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Orchids in the Woods

The Open House at Piping Rock gave over 140 people a chance to explore and enjoy the wonders of orchids on a lovely June Saturday. With lots of goodies under the tent, in the garage (J & L Orchids) and the greenhouse, it was a fun time for those into orchids.

Marguerite from J & L Orchids in CT gave a great update on what is happening with their 5500 plant orchid collection...it is moving to Singapore to 'Gardens by the Bay'. They are still looking to sell the business and are selling plants.



Miniature Orchids are J & L's specialty. A mini is defined as 6 inches or less excluding the inflorescence (bloom spike). She said 2/3 of the more than 30,000 species in the world classify as miniatures!

And there is a tremendous variety among plants – flowers, vegetation, structure (fan, vines, clumps) whether they are fuzzy leaved or have trailing vines.

The minis have the same cultural requirements as their larger cousins but since they are smaller mounts or pots, they dry out much faster. So the owner must be prepared to water more frequently or provide a microclimate area that makes the plants happy.

Marguerite encouraged growers to use humidity trays, either purchased

or homemade, to keep the plants happy and thriving. Then she demonstrated another option – terrariums. They can be a small glass open hanging globe or a repurposed fish tank for a terrarium. (Ed. Note – Or even look like the enclosed plastic container Jim Webb brought into the Show Table for several months.) The best success for terrariums for Marguerite are open or partially open ones which allow for air movement and where some water must be added though the covers slows evaporation.

For success, put gravel and charcoal in the bottom, then a layer of the medium to plant in; it could be tree fern, sphagnum moss or bark. J & L makes a mix that they use which holds up well since you don't want to have to "repot" your terrarium very often.

Another option is to mount your plant onto something which can be sprayed or watered frequently.

Mounts can be made on tree fern, cork bark or sassafras branches. For growers looking around their home woods, old blueberry branches, white oak, lilac or grapevine and other pieces can do very well to wire plants onto. The main consideration is insect free and good hard wood.

And remember mounts can be vertical (hanging) or horizontal like a raft display.

Glen Decker then conducted a repotting clinic on a Dendrobium which had not been repotted in at least 12 years. Using a sawzall (an electric reciprocating saw), he cut through the root mass and starting ripping off lots of dead root material. His goal was to get it down to something more manageable and have sections with at

least 3 growths for the new potted plants.

Cautions were:

- Don't overpot. Go as small as possible since too much space stresses the plant. Remember orchids are not like other plants.
- Use a potting stick to press out the air from the pot and secure the plant in the mix.
- You should be able to pick up the pot just by the plant when finished. It must be very stable in pot.
- Repotting is very key to orchid health and management. Even for orchids which don't like to be repotted because they still need to have it done. Don't be afraid to do it.
- Coarse media is used for dry loving plants and larger roots, while fine media is used for wetter loving plants with small roots.

By Sandy Buxton II

Lunch time in the backyard.



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Upcoming Meetings

July—No Meeting

Aug 6—Summer Picnic in Scotia at Stan & Fern Lee's

Sept 11—co hosting International Phal Alliance meeting in Voorheesville

October 1—Tom Biggart of Granite Hills Orchids, San Diego, CA

November 5—Auction

December 3—Holiday Event

January 14—Annual Luncheon at Wolfert's Roost

February 4—TBA at William Sanford Library in Colonie

March 4—TBA

Newsletter If you have something you think might be of interest to the group (article, photo, question), please e-mail it to buxtonsandy@gmail.com or bring it to a meeting.

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2016

Donna Wardlaw	Co-President
Janet Vinyard	Co-President & Treasurer
Deb Lambeth	Secretary
Sandy Buxton	Director
Mark Conley	Director
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Patty Boggs	Name Tags
Joan Gardner	Refreshments
Bob Odess	Raffle
	Greeter

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Upcoming Events in the Northeast

Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 -the New England Summer Fest hosted by the Amherst Orchid Society at the Smith Vocational School, 80 Locust Street in Northampton, MA. In addition to orchid sales, they are planning to hold AOS judging and conduct workshops. Since it's an indoor venue, weather issues like excessive heat or rain won't dampen anyone's spirits. In the meantime, you can e-mail neorchidfest@gmail.com for more information. Due to the cancellation of various other summer orchid events, we're really looking forward to a great weekend bringing orchidists together from all corners of New England and the Atlantic coast! Plan to join us on what promises to be a great weekend!

