

# The Orchid Enthusiast

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Come to the  
CNYOSShow and  
Sale and Bring Your  
Friends !!

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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An added attraction at the Orchid Show will be Rick Braue, who will answer your orchid questions on Saturday afternoon

***Next Meeting: No Formal Meeting on Sunday October 7. Meeting Date Coincides with CNYOS Fall Show and Sale***

CNYOS Fall Show and Sale is October 6th and 7th at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Set up is Friday, October 5, from noon to 7 PM. Judging is Saturday morning. The Show is open to the public Saturday from noon to 5PM and Sunday from 10AM to 4PM. Take down is 4 PM on Sunday.

Register your plants with Sue Finger as soon as possible to prevent a last minute flood of registration. [jandsfinger@aol.com](mailto:jandsfinger@aol.com) or 458-3040. Sue needs: the correct plant name, the plant parentage, whether it was grown under lights or windowsill, Whether it is a miniature, and if your orchid is a Phal. or complex Paph she needs the color. The website [www.RHS.org](http://www.RHS.org) can help you find parentage. If you don't know the name, give Sue whatever information you have. If the orchid is entirely unknown it can't be registered in the show, but put it on display anyway to enhance our table. Go to our website [www.cnyos.org](http://www.cnyos.org) to find a copy of the Show Rules, Instructions for Exhibitors, Show Schedule, and the Show Entry form.

When in doubt as to whether an orchid will be ready for the show or not, register it anyway. It's easier to take it off an early list then squeezing it in at the last minute.

Bring your plants to Beaver Lake Nature Center is at 8477 E. Mud Lake Rd, Baldwinsville between noon and 2 PM on Friday. For directions go to the Beaver Lake website or to Google Maps. If you can't get to Beaver Lake that Friday to deliver orchids, you can contact Judi Witkin 422-0869, Jan Woodworth 687-7207, or Sue & Jerry Finger 458-3040, for drop-off arrangements. Plants can also be dropped off at the church by Thursday. Contact David Ditz at 635-8148.

**There is one change this year: To speed up show judging, the judges have requested that Saturday lunch sandwiches be brought to Beaver Lake for them, so they can continue working through lunch. Therefore, there will be no restaurant lunch for the clerks and other show workers. Everyone will have to make his or her own arrangements, and there will be food in the backroom.**

I'm repeating a few tips on how to get your plants ready for the show:

Remove all traces of insects and disease

Remove all weeds from the potting medium.

Remove all dead leaves and cut off any browned leaf-tips.

Remove dead sheathes from cattleya pseudobulbs.

Wipe off hard water or salt residue from leaves. Thick leaves, such as those on Phal. and Cattleyas can be made more attractive by wiping them with a small amount of vegetable oil.

Remove the plant tags, and put the plant name and your name on the pot with indelible pen. If the pot is black, put the name on a piece of tape attached to the pot.

Stake your plants in such a way that the flowers will be attractively displayed when our exhibit is arranged.

Put your name and the list of plants on the box in which you brought your plants, to make it easier for those taking down the show.

**So pretty up your beauties, and bring them for display to make our booth outstanding.**

**Tell your friends neighbors and acquaintances about the show and bring them along.**

**If you have a copy of our show poster, find a library or store which will let you display it.**

**Nancy Loveland heroically appeared on the Laura Hand Show at 6AM on Saturday, and did such a good job, that the station may send a crew to film our show!! Many thanks, Nancy**

### *President's Message*

Lots of plans are in the works for our show coming up next month. Each year we hope to make it a little better, a little more interesting somewhere along the line. Our members put in lots of work to be sure that set up, the show itself, and tear down are done like clockwork and I would like to thank all who have donated their time and talents to their club. We couldn't do this without you all.

\*\*\*\* THANK YOU!! \*\*\*\*

Come to the show, enjoy all the blooms and take advantage of our vendors (Just Pat, Bloomfield, Marlow's, and supplies at Kelly's Korner).

See you there!

Sue

### *Show Volunteers*

Here is a reminder of what everyone promised to do during the show. Please note that display monitors are still needed for the whole show. We also would like to have two people for each shift at the club booth.



Lauri Burritt - Chili  
 Donna Coleman - Cookies  
 Barbara Weller - Lasagna  
 Honey Goshorn - Bread: Choc Zucchini, Choc Banana  
 Ham, Cheese: Jerry and Sue  
 Cookies, Pie: Jerry and Sue - made by our daughter.  
 Soda, Water, Ice, coffee maker, powdered creamer, sugar, utensils, paper goods, mustard, mayo, decaf instant... and whatever else we can think of,  
 Jerry and Sue will be bringing, some Friday, some Saturday.  
 Nancy - Salad/Dressing and Rolls

Sunday - Chili: Jan Woodworth  
 Brownies: Lisa Logudici and Celeste Schmutzler  
 Pie: Jerry and Sue- another made by our daughter.

