



North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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Lycastes, Zygopetalum and Life in the Storm Zone

Our perennial March speaker Dick Doran, New Jersey, came to provide a great view into some exciting plants. An amateur grower with two 20' greenhouses, Dick has been a highly awarded grower of a number of different types of plants.

Lycastes are very In right now and most are deciduous which makes them an interesting plant. Both Lycastes and zygopetalums like bright light, or Cattleya conditions. They bloom in early spring.



One note I scribbled down early in the talk was surprising to me. In order to Lycaste to bloom well, you need to shrivel the pseudobulbs. He grows in either clay or plastic pots. And while many books recommend no water at all in the winter, Dick waters every 3-4 weeks during cold weather.

His comment is, "He doesn't read the book because the plants don't read the book." The true goal

is to find out what the plant needs. And remember, many of these Lycaste have very thin leaves, so they can sunburn easily. This opens them up to scale and ant problems which can be devastating to a plant collection.

"You don't want ants in your plants!" Dick is very specific about keeping them pest free.

Zygopetalum species are great plants which have a wonderful



scent but it is not generally passed along to hybrids that have been bred from them. They have flowers that last a long time and have

a big lip. He reduces watering these plants in the winter to 1x/week. If the weather is dull (low sun) he often skips a week on watering. During November-December-January he also stops fertilizing, starting back up in February as the days get longer.

One of the other cultural points that Dick made was about Cymbidiums – a topic he spoke to us on last year. March is a great time to start pushing them. Increased light, increasing day length – allows them to respond well to fertilizer and set some great flower spikes. He will have some cascading Cymbidiums

with 15-30 spikes (this is why HE is an awarded grower!!).

Additionally, if your Cymbidium is not in bloom, it can be repotted. Please remember that new growths are easily rotted – so water underneath the plant for best success.

As always Dick had some great



pictures and stories about some won-

derful cool growing orchids. But this year, he added tales of surviving Superstorm Sandy. He apologized to us about the lack of plants on the sale table because the storm devastated his hometown – knocking out power for over a month with trees knocking down greenhouse space and allowing plants to freeze during November. It reminded us how lucky we were when the 2012 storm came through this fall.

Story & Photos by Sandy Buxton

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Upcoming Meetings

April 6, 2013— Greg Griffith of Parkside at Sanford Library

May 4, 2013—Dr. Patricia Harding on 'Taxonomy of Orchids' at Sanford Library.

June 1st—Event at Piping Rock Orchids in Galway

July—No Meeting

Aug. 3—Picnic at Stan's in Scotia

September 7—Andrea Nielsen

September 15— International Phalaenopsis Alliance at CCE, 50 West High St, Ballston Spa, NY—all day event

Board of Directors will hold a meeting on August 3 in Scotia at Stan's house at 10:30 a.m.

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Upcoming Events in the Northeast

March 22-24, 2013 Capital District Garden & Flower Show @ HVCC in Troy, NY. NENYOS will have display.

Apr 6 - 7, 2013 Genesee Region Orchid Society Show and Sale, Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY. Contact: Carol Butcher, 585-742-3403 or butcher218@yahoo.com

April 12-14, SEPOS Show at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Apr 20 - 21, 2013 Southern Tier Orchid Society Show, Oakdale Mall, 601-635 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City, NY. Contact: Anne Tinker 607-797-1383 or anneetinker@yahoo.com

May 3-5, 2013 Long Island Orchid Fest. For more info email nancy@longislandorchidsociety.org

May 4 - 5, 2013 Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, The Ag Arena, Park Avenue, University Park, PA. Contact: Cathy Riemer 814-865-4748 or cathy+cpos13show@bx.psu.edu

May 11-12, 2013 Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show, JMC Arena, 423 West 38th St, Erie, PA. Call Susanne Lester 814-838-2522

or lesters@velocity.net for more info.

Oct 19 - 20, 2013 Eastern Canada Orchid Show, Hotel Espresso, 1005 rue Guy, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Contact: Brian Dunbar 514-684-3904 or bcd@videotron.qc.ca

Oct. 31—Nov. 2, 2013 Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA. Contact: Joanna Eckstrom 603-654-5070 show@massorchid.org jkeckstrom@comcast.net

- GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc.
- CTOS—Connecticut OS
- STOS—Southern Tier OS
- MHOS—Mid-Hudson OS

.....check this website before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. Everything published in *Orchids* magazine is also on the web page.