November 12- 13, 2016 Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium is being held at the Holiday Inn Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA.. Judging will be held on November 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. Contact: Frank Drew 757-650-2250 or fwdrew@cox.net

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

CTOS—Connecticut 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

PIPING ROCK OPEN HOUSE/ NENYOS PICNIC

Seven or eight club members made it out to Glen Decker's nursery June 4. We had a blast! Not only did we get free range of the greenhouse, but the food was fabulous, Marguerite from J&L spoke on mini Orchids and had lots for sale, and Glen gave an hilarious demonstration on how to repot unruly Orchids.

Here he is, with a 3ft diameter Dendrobium in a 12" hanging basket. We were all mortified when the power tools came out: note the saw-zall. Glen was fearless, hacking away huge chunks and ripping old roots off (Sue and I needed oxygen at this point) It appears our fears of breaking root tips are unfounded! Go figure!



at this point) It appears our fears of breaking root tips are unfounded! Go figure!

Thanx so much for Glen and Suzanne for opening up their home, and thanx to the Northeast NY Orchid Society for inviting us!! This is a great event, consider penciling it in for next year!!!

—Jan Woodworth, Central NY OS

Repotting with NENYOS

Several members brought plants which needed some TLC. Staffed by several experienced orchid growers, the plants were unpotted, examined and repotted as befitting their new status.



Elaine Grega (above), Janet Vinyard (left) and Mark Conley (below) worked with owners to identify issues and repot plants.



Orchids in Our Lives

For most, orchids live around us in our homes where we can enjoy their beauty, fragrance and the microclimate of healthy feelings they give off.

But for some of us, we still spend much of our lives at work, and being able to have some orchids there can bring an extra measure of joy—as well as

shelf space!

Here are a few that have been entertaining people and visitors in my main office.



Far left—Phal won in December 2015 Raffle—15 blooms total.

Near left—Calanthe rosea

Bought at Nov. auction several years ago. Has been a good rebloomer! Bottom—a Phal rescue.

Plants live quietly and are moved to more prominent positions when in bloom.

VENDORS WHO HELPED WITH THE 2015 AUCTION & Activities

Bill Doran, Co Flower wholesalers
45 Industrial Park Rd, Albany, NY 12206 (518)-465-5285
www.billdoran.com

Island Sun Orchids –
Karen Kimmerle; PO Box 909, Keaau, HI

Lehua Orchids
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808-968-8898
www.lehuaorchids.com

Piping Rock Orchids
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www.pipingrockorchids.com

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Fred Clarke, 1255 Navel Place Vista, CA 92081 (760) 639-6255
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Join us for the 6th annual:
INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

"FOCUS ON PHALS" DAY

Co-hosted by the North Eastern New York Orchid Society

Sunday, September 11, 2016

AT SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR ! At Cornell Cooperative Extension-Albany Cty
 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY

In conjunction with the North Eastern New York Orchid Society, IPA is pleased to present its 6th Annual Speakers' Day, "Focus On Phals". This day-long event will include our keynote speaker, Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, Consultant & Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University, sharing his vast knowledge of Phalaenopsis culture. Joining him will be Rob Shepherd, owner & hybridizer of Sapphire Dragon Orchids who will update us on his breeding program & modern trends to achieve cerulean blue Phalaenopsis. Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, Past IPA President & current Regional Director, will update us on some of the cutting-edge breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2016 TIOS Show, including some exciting new directions from some of the smaller boutique hybridizers who are always thinking outside the box.

