

June Open House

Another successful NENYOS event took place on Saturday June 6 at Piping Rock Orchids. Glen Decker's open House attracted more than 70 people from the Capital District; Montreal, Canada; Rochester, NY; NH; VT; MA; and as far as New York City. Participants represented at least 8 orchid societies.

The greenhouse looked great as



people pored over the plants, checking tags and looking for hidden

treasures. The specimens filled the benches and provided a backdrop of blooms and textures.

One thing this type of visit provides is a reminder of the sheer variety of orchid shapes and sizes.



Bloom styles, spike lengths, leaves and plant sizes were all on display. The mounted wall in the greenhouse had numerous plants which produced exciting surprises if you looked closely. Tiny blooms nestled among the leaves or large inflorescences draped downward.

Terry Kowalczyk of Flora Pecu-



lia in Toronto Canada provided a humorous and educational talk on *Neofinetia falcata*s. He covered many of the key points (leaf color, leaf style, root color and bloom color) while not overwhelming the group with the Japanese terms though he did provide them.

With an eye toward providing some history, we learned how the shoguns, or Japanese warriors, were cultivating these plants in the 1300's. Akin to early orchid growing in the European theater, it was a hobby of the wealthy.

Glen provided a repotting and pest management discussion as he showed off a *Cattleya* divided during Kyle's talk at last year's Open House. The impressive bicolor looked wonderful. All three of the divisions bloomed and are growing well.

Repotting can be a great time to stimulate growth and roots, as long as you abide by some of the rules, according to Glen. *Paphiopedilums*, *phragmipediums* and *Phalaenopsis* like to be repotted in April, May and June. They are poised to really take advantage of the longer days and warm temperatures.

Masdevallias, which are cool growers, should be repotted during the cooler season like late fall and winter. The lower amount of light and cool temperatures give them a chance to grow new roots before the stress of the warmer season.

Repotting a *Masdevallia* in June or July ensures a dead plant.

—By Sandy Buxton

This huge *Masdevallia* bloom was really putting on a show at Open House.



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Upcoming Meetings

July—No Meeting

August 1—Summer picnic at Fern & Stan Lee's in Scotia.

Sept. 12—no meeting—please consider attending IPA (below)

September 13— IPA meeting co-hosted by NENYOS in Voorheesville

Oct 3—Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, California

Nov 7—Auction!! Come and bid on great plants!

December 5—Holiday event

Upcoming Events in the Northeast

Oct 2 – 4, 2015 Susquehanna Orchid Society Show "The Art of the Orchid" at Ware Center of Millersville University, 42 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA. Contact: Jay Holcomb & Denise Conklin at 717-252-6092 or jayh530@comcast.net

Oct 16 – 18, 2015 Connecticut Orchid Society Show "Orchid Harvest 2015" at Van Welgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Road, North Branford, CT. Contact: Cheryl Mizak 203-264-6096 or cmizak@alcher.com

Sat, October 17, 2015, Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Fall 2015 Orchid Show and Sale from 11am – 3pm at Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Rd, Newburgh, NY. Contact: Ruth Natras 845-343-2901

Oct 17 – 18, 2015 Eastern Canada Orchid Society "Orchidfete 2015" at CEGEP André Laurendeau, 1111 Rue Lapierre, Lasalle, QC, Canada. Contact: Brian Dunbar 514-684-3904 or bcd@videotron.qc.ca

GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc.

CTOS—Connecticut OS

STOS—Southern Tier OS

MHOS—Mid-Hudson 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

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2015

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Sandy Buxton Newsletter Ed.

Beginner Series Class—2015-2016

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

Beginner Talks

July	No meeting
Aug	Picnic—no class
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!

