

President's Message

I would like to thank everyone for their effort to make the auction held at our meeting on May 4 a success! Special thanks to Kim for getting such great donations from so many vendors, as well as all the members who brought in plants. Also thanks to Tom Daley and Jeff Snyder for their often humorous work as auctioneers. (Editor's note – according to our treasurer, we made about \$2000 on the auction) Our deepest gratitude is extended as well to Barbara Weller and Karl Frost et al for the refreshments. We are all set for goodies for the rest of our '08 meetings and have some of the volunteers we need for the '08 CNYOS Show at Beaver Lake.

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting May 4, 2008

John Bradley opened the meeting at 1:45PM by welcoming new members and guests who were attending the annual CNYOS Orchid Auction:

- 1. Pat Cotter read the April meeting minutes for the club. The minutes were approved and accepted into the record by the club membership.*
- 2. John presented Iris Cohen's motion to the club that a life membership be given to Judi Witkin for her extensive club work. A vote was taken and the motion was accepted.*
- 3. John thanked all who helped set up and break down our club display at the STOS Show and entered their plants in the show. Our club display won the blue ribbon at the show and the AOS Show trophy. John also thanked Iris Cohen for her excellent job completing the registration paperwork for our club's entries.*
- 4. The annual CNYOS Show will be held at Beaver Lake Nature Center on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Show setup will take place on October 3, Friday. As usual, we look forward to the assistance of all club members in helping with the show. John said he was circulating sign-up sheets for members to volunteer for various show tasks.*
- 5. Charles Ufford asked if the club could discuss whether or not we should have a club meeting on Sunday, August 3, to review show preparations for the October show. The September meeting will be held on September 7, only a few weeks before the show and the October show takes place on our regular meeting date for October. Last year, the August meeting was very helpful in getting everything ready for the show. Charles also asked if we wanted to hold a separate October meeting on October 12. The club voted on Charles' motions. We voted to hold a meeting for show preparation on Sunday, August 3, but not to reschedule the October meeting for another weekend. If we need to hold a club business meeting in October, we will meet at the show itself, on Sunday, October 5.*
- 6. Our club librarian, Judi Witkin, announced that she had a new library book, "Four Seasons of Growing Orchids" and new issues of "Orchid" magazine for members to borrow.*
- 7. Eva Galson, our newsletter editor, noted that several members have told her that they are not receiving the electronic version of the newsletter. This month, she will send out a notification email to all members on her email address list to let them know the newsletter is coming. If this email is not followed by receipt of the newsletter by separate email in a few days, she asked that we notify her and she will try to resend or send out a paper copy of the newsletter. She wants to be sure that everyone receives their newsletter.*
- 8. June 8 will be our final meeting for the 2007/08 club year and will be our annual picnic. The picnic will be hosted by Rick Braue. Rick gave verbal directions at the meeting on how to get to his house. He will hold the picnic rain or shine. If it rains or is too buggy, he will move the picnic inside his garage. He asked that everyone bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs to sit on. Plan to arrive at 12 Noon. He also provided his phone number (315-826-5318) for anyone who needs directions or gets lost enroute to his house.*

*Submitted by
Pat Cotter, Secretary, 5-6-08*

Treasurer's Report

Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 2245.35
Year to Date Net Inflows Outflows 1/1/08 – 5/4/08	\$ - 841.83

Carol Haskell, Treasurer

Events Calendar

CNYOS Events

Sunday, June 8 CNYOS Picnic at the home of Rick Braue (see p1 for directions)

Sunday August 3 Special CNYOS meeting to plan CNYOS October Show St Augustine's Church

Sunday, September 7 First Fall meeting of the new season

Saturday & Sunday October 4 & 5 CNYOS Show and sale Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville

Other Events of Interest

Saturday, May 31 "SPEAKERS' DAY" Sponsored by the Joint Presidents Council

In conjunction with The American Orchid Society

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The Joint President's Council of the metropolitan New York Area in conjunction with the American Orchid Society present the 25th "Speakers' Day" featuring talks by leading orchid authorities from all parts of the world. The daylong event will highlight four outstanding speakers; orchid plant and book sale raffle of fine plants; morning refreshments and a complete lunch, all included in the registration price of \$39.00. COME MEET, HEAR AND TALK WITH THESE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SPEAKERS

Saturday, July 19 Bus trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club. Bus leaves at 6 AM from the Thruway exit 34A park and ride with stops in Utica and Albany, and will return at approximately 11PM.

There will be a stop for lunch on the way. Cost is \$50 non-refundable, and includes admission to the garden. To reserve a seat or for further information contact Art Doremus of Ilion 292-1140 or adoremus@twcny.rr.com.

.Members from out of town who would like a place to stay overnight on Friday and Saturday contact Iris Cohen. No extra charge.

