

THE ORCHID ENTHUSIAST

The Newsletter of the Central New York Orchid Society

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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 **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 Treasurer
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~ CNYOS 2022 Meetings ~

Mar 6th - In Person Potting Clinic: Sue Finger will be setting this up with an assortment (at least 10 different varieties) of plugs from Carmella's Orchids. Orchiata bark will be provided (donated by Marlow's Orchids) as well as small green plastic pots. Potting help/instruction will be provided. A nominal donation of **\$3 per plant** is requested. *Note: Please feel free to bring any additional pots or potting media that you prefer to use. (There will be a Show Table and Raffle Table)*

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>

To contact OrchidPhile

www.facebook.com/orchidphile or

orchidphile@optimum.net **

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

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)

March 22, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Greenhouse Chat March 2022

Ron McHatton

(Open to All; submit questions by March 18th)

April 19th, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Evolution of LED Lighting, Part 2

How to Set up an Indoor Grow Area

Kelly McCracken

(Member Only Webinar)

Minutes: February 6, 2022 ~~Zoom Meeting~~ ^{March 2022}

~ Zoom Meeting: 2 pm Guest speaker Dr. Leslie Ee speaking on Paph. venustum: The Pauper Prince of the Dragon Kingdom. It was very informative and we learned everything we wanted to know and more about Paph. venustum. Jerry followed with conducting meeting.

~ Treasury Report: Key Bank - \$4689.86; Cash - \$416.50; Total Assets - \$5105.56

~ CNYOS show update - Show is confirmed for Oct. 1 & 2 at Beaver Lake. Set-up is Sept. 30. So far we have two confirmed judges (including head judge) and one confirmed vendor. Sue is waiting to hear back from others

~ GROS show is April 1-3, set-up April 1. Members can drop off blooming plants at the church, Fingers, Jan or Judi's.

~ SEPOS- April 8-10

~ STOS show is April 23 & 24, set-up April 22. Member plant drop off same as GROS show. The African violet show is this weekend as well.

~ Dickman Farms has cancelled the annual Va Va Bloom show again this year.

~ March meeting: Sue has ordered a variety of 100 plant plugs from Carmella's in Hawaii for \$269. Shipment will depend on the weather. Pots and Orchidata will also be available. (NOTE: Shipping confirmed)

~ April meeting: No meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the GROS show that weekend.

~ May meeting: Speaker: Art Chadwick, Topic: TBD

~ June meeting: Picnic and members plant auction.

~ There was a discussion on cleaning out the closet in the church where we store books, snack supplies and miscellaneous other supplies. David will check if there is a storage space in the Parrish Hall. Many items including books will be placed in the June auction.

~ Sunshine committee: Jan sent a sympathy card to Chris Smith for the loss of her brother. Also to John Carnessali for the loss of a relative. Jack and Lori are both feeling better.

~ Show Table: Jan, Jane, David and Charles showed off some beautiful blooms.

Meeting adjourned about 3:45.

Submitted by Judi Witkin, Secretary

*** 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 We need help with this!!

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.



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*.

~ Monthly Checklist ~
 Orchid Care

**AOS Monthly Checklist
 for March-April**

Treasurer's Report: As of February 24, 2022

Income: \$20.00 (Dues Pd.)
TOTAL IN: \$20.00

Expenses: Carmella's Orchids (Plugs for Program): \$ 269.00
 Speaker Fee (Dr. Ee): \$ 200.00
TOTAL OUT: \$ 483.20

Key Bank: \$ 3,785.31
 Petty Cash: \$ 453.50
TOTAL ASSETS: \$ 4,238.81

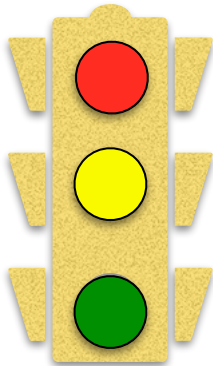
~ Respectfully submitted,
 Sue Finger, Treasurer CNYOS



CNYOS would like to thank Sue Finger for all the hats she wears for the club!!! From planning events, treasurer, recording the monthly show table, running meetings, club show tables - ours and others, the answerer of tons of questions, sage of plant identification, grower of beautiful plants, and much, much more.

