

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: Egalson756@gmail.com

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Remember to pay your 2017 dues if you haven't already done so, and by the time you get this newsletter it will be time to renew your 2018 membership. Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Next Meeting: No Formal Meeting on Sunday October 1. Meeting Date Coincides with CNYOS Fall Show and Sale

CNYOS Fall Show and Sale is September 30th and October 1 at Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. Set up is Friday, September 29 from about noon 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 or can be dropped off at Judi Witkins. Please call them to make arrangements for drop off

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!!!

President's Message

Show plans are well underway or completed as I write this. There are lots of plans to make this another great show for us. The extended summer weather was great for the orchids that like to be hot and sunny! Some of ours even went back outside for a couple of weeks. Hoping we see lots of people at Beaver Lake since the heat looks like it will break just before our show.

No meeting in October since the program sharing with Albany couldn't be worked out within our budget. In November, on the 5th, we'll be doing a Round Table discussion on how you grow your plants. If you have a plant that is not doing well then bring it to the meeting so that other growers may be able to tell you how they grow it. Be sure the plant is free of bugs or disease, or put it in a plastic bag. We also will be doing nominations for officers and likely voting at the same meeting. New officers do not take over until the first of the year. So decide what you can help with and please volunteer. Offices can be shared if you don't want to undertake something all by yourself. The Raffle Table will also be available! Lots of great plants there at the last meeting!

The December meeting will be the 3rd with our Holiday Lunch. No program, just good food and great conversation. So again, we can have a Raffle Table! More news to come on that meeting.

**Send to: Carol Haskell,
Treasurer
102 Withrop Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13209**

January meeting is on the 7th. Our Silent Auction is the program. No Raffle Table.

Sue Finger

Show Volunteers

Here is a reminder of what everyone promised to do during the show.

Clerks: 1) Judi Witkin
2) Jeff Stuart
3) Sue Finger
5) Laurie H
6) Jack Hasse
7) Eva Galson
8) Bill E
9) Mason
10) David

Helping vendors in, and room set-up on Friday 9/29 around noon

1) Donna Coleman
2) Jerry Finger
3) David Dietz

Helping vendors out and room take down on Sunday 10/1 at 4PM

1&2) Jerry and Sue

Room Monitors

Saturday 9/30	12-2:30	Kimberly
	2:30-5	Donna & Monica
Sunday 10/1	10-12	Tara
	12-2	Donna & Monica
	3-4	? ?

Society Table

Saturday	12- 2:30	Dolores & Monica
	2:30-5	Judi & ?
Sunday	10-12	Monica &?
	12-2	Barb & Tara
	2&4	Barb & Eva

Events Calendar

September 30-October 1 CNYOS Show and Sale (Set-up Sept 29)
October 14,15 –Easern Canada Orchid Show (see article below)
November 5 –CNYOS Meeting – Round Table Discussion on how to grow our Orchids
December 3 CNYOS Meeting –CNYOS Holiday Covered Dish Party
January 7 - CNYOS Meeting – Member Auction

Orchid Photos and Collectibles

I am writing to you about the Eastern Canada Orchid Show which takes place in Montreal, October 14 and 15. I was able to find your address on the internet and wanted to contact you about Alexander Arts, a business that my partner operates. John Alexander was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, and has been doing photography commercially since his teens. John and I have been together since 2002.

In recent years, since we both retired, we have been devoting considerable time to looking for and photographing native orchids that grow in Canada. Over 70 terrestrial orchids have been documented as growing in Canada. A number of them are similar to varieties found in New York State. Because of our orchid interests, several years ago, we began showing John's photography at orchid shows in Ontario. Several people from New York State have told us how much they like his work and the orchid collectibles that we offer for sale. Unfortunately, it is too complicated for us to appear at an orchid show in the U.S.A. That is why I am contacting you in case any of your members may be attending the Eastern Ontario Orchid Show in Montreal, Quebec, October 14 and 15. Please feel free to share my e-mail with anyone you think would be interested in the information.

As John's partner, I act as his Sherpa carrying water, snack food, bug spray, garden kneeler, sun diffuser, tripod, etc. when we go off into the countryside photographing native orchids of Canada. I am also a retired curator of decorative arts from the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada. I continue to pursue my research into the decorative arts through the vintage and antique articles that Alexander Arts is able to acquire for sale at orchid shows. Visitors to the shows have responded positively to this material. It takes us a long time to find orchid merchandise at antique malls, thrift shops and other venues. We also order new orchid merchandise from manufacturers and distributors whom we discover trade shows like The Toronto Gift Show. We do not do any internet sales because it takes too much time and money. We would much rather enjoy people who are personally shopping at orchid shows and be able to tell them about the merchandise and answer questions. We value our customers. They often provide us with information and suggestions that prove useful. The October orchid show in Montreal is an excellent time to find Christmas gifts for those special people on your list. All of our prices include any applicable sales tax.

Refreshment Volunteers

October	Show	
November	Donna Coleman	David Ditz
December	Holiday Party – Everyone contributes	
January	Kim O'Boye - Jerry & Sue Finger	

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.

DOLORES CAPELLA

Unknown Phalaenopsis - Can't find a possible name yet for this. Anyone have an idea??