A Local Association with Resources

The New York Flora Association was founded in 1990 with the goal of promoting field botany and a greater understanding of the plants that grow wild in New York State. The goals of the organization are:

- to promote the study of New York State's Flora;
- to encourage the production of botanical publications that are educational to the public and beneficial to the scientific community;
- to provide an umbrella organization for field and herbarium botanists that can represent their points of view;
- to serve as an information exchange for botanically related organizations and botanists active in New York State;
- to foster the pursuit of common interests;
- to support the continued development of the New York Flora Atlas; and
- to promote conservation of native plants and natural communities.

All interested persons are invited to join the New York Flora Association, a membership-based organization dedicated to the promotion of field botany and greater understanding of the plants that grow in the wild in New York State. Ours is a non-profit group funded largely by member dues and gifts, but we may also accept grant funds.



NY Flora/ Jackie Donnelly

Bloodroot, 2015 Wildflower of the Year

The New York Flora Association welcomes you to visit them at <http://www.nyflora.org/> They organize wildflower walks and hikes around NYS as they work to educate NYers about the native plants we all live near.

Picnic Goodies

Gift plant at August 1st picnic for members will be something interesting according to Janet Vinyard, our intrepid NENYOS Co-President/Treasurer. She is still working on the exact item – but plants will definitely be present.

Members can sell plants at the summer picnic too!

VENDORS WHO HELPED WITH THE 2014 AUCTION & Activities

Bill Doran, Co Flower wholesalers
45 Industrial Park Rd, Albany, NY 12206 (518)-465-5285
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Island Sun Orchids –
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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.

AOS Monthly Checklist for July and August

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming,

with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.



Beallara Diana D'Unn 'Newberry' is a good example of the colorful patterns that Oncidium intergeneric hybrids offer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growth should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the

dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

Oncidium intergeneric

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.



The Philippine species, *Euanthe sanderiana*, rewards growers with massive heads of flowers at the end of summer.

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

THE JUNE 2015 AOS CORNER – *From the desk of Gayle Brodie, Vice-Chair AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee (gbrodieaosmembership@gmail.com)*

UPCOMING WEBINARS :

(hint – go to www.aos.org and click on the lower Webinar tab for current webinars, and on the upper Webinar tab for more information about future and available previously recorded webinars)

TRENDING PHALAEOPSIS NOVELTY HYBRIDIZING, presented by Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids. Wednesday, June 24, 2015 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. EDT. MEMBERS ONLY

Novelty *Phalaenopsis* are rewarding for their compact size, frequent flowering, brilliant color and fragrance. Join Peter as he showcases the best novelty *Phalaenopsis* available today, and reviews the breeding attributes that create more colorful novelty *Phalaenopsis* for tomorrow. Peter has been growing orchids for over 25 years and frequently travels from his Texas home to Taiwan to see the latest *Phalaenopsis* development, and to learn from Taiwanese hybridizers. Online registration available at www.AOS.org by mid-June.

PRERECORDED WEBINARS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE (INCLUDING NONMEMBERS) AT WWW.AOS.ORG

(click on the upper Webinar tab to access these):

[Introduction: Orchids and Their Culture](#) -

Greg Allikas

[Orchids Plus: AOS' Digital Orchid Awards Program](#) -Greg Filter

[Greenhouse Chat, July](#) -Ron McHatton

[Greenhouse Chat, August](#) -Ron McHatton

[It's All About the Roots](#) -John Salventi

[Visiting a Rainbow: A Slice of Life from the Reed- Stemmed Epidendrums](#) -Cheryl

Erins

[Greenhouse Chat, February](#) -Ron McHatton

[Demystifying AOS Judging](#) -Harry Gallis

Please enjoy these wonderful free classes about orchids. There are even more pre-recorded webinars available to AOS members online at the AOS website at any time.

The June issue of *Orchids* magazine will be a

Phal-tastic spectacular, including the following great articles about focusing on this very popular groups of orchids:

An introduction to the genus *Phalaenopsis* Overview and culture of twenty popular *Phalaenopsis* species

Blue *Phalaenopsis*, for real

Orchids illustrated: *Phalaenopsis amabilis*

There will also be a Spotlight article on *Tuberolabium woodii* and a Collectors' Item article about *Lc. Puppy Love*.

