



North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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Orchids of New Zealand By Sandy Buxton

Keep in mind, New Zealand is an island country, or more correctly a country of islands. Stretching 990 miles long, there are numerous islands making up the chain. The North Island and South Island are the 2 largest, situated some 1500 miles east of Australia. The climate is a reverse of northern Maine to the Georgia/Florida line.

Our speaker, Jean Stefanik, jean-go4it@aol.com, certainly made the area come alive. Jean said often the leaves tell you more about the species than the blossoms. Patience and persistence is a virtue in orchid hunting in these forests and fields. Many of the orchids she showed us are quite small. The plant may be as big as a coffee cup. She showed examples of blooms the size of a half-dollar; Caledonia minor – the size of a quarter; Corybas have leaves the size of a dime and a bloom the size of a pencil eraser!

The site photos document orchid fiends concentrating on small patches for photographs and count-



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Thelymitra nervosa, or Spotted Sun Orchid a native orchid.



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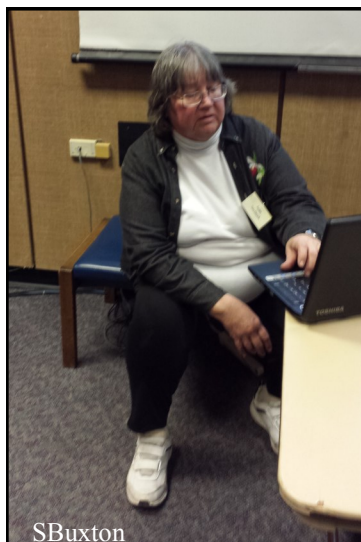
ing.

Most native orchids have a dormant period and are spring blooming. On the North Island, the dormant period is during the summer due to the heat.

Gastrodia was a chlorophyll-less orchid she described that rely on microrhizal symbiosis of a fungus and a host tree to feed the plant. They are called 'Potato orchids' because they have tubers which send up spikes.

The Earina autumnalis is an autumn blooming orchid called the Easter orchid.

Her talk was fascinating to see orchids in the natural habitat. But it was also quite fun to see growers' greenhouses and learn what some of their challenges are.



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Jean also told us about the upcoming Native Orchid Conference happening in Gorham, NH from June 1-June 5. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Native-Orchid-Conference-Inc/292969950721047> for more info. It is their 14th year and they hope to see white forms of pink Lady Slippers during the event.



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Jean Stefanik worked before the meeting got going to research some of the plants on the Show Table.

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April 4—John Salventi with Tom Purvience formerly of Parkside Orchids will premiere an AOS topic “Orchid Nutrition”.

May 2—Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids at Sanford Library in Colonie

June 7—Piping Rock Open House—co-hosted with NENYOS, in Galway, NY.

July—No Meeting

August—Summer picnic at Fern & Stan Lee’s in Scotia.

**Sept. 12—no meeting
September 13— IPA meeting co-hosted by NENYOS in Voorheesville**

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Upcoming Events in the Northeast

Mar 28 – 29, 2015 Les Orchidophiles de Montreal "Orchidexpo 2015" on College de Maisonneuve, 2700 Bourbonniere St., Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Contact: Andre Poliquin at 450-653-5416 or mor-pol@sympatico.ca

Mar 28 – 29, 2015 Nutmeg State Orchid Society "Come See Our Bloomers" at West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center, 50 South Main St., West Hartford, CT. Contact: Sandra Myhalik 860-677-0504 or myhalik@comcast.net

Apr 24 – 26, 2015 Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society International Orchid Show & Sale at Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: Bob Sprague at 484-919-2922 or bobsatcyndal@aol.com

May 2 – 3, 2015 Southern Tier Orchid Society Annual Show at Oakdale Mall, 601-605 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City, NY. Contact: Anne Quain at 607-797-1383 or anneetinker@yahoo.com

GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc.
STOS—Southern Tier OS

CTOS—Connecticut OS

MHOS—Mid-Hudson OS C check www.aos.org/events 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

Capital District Garden & Flower Show—March 27—29, 2015 at HVCC, Troy. Please come excited and prepared to share your enthusiasm about orchids. This is a great event to give away some knowledge to the public and teach them about the wonders of Orchids!!

