

# The Orchid Enthusiast

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**Come to the  
CNYOS  
Show 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: Egals0n756@gmail.com*

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***Next Meeting: No Formal Meeting on Sunday October 5.  
Meeting Date Coincides with CNYOS Fall Show and Sale***

CNYOS Fall Show and Sale is October 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Set up is Friday, October 3, from about 2PM to 8 PM. 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: by phone: 315-458-3040, e-mail: jandsfinger@aol.com, mail: 6127 Wadsworth Rd., N. Syracuse 13212 When in doubt as to whether an orchid will be ready, register it. It is easy to withdraw it in at the last minute.

Plants should be brought to Beaver Lake by early afternoon on Friday.

I've reprinting Iris' excellent article on "How to Win Ribbons" before, but its worth repeating every few years to help you get your orchids in the best of shape for the show.

Print out the show poster that came by e-mail, and put it up wherever you can to get the word out.

***Beyond that, please come to the show, buy orchids from our vendors, and just enjoy the beauty!!!***

## ***Show Preparation; How to Win Ribbons***

Even if you are a small under-lights or windowsill grower, your blooming orchids will enhance the orchid show and add to your enjoyment of the hobby. Don't hesitate to enter them. Here's how to exhibit them at their best.

Make sure there are no insects or diseases lurking about. Spray your plants with a broad spectrum pesticide-fungicide well before the buds open. Since we have a fall show, you can safely do this outdoors before you bring them in for the winter. Carefully examine and spray under the leaves and remove

all signs of scale or other stationary pests. Remove moss or weeds from the potting medium.

For the Cattleya alliance and similar orchids, wet the pseudobulbs under a faucet and remove all dead bulb sheaths and other dead tissue. Remove yellow or dead leaves or leaf tips. Also remove any flowers that are starting

To go or probably will not last through the show. Use a separate new, disposable razor blade for each plant. If your plant shows salt residue from hard water, go over it with a solution of detergent and water with 10% household bleach. Thick leaved orchids like Phals and Cattleyas can take some scrubbing with a washcloth. Rinse with plain water and dry immediately with a soft cloth.

Staking is extremely important. Don't expect the show committee to do this for you. If you don't have a stake, make one from a piece of fence wire or a coat hanger. Long inflorescences, such as on Phalaenopsis, should not be staked in a rigid upright position, nor should they be allowed to flop down. They should be staked just below the first blossom, and the upper stem should be allowed to curve gracefully. Do this as soon as the first buds reach a noticeable size. Keep the buds facing the light until they open. On a plant with multiple flower stems, arrange them in an orderly way. They should radiate outward as naturally as possible, not all facing front.

Buds in the Cattleya alliance often need some help. There is much controversy over what is ethically permissible, but this doesn't enter into ribbon judging, as long as all the helps are removed before the show. If the buds tend to crowd together, push them apart with spacers made from Styrofoam peanuts. Cotton or florist's wax paper can be used to protect flowers on the way to the show.

Make sure the plant is identified and labeled accurately. If you don't have the plant's name, it can still be in your club's exhibit, but it will not be entered. A beautiful unnamed orchid can help your club win an exhibit award. If you have at least part of the name, or only the parents, consult the entry clerk for the correct name.

When you bring your plants to the show, remove the plant label or stick it way down in the pot so it is not visible. Put your name and the plant's name directly on the pot with indelible pen on masking tape. Also put your name on your box, so it can be retrieved after the show. Have a list in the box with your name and the names of your plants. All this will make life much easier for the setup people and the show committee, as well as those taking down the show.

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## *President's Message*

I heard there was a frost warning this week so everything is in now except the Cymbidiums since they don't mind the cold too much, it just makes them bloom better. Did all of you put plants outside? Quite a few growers like to keep their plants inside all year whether they are windowsill grown or under lights so they can control their environment. I like to give ours as much natural sunlight as possible since they usually respond well.

I hope everyone has been preparing their plants for the upcoming show. Police for insects, remove dried bulb sheaths on your Catts, remove any dead or damaged leaves, wash off any salt residue and spots with a weak detergent/bleach solution, stake the spikes, label your pots, push the plant label sticks down into the medium, print up a list of your plants, SEND YOUR REGISTRATION TO [jandsfinger@aol.com](mailto:jandsfinger@aol.com) ASAP, put a copy of your list in with your plants in a box with your name on it, BRING TO BEAVER LAKE! When you're familiar with this routine it's a natural thing to do all year to keep your plants looking good.

Our show is the biggest attempt at fund raising that we do. We have terrific vendors again this year plus the area clubs to put up exhibits. Lots of help is needed of course so be sure to volunteer for a job, bring snacks for the club registration room, monitor the show room, talk with everyone coming in at the club booth, shop our

vendor area, and totally enjoy what our club does! I'll see you there!!  
Sue Finger

## ***Show Volunteers***

Here is a reminder of what everyone promised to do during the show. Please note that we could use 2 more clerks, and someone to man the club booth on Saturday afternoon.