KIM O'BOYLE

Oncidium vulcanicum

Restrepia cymbula
Dryadella clavellata

EVA GALSON

Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS (Butterfly X papilio) Windowsill
Rhyncattleanthe (Rth) Martha's Sunburst (Rth. Martha Clarke X C. Tokyo Life) Lights
Unknown Phalaenopsis - Lights

JERRY & SUE FINGER

Vanda Kultana New Release 'Maui' (Medasand X Fuchs Spotted Orange) Lights & Outside
Vanda Suksamran Sunlight (Jiraprapa X Pralor) Lights & Outside
Vanda OSM (Bangkok Blue X Doctor Anek) Lights & Outside
Vanda Penang Sunset (vietnamica X ampullacea) Mini - Under Lights
Coelogyne speciosa - Lights
Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc) Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Taylor' AM/AOS (Rlc. California Girl X C. Beaufort) Lights & Outside
Rodrurnia The Hollow's Legacy (Tolumnia Pine Hollow X Rodrurnia Whiskey Hollow) Lights/Terrarium

Thank you all for bringing out some Show plants. Some may hold their flowers for the Big Show!!
Bold type = Fred Clarke has named this cross.
submitted by Sue Finger

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 9/10/17

<i>Cash Account1</i>	<i>1,601.00</i>
<i>Key Bank</i>	<i><u>3,413.72</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>5014.72</i>

Summary Report 1/1/17- 9/10/17

<i>Inflows</i>	<i>1,360.00</i>
<i>Outflows</i>	<i><u>1,326.11</u></i>
<i>Net Inflows/Outflows</i>	<i>33.89</i>

Bud Blast

Here's an article about "Bud Blast" by Susan Jones that appeared in Orchids magazine back in July 2003. It's just as useful today as it was back then.

(Please note that the AOS does not endorse the use of any specific chemical agents. If you choose to follow recommendations given by a contributor make sure to adhere to all local, state and federal laws in the use of these agents. Take the time to learn how to use them safely and follow manufacturers usage instructions.)

When Good Orchid Buds Turn Bad

It can be heartbreaking to watch helplessly as long-awaited orchid buds brown, die and drop instead of becoming those much-anticipated flowers. Bud blast, when buds wither and fall from an otherwise healthy plant, may occur through any of a number of causes. Buds are the most sensitive part of an orchid, and are easily affected by unsuitable conditions in the growing environment. Cattleyas, phalaenopsis and dendrobiums seem particularly susceptible to this problem. The most frequent reasons for this are as follows:

WATER Under- or overwatering is a common cause of bud blast. If a plant becomes too dry, it may withdraw moisture from buds as a survival mechanism. Overwatering can damage the orchid's root system, with the end result being a lack of water to the plant. As with under watering, when the plant is unable to absorb sufficient quantities of water, it will withdraw water from the buds, bringing about their demise. Budding Cattleyas are particularly sensitive to overwatering, which can cause buds to blacken and die while still in their sheath. Water that is allowed to sit on buds or in bud sheaths provides the perfect environment for fungi and bacterial growth, generating rots that will blast buds. Watering with cold water can shock a plant, causing bud drop.

TEMPERATURE Temperature extremes or rapid temperature changes are often a culprit in bud blast. If a budding orchid receives drafts from a window, an air conditioning or heating vent, or even a rush of air from a hot oven, it may drop buds. Similarly, buds may blast when exposed to temperature fluctuations that occur when taking a plant in from the car or outside during hot or cold weather, bringing plants back into a heated house after a summer outdoors, or temperature extremes caused by running heating or air conditioning for only part of the day.

ATMOSPHERE Orchid buds are sensitive to fumes from paint, natural gas leaks and other chemicals. Once pollinated, flowers generate methane gas, causing them to collapse and saving energy for seed production. Methane or ethylene gas from other sources may also trigger bud or flower collapse. Ethylene gas given off by ripening fruit; gas leaks; inefficient burning of gas stoves or heaters; engine exhaust; cigarette, cigar or pipe smoke; open fires; smog or air pollution can also cause bud blast and age and distort open flowers.

LIGHT If lighting available to its developing buds is inadequate, an orchid won't flower properly. Low lighting can cause buds to abort. Too much lighting may also cause trouble; direct sunlight on developing buds can overheat and desiccate them, leading to bud blast.

CHEMICAL DAMAGE Fertilizer, fungicide or pesticide applied at dosages above a plant's tolerance or in a manner inconsistent with manufacturer's instructions may damage buds, causing them to drop.

HUMIDITY Developing buds need high humidity. If their environment is too dry, or the ambient humidity fluctuates a great deal, buds may be adversely affected and drop.

INSECTS Aphids and thrips can cause bud blast. These insects feed on flowers and flower buds, sucking the plant juices. The buds of infested plants fail to develop properly, dropping from the plant or opening to damaged and disfigured flowers. Thrips can be controlled using Diazinon or Malathion. Aphid control often involves not only eliminating the aphids themselves, but also the ants that farm them. Insecticidal sprays and sugar-based ant baits are recommended. For a few aphids, dab with a cotton swab soaked in rubbing alcohol. Other means of control include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils (Neem or Sunspray), growth regulators and chitin inhibitors (Enstar II), Pyrethrum-based insecticidal sprays, stronger insecticides (Malathion), and systemic insecticides (Orthene, Shield). Repeat any treatment method twice after the initial application at seven- to 10-day intervals to kill successive generations. Test new controls on a small population of plants before widespread use. When using insecticides, check labels to be certain the insecticide works against the particular pest and that it is approved for use on orchids. Always use any chemical in strict accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

GENETICS Occasionally, even under perfect cultural conditions, an orchid will continually abort buds. There may be a genetic mutation responsible for its inability to produce viable blooms, in which case the plant should be discarded.

Susan Jones was the assistant editor of *Orchids* and editor of the Awards Quarterly during the late 1990s and early 2000s.

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