



# North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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## Celebrate with NENYOS By Sandy Buxton

Once again, we come to the end of a wonderful year of orchids! There were great opportunities for learning and buying as well as growing. A nice group turned out to celebrate the holidays with food, fun and information.

Thank you everyone that brought goodies! It certainly made for a great afternoon, yum.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we did not have our usual Beginner Talk, but Janet Vinyard stepped forward to give some words of wisdom on "Winter Dormancy— How do we treat orchids in the winter?"

As she pointed out, after a plant flowers, it generally wants to rest and put its energy into roots and pseudo-bulbs to get ready for the next blooming period. With decreased light, temp and moisture, winter in the Northeast forces a plant to rest too.

So now, between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day, is generally the best time to cut back on water and fertilizer for many plants. If you have added more light than what is naturally available, the cutback may not be needed. However, some orchids

actually need a drop in temperature in order to get something going. Flowering is a plants natural response to stress as it attempts to procreate and continue the species.

Stan Lee told the story of how he tortured a number of big leafy Phals in his greenhouse to get them to set flower spikes. In Sept. when the temps were dropping, he carried a bunch out to his open pool house where they would be dry but exposed to the cool night temperatures 40s. After 2-3 weeks of this, with only one foray back to the greenhouse due to extreme lows (30s), he put them back inside.

Low and behold, several weeks later, each of the plants showed a bloom spike! A temperature differential is often key. And for those still waiting on their plants, there is still time to enact a little magic.

Stan said you can put your plant on a cool floor in a darker room like in a bedroom for a few weeks. It will



force a shorter, cooler day which then when you move the plant back to regular conditions may excite a response out of it. (Remember, Stan pointed out—a thermostat is at eye level reading one temperature. Near the ceiling it is warmer, and on the floor, the temp will be cooler.)

Also, now is a good time to change your fertilizer habits. Goal is setting bloom spike, so use a bloom booster type.

Stan talked about the big clay potted Phal he had up front. Clay pots will dry out more than plastic. But he cautioned people with big pots, the 5-7" ones (See page 4=>)



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**Upcoming Meetings**

**Jan. 18—Annual Luncheon, Woolfert's Roost**

**Feb. 1—Dick Doran at Sanford Library, Colonie**

**March 1—Cordelia Head, J & L Orchids from CT at Sanford Library, Colonie**

**April 5—Tom Purviance & John Salventi, frmr Parkside Orchid Owners talking about Roots! It's all about the roots! at Sanford Library, Colonie**

**May 3—Steve Male from Fishing Creek Orchids in PA at Sanford Library, Colonie**

**May 31—Open House at Piping Rock Orchids in Galway, NY**

**July—No Meeting**

**August 2—Annual Picnic at Stan & Fern Lee's in Scotia**

**September 6—Ron McHatton at Sanford Library**

**Upcoming Events in the Northeast**

**Jan 11 – 12, 2014 Sarasota Orchid Society "57th Annual Show & Sale"** at Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL, Contact: Monroe Kokin 941-586-7795, [orchidpix@comcast.net](mailto:orchidpix@comcast.net)

**Jan 16 – 19, 2014 Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Exotic Orchids"** at War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL. Contact: John Wrench 954-812-2231, [johnwrench@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnwrench@bellsouth.net)

**Jan 17 – 19, 2014 North Jersey Orchid Society Show** at Strawberry Blossom Garden Center, 1364 Route 23, Wayne, NJ. Contact: Richard Ho 973-857-7992, [rho144@hotmail.com](mailto:rho144@hotmail.com)

**Jan 25 – 26, 2014 Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show** at The Resort and Conference Center, 35 Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA. Contact: Tina Balog 508-540-5006 [ti-na@plaid.who.edu](mailto:ti-na@plaid.who.edu)

**Feb 7 – 9, 2014 Deep Cut Orchid Society Show & Sale** at Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ. Contact: Faye Arnett & Helen Kroh 7362-786-8583, [farnett@gmail.com](mailto:farnett@gmail.com)

**Feb 14 – 16, 2014 New Hampshire Orchid Society Show** at Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH. Contact: Jean Hallstone 603-880-0404, [jhallstone@yahoo.com](mailto:jhallstone@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, Feb 15, 2014 National Capital Orchid Society "The 34th Annual Paphiopedilum Forum"** at The National Arboretum, 3501 New York Avenue NE, Washington, DC. Contact: Lynn Evans-Goldner 410-610-4213, [woodstream3@verizon.net](mailto:woodstream3@verizon.net)

Mar 1– Mar 9, Philadelphia Flower Show

March 21-23, Greater Capital District Flower & Garden Show, Troy.