Clerks: 1) Judi Witkin  
2) Jeff Stuart  
3) Sue Finger  
5) Cheryl Lloyd  
6) Jack Hasse  
7) Eva Galson  
8) Pam Reeve

TWO MORE CLERKS ARE NEEDED

Copying Help on Friday Evening (One Person Needed)  
Eva Galson

### Club Booth

SAT. 11:30-2:45	Jerry Finger	Jan Woodworth
SAT. 2:45-5:00	Bob Pfromm	
SUN. 10:00-1:00	Jerry Finger	Sue Finger
SUN. 1:00-4:00	Lori Burritt	Eva Galson

ONE PERSON NEEDED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Friday Room/Table Set-up (3 or more people:

- 1) Donna Coleman til 3 (help carry orchids in)
- 2) Kim Boronczyk
- 3) Eva Galson
- 4)

ONE OR MORE PEOPLE NEEDED

Club's Display Set- Up:

- 1) Jerry and Sue
- 2) Jan Woodworth
- 3) Judi Witkin

Take Down and Clean Up:

- 1) Judi Witkin
- 2) Eva Galson
- 3) Honey Goshorn
- 4) Jan Woodworth

Display Monitors:

SAT. 12:00-2:30	Donna Coleman	Sus Ikuta
SAT. 2:30-5:00	Jerry Finger	

SUN. 10:00-12:00	Kim Boronczyk	Sharon Shuster
SUN. 12:00-2:00	Donna Coleman	Chris Smith
SUN 2-4:00	Barbara Weller	Bob Pfromm

## ***Events Calendar***

October 4-5	CNYOS Show and Sale (Set-up Oct 3)
November 3	?
November 7&8	Merritt Huntington Symposium, Williamsburg, VA
December 1	CNYOS Meeting –CNYOS Holiday Covered Dish Party
January 5	CNYOS Member Auction

## ***Refreshment Volunteers***

October	Show
November	Dolores Capella      David Ditz
December	Holiday Party – Everyone contributes
January	??

## ***September Show Table***

**Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations. Next time you present the plant, include name and parents.**

### **Cypripedium Alliance**

<b><i>Paph. Heron's Faire (White Heron × fairrieanum)</i></b>	<b><i>Burritt</i></b>
<b><i>Paph. Wössner Zwerg (barbigerum × helenae)</i></b>	<b><i>Witkin</i></b>
<b><i>Paph. Niveum</i></b>	"
<b><i>Phrag. Inca Embers (Andean Fire × longifolium)</i></b>	<b><i>Woodworth</i></b>
<b><i>Paph. Memoria Cha Cha Sprintz (Double Deception × Makuli Magic)</i></b>	"

### **Cattleya Alliance**

<b><i>Epicatanthe (Ett.)Volcano Trick (Ctt. Trick or Treat × Epi. stamfordianum)</i></b>	<b><i>Ditz</i></b>
<b><i>C. Petite Elf (Petite Pride × Jungle Elf)</i></b>	"

### **Oncidium Alliance**

<b><i>Gom. crispa</i></b>	<b><i>Burritt</i></b>
<b><i>Trgdm. egertonianum</i></b>	<b><i>Ditz</i></b>
<b><i>Onc. unknown*</i></b>	<b><i>Witkin</i></b>

### **Dendrobium Alliance**

<b><i>Den. bulbophylloides</i></b>	<b><i>Weller</i></b>
<b><i>Den. Proud Appeal (Midnight × Formidable)</i></b>	<b><i>Finger</i></b>
<b><i>Den. bracteosum</i></b>	<b><i>Woodworth</i></b>

### **Pleurothallids**

*Masd. nidifica*  
*Pths. rubella*  
*Pls. stenostachya*

*Finger*  
*Ditz*  
"

### Miscellaneous

*Bulb. macraei*  
*Bulb. lobbii*  
*Cym. dayanum*  
*Clctn. merrillianum*

*Ditz*  
*Finger*  
*Witkin*  
"

### *Iris Cohen*

Note: Every orchid genus in cultivation has an official abbreviation. Please try to use them, as it improves communication. For a copy of the list, go to the RHS website or contact me.

Also, remember the genera Sophronitis, Odontoglossum, Doritaenopsis, Coch-loda, Neofinetia, Ascocentrum, and Laelia in Brazil DO NOT EXIST. If you have any plants with those names on the label, look up the correct name or contact me.

\*This information is from the February 2013 newsletter: There is no grex or species in Oncidium or re-lated genera resembling this name. W.N. Huari is an orchid taxonomist, so the name may be a trade name, a clone name, or an unpublished species. Contact your supplier.

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

## *What Orchid Pots are Best?*

Orchids do not grow in pots in the wild. We put them in pots for our convenience. As a result we must understand how strange this is for the plant, their roots like to breathe and be free. It is perfectly fine for orchid roots to grow outside of the pot. Unfortunately, our homes are not humid enough to support epiphytes well. So, a pot helps by holding some moisture around the roots. The secret to growing healthy orchids is to grow healthy roots. Ordinary potted plants are judged by their leaf growth. For orchids, the root growth is the best indicator of the health of the plant. For orchids grown in pots we must be extra careful not to rot or smother the roots. Because obtaining a good moisture balance is so very critical to optimal orchid care many orchid growers choose clear orchid pots so that it is easier to see when the roots are thriving and when they are not. It is believed that orchid roots engage in photosynthesis, which makes sense given that they grow exposed to dappled light as the orchid hangs from a tree, and clear pots make photosynthesis by orchid roots possible. White pots also allow some light to pass through them.

Pot your orchids in the smallest pot that the roots will fit in and stake the plant while it establishes itself. The orchids we've seen grow the best are often growing in what appears to be ridiculously small pots so resist the urge to 'pot up' any more than is absolutely necessary to hold the roots. [Clear plastic pots](#) make it easy to see the roots and to see when to water. The potting mix turns dark when wet and gradually lightens as it dries. [White plastic pots](#) also allow for some photosynthesis while being a very attractive choice for display as well. Unlike clay, plastic pots are easy to clean, disinfect, and reuse. Clear plastic pots are a great way to keep an eye on what is happening in the pot without having to disturb the plant.

From the web site of rePot Me

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