“ORCHIDS: A Rare Beauty”

That was the title of a program on orchids presented on May 10 at the Dewitt Community Library by past president Judi Witkin. Such public service presentations are traditional for past presidents of the CNYOS. The talk was well attended with 20-25 people present. Judi had a display table of her own orchids, as well as a Power Point presentation, and covered such items as how epiphytic orchids grow in nature and how to care for them at home, and the difference between species orchids and hybrids. She finessed a question from a 10 year old on how plants could be parents, by talking about insect pollination. The child's mother thanked Judi after the talk and said she would use Judi's example as a lead-in when her child wanted more details about the birds and the bees. Maybe consulting on sex education can be a new CNYOS project.

Refreshment and Other Volunteers

June 8	Spring picnic everyone brings a dish to pass
July	no meeting
August 3	No refreshments needed
September	Donna Coleman, Monica Kot
October	Orchid Show and Sale – Nancy Loveland/Tammy Pomietlasz co-chairs Set-up - Jan Woodworth, Cheryl Lloyd, John Bradley Breakdown - Dave Ditz, Barbara Weller Volunteers for other duties will be needed
October	Dave Ditz
November	Liz McCormick and Jan Woodworth
December	no volunteers needed, Christmas party

Tips and Home Remedies the following is from Dot Henley's article in the Florida Orchid Society newsletter as described in the September 2007 issue of *Orchids*

- 1 Rather than expensive and potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers on the greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids)
- 2 Clear or translucent plastic pots seem to encourage phalaenopsis orchids to send their roots into the growing medium rather than outside the pot. The green roots may also carry out photosynthesis.
- 3 To clean orchid pots more easily, add some detergent to the chlorine bleach solution. It will loosen roots that cling to the pot, saving the need for scrubbing.
- 4 Aspirin,(just _ of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water) helps to protect plants from fungal and viral pathogens, when used as a spray. (Do not exceed this amount)
- 5 Control fungus gnats in orchid medium with cinnamon, which kills any fungus that attracts the gnats.
- 6 Homemade insecticide - Mix in a gallon jug one pint of rubbing alcohol, one pint Formula 409 spray cleaner, and three quarts of water.
- 7 Red spider mite killer – In a blender mix equal parts of buttermilk and water to which you have added a few drops of dishwashing soap. Blend for 15 seconds, transfer to a sprayer, and spray every part of the infected plant.
- 8 Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol 70% can be put into an empty spray bottle and used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites, and perhaps other pests. Rubbing alcohol will also kill slugs if sprayed on them.
- 9 Another slug remedy is to cut an apple into slices and place on the growing medium in the evening. In the morning the offending slug will most likely be attached to the apple slice. Remove apple and slug promptly.
- 9 Neosporin can be used to treat orchid crown rot. Remove rotted area of plant before treatment.

The author suggests that when using any new home remedy for pest or disease control it is a good idea to test the recipe on a few plants (preferably not your favorites) before treating your entire collection.

Orchid of the Month: *Bulbophyllum* (adapted from Thomas Miranda in *Orchids* June 2006)

Now that the glory of spring orchids, shows and events are behind us, some more unusual orchids take center stage. *Bulbophyllum* a pantropical genus, with species hailing from Asia, Indonesia, New Guinea, Australia, Central and South America, boast some of the largest, craziest, and frankly the coolest orchid flowers. Adapted to be pollinated by a tremendously diverse array of insects, bulbophyllums have strolled down some of the less-taken-pathways of evolution. Two of the most spectacular species: *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* with alluring 12" long tawny flowers, and *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis* with enormous leaves and flowers resembling rotting meat, (complete with wriggling maggots) attract carrion flies and beetles for pollination with a remarkably fetid stench. While this sounds unpleasant, the plants are so intriguing that offending odors can be overlooked.



Bulbophyllum lobii, a lovely floriferous species that grows quickly into astonishing specimens is one of many sweetly fragrant members of the species. *Bulbophyllum barbigerum*, and *Bulbophyllum fascinator* lure their pollinators with strange, fluffy, mobile appendages on their segments and lip. *Bulbophyllum* also includes some of the most strikingly handsome species and hybrids in its ranks. A well grown plant of *Bulbophyllum longissimum* and *Bulbophyllum medusae* or the incredible *Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann* (*longissimum x rothschildianum*) which has been awarded under the genus name *Cirrhopetalum* make the conventional beauty of cattleyas and phalaenopsis

Cirrhopetalum Elizabeth Ann (grown and photographed by Eva Galson)

seem pedestrian by comparison. Most species are reasonably easy in intermediate to warm conditions with day temperatures in the 80s F and night temperatures of 58 F in winter.

Our librarian, Judi Witkin, wants to remind everyone that there are many interesting books in the library for members to borrow. Also, if anyone sees an interesting orchid book, tell Judi, so she can acquire it for the library

The Orchid Enthusiast

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The Central NY Orchid Society 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 most regular meetings.

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Picnic on Sunday, June 8 at noon, but come anytime after
10AM

Home of Rick Braue