Beginner Series Class—2015-2016

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

Beginner Talks

April	There's no need to fear
May	Eeeww – What's that on my orchid? (pests and other orchid malady)
June	Piping Rock— no class
July	No meeting
Aug	Picnic—no meeting
Sept	Let there be light (growing under lights)
Oct	Leaves
Nov	Auction!
Dec	Orchid Databases
Feb	Winner, winner! (orchid judging)
Mar	An orchid genus we haven't talked about

Beginner Grower lectures are generally held before regular meetings at about 1:30 p.m. Arriving for a meeting early allows participants to check out the Show Table, have a snack and look at the Sale Table!! As well as find a chair with a good view and ask questions of the other members.

Much of our learning happens by gaining information from our peers!

**The March 2015 AOS Corner-
From the desk of Laura Newton,**
Membership and Affiliated Soci-
eties Chair

The Webinar for this month:
Ron McHatton will present-Pests
and Diseases part 2 - Orchid Dis-
eases on Mar 25, 2015 at 8:30
EDT/5:30PDT. (This webinar is
open to everyone.)

Ron McHatton, Director of Edu-
cation of the American Orchid Soci-
ety will share information on the
various kinds of diseases that can
affect our orchid collections and
how to manage them. No orchid
grower is completely immune from
the introduction of pests and diseas-
es to their collection. This means
that sooner or later we are all going
to be faced with having to go to bat-
tle on some level with the forces of
nature that have decided to infect
our plants. Join us for this webinar
and learn how to prevent and man-
age the diseases.

The webinar lineup for next
month: Greg Allikas- Cattleya
lueddemanniana on April 14, 2015
at 8:30pm EDT (This is a members
only webinar.)

Ron McHatton- AOS Greenhouse
Chat on April 21, 2015 at 8:30pm
EDT (This webinar is open to eve-
ryone.)

The March 2015 issue of Orchids
has articles on:

- *Ancistrochilus rothschildia-*
nus, by Ron McHatton. This unusu-
al African species has pseudobulbs
that resemble Hersey's kisses!
- *Schoenorchis* by Thomas
Miranda, details this interesting Ge-
nus with small flowers, which have
varying leaf forms.

- *Roots*, by Sue Bottom shows
us why roots are so important and
how to maximize your growing so
that you too can have not only beau-
tiful flowers, but also some great
roots to support them.

- *The Genus Guarianthe*, by
Nile Dusdieker, M.D., is an in-
depth look at this Genus that most
of us think of as *Cattleyas*.

- *Great Ideas*, by Ed Wright
and Bill Tippit, shows us how to
make a tip-proof device for use in
taking your plants along for the
ride.

- *Appreciating Iwa Chidori*,
by Taiga Miyamoto and Hideka Ko-
bayashi this is a fascinating article
about a species, *Amitostigma*
keiskei, that I had never heard of,
and the hybridizing that provides a
wonderful array of colors, for these
spring jewels.

If you haven't received your issue
yet, don't worry it will be on its
way soon, and in the meantime you
can view it online through the web-
site!

You don't want to miss out on
this great opportunity!

Are you aware that membership
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Let's grow together,
Laura Newton

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Non-Show Table Tales



Donna Wardlaw's LC Gold Digger regularly attends the March meeting. This year it did not but it clearly had LOTS of blossoms—Donna said over 60!!

Beginner Talk

Maxillaria is an orchid species with LOTS of variety. Alex Shephard gave us a great overview through her presentation.