Beginner Series Class—

Next month's Beginner Topic – **There's No Need To Fear – Welcome to the World of Orchids**

Note for Show Table Participants: the Show Table sheet can be downloaded from the website so you can fill out ahead of the meeting!

Come and Visit!!

One of the wonderful things about our NENYOS organization is we encourage anyone interested in orchids to come and visit our meetings.

You don't need to be a member to listen to the speaker or ask questions.

So, come and visit. Bring a friend. The more , the merrier as we all learn and enjoy the wonders of growing orchids.

Upcoming Bus Trip Opportunity is FULL!

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) event on April 13, 2013 at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA will place some amazing educational sessions, international vendors and an amazing Judged Show at our fingertips.

Wade Tours has organized an overnight event (4/13-4/14) in conjunction with NENYOS which will visit the SEPOS Show as well as Longwood Gardens.

This activity will be a intense experience and will require walking and people maneuvering skills but will be a dramatic opportunity according to the American Orchid Society material. And where else can you go and see so many cool things so close to home??

The group has filled the available bus and should have an exciting trip. If you would like to be on a wait list in case of emergency, please contact Stan 518-557-2070.

March Raffle Winners

- Randi Carpenter
- Wake Gardner
- Janet Wierzchowski
- Bruce Scrafford
- Gill O'Brien
- Val Trzinski
- Sandy Buxton II

Congratulations! Don't forget to bring your celebratory snack on April 6!



Announcements

The NENYOS Board is forming committees for some special interest projects. Please sign up for one at the next meeting:

Conservation – could be related to orchids around the world

Native Orchids – working with orchids in northeastern U.S.

Show – working to display and promote orchids. the group and great looking plants.



More Show Table Tales— from Page 7

Ed Belemjian brought this Stenosarcos, a fun tropical plant as well as the Oncidium No ID at the bottom.

I think the plant on left is Blc. (Aloha Case x Hunting Island) Carmela from Wake Gardner.



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Beginner Talk

Show Time!

Filling in for Alex Shepherd, Lorrie Graham led us through a presentation on some of the processes that are crucial for preparing your plants for display. One point that I think is important to add – many of these procedures will help you enjoy the show too at your home!

The most valuable piece of information starts long before the week of a show. Plants setting bloom spikes should be returned to the same position each time the pot is handled. It is the importance of paying attention to where light or the sun is coming from which can impact the direction of how the blooms will face. It is possible that repeated position changes can twist the spike and prevent blooming!



Preparing your plant – remember the goal is to have your plant look its absolute best!

Check for pests – no one wants to be distracted by something nibbling on a plant. But you also don't want to give any other plants unwanted friends or bring them home yourself.

Wash leaves – you want

them to look shiny. Remove the dust and spruce them up. Some people use fancy preparations but that is not necessary. Bonus: Your plant will be happier and better able to photosynthesize!

Trim black leaf tips. Often caused by fertilizer burn or watering issues, don't just blunt cut the tip (straight) but trim it to a point so it looks more natural and leaf-like. Don't forget to sterilize the scissors between plants! You do not want to spread a virus, infection or any other problem around in your collection.

Trim dead roots. If you have lots of roots hanging out of the pot – especially brown, dry dead ones, it may be a good idea to trim them off. They are not doing anything for the plant.

Staking the plant – the goal is a cascading display of blooms and sometimes leaves too. Additionally, since you may be moving the plant for display purposes, staking helps to provide some extra support and anchoring. Remember, all ties and stakes should match in color to minimize distractions from the beauty of the blooms.

Clean the pot and wash off the outside. It helps to reduce harboring/transferring any unwanted friends but also makes everything look nice.

Label your plants – both with the name of the orchid variety as well as the ownership of the plant. Address labels are great for doing this. If possible label pots, containers, baskets and other display material in several places. Remember that since orchids frequently spend time wet/damp,

stickers may be compromised and fall off. More is better, just not in view!

Display ideas – some people place plants in baskets or decorative pots which can provide weight. Moss can be used to cover the pot, and hide a multitude of other sins. Keep in mind the focus should be to highlight the orchid – bloom and plant, making it look breathtaking!

And finally – enjoy!