April 11-13, SEPOS Show

GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc.

CTOS—Connecticut OS

STOS—Southern Tier OS

MHOS—Mid-Hudson OS

Check [www.aos.org/events](http://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.

**MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2013**

Donna Wardlaw	Co-President
Janet Vinyard	Co-President & Treasurer
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**Beginner Series Class—**

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

**January** – Luncheon (no presentation)

**February** – A Closer Look at... (some genus we haven't talked about)

**March** – The Scoop on Fertilizers and Fertilizing

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!

**Catesetum Update**

For those who picked up the NENYOS gift plant at the annual picnic, don't forget that your plant is deciduous and going to begin showing signs of dormancy. These may include yellowing leaves and browning, eventually falling off according to Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids. The plant bulbs should be nice and round, full of moisture.

Most leaves should be off by January 1<sup>st</sup> – and you will stop watering all together then. New growth will appear in a few weeks and you still won't water until it really gets growing (at least 4 inches). Please refer to fact sheet from picnic.

**Follow Up on New Blooms—  
Continued**

Gretchen Sharp spoke to me in December about this article. She also has been having a great orchid year and was about to have her Onc. Sharry Baby bloom for the first time on her watch. Congratulations!!

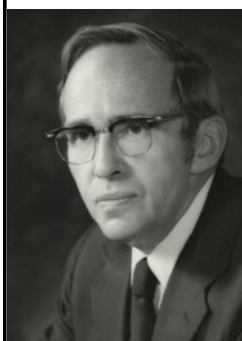
For all of us newbie or almost newbies, the wonder of orchid spikes is a tremendous thrill.

So keep me posted and I will keep reporting on our successes!

-Sandy Buxton II

A sad note as we close celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

**Dr. David R. Tomlinson, M.D, 95**



Troy - David R. Tomlinson, M.D, 95, of Burdett Avenue died Friday, November 22, 2013, at Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center after a long illness.

Born in Troy, he was son of the late David A. Tomlinson and Agnes Ryland

Tomlinson and husband of the late Ruth E. Smith Tomlinson. He had resided in Troy all his life.

A graduate of Lansingburgh High School, Dr. Tomlinson was awarded a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and received his medical degree from Cornell Medical College. He completed a fellowship in gynecological pathology and taught a fellowship in gynecology, both at Harvard.

In 1946, Dr. Tomlinson joined Dr. VanAuken in his OB/GYN practice on Burdett Avenue. Between 1946 and 1984, the

practice delivered almost 25,000 babies, primarily at Samaritan Hospital. He also served as chairman of the OB/GYN department at the hospital.

During his illustrious career, Dr. Tomlinson served as president of the County Medical Society and president of Samaritan Hospital's medical staff. He has served on the boards of Samaritan Hospital, The Eddy and Northeast Health Acute Care Board. A past chairman of the advisory board for the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, he is also a trustee for the Belknap Trust which has funded various programs at the hospital's School of Nursing.

He was a co-founder of the Northeast New York Orchid Society. Together, David and Ruth cultivated exotic orchids. They traveled worldwide, including up the Amazon River four times, in search of new orchid plants and he has a strain of orchid that he grew and named. They found raising orchids fascinating, challenging and relaxing. He and fellow NENYOS co-founder, Walter Scheeren, donated land in upstate New York to protect orchids he grew.