WHATS NEW WITH AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AND THE AOS:

We are almost ready to launch our newest membership campaign. Every society will earn a one month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that you get. The IT department has almost put the finishing touches on an automated program, but in the meantime, your society is still eligible to earn these free months by making sure that your society is listed on the membership applications that you hand out, under home society. Be sure to have membership forms with your society's name filled in and available at your club meetings!

The AOS has new AOS tablecloths and vertical, self-supporting banners available, to be used to set up an AOS booth at orchid shows. Just contact the Judging Chair of your region to arrange shipping of this eye-catching display for your show! We greatly appreciate your help introducing the American Orchid Society to your show visitors.

I want to thank Laura Newton profusely for her hard work and terrific contributions during her tenure as Chair of the Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee. I look forward to serving as Vice-Chair and working with Chair George Hatfield to continue growing with the AOS!

I really welcome your feedback, comments and suggestions! You can reach me at gbrodieaosmembership@gmail.com.

Let's grow together,

Gayle Brodie

**International Phalaenopsis Alliance
Regional Meeting—September 13**

Carri Raven-Riemann & Marilyn Shapiro,
IPA Regional Directors

Mark your calendars now for our 5th annual Fall weekend of IPA Regional Meeting in the Northeast ! The exciting program will be presented to Region 17 in Voorheesville, New York, on Sunday, September 13, co-hosted by the North Eastern New York Orchid Society. The meeting will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension – Albany County, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186.

We'll be following the same format as our previous four years, activities to begin at 9:30 am with a continental breakfast, sales tables open, and two presentations before lunch. After a mini-auction of select plants, our afternoon session finishes with our third speaker and, time permitting, a Q&A opportunity, adjourning at 2:30pm. A small Registration Fee just covers the breakfast and lunch with the two IPA Regions providing the speakers as a benefit for everyone.

For our 2015 meeting, we've invited **Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids** to present Part II of Moss Growing Culture – Part I was extremely well-received four years ago, and Norman will be covering in greater detail the secrets to successful moss growing. Our second speaker will be **Tom Mirenda, Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian** in Washington, DC, covering Phal. species in situ and how to grow them successfully in cultivation. **Carri Raven-Riemann** will round out the day by bringing everyone up to speed on the newest directions in breeding as seen at the recent 2015 Taiwan International Orchid Show and several nurseries in Taiwan.

All are invited to join us, IPA members and non-members alike. We're once again looking forward to a great day of orchid information and sales, good food and connecting with old friends and new. Our very special thanks go out to our co-hosting society!

Registration forms with more detailed information will be available on our website, www.phal.org and will also be posted on the websites and Facebook pages of all the New England & New York Orchid Societies.

Directions to Cornell Cooperative Extension - Albany County

From the end of Route 155:

Proceed through the roundabout in Voorheesville. Bear right on Route 85A West. Travel approximately 2 miles. Past the town line marker for New Scotland. Turn right on Martin Road. CCE Albany County is on the right.

From the North:

Take I-87 (Northway) South to the end. Turn right onto Route 20 West. Turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

From the South:

Take I-87 North to Exit 24. Bear right toward Route 20, then turn right onto Rte 20 West. Follow, turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

From the East:

Take I-90 West to I-87 South. Take I-87 South to the end. Turn right onto Route 20 West. Turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

From the West:

Take I-90 East to I-87 South. Follow I-87 South to the end. Turn right onto Route 20 West. Turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.



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Onc. Sharry Baby 'Velvet' bloomed again. It was a surprise discovered during watering!!