Definitely one of the key members of making and keeping the club successful!

Thank you Sue!



REMINDER:

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

~ Support Vendors ~

Vendor Information can be found on page 2.



Paph. venustum x sib ('Frog Prince' x 'Gigantic')

Orchid Inn

~ Welcome ~
 New CNYOS Member
David DuBois

~ Monica Kot ~

Longtime CNYOS member Monica Kot has a new address. She is presently at Central Park Rehab & Nursing Center. A card or quick note would brighten her day.

Central Park Rehab & Nursing Center
 Monica Kot, Room 205
 116 Martin Luther King E.
 Syracuse, NY 13205



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.

Spring is busting out all over – in some parts of the country anyway...As much as we have moved forward during the last two years under this very unpopular pandemic, there are still areas where holding a major group function is a concern. If you are in one of those areas, don't despair. Be sure to check in frequently with your society members and let them know brighter days are ahead.

Meanwhile, take **expert care** of your orchid collections. Tune into **webinars** and orchid study groups. Make new orchid friends. Join presentations offered remotely by neighboring or distant orchid societies. Read **ORCHIDS magazine** (exclusive AOS individual member benefit) from cover to cover. Dive into the magazine archives and experience orchids through the ages. Discover the world of AOS awards through **OrchidPro** (exclusive AOS member benefit). Browse the AOS website for **pronunciation guides, pest control, care and culture information**, book reviews, and more. There are many benefits of membership in the AOS and **loads of resources** for all levels of orchid growers.

Be hopeful that a new season of orchids is just around the corner.

~ 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

March 2022 AOS Orchidist's Word of the Month:

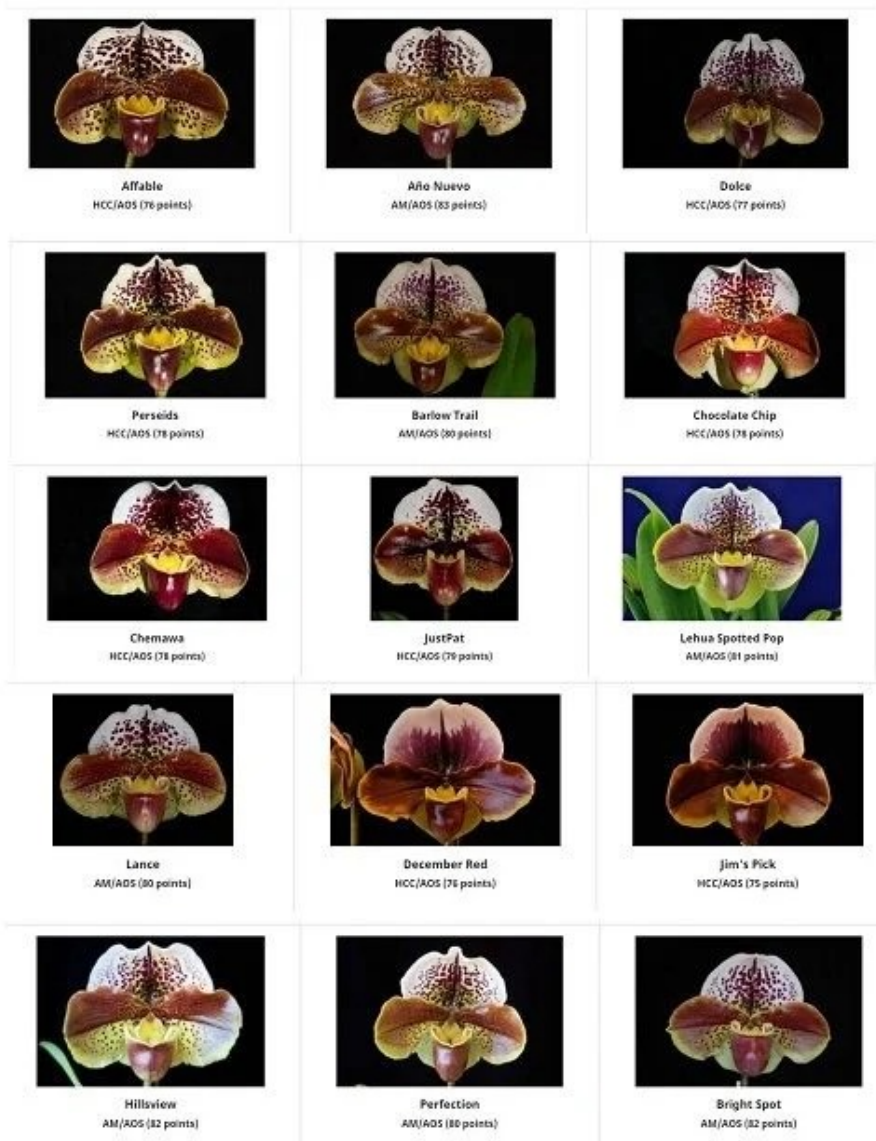
shading (SHAY-ding):