Latin for “jawbone”, Maxillaria has 600 species that range for epiphytic (air loving), lithphytic to terrestrial growing. Currently being reclassified, it has been a hodgepodge of plants. While their growing zone is tropical rain forest, the range stretches from sea level to 11,000 ft which greatly impacts the light and temperature requirements.

In general they like frequent watering and a temp range of day: 70-85 deg. While night is 55-60 deg. Bright light and 40-70% humidity. They have fine roots which grip the potting medium so they do not like to be repotted, definitely do not like having their roots disturbed.

There are only 15 hybrids listed. Bloom size varies from tiny to large.

By Sandy Buxton II

More Show table Tales



L.Graham

Lori Graham had a Catt. Quadricolor which did not make the Show Table in February. Nice blossom.



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Wake Gardner brought BLC Dora Louise Capen 'Lea'. A lovely plant formerly owned by Doris Collins, one of the Charter Members of NENYOS who died several years ago.

Very nice to see a piece of her collection.

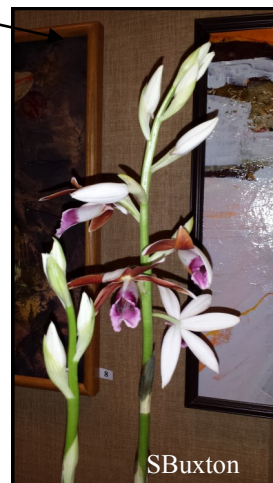
Wake Gardner – Phaius Lady Ramona Harry 'Looking at You'. Moss basket of Paphs and Phals. LC Gold Digger has 26 blooms! Jean asked how he got blooms on all sides, and he said he rotates the pot while it is setting buds. Jean said once the bud is developed, stop rotating or you might get some twisting in the stem which causes problems.



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April 4th Meeting – Tom Purviance and John Salventi are coming back to do an **orchid nutrition education event**. This will become an AOS webinar that will take place in May, so we are seeing some great material! Tom and John are bringing a few orchids to sell and will deliver Parkside pre-ordered plants. But it is another open meeting for members to sell plants.

If you would like to pre-order bark, supplies or plants from Parkside Orchid Nursery, they will be willing to bring them along to the meeting to help out. We ask that members to please place their orders ahead and arrange payment in advance, directly to Parkside. Call 610-847-8039 Fax: 610-847-1211 or Email: info@parksideochids.com. To see what is available visit www.parksideochids.com.



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A close up of Bob's Odontoglossum.

May 2nd Speaker – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids out of Lincoln, California. He will do pre-orders with free freight and a 20% discount for members, delivering the plants to the meeting. He will also bring plants for sale at very reasonable prices. Visit

<http://www.goldcountryorchids.com/> and call 916.645.8600 or Email gcorchids@aol.com.

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From Bob Odess – one of our Snowbirds!

Greetings from Cuenca...it's lovely as usual, and having seen the weather forecast for Albany, I'll spare you any more details, except to tell you that in the courtyard of our apartment there is a large walnut tree, and growing in the crotch of the tree is an incredible odontoglossum (I think.) Because it grows around the entire trunk, I can't really photograph it, but I counted the open blooms today and got 76! There are at least the same number about ready to open. It's been pouring rain this afternoon, so I hope they're not damaged.

All our best...I probably will be back too late to make the April meeting, but I'll see you in May, I hope!

Bob



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The Native Orchid Conference, Inc. shared Great Lakes Orchids LLC's photo.
January 5 • 🌱



Great Lakes Orchids LLC

It's 10 F outside....great time to sit down and order some spring planting stock for the garden. greatlakesorchids.com Cypripedium reginae, Native Lady Slipper. Did you know these can live for over 100 years!!!!

One of our long time members and former Board Director died recently. We wanted to acknowledge it.

Edward A. Belemjian -85, of Orchard Grove died Thursday, February 26, 2015, at Eddy Village Green Cohoes after a brief illness. Born in Troy, he was son of the late Jacob Belemjian and Mary Ishkanian Belemjian and husband of the late Virginia Chekijian Belemjian. He was raised in Troy and resided in Loudonville since 1972 and was a graduate of Troy High School, class of 1947 and a graduate of the Albany College of Pharmacy.



