



North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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December 2014

November Auction

By Sandy Buxton II

Plenty of excitement and a few new faces marked the audience at the auction. With a great display of blooms and plants, the set-up crew did a phenomenal job of getting set up ahead of the predicted time.



Christina kept the action hopping while Alex displayed great pictures and information about each plant. Definitely important for the final bid price.

Despite the light crowd, the bidding was quite active. Of course, that might have been helped by the great refreshments, especially the extra beverages contributed by Bob Bristol and Donna Wardlaw. Basil and Garlic cheese curds were donated by Argyle Cheese Farmer.

The selections at this year's auction included mounted plants, blooming and spiked plants, books, and mounting supplies. Approximately 100 lots were sold, some for some bargain basement prices and others a little more.

Janet reported "Of course I got home and couldn't relax until I poured over the results. Here are a few facts:

- Bidding plates signed out 35.
- We took in \$2538 which includes \$4 bump.
- Donated items brought us \$623, with Christina the champ this year. The books from Alex took second.....and I really appreciate each and every donated item.

I will try to get a blurb out earlier in the newsletter about donated items as they are



100% in our favor.

⇒ The highest bid item was the Ascocendra Laski and it brought \$60!!"

As for entertainment during the auction, Christina asked her mom, Frederica, for permission to bid on a plant but was denied. (She is trying to downsize her collection.)

Another interaction brought laughs because a bidder felt "the price should be reduced because the plant was 'used' since it had a former owner!!" I don't think that strategy is going to go very far in future auctions since NENYOS is always recruiting donations to help share plants.

Cell phones were pretty quiet this year, apparently Ed Belemjian

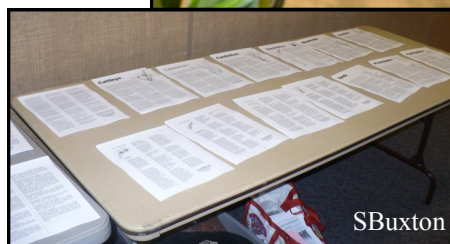
wasn't on call for the Master Gardeners!

Many thanks to everyone who came to bid and buy!! We appreciate the support since the money raised pays for our outside speakers who come to educate all of us.

Also thanks to all of the volunteers—there are lots of jobs both before, during and after the event.

The Auction Crew : Donna and Bob, the 2 andy's, Deb Lambeth, Stan and Fern, Alex and Lorrie,

Mark Conley, Wake and Joan, Jane Smith, Gill and Gladys, and Christina.



The wide variety of culture sheets Alex provided was also a great boon to buyers!

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Upcoming Meetings

Dec 6—Holiday Gathering at Sanford Library

January 17, 2015 - luncheon at Wolfert's Roost

February 7—Drew Monthie, "Growing Orchids Hydroponically"

March 7—TBA

April 4—TBA

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

For more information or to encourage others to experience NENYOS, don't forget to direct people to our website:
www.nenyos.org

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Upcoming Events in the Northeast

November 28th to 30th – Parkside Orchids Holiday Sale. It's the annual Black Friday sale. Stock up and save 10% to 50% on pots, bark, plants and everything else. 2503 Mountainview Drive, Ottsville, PA 18942. 610-847-8039 www.parksideorchids.com

Jan 16 – 18, 2015 North Jersey Orchid Society Show & Sale at Strawberry Blossom Home & Garden Center, 1364 State Route 23, North Wayne, NJ. Contact: Caroline Buchman 201-848-9491 or cbuchman@tncb.net

Feb 5 – 8, 2015 Deep Cut Orchid Society "18th Annual Orchid Show" Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ. Contact: Helen E. Kroh, 732-828-7727 or krohsnest@optonline.net

Feb 13 – 15, 2015 New Hampshire Orchid Society Show at Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH. Contact: Jean Hallstone 603-880-0404 or jhallstone@yahoo.com

Feb 28 – Mar 8, 2015 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society "Philadelphia Flower Show" at Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: Betty Greene 215-988-8826 or bgreene@pennhort.org

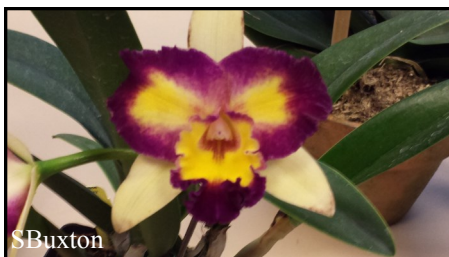
GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc.

