Message

Hi All,

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very safe and happy holiday season, and a great start (middle and finish) to this next New Year. We have a lot of fun planned for this up coming year and it would be great to see all of you at all of our meetings, including our next meeting on Sunday the 8th, 2pm at St. Augustine's Church for our member auction. Remember, bid often and bid high. (After all it has and does benefited this society that we all do and have enjoyed being apart of).

Know I am reaching out to all of you to commit to areas of need with our society. Some examples would be to fill our empty openings for meeting refreshments, thinking ahead to our fabulous show that we have every year and what you would like to help with, offer ideas to our new VP, Sue Finger, with speakers that you may want to have visit our society or, even the simple gesture of helping to organize and clean up after our wonderful meetings. All is noticed and appreciated.

In closing please stay warm and safe so we can all see each other for this whole upcoming year.

CNYOS Meeting December 2016

December was our annual Holiday Party. The December meeting had no treasurer's report.

Old business began with a recap of last months meeting which was a review of the show, no financials, donated 30% off coupon to be used for our upcoming mounting clinic to be used for supplies. Barbara W. nominated Kim Boronczyk, current president, for the next term and was approved by all. Secretaries will be Dolores Capella and Judy Witkin. Hopefully Carol Haskell will be Treasurer as she was not at the meeting. Open for anyone is the Vice President's position. (Since these minutes were written, Sue Finger volunteered for the Vice President's position)

We currently need someone to be a backup for the newsletter position when Eva is not available or anyone who would like to do this every month as Eva has been doing this for a few years.

Note cards are still for sale.

Show dates for 2017 are Sept. 29th, set up; Sept. 30th, Saturday, and October 1st, Sunday are the show days at Beaver Lake.

New Business: Glen Decker raffled off an orchid and the prize went to Susumu Ikuta. Gratia made potholders for everyone and we each picked out a pair that we wanted. Thanks, to both who made this a special holiday party.

Our January meeting will be a members auction.

Those present voted on the slate of offices nominated at the November meeting:

President:	Kim Boronczyk
Vice President and program Chair:	Sue Finger
Secretary:	Dolores Capella with Judy Witkin as substitute
Treasurer:	Carol Haskell

All were elected.

Note: Eva is happy to continue as newsletter editor, but a backup would be welcomed.

December Show Table

Show Table Bloomers :

David Ditz All under Lights
 Paph. Excitingly Wood
 (Friedrich von Hayek x Wood Wonder)
 Paph. Dick Wagner
 (Paph. bellatulum x **Paph. Fanaticum**)
 Paph. Tristar Maboo
 (Macabre x Hsinying Web)
 Paph. Hsinying Majakun
 [(Makuli x curtisii) x Maudiae] x (Maudiae x sib)]
 Paph. venustum
 Paph. wenshanense
 Paph. tonsun
 Paph. spicerianum
 Paph. Buena Bay x Stone Lovely
 Paph. Nike's Delight x glaucophyllum
 Paph. Sorcerer's Stone x Paph. Ice Castle
 Paph. Sorcerer's Stone x GeGe Hughes
 Diodonopsis erinacea (was Masdevallia)
 Dryadella elata

Judi Witkin
 Paph. barbigerum
 Paph. wardii
 Bulb. hirundinis

Barbara Weller All under Lights
 Laelia rubescens
 Unknown - plant from mounting clinic
 Rhyncattleanthe (Rth) Psycho Bride "NN"
 (Rth. Betty Fowler x Ctt. White Bridal)

Jan Woodworth All under Lights
 # Phrag. **Misty Run Sunrise**
 (Waunakee Sunset x fischeri)
 Paph. Tropical Magic
 (primulinum var. purpurascens x henryanum)
 Paph. William Ambler
 (rothschildianum x wilhelminae)
 Cleisocentron (Clctn) gokusingii
 Den. convolutum
 Den. Hilda Poxon
 (speciosum x tetragonum)
 Den. (Cheryl's Glory x speciosum)
 Den. Cherry Song 'Enobi Splash'
 ##(**bigibbum var compactum** x Princess Noriko)

Jerry & Sue Finger All under Lights
 * **Specklinia (Spe)** corniculata -Terrarium
 Paph. barbigerum
 Vandachostylis (Van.) Deep Blue Seas
 (Van. Charm x Vanda christensoniana)
 Phrag. QF Walter Scheeren
 (Memoria Julius Dixler x boisierianum)

Paph. Fanaticum is found to be a cross of malipoense x micranthum.
 It also appears as Paph. x fanaticum and Paph. Regcan Sanfan in the RHS website
 and in OrchidWiz. The Kew website lists it as Paph. x fanaticum which appears as
 its accepted name.
 # Plant is now named.
 ## lithocola is not accepted with Kew. This is the accepted name.
 * This Pleurothallis is now been re-classified.