More from our Speaker—page 1



NENYOS in Bloom

NENYOS made a splash in front of the mural of New York harbor as part of the New York in Bloom exhibit, February 22 to 24, at the NYS Museum in Albany. Our display consisted of two squirrels selling cratefuls of hijacked orchids from a wharf in NY harbor in exchange for nuts. The furry little thieves put smiles on the faces of attendees as they admired the cratefuls of beautiful orchids loaned for the exhibit by NENYOS members.

vast variety of orchids, particularly types not often seen in the big box and garden stores. In addition, we use the display to make the public aware of the existence of the club as well as to distribute membership information.

This is the third year NENYOS has been part of the museum’s annual New York in Bloom exhibit. There are approximately a hundred exhibitors every year, consisting of florists, garden centers, professional gardeners and garden clubs.

Mid-January, each exhibitor is assigned a location in the museum. The museum requests that the presentations be designed to interpret the particular exhibit at the

assigned location. Each year, the museum hosts about 25,000 attendees to this popular exhibit. -Joan DeRusso

Photos courtesy of Joan DeRusso



Joan DeRusso and Diane Knight designed the display. Stan Lee and Wake Gardner helped transport the orchids for the set-up and dismantling of the exhibit. Stan also provided a demo Saturday morning on the growing of orchids.

The exhibit is an opportunity for NENYOS to display some of the

Nutmeg Show results

Hi folks,
Am home from the Nutmeg Show with a 3rd place award for Society Exhibits for NENYOS. I don't remember how many societies enteredNutmeg, Ocean State, Amherst, NH, Mass and us? So third place is at least a little bit of a nod! On Sunday, a few folks came up to say they liked the exhibit and I think the mossed bark (Stan picked out of his woods before it froze in again) helped dress up the table and hide the pots.

Many observers said smaller IS sometimes better and enjoyed the simplicity. Along side the Big Pink Rosette as I took down the display was a "Thank You", small fudge-looking box. I'll bring it Wednesday to share with those who came to Stan's on Wednesday the 13th to help set up the display; Stan, Wake, Deb Lambeth, Leanne Tashjian, Bob Christensen and Janet Wierzchowski. You have to give me LOTS of credit for not opening and eating it on the way home!!!!

I entered a Coelogne usitana and it got a blue ribbon and the Paph hirsutissimum var esquirolei got a yellow(third). Glen was going to take all his blue ribbons and drape them over our plants for fun, but I arrived too soon, he said, for him to play his hand.

Everything fit into the Honda Fit nicely.....what a great way to get this show up easy and down without too much fuss and extra traveling. The Nutmeg folks certainly hope we participate again next year.

-Janet Vinyard



**2,000 acres,
85 scientists,
24 hours**

SUNY-ESF faculty, students scour landscape for animals, plants and Fungi

6/23/2011—Some 85 Environmental Science & Forestry (ESF) faculty members and students fanned out this week across 2,000 acres of forests, ponds and unique alvar communities in Northern New York, conducting a 24-hour "bioblitz" to inventory the plant, animal and fungus species on the property.

They cast nets, studied the ground and listened intently while logging species and collecting samples to study and identify later.

"The idea is to see how much you can find in a 24-hour period," said Dr. Donald J. Leopold, chair of the ESF Department of Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB). "If we don't find dozens of species



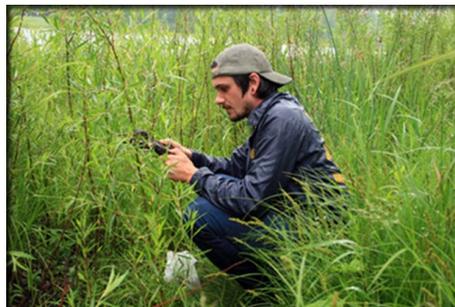
that the owners weren't aware of, we'll be very disappointed."

Lucky Star Ranch is a private preserve in Chaumont, about 18 miles northwest of Watertown. Jody Garrett, who owns the preserve with his wife, Doreen, said the couple wants to learn more about the property and then share that knowledge with others.

"We believe this land is borrowed from our grandchildren," Jody Garrett said. "We want to know more about what's here so we can protect it for the future."

The property is one of the largest complexes of alvar communities

in the United States. Alvars comprise prairie and eastern temperate and boreal forest species and are known for their rare plant and invertebrate species and high biological diversity.