Picnic Table Tales

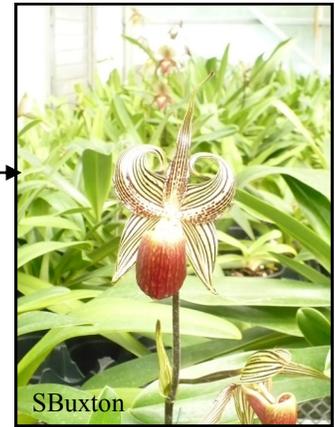


Mark Conley holds the Neofinetia that Terry passed around the audience for closer study.

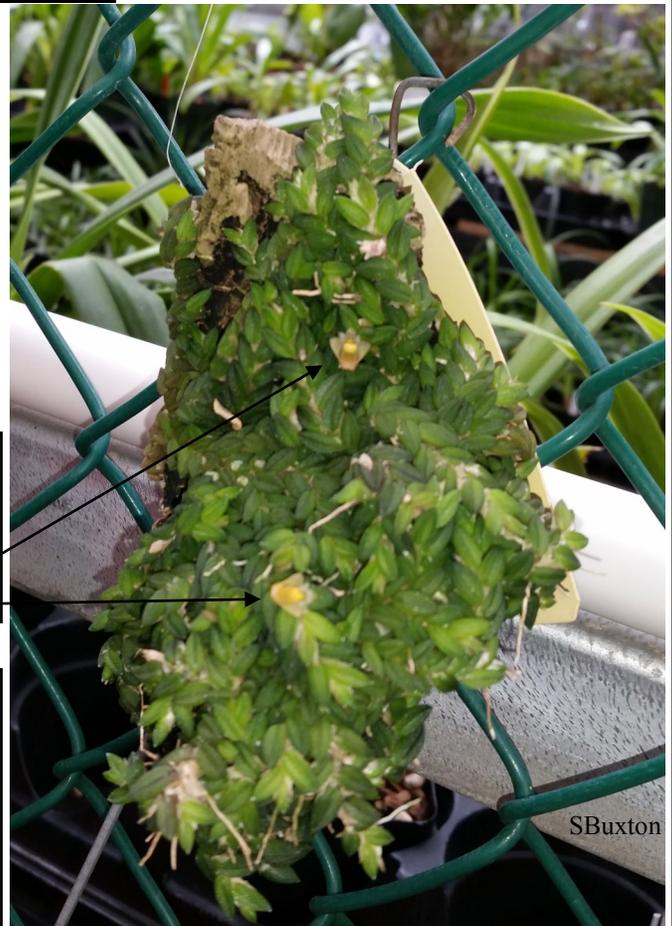
Paphiopedlim

Mounted orchids sometimes show the best split between different types.

These two orchids have extremely different leaves—large versus tiny. Many people have no idea about the opportunities



This mounted orchid has a great leaf pattern and is textured and visual all of the time. Important because the blooms which are highlighted are not its most striking feature.



Glen's greenhouse had a nursery area and some great dark Paphs. It is always good to see some of the features of a commercial greenhouse with rolling benches and ways to accommodate different levels of growing plants.

Don't forget the NENYOS Library where you can borrow books, magazines and videos from Janet Vinyard our librarian. A great opportunity as we all try to improve and increase our knowledge of orchids!





North Eastern New York Orchid Society

NENYOS c/o S. Lee, 130 Johnson Road, Scotia, NY 12302 www.nenyos.com

Next Meeting

August 1, 2015

Picnic at Stan & Fern Lee's home at 130 Johnson Road, Scotia, NY. Bring a dish to pass.

Come and celebrate Summer!

**Lunch after 12:00 noon
Member Plants for sale**

Fun, Food and Friends!

June Raffle Winners

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

- Carole Serras—NENYOS
- Mark Conley—NENYOS
- Patty Boggs—NENYOS
- Sandy Buxton II—NENYOS
- Tony from Niagara Frontier
- Monica McClary—NENYOS
- Sue Finger—CNY
- Susan Charles

And the Winner of the Special Raffle for a spiking Phrag. Kovachii.....

Laura Bonnell of Montreal, Canada

Congratulations!!