The act of reducing the amount of sunlight entering a greenhouse by means of translucent panels, semi-opaque paint, or opaque screen; a substance or material used for such purpose.

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.

Now that you have been working so hard on your orchid collection, it's time to show them off. Don't be intimidated by the judging process. You are encouraged to bring your orchids for judging to orchid shows and monthly judging, wherever AOS judging takes place. Though not every orchid is awardable, you can compare your orchid to those that have already been awarded to see how yours might fit in.

To illustrate diversity awarded in the same orchid hybrid, below is a comparison sample of Paphiopedilum Luther Pass (Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill x Paphiopedilum Spottedglen). In OrchidPro you can learn that there are 18 AOS awards to this hybrid paphiopedilum. The first award was granted in 2009, the most recent award, January 02, 2022. Many are from the same exhibitor.



Which one is your favorite?

OrchidPro is a benefit of AOS membership. Take some time to explore all of the features. Even if you are not yet into exhibiting your orchids, there is a lot of information available to help you understand your orchids better.

Read your orchid name tags. You can search by species, or hybrid name, to see prior awards. If you do not know the hybrid name you can research the parents individually. Does your plant favor one parent over the other? Is it a nice blend of both parents? It may be worthy of an award. Do your research. Sit in on judging sessions. The more you know the better you grow and the better you show.

Criteria for Judging Venustums

- Distinct and clear colours
- Pouch marbling and venation strongly marked
- Dorsal shape should approach flatness though slight cupping is normal
- Petals should outstretch as horizontally as possible
- Petal tips should be as flat and wide as possible with slight recurving back. Double flowered inflorescence should be given more merit
- Floriferousness is a trait, so ratio of blooming growths to old growths should not exceed 1 to 3
- Size over 10 cm is exceptional (avg 9.5 cm)

Culture of Venustums

- Light needs are low to medium (800-1200 FC)
- Adapts to all temperatures from cool to hot. But prefer warm to intermediate at 15-28C range (59-82F).
- Cool nights during the fall/winter will help set the buds. Blooms usually winter/spring.
- Generally resistance to rot on leaves and roots due to habitat wetness.
- Likes to be moist all the time, but not soggy
- Open mix with inert airy materials (like perlite and clay pellets) are best with bark and charcoal.
- Never let dry during growing season in summer. Moist in winter to prevent buds from blasting.
- Growing all year long, so often.
- All fertilizers good but keep 5.8-6.2, TDS 200-500 pp EC 0.5-0.8.
- Flushing helps keep roots healthy; every 3rd watering.
- Can flower every time a new growth matures. Send out new growths often and therefore clumps easily.
- Due to heavy watering, ideal to replot annually but definitely every two years at maximum.



