

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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your membership!
Individuals \$20
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Next Meeting: May 7 at 2PM at the Church. The Speaker Will Be Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids. She Will Give a Presentation on "Little Gems – Small Plants for Small Places".

Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after a vacation in Florida with her mother. Already intrigued by orchids, she finally bought a small cattleya seedling, not knowing at the time that it would take seven or eight years to get a bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting her future husband, Rolf in 1985, the addiction became severe when he too got involved with orchids.

When the hobby got out of hand and developed into a serious passion for both Linda and Rolf, they started their business Woodland Orchids. When first starting, they specialized in breeding warm tolerant Oncidiinae but as is often the case, their interest changed and now their main breeding efforts are miniature and compact cattleya hybrids. They also breed a number of different species and have made some wonderful Stanhopea hybrids.

An Accredited Judge with the AOS, Linda is very active in the judging program, having served in various positions with the Carolinas Judging Center including the job of the Training Coordinator, 5 years as the Chair of the Center and six years as a Trustee for the American Orchid Society. She enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in Central America and the islands. *"It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends."* She is a frequent guest speaker at orchid societies all over the USA as well as having lectured in Brazil, Trinidad, Barbados and Guatemala. Woodland Orchids greenhouses are no longer open to the public, they no longer go to Orchid Shows, and are no longer shipping plants. However, Linda is still talking to Orchid Societies across the country and will be taking plants for sale. The website includes plants that can be pre-ordered by society members if Linda will be in your area. As usual, some plants are very limited in quantity and are available on a first come – first serve basis only. She asks for your understanding if your plants are no longer available. Please order by May 3 at the latest.

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GROS Show



CNYOS Exhibit at GROS 2017

The GROS show was a success for CNYOS. Many thanks go to the dedicated members who contributed their plants, and to Jan, Judi, Sue and Jerry who set up our display which won:

3rd Place for an Orchid Society Exhibit of more than 15 plants. First place went to the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society, 2d place went to GROS, with Sonnenberg Gardens and CNYOS tying for 3d. In addition, the following members won ribbons and/or other awards for their plants:

Class	Ribbon	Plant Name	Best of
Sue & Jerry Finger			
10	3	Masd. amplexa	
15	1	Den. jonesii	Dendrobium

Sue & Jerry Finger con't

Best of

18	3	Den. Kungara
23	3	Paph. primulinum var. purpurascens
40	3	Onc. Tiger Brew 'Pacific Holiday' AM/AOS
44	1	Phal. Little Gem Stripes
50	2	V. Pakchung Blue

Donna Coleman

8	2	Ctt. Exotic Mini Treat
16	2	Den. Lady Moon
18	3	Den. Mini Snowflake
39	1	Trt. Cebolleta
43	2	Phal. Liu's Fantasy
44	1	Phal Leopard Prince
49	1	Rntda. Sunrise
69	1	Dsh. Aurora

David Ditz

27	3	Paph
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Lauri Burritt

18	1	Den. SOOS Celebrates 50	Windowsill
27	3	Paph. Fred's Lady	

Jan Woodworth

22	2	Paph lowii
26	2	Paph. Fairly Dreamy
49	2	V. Cherry Blossom

Lori Hoffman

47	3	Phal. Venitian Peach 'Peach Delight' HCC/AOS
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Jack Hasse

6	3	Rth. Haw Yuan Gold
11	3	Masd. Re Wing 'Volcano Queen' HCC/AOS

Congratulations to all the winners!

Refreshment Volunteers

May	Linda Wilhelm will be driving to Rochester directly from our meeting, so we need a generous Lunch
June	Spring Picnic – Everyone contributes
July and August	No Meetings
September	1? 2. ?
October	Show
November	1. ? 2. ?

STOS Show 2017

CNYOS will have an exhibit at the Southern Tier Orchid Society Show, which takes place May 19-21. Set up will be on May 19 from about 2 to 7 PM. Set-up and take-down will be performed by Sue, Jerry and Jan. The Show will take place at the Oakdale Mall, Center Court, at exit 70N of Route 17 in Johnson City. Plants may be dropped off at Sue and Jerry's (315/458-3040) or the church. More information in the next newsletter.

Events Calendar

April 23	STOS Meeting & Auction
April 29-30	African Violet & Gesneriad Society Annual Show Beaver Lake
April 29-30	Lois Duffin Orchids Estate Cymbidium Sale
May 7	CNYOS Meeting – Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids
May 7	Mid- Hudson Orchid Society Speaker – Tom Miranda “Orchid Hunting in Central America”
June 3	Glen Decker and Piping Rock Annual Open House
June 4	CNYOS Picnic & Vender Auction
June 13	Jim Marlow of Marlow Orchids Open House
July & August	No Meetings
September 3 or 10	CNYOS Meeting – Krum Satirov
October 1	CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake
October 8	CNYOS Meeting – Tom Biggart

News About Monica (and Ed Galson)

Monica Kot had a heart catheterization in March, and open heart surgery in April, and is recovering . I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from Orchid Club members.

My husband, Ed is at the Cleveland Clinic getting ready for an aortic valve replacement which will be done on Monday April 24. He is not having an open heart procedure. They are threading the valve from his groin to his heart. Our sons are taking turns keeping Ed company, and our daughters are doing the same for me.

Tiny Feathered Friends of Reed-Stem Epidendrums

Republished: This article was originally written by Paris Everett Merriam



An Anna's hummingbird resting on a reed-stem epidendrum.

Grower: Paris Everett Merriam. Photo by: Paris Everett Merriam.

Hummingbirds enjoy visiting my reed-stem epidendrums, where they can be found resting peacefully on the long, twisted stems of this outdoor flowering orchid. Our resident hummingbird in Southern California is the Anna's hummingbird. These flying jewels of the sky belong to the family Trochilidae, one of the most highly specialized natural groups of birds. Nectar plants, feeders and birdbaths will attract hummingbirds as well.

Reed-stem epidendrums, often referred to as "the ever-blooming jewels of the garden," produce long-lasting flowers. They are easy to grow, whether for the novice or for the experienced grower. These orchids are available in a variety of colors, are easily propagated and produce new plants on their stems. Keikis, the new vegetative growth that is found on old stems and flower spikes, will develop roots 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 cm) long. The keikis can then be removed and grown into new plants.

The diverse genus *Epidendrum* is native to the tropical Americas, from Florida to Mexico, and from Central America to Argentina. The plants grow from sea level to elevations of almost 15,000 feet (4,570 m), and can tolerate variable climates. As the name *Epidendrum* implies, "upon a tree," most are epiphytic in nature. However, some are lithophytic and terrestrial. There are close to 1,000 species of *Epidendrum*. Research from Calaway H. Dodson, PhD, and Robert L. Dressler, PhD, indicate that hummingbirds pollinate some species of *Epidendrum*, including *Epidendrum secundum* and *Epidendrum pseudepidendrum*.

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