

# 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**

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**Next Meeting: Sunday November 2. Our Speaker will be Krum Sotirov whose topic will be "Water, Plant Foods, Fertilizer.**

Krum is a member of our club, and has spoken to the club on various topics, which are always interesting.

He was born in Bulgaria and is now living in US. He has been growing orchids for more than 23 years, first as a hobby, later as a profession. Currently, he maintains an orchid collection in Watertown NY.

From 1996 he spent over three years working at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London UK in the Orchid Unit under the supervision of Sandra Bell and Dusha Hayes. There he gained vast knowledge for problem solving in the orchid green house to include knowledge of orchid pest and diseases, acclimatization of new orchid species and orchid classification and systematization.

Krum will be bringing plants to sell, so we will not have a raffle table, but bring your blooming beauties for the Show Table.

## **President's Message**

It was an exhausting show but I hope everyone involved learned something useful about growing our favorite plants. If you didn't volunteer for a job this year, please think about helping out next year. We sure can use the help and the jobs don't have to be demanding ones.

The November meeting agenda includes the nomination of officers. You can nominate anyone in the club but if the nominee is not present, they will be contacted in order to accept. So please be sure to come to the meeting as we'll need to make plans for the coming year. The election voting will be the only business done at the December meeting with the new officers taking over at the first of the year. If you are interested in holding an office, you are allowed to volunteer of course. If you would like to help out as an assistant to that officer, also please speak up. If we spread the work out it becomes easier for all.

Good growing!

Sue Finger



## CNYOS Ribbon and Award Winners

Class	Place	Pl.#	Plant Name	Alliance Award Winners
<i>David Ditz</i>				
61	3	38	Malleola aberana	
63	3	39	Malleola aberans	
74	1	178	Unknown	
152	1	43	Platystele stenostachya	
157	1	40	Habenaria medusa	Best Miscellaneous Orchid
162	1	46	Liparis nutans	Best of Zygopetalum Alliance

***Donna Coleman***

62	3	18	Vanda Twinkle
76	1	20	PhalaaenopsisnKenneth Schubert
103	2	19	Oncidium Speckled Spire
106	2	12	Erycina pusilla
108	1	13	Erycina pucilla
131	2	17	Dendrobium Enobi Purple
131	3	16	Dendrobium Hiroshi Takunaga
157	2	14	Macodes petula
157	3	15	Dossinochilus Aurora
192	2	22	Picture Puzzle - Craft

***Eva Galson***

37	2	33	Prosthechea Green Hornet
107	2	32	Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS

***Iris Cohen***

54	1	155	Paphiopedilum Wossner Zwerg
78	1	156	Phalaenopsis Formosa Cranberry

***Jerry and Sue Finger***

130	2	75	Dendrobium bracteosum
150	2	78	Masdevallia nidifica
158	1	79	Dendrochilum magnum

***Judi Witkin***

41	3	4	Paph. niveum
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***Lauri Burritt***

60	1	136	Aerengis biloba
76	2	177	Phal. Little Blue Bird
103	3	138	Oncidium Sharry Baby

***Lori Hoffman***

33	1	3	Rlc. Hawaiian Passion
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***Monica Kot***

46	3	61	Paph. Cotton Ball
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***Jack & Deb Hasse***

101	2	25	Oncidopsis Bartley Schwarz
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*Jan Woodworth*

107 1 47 Psychopsis Butterfly var. alba

*Christine Smith*

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Best in Artistic Classes

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*Q&A from the AOS Website*

**Q.**

**Volck Oil Spray** Is Ortho's Volck Oil Spray safe to use on my orchids? I have white scale on several of my cattleyas and nothing I have used seems to solve the problem. The label states that this product is not to be used on maidenhair ferns, red maples, Japanese maples or nonwoody plants. Since the cattleyas are certainly nonwoody, could a weak solution be applied safely?. — *Marie B. Lambert*

**A.**

I do not have any direct experience with this product on orchids, but it is my feeling that since it is an older product, it may not be too safe for sensitive plants. It can cause phototoxicity so if you do use it, make sure it is during the coolest part of the day. Really, the only thing that has ever proven successful on the white boisduval scale has been Cygon (dimethoate). It is not labeled for orchids so we cannot recommend its use. One control for boisduval that I have used is a mixture of Safers Insecticidal soap and Sunspray horticultural oil at full strength. It takes several applications, and it is definitely a control rather than eradication, but it seemed to succeed for me. Boisduval is very hard to get rid of, so this will take some persevering on your part. — *Ned Nash*



**Q.**

**Habenaria rhodocheila** I was given a plant of *Habenaria rhodocheila* in full bloom. It is a really beautiful orchid and I would like to see it bloom again next year. Now that the flowers have faded, how do I care for it? — *Captain G.P. Woodward*

**A.**

Habenarias have been promoted as being among the most difficult orchids to grow. Yet if one pays particular attention to their general needs, they are actually one of the easiest. The most important key to their culture is watering. Asian species of *Habenaria* go through a definite monsoon-type growing season. They are developed from corms that go totally dormant in the parched soil of their native habitat, so parched that the soil is rock-hard and cracked. In

the early spring, the rains soften the soil and spark the *Habenaria* into new growth. The plants are now kept in a constant state of wetness, growing at amazing rates until midsummer. At the point when the rosettes of leaves seem to be slowing down, this is the time to watch for emerging flower spikes from the center of the rosette. The plant should still be kept continuously moist until the last flower has fallen off. At this point, the plant must still be watered, but allowed to dry slightly between waterings. This is done because the plant is now producing new corms for next year's growth under the soil. Now comes the hard part. When the foliage starts to become spotted and looks as if it is dying, stop watering the plant. Give no water at all. We put our awarded plants on top of an electrical service panel where it is guaranteed they will not receive any water, even accidentally. Repot in dry mix at this time. Then around February to March, take a look every week and see if anything is poking up through the top of the soil. If it is, water it. If not, put it back. An occasional misting by the middle of April can spark the plant if no signs of growth are present. *Habenarias* purchased as bare-root corms should not be planted until April, as the damp soil mixes will start growth and alter their growth cycle unfavorably. The preferred mixes are any of the soilless blends, such as ProMix HP. — *Joe Palermo*

## *Events Calendar*

**Oct 19 STOS Monthly Meeting**

**Nov 2 CNYOS Meeting –Talk by Krum Sotirov**

**Dec. 7 CNYOS Meeting – Holiday Party**

**Jan. 11 CNYOS Meeting – Member Auction**

## *Refreshment Volunteers*

Nov. 2 - Dolores Capella                      David Ditz

Dec. 7 – Holiday Party –Everyone contributes

Jan 11 - TBA                                      TBA

## *2014 CNYOS Show*

*Another successful Show is completed, and I want to thank all of you who volunteered, from clerks to show monitors whose sharp eyes safeguarded our plants. Thanks for all those beautiful plants you provided, expertly arranged by Jan and Judi.*

*The food was excellently managed by Jerry Finger, so that the room looked neat and clean, and there was sufficient delicious food for everyone.*

*If any of you have ideas or suggestions of how to make the Show even better next year, please let me or a member of the committee know. The committee will have a show review meeting in November and we welcome any input. We also welcome everyone who wants to join the show committee to plan next year's show.*

*The position of Show Chairman will be open this coming year, so anyone interested, please let Sue or me know.*

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