Members,

For those who attended the February Zoom program with Dr. Leslie Ee speaking on Paph venustum, I asked for recommendations from him for sources. His presentation was great and very informative, and I sent him a Thank You email. Here's his reply:

Hi Sue

I'm happy all enjoyed the talk! For sources of venustum, try Paph Paradise, Orchid Inn and Sunset Valley Orchids.

The leca clay pellets method is this in clear pots to see roots:

Bottom: 2-3 layers of leca

Middle: 2-4 inch of bark/perlite/ charcoal (ratio of 3:2:1)

Top: NZ moss or tree fern

Sit in a 1-inch tall clear tray

Water when tray is dry from previous watering

Water from top through moss

Hope this helps! All the best ~ Leslie

I was unfamiliar with Orchid Inn. It's a nice website with some great venustum pictures. Most of you should be familiar with the other two growers. Just in case anyone is interested in acquiring some Paphs.

He also explained the potting and watering technique that I had asked about. Looks great to try.

Weather is warming, daylight is lengthening, heading towards Spring!

~ Sue Finger

~ UPCOMING SHOW NEWS ~

~ We will be exhibiting at **GROS** on the **first weekend of April**. The space reservation has been scanned and emailed. Exhibit plants will be needed, so start grooming for showing. Contact your Show Team at the next meeting for scheduled drop-off of plants depending on the area closest to you. Or email:

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 Jan Woodworth jan.woodworth123@gmail.com
 Jerry & Sue Finger jandsfinger@aol.com
 David Ditz dditz7733@hotmail.com

~ We will be exhibiting at **STOS on the 23rd and 24th of April** at the Roberson Museum in Binghamton. Exhibit plants will go to Jan Woodworth and Sue Finger.

~ Also on the 23rd and 24th of April is the show sponsored by the **African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Syracuse** at Beaver Lake Nature Center. They will have plants for sale.

~ **CNYOS SHOW & SALE: OCTOBER 1&2, 2022** **SET-UP: SEPT 30, 2022**

Yes, our show is shaping up. We have the venue reserved, Beaver Lake Nature Center. We have a Judges' Chair, John Sullivan. Paul Sheetz will also be here to judge and we are waiting for others to confirm. We have vendors, Fair Orchids (confirmed), J&L Orchids (awaiting confirmation), and Little Brook Orchids (confirming later). If we are short on vendors, Glen Decker, previously of Piping Rock Orchids, said he will sell but using only one table. We have new road signs ready to go up at the usual intersections on the Monday before the show.

~ Jan is in charge of Road Signs and contacting area garden clubs.
 ~ David Ditz is in charge of Advertising, Clerks, Ribbons, and Trophies.
 ~ Judi is Head of the Hospitality Desk at the entrance and the Raffle.
 ~ Jerry will be coordinating the club Food Room.
 ~ Sue is the Chair for Registrations, Schedule, Judges, Vendors, Area Societies.
 ~ Sue and Jerry are the Co-Show Chairs overall.

All of us have done and will do a lot of work for our Society's show.

Please feel free to volunteer to bring food or be a Room Monitor or a Clerk during judging or a Hospitality Greeter.

Come in on Friday to help set up the show room and cover tables with black plastic sheeting.

Most of all, if you have any room at home to **host a judge for one night**, Friday, that will make their job much easier. Just contact someone on the list of Chairs and offer lodging or other help.

Thanks, Sue Finger

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>

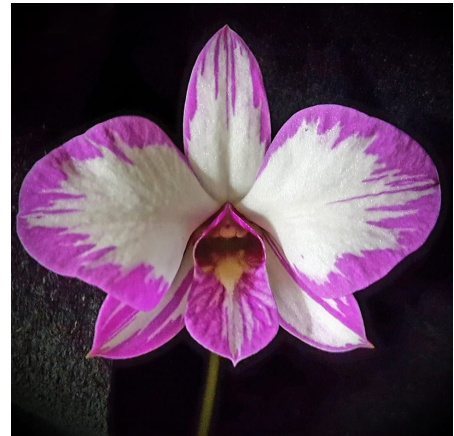
Directions to St. Augustine’s Church:

<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!

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