Saturdays goods will likely have some leftovers for Sunday. We would appreciate if more members could just bring a bag of chips either day or bring a cheese and crackers tray. No one has to cook that way.

## ***Minutes – CNYOS Meeting September 9, 2012***, Pat Cotter, Secretary 9/13/2012

**Sue Finger opened the meeting at 2:40PM:**

- 1. Sue welcomed our new member, Lisa, to the group. Sue also reported that Monica Kot is serving as Sunshine chairperson. If you know of any member who is sick or has suffered a loss, please alert Monica by telephone and she will send a card.**
- 2. Carol Haskell submitted the Treasurer's report. The club balance is \$3,518.46. She reported that the club's May 2012 auction yielded a \$1487 profit.**
- 3. Old business: Sue reported that we enjoyed our annual June club picnic/meeting which was held at David Ditz's home. Several members also attended the June picnic and open house at Piping Rock Orchids. She noted that Glen Decker is mentioned in a new book, "The Scent of Scandal."**
- 4. Our next official meeting will be held Sunday, November 4. No October meeting will be held as the first Sunday of October coincides with the weekend for our annual orchid show. The December meeting will be held Sunday, December 2, and will be the club Christmas party.**
- 5. We will nominate a slate of officers for 2013 at the November meeting. Officers will be elected at the December meeting and take office at the January meeting.**
- 6. CNYOS 2012 Show: We will have 4 vendors at our show: Just Pat's, Marlow Orchids, Bloomfield Orchids and Kelly's (supplies).**
- 7. Show setup will take place on Friday, October 5, from Noon to 7PM (sunset). The show hours will be 12N-5PM on Saturday, October 6, and 10A-4PM on Sunday, October 7.**
- 8. Sue reminded the members that we need blooming orchids for the club display and show. Plants can be dropped off at St. Augustine's Church until Thursday, October 4, at 4PM. Call David Ditz if you have any questions. Plants can also be dropped off at Judi Witkins, until Thursday, Oct. 4, 4PM. Please call Judi ahead to let her know you are coming.**
- 9. Show sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers to man the club booth and monitor the show. Jerry Finger also needs volunteers to bring refreshments for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the show weekend for the vendors and show helpers. Please contact him by email or phone if you can bring food and have not signed up yet.**
- 10. Rick Braue will be manning an Orchid Information Table on Saturday afternoon, October 6, at our show.**
- 11. Sue has a new registration system, based on the GROS system, that we are using this year. Please send your advance registrations to Sue by email (at [jandsfinger@aol.com](mailto:jandsfinger@aol.com)) or by letter by September**

30. Include the plant's full name, size (mini, standard), flower color, if grown windowsill- or underlights, and any other information you may have. Please check the show schedule and rules on our website to prepare your plant and decide which class your plant should fit into. David Ditz said he would remind Charles to update the website to show the 2012 CNYOS Show Schedule.

12. A separate show meeting was held before the main meeting. Topics discussed were:

- David reported that he has contacted Carol Bradford, Syracuse Post Standard, and she will add a note about the show in her column. Notices have appeared in the Messenger and the Post-Standard Neighbors section. He has notified all the local newspapers, orchid societies, garden clubs and television stations of the show.
- Honey has contacted STOS, GROS and Niagara Frontier to ask if they wish to set up a show display.
- Nancy is contacting judges for the judging team. Judging will be conducted from 8:30AM to 12N on Saturday, October 6. Clerks are asked to be at the show by 8AM.

13. The September program was presented by Mr. Krum Sotirov on repotting orchids.

14. Thanks to Lori Burritt and Rick Braue for providing refreshments for the September meeting!

## SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE

Please note all names, accent marks, and abbreviations that are in boldface.

Kindly update your labels with registered names or parents. Bring the information to the show table next time.

### Cypripedium Alliance

*Phrag. Sedenii (longifolium × schlimii)*

Galson

*Paph. Unknown*

Weller

### Cattleya Alliance

*B. George Tyler (flagellaris × cucullata)*

Frost

*Rlc. Lucky Strike (Memoria Crispin Rosales × C. Bonanza)*

Galson

*Dmd. stenopetala*

Capella

### Oncidium Alliance

*Oncostele (Onc.) Bittersweet (Rst. bictoniensis × Onc. Crowborough [1965])\**

Burritt

*Erycina (Ercn.) pusilla*

Finger

*Orcp. inflexus*

"

*Mps. Saffron Surprise (Snohomish × Lixos)*

"

*Brs. Rex (verrucosa × gireoudiana)*

"

*Oncsa. Sweet Sugar (Aloha Iwanaga × Gom. varicosa)*

"

