# THE ORCHID ENTHUSIAST

# The Newsletter of the Central New York Orchid Society

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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 **two weeks** before the next meeting to: csmith23@twcny.rr.com

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

2022 Memberships - Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$22 for families.

Sue Finger CNYOS Treasurer 127 Wadsworth Road North Syracuse, NY 13212



September 2022

#### Wednesday, September 28: Deadline to Register Show Plants

Friday, September 30: Set-up 2 PM til dusk

Saturday, October 1: Judging 8:00 AM Show opens to public - Noon to 5:00 PM

#### **Sunday, October 2:** Show open to public - 10 AM to 4 PM Break-down and cleanup - 4 PM til done

Any questions or to volunteer please contact a member of the show committee.

#### Vendor List:

Our auctions and shows have benefited greatly from the generosity of the following vendors. When shopping for new orchids and supplies, please check them out first!

http://www.andysorchids.com http://www.jlorchids.com https://www.mountainorchids.com http://www.fairorchids.com To contact OrchidPhile

www.facebook.com/orchidphile or orchidphile@optimum.net

# edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net

To contact Windswept in Time Orchids

https://www.msorchids.net \*\* https://carter-and-holmes.com https://www.kalapanatropicals.com

\*\* denotes vendors at our show

#### **Upcoming Webinars:**

American Orchid Society: Register at aos.org

Oct 5, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Those Amazing Masdevallias John Svoboda (Member Only Webinar)

Oct 13, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Greenhouse Chat October 2022

Ron McHatton (Open to All, Submit questions by Oct 11th)

Nov 8, 2022 - 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Greenhouse Chat November 2022

Ron McHatton (Open to All, Submit questions by Nov 6th)

# ~ CNYOS 2022 Meetings ~

OCTOBER 1-2, 2022 CNYOS FALL SHOW & SALE Set up on Friday, Sept 30 Show Chairs: Jerry and Sue Finger

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 SPEAKER: ALAN KOCH of Gold Country Orchids Shared speaker with the Thruway societies.

#### **DECEMBER 4, 2022**

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Bring a dish to pass, table settings, and your beverage. Just visiting and having fun. Raffle Table, Show Table.

And Then We're Into 2023 With More Interesting Programs To Follow!

~ Programs Scheduled by Sue Finger

~ Monthly Checklist ~ Orchid Care

#### **AOS Monthly Checklist**

#### for September-October

New York State African Violet Society Presents **Violets for Hire** Hilton Garden Inn 74 State Street Auburn, NY 13021 October 20-22, 2022 Open to the Public Friday: 1:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM

> September 2022 AOS Orchidist's Word of the Month:

#### Neutral (new-truhl):

A chemical condition of water or moist soil in which acid and alkaline constituents are exactly balanced; pH 7.

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#### UPDATED \*\*\* CNYOS FALL SHOW ~ Oct 1 - 2, 2022 \*\*\*

Hours: 2 PM: Friday, Sept 30 - Set up Noon - 5: Saturday, Oct 1 - Show open 10 - 4: Sunday, Oct 2 - Show open, clean up

#### Vendors are Fair Orchids, J&L Orchids, and Main Street Orchids.

GROS and STOS will both be setting up displays. Our Photographer will be Charles Ufford, as before. Committees are being formed so feel free to contact these members if you can help them in any way.

~ David Ditz: Advertising, Trophies and Ribbons, Head Clerk.

~ Jan Woodworth: Advertising (road signs), and Garden Club contacts.

- ~ Judi Witkin: Hospitality Front Desk and Raffle Coordinator
- ~ Jerry Finger: Food Room for Workers Coordinator
- ~ Sue Finger: Registrar, Judges Coordinator, Vendors and Clubs Coordinator, Venue Contact for BLNC, Show Treasurer, Update of Rules and Schedule.

There are committee openings for Set-up of the show room tables on Friday, & Room Monitors for the show days on Saturday and Sunday.

Free parking for CNYOS Volunteers

If anyone has a question, feel free to email me. I usually can reply within a day.

~ Sue Finger, Show Chairman

#### Minutes: September 11, 2022

~ Jerry started the meeting with a discussion on the upcoming show.

~ We need help at the show. If you haven't signed up already we need help setting up tables and helping vendors on Friday starting at 2, monitors for security and people to service the society table both Saturday and Sunday. We also need clerks for Saturday morning starting at 8 (coffee and donuts will be available.). There is free parking for workers.

 $\sim$  We need people's blooming plants for our display. They must be registered no later than Wednesday.

 $\sim$  John Sullivan will be the head judge with 4 other Northeast judges, Paul Sheetz and 2 associate judges. Sue arranged hotel rooms for the judges. We also have three vendors and three clubs participating.

~ The club approved yearly donations: \$400 for St. Augustine's Church and \$200 for Beaver Lake

 $\sim$  We finished the meeting with a raffle table and show table.

Submitted by Judi Witkin, Secretary

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**GREATIdeas Reprint Homemade Racks for Hanging and Mounted Plants** By Jean Allen-Ikeson

If you grow mounted plants and you have a lot of them, you need a good "vertical bench" on which to hang them. Such racks can be built out of wire mesh and plastic pipe, can consist of just a coil of rabbit cage wire standing on end on a bench or hung by chains from the ceiling, or can be fashioned from one of

those discarded wrought iron porch supports that were once so popular on 1950s ranch style homes but now have been relegated to the greenhouse. Vertical benches have the advantage of taking up a small footprint of valuable floor space while providing a home for a large number of mounted plants. Even a little wire mesh tied to the end of a light stand expands the space when you are growing under lights.

Most farm-supply stores and many building centers carry wire mesh that can be used. Chicken wire is probably too lightweight except for the lightest mounts. Mesh with 1-inch (2.5-cm) spacing works well. Plumbing pipe may be purchased in building centers in reasonable lengths. Copy this page with the accompanying photo and take it to the store and tell them, "I want something like this." You will also need plastic ties such as those used by electricians or heavier singlestrand wire to tie the wire mesh to the plumbing pipe.

The best rack I have ever seen was built by Annette Bagby (a retired AOS judge) and her architect husband Jim, who live in Milton, Ontario. The rack was built to house her collection of pleurothallids and other smaller mounted plants in their sunroom greenhouse. Note that the support cross bars may also accommodate hanging baskets for such things as vandaceous orchids. This rack is between 5 and 6 feet (1.5–1.8



m) tall. Such racks are easy to move, sturdy and do not rot. Unless you make the rack wide enough to keep from tipping as in the photo, it might be a good idea to anchor it with a couple of light chains to hooks in the ceiling.

#### **Central New York Orchid Society**

The Central New York Orchid Society meets at St. Augustine's Church, 7333 O'Brien Rd, Baldwinsville, at 2:00PM on the first Sunday of each month from September through June except for January and September (date moved to second Sunday because of national holiday weekends).

Website: http://cnyos.org

#### Directions to St. Augustine's Church:

http://www.cnyos.org/directions.html

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#### **CNYOS Facebook Page:**

If you have not checked out our Facebook Page, you can search "Central NY Orchid Society" on Facebook or go to:

#### https://www.facebook.com/CNYOS/



#### Reminder: Be sure to "Like" our page!

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