Ed was an investigator for 14 years for New York State Medicaid Fraud and Abuse, a pharmacist at Pawling Pharmacy on the East Side of Troy for many years and a pharmacist for Van Rensselaer Manor. Gardening was his passion and he was a New York State Master Gardener, Head Gardener for the Ten Broeck Mansion. An active member of St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church. He was a Parish Council Chairman, a Diocesan Delegate, a member of the church choir and a 60 year member of the Knights of Vartan. Ed was an Army veteran of the Korean War.



la, FL; a sister, Lucille Dolab, Moraga, CA and several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends may call at the St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church 100 Troy-Schenectady Road Watervliet on Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 4-7 PM. Funeral service will be held Monday at 11 AM at the CHURCH with Rev. Stepanos Doudoukjian, Pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Albany Rural Cemetery Menands.



In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in memory of Edward A. Belemjian to St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church PO BOX 196 Watervliet, NY 12189. To sign the guest book, light a candle or for service directions, visit www.brycefh.com. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/troyrecord/obituary.aspx?n=edward-a-bel-emjian&pid=174273788&#sthash.9aHCoyAQ.dpuf>

NENYOS Note: Ed was a member who helped out at events and meetings, grew and enjoyed orchids and all types of flowers. We enjoyed knowing him and will miss his cell phone calls during the auction!

He and Don Reynolds were working the Raffle concession at one meeting when they set the record for dollars taken in!



Survivors include two sons, Dr. Mark E. (Rhoda) Belemjian, Wilbraham, MA and David P. Belemjian, Loudonville; two grandchildren, Jacob E. and Madeline V. Belemjian, a brother, John Belemjian, Oca-



Show Table Tales



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Mark Conley – Potinara paradise Rose ‘Fushia’

Janet Vinyard’s mounted Goldeneye is a salvaged plant that she has misted lots!. She and Roland left for 2 weeks and came home to blooms.



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Bob Phillips – Paph micranthum – this is the best of the 25 he has bloomed.



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Note—to be honest I am not sure whose Catt this is. Very pretty.

Stan Lee had 2 Vanda Pachara which he bought and now has re-blooming!! They live in the top part of the greenhouse (above Stan’s head). When dark, temp is 60-63 degrees, if sun is out it might be 80-100. He has a sprinkler system on one end of greenhouse which sprinkles at least 1x/day but on bright sunny days may go 3-6x/day. Jean said temp is less of an issue – it is all about humidity. Leaves falling off is about humidity and not frequent enough waterings.



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Janet Vinyard brought Paph hybrid that she is amazed she got to re-bloom.



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Donna Wardlaw – Lycaste skinneri hyb. is a plant she likes the color and size. It has been in bloom several weeks.

Aerangis bastiosa– bought from Alan Koch.



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Donna—Masd. Sue Forrester- Bought from J & L. Grown in fish tank terrarium with misters in wine cellar. (below)



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Brasidium Gilded Urchin ‘Ontario’ – great odor – grown warm in greenhouse.



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NEXT MEETING

April 4, 2015

2:15 NENYOS Tom Purviance & John Salventi formerly of Parkside Orchids— Orchid Nutrition

1:30 Beginner talk

2:00 p.m. Show Table, After presentation—Questions and Raffle

The meeting is at the William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie (Loudonville, 12211)

(Times are approximate.)

March Raffle Winners

Don't forget, Raffle winners are asked to bring a "goodie" to the next meeting to help celebrate their good fortune.

Joan Gardner
Sandy Buxton II
Gill O'Brien
Gretchen Sharp
Val Trczinski
Mary Fay
Donna Wardlaw

Congratulations!!

Members are welcome to bring plants to sell at the meeting.