Survivors include four daughters, Faith Tomlinson, Chadds Ford, PA, Pamela T. (John) Ernest, Temple, ME, Lynn T. (late Dominic) Candella, Westwood, MA and Dale T. (late Jay) Ernest, Mifflintown, PA; his grandchildren, Kim Beeson, Todd Johnson, Nichole, Tiffany and Heather Ernest, Ashley and David Candella and Rylan Bargo; his great grandchildren, Cali and Luke Beeson, Madeleine Jay and McKenna Gale Ernest-Rotherth, Brody and Reed Tomlinson Johnson and Blair Kathryn Bargo and 2 nieces and 2 nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Robert W. Tomlinson.

(Editor note: NENYOS sent orchids to be displayed at his services. Please read his daughter's comments on Page 8.)

**Come and Visit a  
NENYOS meeting!!**

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.

**VENDORS WHO HELPED  
WITH THE 2013  
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The center of the pot will still be wet, meaning no roots will grow there.

Small pots and plants dry out fast. They have no reserve and their status changes quickly.

Stan also told a great story about the large white Phal. in the center picture on Page 1. He obtained that plant in bud during May. The largest buds, on the end toward the plant, blasted off in the heat. The plant then sat on his greenhouse shelf all summer, just barely in bud—not growing. When the weather started to cool, the plant started to grow again, lengthening out from the end. So Stan has been working with it to guide it to develop a display of well shingled blooms to show off.

Stan also wanted to remind us to stop watering our Cynoches/Catasetums. He brought one in that is



starting to send out a bloom spike but should still not be watered until roots and leaves are 3-4 inches long. The pseudobulb is supposed to be able to carry it through the “dry” period until the monsoons come. But remember, when the monsoons come, Fred Clarke recommends feeding heavily—fertilize at a rate of 1tsp/gallon water with EVERY watering!!



Donna Wardlaw discussed the agendas of the 2014 meetings (listed on pg. 2). Lots of great stuff!!

display basket of Cattleya NOID, an LC. Featherae and Cynoches Jumbo Revolution.

We certainly have been spoiled by all of the

wonderful flowers we have been able to see each month as part of the Raffle, Show Table and Sale Table. I know I look forward to the collection each month. I hope you do too!



### Show Table Notes

I am sorry but I loaded the pictures in and then realized I was out of space for notes. I will try to combine the info—refer to pg 7....

Jane Smith brought a C. Hawaiian Charisma Hawaii and several other Catts. To talk to Mark Conley about.

Jon Raymond discussed his system for mealy bug treatments and showed off his and Phil Rudko's babies. Mounted Hotoglossum “wangii” from China & Vietnam.

Howeara Lavaburst “Puanani” - an intergenic hybrid

And the beauty who has been in bloom about a month—Monn. Millenium Magic “Witchcraft” - plant is related to a Cynoches.

L.C. Tanya Duncan ‘Seattle Blues’ - a cross between C. Heathii and LC. Canhamiana.

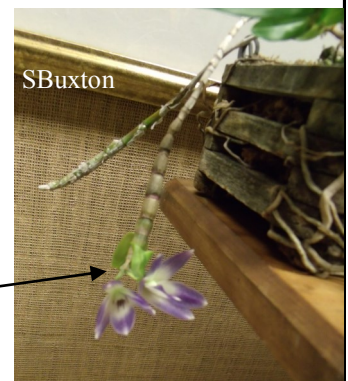
Christina Andresen brought in Paph. Norito Hasegawa—an absolute beauty!!

Den. Maiden Charlotte—

Den. Victoria Regina x Mingle's Sapphire

Den. Sea Mary “Snow Queen”

Wake Gardner brought in a moss



Bark will be available at the February meeting. If you are in desperate straits before then, you can call Stan and pick it up at his house 518-557-2070.

## THE NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL LUNCHEON - JANUARY 18, 2014

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

**Dead-line for reservations is January 5, 2014.**

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\*\* Sesame Ginger Salmon \*\*Rolls and Butter \*\*Blueberry Crisp and Whipped Cream \*\*Coffee, Tea and Decaf Coffee

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## Light, the Key to Successful Blooming -AOS.org

Part 2—**Quality versus Quantity**  
Plants need red and blue light and they reflect green. Light from the red end of the spectrum is critical for flowering while that from the blue end is used in growth. This is usually not a problem when plants are grown out-of-doors or in a greenhouse unless the greenhouse skin is very old and has yellowed to the point that the spectral quality is poor. However, for plants grown under lights, this can be an important factor and is the reason that many books recommend a mixture of 50:50 cool-white and warm-white fluorescent tubes in the light rack. Spectral quality can also be an issue if you are growing your plants in a sunroom glazed with bronze or other colored glass since these glazing materials may filter out much of the spectrum used by plants.

