

The Orchid Enthusiast

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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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It's time to renew your membership!

Individuals \$20

Family \$22

Send check to:

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All Members:

Remember to send me a description of your orchid growing space

Next Meeting: Sunday March 1, 2 PM, Mounting Clinic

The clinic will be conducted by Krum Sotirov, who will bring both plants and mounts. He will demonstrate both the European as well as the Japanese mounting methods.

The cost to members will be reasonable. Mounts, wire and moss will be provided, but bring any pliers, filament, twine, etc. that you may have on hand.

Why Do We Want to Mount Orchids?



Conserving space is one reason. When they are hanging up in the air they are not taking up crowded bench space.

But a more important reason is that most orchids are epiphytes, air plants which in nature derive their nutrients from rain, mist, dust and air. They cling to tree limbs, grow on top of rocks, hang from cliffs.

Epiphytes like their roots to get

wet and to dry off quickly.

Some grow terrestrially, but they are seldom found growing in pots. So when we grow orchids potted, we are really growing them un-naturally. Orchid medium is a convenience to hold the orchid roots in place, but when it starts to break down it hurts the roots by cutting off the air supply. This problem is eliminated by mounting.

However, one problem introduced by mounting is providing enough moisture to the exposed roots. Dendrobiums, Epidendrums, and Cattleyas are somewhat tolerant of dry roots, and make good candidates for mounting. Phals., Miltonias, Paphs, and Phrags are not as suitable, though they can be mounted if enough humidity is provided. One idea is to grow mounted orchids in a terrarium or Wardian Case. If one of those is not available, Mounted orchids will need to be watered more frequently, with a minimum of two or three thorough soakings per week. Additional misting or syringing in between can be beneficial when humidity is low. In the home, the best method is simply to dunk the entire plant, mount and all into a container of water and let it soak for a few minutes. This gives time for the roots to absorb all of the water they possibly can before removing the plant and allowing it drain.

This method of watering also makes fertilizing a breeze, since fertilizer can be added to the water.

FEBRUARY SHOW TABLE

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or **complete** your records.

CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE

Paph. unknown* Ditz
Phrag. besseae Coleman

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Epic. René Marqués (*Epi. pseudepidendrum* × *C. Claesiana*) Ditz
Cll. Snowflake (*Cau. bicornutum* × *L. albida*) Burritt
Bc. Yellow Bird (*B. nodosa* × Richard Mueller) "
Cattleya Love Castle (Psyche [1902] × José Dias Castro) Galson
Bsn. Maikai (*B. nodosa* × *Gur. bowringiana*) Capella

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

Onc. unguiculoides Capella
Onc. Sharry Baby (Jamie Sutton × Honolulu) Galson
Ons. Bittersweet (*Rst. bictoniensis* × *Onc.* Crowborough) Burritt

VANDACEOUS

Rhy. gigantea Capella
Phal. Sogo Vivien (Sogo Alice × Zuma's Pixie) Coleman
Phal. pallens "

DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE

Den. striolatum Capella
Den. nobile "
Den. nobile† Burritt
Den. Micro Chip (*normanbyense* × *aberrans*) "
Den. Mini Snowflake (*aberrans* × *johnsoniae*) Coleman

PLEUROTHALLIDS

Pths. sp. Ditz
Rstp. vasquezii Weller
Lths. calodictyon Witkin
Lths. telipogoniflora "
Dda. cristata "
Spe. picta Coleman
Masd. Morning Glory (Marguerite × *chaparensis*) Capella

COELOGYNE ALLIANCE

Ddc. saccolabium Capella
Ddc. cootesii "
Ddc. parvulum Weller
Ddc. wenzelii Ditz

MISCELLANEOUS

Liparis condylobulbon Capella
Cym. unknown Galson

*The only *Paphiopedilum* with a name like Ho is *Paph. Ho Chi Minh*. Contact your supplier.

†Since this is apparently a division, track down the original owner and get a clone name if you don't have one.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, iriscohen@aol.com or 315-461-9226.

Minutes of CNYOS Meeting of February 1, 2015

Treasurer's report for the February meeting: We had \$3565.20 in January. Our silent auction brought in \$427 bringing us to \$3992.20

On March 1st our program will be a mounting clinic conducted by Krum Sotirov, one of our members. Krum will supply the orchids and the mounts at a reasonable price.

Our April meeting will be on the second Sunday, 12th, this year due to Easter.

For the Rochester show, March 14 & 15, Sat. & Sun., members need to drop orchids off at Sue and Jerry's home. This should be prior to the show on the 12th or 13th. Please call ahead at 458-3040 to confirm the arrangements.

May 2nd & 3rd is the Southern Tier Orchid Show so we will not have a meeting in May. Again, call Sue and Jerry two days in advance for orchid drop offs at 458-3040.

Our auction will be held at our June meeting. Not sure yet as to the 1st or 2nd week of June. Waiting to see when Piping Rock Orchids will have their open house.

Jim Marlow announced an open house at his greenhouse sometime in May.