Great job everyone! A few facts to make note of so please check your labels.

Treasurer's Report (There was no treasurer report in December, so am including the November report)

Assets as of 11/6/16	
Cash Account1	1730.64
Key Bank	<u>3,498.64</u>
Total	5229.04
Summary Report 1/1/16– 11/2/6	
Inflows	3,411.14
Outflows	<u>2241.30</u>

Events Calendar

January 8	CNYjS Member Orchid Auction
February 5	Jim Maeqwloq
March 6	TBA
April 10	No Meeting – GROS Orchid Show
May 1	Club Auction
June 5 or later	Picnic
July & August	No Meetings
September 6	TBA

Labels & Faded Label Recovery (from the First Rays Orchids Website)

Keeping your orchids properly and legibly labeled is an important part of orchid growing. Selecting the proper label stock and writing instrument are key.

One of the most durable labels available is thin piece of aluminum metal into which the plant name has been embossed. Such labels are commercially available, and can be written on with an ordinary pencil or ball-point pen. Some have recommended cutting soda- or beer cans into strips for that purpose, but the edges are very sharp, and the aesthetics are not the best.

Wooden labels are also available, and they hold pencil or permanent marker ink quite well, but your plants' roots will grip them quite nicely, they are a good substrate for growing algae, and they will rot, especially the end submerged in the medium.

Most of us rely on plastic label stock. The preferred materials are polystyrene and vinyl (polyvinyl chloride, or PVC), as they are waterproof, long-lasting, and can be easily separated from roots. Most labels come with a shiny side and a somewhat rougher side. Use the rougher side to make your writing more durable.

Your choice of writing instrument is also very important. An ordinary permanent marker just doesn't cut it, as the ink will fade with exposure to sunlight.

Graphite pencils are a good choice, as they are cheap and easy to get, the writing is waterproof and fade-proof, but may be smeared relatively easily.

Pilot used to make a "photographic marker" that could be found at good photo supply stores and probably special-ordered from your local office supply store. They had a fine point, and the black ink is very stable and fade-proof. Unfortunately, they were on the expensive side, near a couple bucks each. I recently (June 2012) contacted Pilot to see if they could supply them, and they pointed me to a new "art pen", the "Pilot ultra fine point permanent type NO XYLENE SCA-UF", and they seem to be a reasonable replacement, lasting about two years in direct sun outdoors.

Sanford's Sharpie Markers are an old standard, but are prone to fading. They recently came out with an "industrial" version, and the Extra Fine Point pens are a pretty good alternative. An "Ultra Fine" version would be better, but the ink does appear to be extremely stable.

The photo below is a label that was been sitting on one of my greenhouse benches for approximately 20 months, where it was exposed to water, fertilizer, insecticides, hydrogen peroxide and chlorine bleach disinfectants, and of course, the sun. The date was written in pencil, the others are self explanatory.

Other alternatives appear to work quite well, too: if you have a lot of labels to make up, and can get your label stock in sheets or rolls, both laser printers and ink jet printers can be used. The laser-printed labels appear to be pretty durable as-is, but the ink jet labels will have to be coated with an acrylic spray after they dry, to protect them from water.

Label printers such as the Brother P-touch are another excellent choice, with the black-on-white and black-on-clear laminated tapes being the best in terms of stability.

Recovery of Faded Labels

Now then, what do you do if your label has faded to the point of being unreadable? Don't despair, as – unless it's totally blank – you can use your computer hardware and software to help recover the "lost image." The example below utilized an HP scanner and Paint Shop Pro software.

The image below is a couple of labels from plants I recently acquired. I know they were both ascocentrums, but what species?

The HP scanning software allows some manipulation of the output type, so I changed it from true color to grayscale, and adjusted the highlight/midtone/shadow settings to give the following image, which allowed me to identify my plants as *Ascocentrum curvifolium* and *Ascocentrum aurantiacum*!

If your scanner does not offer such controls, or if you're working with a shot from a digital camera, similar image manipulation can be done with image editing software. In this image, I used Paint Shop Pro to increase the "shadow" value from zero to 80%:

A photo taken with a digital camera can often be manipulated similarly.

I have also gotten a suggestion that an ordinary blacklight can work on some plastic labels. If the plastic formulator added "brighteners" to the plastic, they will fluoresce, but will be masked by the ink residue, darkening the writing.

Vendor's Corner (from Honey)

J @ L Orchids is having a 25% sale, which ends December 31st. Check out their website, and when you order, mention that you are from CNYOS.

News from Krum

Krum has started an orchid society in Bulgaria, which is very successful. The first meeting attracted a record crowd of interested orchid lovers.

The Orchid Enthusiast

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