STOS—Southern Tier OS

OS 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

CTOS—Connecticut OS

MHOS—Mid-Hudson



Beginner Series Class—

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

Beginner Talks 2014-2015

Dec	Orchid Databases
Feb	Preparing your orchids for display
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!

Catasetum Update—Gift Plant 2013

Don't forget that we are coming to the slow down period for these deciduous orchids. November is when you should slow down fertilizing and watering aggressively.

Then by mid-December to January, cease watering. Leaves should come off.

Do not start watering in February until new growth is 3-4 inches high.

The AOS Corner from Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Society Chair

The Stanhopea supplement to Orchids arrived with the November issue, along with the 2015 Orchid Source. If you are not already a member of AOS, join today so that you do not miss out on this great annual addition to our magazine. I can't wait to read it!

The November edition of Orchids Magazine is jam-packed with interesting and informative articles.

•• For the beginning growers Sue Bottom's article explains why plants need a temperature drop, so if you've ever wondered why that Orchid on your dining table hasn't re-bloomed for you, this article will outline what it takes to get it back on track.

•• In conjunction with last month's webinar on Catasetums, Fred Clarke has followed up with a great article on "Magnificent Mini-Catasetums" this article explores Catasetum denticulatum and its hybrids.

•• I was fascinated with Sergey Skoropad's article on "Growing Fine Orchids without a Greenhouse" Sergey has had great success growing, blooming and showing his plants. He shares his secrets to growing his highly awarded plants indoors and out, as a hobbyist grower.

•• For those of you that like things a little off the beaten path, see Leon Glicenstein's continuing collection of articles on "Jewel and Painted-Leaf Orchids XXII". These jewel orchids are grown specifically for their foliage and are the only Orchids that can be judged without flowers.

This month's webinar is on November 20th at 8:30p.m. EST with Nile Dusdieker, M.D. presenting "Spiders, Gnats and Greenhousds". Nile is an accredited judge with the Chicago Judging center and lives in Iowa. This webinar is open to everyone, so you do not have to be a member to attend. Please sign up on our website www.aos.org (Webinars tab: <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=509>) Also check out the recorded versions of past webinars. It's great being able to listen to the talks in the comfort of your own home!

The AOS is now accepting requests for project funding for research and/or conser



Pterostylis curta. Photo ©G.Allikas

vation projects. Applications for consideration in the spring must be received before January 1, check out the aos.org website for complete details.

While addressing the Affiliated Society Reps at the Members' Meeting, I was asked about my homeopathic approach to controlling pests and diseases. I have three young grandchildren and have made the decision not to spray chemicals on my plants, due to their propensity to put everything in their mouths!

Here are the 5 key things that I use, that work for me.

*For scale and mealy-bug- I use a mix of 409/alcohol/water in equal parts. I spray them daily until they are gone (be careful using this mix around Paphiopedilums, as it will cause the buds to blast and the flowers to collapse)

*For crawling insects (like roaches and palmetto bugs here in Florida)- I use a squirt of Dr. Bonner's Organic Peppermint soap in a squirt bottle full of water (I also use this inside my house for any offenders that happen to sneak in)

*For any wet or soft spots on leaves- I use brown Listerine (you can use any of the store brands, just make sure that it is brown/amber colored)

*For black rot or crown rot- I use hydrogen peroxide (let it fizz and then pour it off)

*Lastly, for all cuts or exposed tissue- I use ground cinnamon to keep them from getting infected.

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Some Orchids That Flower In The Winter Months from AOS.org

The names below are derived from the Latin and Greek languages and can, at first, be daunting to pronounce. It's easier if you remember that, with few exceptions all letters are pronounced. You will often hear names pronounced somewhat differently than indicated below as a result of regional differences. There are also pronunciations that are not technically correct but have found their way into common useage. The common pronunciation, stan-HOPE-ee-ah rather than the technically correct stan-HOPE-ah for Stanhopea is an example. This pronunciation has no doubt evolved because of the "pronounce every letter rule" although that would sound more like stan-HOPE-AY-ah.