September 26th & 27th will be our orchid show. Due to this date the October meeting may not be held.

Thanks to Jan Woodworth and Donna Coleman for refreshments.

Refreshment Volunteers

March	1. Bob Pfrom	2. Carol Haskell
April	1.	
May	1. Sus Ikuta	2. ? (No Meeting, Sus, please change date)
June Spring Picnic & Auction		Everyone Contributes
July & August	No Meetings	
September 2015	1. Deb and Jack Hesse	2. Lori Burritt
October	1. ?	2. ?
November	1. ?	2. ?

President's Message & Events Calendar

If I thought it was crazy with the holidays, then it hasn't changed much so far. I think I finally have a handle on the meeting dates schedule. So the upcoming events look like this:

March 1 - CNYOS meeting - mounting clinic with Krum

March 13 - GROS set up for show

March 15 - GROS tear down

April 12 - CNYOS meeting (late due to Easter) Topic TBA

April 24-26 - SEPOS in Philadelphia

May - NO CNYOS MEETING THIS MONTH

May 1 - STOS set up for show

May 3 - STOS tear down

June 7 or later - CNYOS meeting - Annual Member Auction

July - August. No meetings for CNYOS

Sept 13 - CNYOS Meeting- Get Ready to Show! (late due to Labor Day)

Sept 25-27 -CNYOS ANNUAL SHOW !!!

Nov. ?

Also be on the lookout for NENYOS Open House at Piping Rock Orchids. I don't have an exact date yet but it's one fun and educational day! Not to mention the terrific picnic food!

This is what I have planned up to the show. The calendar forced a lot of changes this year so get the latest updates in your newsletters and come to meetings for the fun side!

On a serious note; Cards or phone calls would be appreciated for Monica and Bill Kot. Bill's cancer has spread and he's not doing well at all.

Sue Finger

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 2/1/15

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Key Bank	3,367.26
Cash Account	<u>716.00</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	4,083.26

Summary Report 1/1/15-2/1/15

Inflows	601.00*
Outflows	<u>82.06</u>

Net Inflows/Outflows 518.94 *Auction Sales: \$427.00

Krum's Comment on Dolores' Description of her Orchid Room in the Feb. Newsletter

Thank you as always for the wonderful newsletter! I have a comment about Dolores' growing area - something that I am sure everyone wants to hear:

When selecting fluorescent light tubes (or bulbs) there is only one little fact you need to know which will save you a bunch of dollars:

The color of the light is measured in degrees Kelvin (or K) and all light sources are clearly labeled with the value for their color. For example: "Bright White 6500 K"

The specially designed and expensive "plant grow lights" are nothing more than a value that is in the red spectrum. These may be beneficial for the plant growth, but they make the plants look unnatural, which I find to be unsightly.

So here is the fact – the real day light at a bright sunny afternoon is 5400 K

There are fluorescent light tubes sold at Lowes and Home Depot which come pretty close to that - 5500 K
Or you could add one tube "Bright White 6500K" plus one "Soft White 4500K" $(6500+4500)/2= 5500$ K – too easy!!

With this value your plants will not only grow best, but you will appreciate their true colors when they are in bloom.

Paphiopedilum Pinocchio (abstracted from the website of Vivi's Orchid Corner)



(I have this orchid, but it has not favored me with a flower yet. I'm hoping for a bloom this year. Eva)

Paph. Pinocchio is a cross between *Paph. glaucophyllum* and *Paph. primulinum*. This orchid can bloom continuously for a long time given the proper growing environment.

Temperatures: This orchid adapts to South Florida and tolerates warm to intermediate temperatures. During the winter months provide it cooler temps of 13 °c/55 °F. Take caution not to let it get overly hot during summer months.

Watering: Water well and evenly allowing the water to run through. It is best NOT to let the medium dry out between watering. I have however, let it dry out just a tad, but not overly dry for too long. Think - 'more evenly moist'. These orchids do not have pseudobulbs in which to store water. Letting them dry out causes the fine roots to become dry. Watering too much and the roots rot easily. Humidity is important.. if there is little humidity outside, mist your orchids more frequently. A good dose of rainwater does wonders for orchids.

Lighting: Pinocchio does best if it receives some bright indirect light. I give my orchid some sun - morning or afternoon sunlight. Take care not to place the paph in direct sunlight all day long, especially in summer months. They cannot tolerate hot bright sunlight. Light shade is perfect!

Flowers: Wow, look at this beauty! A delicate slipper. The lip is a gorgeous rosy color, with a green cap. Lateral petals are a creamy white color with rosy speckles. Petals twist and turn gracefully and are adorned with fine hairs. What a sight! **Paph. Pinocchio** blooms for a long time - primarily in spring and summer. Flowers are borne on a single stalk and bloom one after another, known as sequential blooming. Paphs have an exotic appearance. These may not be as showy as phalaenopsis or other types of orchids, but **Paph. Pinocchio** certainly stands alone! Appreciate the delicate nature of the flower - that is power of paphs.

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