A number of rare natural communities, many state-listed plant species, and some rare butterflies have been recorded on and near the property.

The group started the bioblitz at noon June 22.

Undergraduates Arielle Metot and Nick Massa, senior conservation biology majors, and Kavya Krishnan, a sophomore in EFB,



were searching for fungi alongside the ponds near the main lodge.

A new state record for the rare ram's-head ladyslipper (*Cypripedium arietinum*) was found during the bioblitz at Lucky Star Ranch.



"This is an eyelash fungus," Metot said, indicating small patches of fungus

with a feathery-looking edge. "You can see the eyelashes all around it."

Massa picked up a branch at the water's edge, looked close, and said, "Oh, nice. Dead man's fingers."

The fungus with the gloomy name was growing in narrow columns, poking straight out and look-



ing a lot like miniature human fingers.

Out at an alvar site, alumnus Bruce Gillman, B.S. '76, Ph.D. '95, pointed out tufted prairie grass and a sedum album with pink flowers, commonly called stonecrop.

"This is horizontally bedded limestone with scant organic soil in a glaciated landscape," said Gillman, who now teaches at Finger Lakes Community College. "It's a cool landscape. There are a lot of rare plants."

He had seen a rare species of mustard growing in a crevasse in the limestone. It is a food source for the rare Olympia white marble butterfly.

The bioblitz was scheduled to conclude at noon June 23. Results will be shared when they are available.

From www.esf.edu/efb/bioblitz



Show Table Tales



Right—A long view of Show Table with Dick Doran holding Mark Conley's Lycaste.
Left—One of Ed Bel-emjian's Phal No IDs.



Left—A close up of Donna's Lc. Gold Digger.



Right—Janet Vinyard and her Paphs.

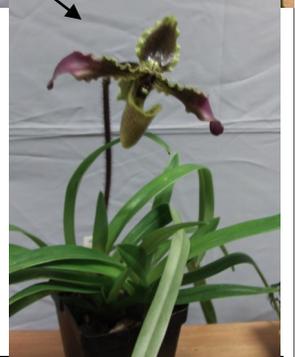


Phragmipedium Schlimii



Paph. Hirsutissimum – great "whiskers"!
Paph. Liemiamun – a sequential bloomer

Dendrobium tetragonium var. tetragonium – a mounted orchid which likes high, dry and cooler side of intermediate range.



Right—Patti Freed – brought in a great mounted plant with really interesting leaves and tiny blossoms. Note the arrows marking the blossoms!

Left—Wake Gardner with his Phal. Unimax Kate. In a lovely flowing display! And Phrag schlimii.



Greg Griffis from Parkside Orchid Nursery, Ottsville, PA will be our April Speaker.

He is going to talk with us about Orchids that really are excellent staples in everyone's collection, so make sure you come out to enjoy his talk!!

Feel free to check out his website www.parksideorchids.com and please note—there is a 10% DISCOUNT for pre-orders that he will bring to the meeting.

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2503 Mountainview Drive,
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Sunday 10am-5pm and by appointment.
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Donna Wardlaw & Deb Lambeth admire Donna's Lc. Gold Digger at the Board meeting . What a great plant!! Donna has had it over 10 years and it had more than 45 blooms on 10 flower spikes!



Don't forget we are trying a new meeting schedule to make sure we don't miss anything special!

For February, March and April:

- 1:00 p.m. Social & Sale Time
- 1:20 p.m. Announcements
- 1:35 p.m. Beginner Program
- 1:50 p.m. Show Table discussion including our Speaker
- 2:15 p.m. Speaker
- 3:15 p.m. Q & A, cont'd sales
- 3:30 p.m. Raffle

This is a trial to allow everyone to partake in Show Table Tales.



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NEXT MEETING

April 6, 2013

- 1:00 p.m. Social & Sale Time
- 1:20 p.m. Announcements
- 1:35 p.m. Beginner Program
- 1:50 p.m. Show Table discussion including our Speaker
- 2:15 p.m. Speaker-**Greg Griffis of Parkside Orchid Nursery**
“20 Orchids Everyone Should Own”
- 3:15 p.m. Q & A, cont'd sales
- 3:30 p.m. Raffle

At William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie (Loudon, NY)