### Duration

Longer is not always better. First, plants need a night just as we do. They are adapted to the daily cycle of the sun and different parts of their metabolic cycle are accomplished during light and dark periods. In addition, many orchids, especially species, are adapted to changes in day length. This is called photoperiodicity. Fall-blooming cattleyas flower as day length shortens while spring-blooming ones as day length increases. If these plants are grown under conditions of constant day length they may never flower. The old cattleya cut-flower growers used this knowledge to time flowering for important holidays

and it's used today by Poinsettia growers for the Christmas market. Why is this important to the hobby grower? It's really quite simple. While a street light outside your greenhouse or living



Too much sunlight will burn an orchid's leaves. (AOS.org)

room window will produce such little light that being on all night won't matter that's not the case for lights in your growing area. If your only choice for a growing area is one that is lit late into the night, it would be best to concentrate on those plants like Phalaenopsis that flower without regard to day length.

### Too Much Light

Unlike too little light whose effects are often insidious, the opposite can be true of too much

light. Too much light, especially if it's a sudden change usually results in dramatic damage (sunburn) in very little time. The first sign of too much light is often yellow foliage. If left alone, this yellow foliage will eventually turn white and then dark brown and dry as the sunburned area dries out. Plants chronically exposed to too much light but not enough to cause sunburn will be stunted with yellow, hard foliage. If the problem is caught before the chlorophyll has been completely destroyed it is often possible to reverse the damage. Once white spots or sunken areas have appeared, the damage is irreversible and the best thing one can do is stop further progression with more shade.

This is one area of orchid culture where you want to make changes SLOWLY. Orchids are easily sunburned if light levels rise too fast. When moving plants around, especially when bringing them outdoors after winter, err on the side of excess shade. Make changes when you are going to be home and can watch the plants. Feel the leaves. The palm of your hand is about 93F. If they are hot to the touch, the leaf temperature is well about 95F and serious damage can occur in very little time.



Show Table Tales



Jon Raymond—left Monn. And right is Hotoglossum. Above Christina's Paph.



Jane Smith brought in a box of Cattleyas to show and ask questions about.



Wake's Cyc. Revolution.  
Jon & Phil's LC. Tanya Duncan  
Jon & Phil's Lavaburst.



Wake's Cattleyas  
Christina's Den. Sea Mary "Snow Queen"



### December Raffle Winners

Jackie Merrick	Drew Monthie
Mary Jane Crotty	George Alford—2
Helen	Don Reynolds
Jane Smith	Gill O'Brien

Don't forget, Raffle Winners are expected to bring a goodie to the February meeting to help celebrate their win!



Follow up to David Tomlinson's obituary:

Dear Janet and Orchid Society Members,

Thank you so much for the three beautiful orchid plants you gave us for our Father's funeral service. The orchids went from Bryce Funeral Home to St. Johns Church to the Troy Country Club and finally to some of our homes. They were a beautiful focal point and a constant reminder of his love of his orchid growing, collecting, traveling and sharing his orchid passion.

I very much enjoyed the story you shared with my niece, Heather, about your adventure to the protected orchid bog and the report you gave at the meeting when my dad was in attendance. I visited the preserve with my dad and my two children. They were about three and four years old at the time. (they are now 45 and 46!) I have pictures of them bending down to smell the wild orchids.

Thank you for helping to give my dad such a great send off.

Sincerely,  
Faith Tomlinson & Family



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#### **NEXT MEETING**

**January 18, 2014**

### **Annual Luncheon**

**Noon at Wolfert's Roost,  
Van Rensselaer Blvd, Albany  
(Details inside)**

**Member Plant Sales  
Show Table &  
Raffle**