Temperature status

C= 50F minimum, I = 55F minimum, W = 60-65F minimum

Cattleya percivaliana (KAT-lee-ah purr-sih-VAL-ee-an-ah) and many of its hybrids (I)
Coelogyne cristata (see-loh-GUY-nee KRIS-tah-tah) (C)
Laelia superbiens (LAY-lee-ah sue-PURR-bee-enz) [also known as Schomburgkia superbiens]



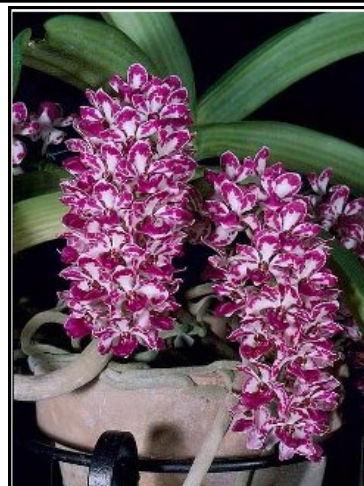
Lycaste skinneri 'Heatherglen', CCM/AOS
Grower: Heather & Glen Alm, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada

Lycaste skinneri (lye-CASS-tee SKIN-er-eye) and many of its hybrids (I)
Trichocentrum cavendishianum (try-koe-SENT-rum cav-en-DISH-ee-an-um) [also long known as *Oncidium* - *Oncidium* is pronounced as on-SID-ee-um] (C)
Phaius tankervilleae (FAY-us tan-ker-VILL-eye) [the Nun's Orchid] (I)
Many *Phalaenopsis* (fail-en-NOP-sis) species and their hybrids (W)
Angraecum eburneum (W)
Angraecum sesquipedale (an-GRAY-kum sess-kwih-PED-ah-lee) (W)
Brassavola nodosa (bra-SAH-voe-lah NOE-dose-ah) (I)
Early flowering *Cymbidium* (sim-BID-ee-um) species and hybrids (C)
Dendrobium nobile (den-DRO-bee-um NOE-bee-lee) and its hybrids (C winter)



Epidendrum ciliare (I)

Laelia anceps (LAY-lee-ah an-SEPS) (I-C)
Many *Masdevallia* (maz-dee-VAHL-ee-ah) species and hybrids (C-I)
Rhynchostylis gigantea (rink-oh-STY-liss jye-gan-TEE-ah) (W)
Cattleya coccinea (KAT-lee-ah COCK-sinn-ee-ah) (C) and many of the miniature cattleyas developed from this species.



Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Annie', AM/AOS
Grower: Jessie Stanley, League City, Texas

Photo of the Week



Photo © Irma Saldaña

Trichocentrum jonesianum
'Tio Super' AM/AOS, 83 pts.

Award: 20141723
September 25, 2014
Mayaguez Orchid Society Show,
Mayaguez Mall
Exhib: Julio D. Rios

Just a quick reminder to members, our meetings are open to anyone and everyone. We encourage people to invite friends and neighbors who love plants and orchids to come and participate.
Please make everyone feel welcome.

THE NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL LUNCHEON - JANUARY 17, 2015

WOLFERT'S ROOST COUNTRY CLUB

Van Rennselaer Blvd, Albany, NY
(located near I-90, Exit 6 and Rte 9 north)

Festivities start at 12 pm

Name: _____ Individual Reservation \$ 23.00
Address: _____ No. of Guests x \$23.00 = \$ _____
Phone: _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to NENYOS and bring to the next meeting or mail to Joan Gardner, 100 Gipps Ln, Voorheesville, NY 12186.

Deadline for reservations is January 5, 2015.

12pm CASH COCKTAIL TRAY SERVICE-

BUFFET LUNCH TO FOLLOW

THE MENU

Fruit Bowl **Mixed Greens Salad with 2 dressing choices** Antipasto Salad** Seasonal Vegetables Medley **Roasted Potato** Chicken Picatta**Pasta Primavera** Sesame Ginger Salmon **Rolls and Butter **Blueberry Crisp and Whipped Cream
**Coffee, Tea and Decaf Coffee

Come and enjoy spending time with orchid enthusiasts, Annual Meeting, a Show Table, Member Sale Table and Raffle.



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AOS Monthly Checklist for November And December—from AOS.org

Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.



Cymbidium

Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months.

There are three

important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex

This is the season for plants in *Oncidium* section *crispum* from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Paphiopedilum

The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. *Paphiopedilums* are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike.

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While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With paphiopedilums, especially, "cleanliness is next to godliness" and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

Phalaenopsis

Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in phalaenopsis. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our phalaenopsis will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest.

A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a "bloom booster"-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.

Vandaceous Genera

Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules.



Neofinetia falcata will thrive in cooler temperatures and produce graceful vanilla-scented flowers.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

More Auction Photos:





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NEXT MEETING

Dec. 6, 2014

**2:15 Holiday Gathering -
Come enjoy some food,
fellowship and orchid
fun!!**

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.)

Raffle Winners

Remember there was no raffle at the November Auction. But members will be able to sell plants at the December Holiday meeting on Dec 6 at the Library.



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Repeats from past
Show Tables



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