*Gomesa (Gom.) radicans*

Capella

*Pyp. Mendenhall (Butterfly × papilio)*

Galson

### Vandaceous

*Dtps. OX X-ray (Brother Seamate × OX Black Jack)*

Burritt

*Phal. Kung's Green Star (Kung's Viol × manni)*

"

*Phal. Memoria Cecilia Rimland (Mawoomba White × Zuma Zip)*

"

*Hal. retrocalla*

Finger

*Gchls. japonicus†*

Capella

### Dendrobium

*Den. hellwigianum*

Finger

### Miscellaneous

*Hab. rhodocheila*

Witkin

*Lip. nutans*

"

*Hab. medusa*  
*Aërgs. luteoalba* var. *rhodosticta*  
*Maxillariella (Mxl.) tenuifolia*

"  
 Burritt  
 Frost

\* To avoid duplication, the date is attached. It is a permanent part of the name.

†Grammatically, the species epithet is an adjective that modifies the genus name. The two words must always agree in gender.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail

[mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table](mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show%20Table)

## ***Treasurer's Report*** by Carol Haskell, Treasurer

Assets as of 9/9/12

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash Account	115.00
Key Bank	<u>3,403.46</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	3,518.46

Summary Report 1/1/12 – 9/9/12

Inflows	4,100.50
Outflows	<u>3,165.57</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	934.93

Our May auction netted \$1487

## ***Events Calendar***

October 6-7, Set up Oct 5 – CNYOS Show and Sale at Beaver Lake

October 26 -27 – New York State African Violet Convention, Annual Show and Sale  
 Holiday Inn, 75 North Street, Auburn 315 253-4531

November 4 – CNYOS Meeting – Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, California  
 Dolores Capella and Charles Ufford are refreshment volunteers

December 7 – CNYOS Annual Holiday Party

January 6 – CNYOS Member Auction

## ***Photo of the Week***

### ***Sophronitis alagoensis* V.P.Castro & Chiron**



This recently described miniature species was discovered in the Brazilian state of Alagoas in 2002, near the "hump" of the country in the northeast. The plants superficially resemble a petite *Sophronitis cernua* and the flowers most closely resemble that species as well. Plants were originally found at approximately 840m (2756 ft). That close to the equator, the elevation is in the intermediate to warm temperature range of culture. All *Sophronitis* species are now in the genus *Cattleya*.

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## Questions and Answers from the AOS Website

Q – What causes black spots on *Oncidium* leaves, especially Sharry Baby?

A - While some *Oncidium* types seem to be more genetically disposed to the black-leaf spotting, and *Onc.* Sharry Baby is definitely in this group, all of them may get it at one time or another. The experienced growers with whom I have spoken tend to think of it more as a cultural problem than anything. It seems to happen when the leaves are watered from above, especially with cold water, and the water bruises the tissue, leading to secondary bacterial or fungal infection which is the actual spotting. The solution, therefore, would be to keep water off the leaves. - **Ned Nash**

Q - I have over the years purchased miltonias, only to have them die but do not know what I am doing wrong. I have friends who have had the same problem. I purchased one in bud in April 2001 and the buds blasted without opening and eventually the leaves began to turn yellow and the entire plant finally succumbed. What am I doing wrong? -



A - I am presuming you have the problems with the Colombian miltonias or *Miltoniopsis*. Honestly, I could not think of a more difficult area to grow this type of orchid than New Mexico. To succeed, you need a shady greenhouse where high daytime humidity could be maintained and either a swamp cooler or an air-conditioning unit that was set on a day setting of 80 F and a night setting of 62° F. You would have to use good-quality water and keep your fertilizer levels low to reflect the shaded environment. If you take these steps, you should succeed in cultivating miltonias, but it will not be easy and you will deserve any praise you might receive. - **Andy Easton**

Q - **Culture of Alba Orchids** Many orchid species have alba varieties. Do these require any different culture (especially light) from normal types? For instance, do alba *Paphiopedilums* require less light and alba *Cattleyas* more light?

A - It is my understanding that populations of color variants, whether alba, coerulea, semi-alba, aquinii or whatever, are generally the result of population isolation and in-breeding. This would tend to make these populations exhibit some of the other traits that one might expect from in-breeding such as growing poorly, low fertility or other symptoms of weakness. This is not to say that all color variants are poor growers, of course. However, it does explain why there is probably not one common factor that would improve the culture of all alba types. Too, it does seem that there is plenty of anecdotal information about albas, such as the fact that *Paphiopedilum bellatulum* var. *alba* was, until quite recently, considered one of the most difficult orchids to grow well. *Cattleya guttata* var. *alba* can be particularly sensitive to when it is repotted, as well as to the condition of its medium. If there was a generalization, it might be that the grower should simply be aware that albas, or other color variants, have the potential to be more finicky, and be accordingly observant of their behavior. **Ned Nash**

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