The day will also include a Q&A opportunity and a mini-auction of select plants. The Registration Fee just covers the cost of morning refreshments and a light lunch. We invite all orchidists, IPA members & non-members alike, to join us for this very special Speakers' Day. Vendors will be: Sapphire Dragon Orchids, the orchidPhile, Piping Rock Orchids and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

9:30 – 10:00 am	Morning Refreshments & Sales Tables Open for Early Birds
10:00 - 10:45 am	Rob Sheppard: <i>Got the Blues? Coeruleas to the Rescue !</i>
10:45 - 11:30 am	Carri Raven-Riemann: <i>Happiness Is: Exciting New Directions in Breeding</i>
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Mini Auction (to raise funds for future meetings)
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch Break & Sales Tables Open
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Dr. Yin-Tung Wang: <i>Tips to Get the Best from your Phals in the Home</i>
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Q&A with the Speakers (Time permitting)
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Last chance for sales

**PLEASE
 NOTE:
 EARLY
 & FULL**

LY PAID REGISTRATIONS BY AUGUST 30th ARE REQUIRED TO ASSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE !

Registration for **NENY Orchid Society Members Only:** \$ 15 Registration for **NON-NENY Orchid Society Members:** \$ 18

For further information contact:

New England Regional Director: **Carri Raven-Riemann** at orchidphile@optimum.net or (203) 329-7255
 New York/Eastern Canada Regional Director: **Marilyn Shapiro** at mlshap2@juno.com or (212) 831-3076
 Mid-Atlantic: MD/ DE/ PA/ NJ Regional Directors: **Mitch Paroly** at hilolip@aol.com or (215) 943-7516 &
Les Werner at leswer@verizon.net or (410) 793-0756

Additional information will also be available on the **IPA Website** (www.phal.org)

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REGISTRATION FORM: Must be received no later than August 30, 2016

IPA/NENY Orchid Society "Focus on Phals" for Sunday, September 11, 2016

NAME(S): _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ HOME ORCHID SOCIETY: _____

NENY Orchid Society Members Only: Enclosed is my check for _____ registration(s) at \$15 each

Non-NENY Orchid Society Members: Enclosed is my check for _____ registration(s) at \$18 each (payable to IPA)

Send form with check, Payable to IPA, to: IPA, c/o Marilyn Shapiro, 235 East 87th Street, Apt 5L, New York, NY 10128

For Vendor Pre-Orders - Please mention "IPA Regional Pre-Order" in subject line:

Kelly's Korner Orchid Supplies: www.kkorchid.com

orchidPhile: orchidphile@optimum.net – or – www.facebook.com/orchidphile

Sapphire Dragon Orchids: www.sapphiredragonorchids.com

Piping Rock Orchids: www.pipingrockorchids.com

Annie's Orchid Antics



My trimmed Oncidium leaves

I am a relatively new orchid grower and in April I decided to adopt a lovely Oncidium at the new members meeting. Several weeks ago I noticed that a few leaves were yellowing from the tips. It started out very subtly, so I did not worry much. Since the symptoms were not bad, I decided I had time to change what I was doing in order to save my orchid. There were many different causes for yellowing leaves listed online and I didn't have any other clear indicators of what was going on.

Time passed and I watched carefully to see how the symptoms progressed. They did not seem to get any better or worse. Then, I went away for a week and decided to water the plant prematurely. The symptoms worsened on the affected leaves and I began to worry I would lose the whole plant! I decided that it was really time to make a big change. The plant was very stressed out.

I cut the affected leaf tips off, repotted my plant, and watered with Better-Gro Orchid Plus food. I also moved the plant further away from my bright south facing window so that it still receives a long period of light, but at a more subdued level. I still do not know exactly what caused the leaves to die, but the plant was stressed by several factors over the course of a few weeks. I think that too much sun, poor nutrition, a bit of irregular watering and crowded roots all contributed to

the overall health of the plant. I am happy to report that the plant is doing wonderful two weeks after my drastic intervention and it actually seems to be doing better than ever!

By Annie Mills



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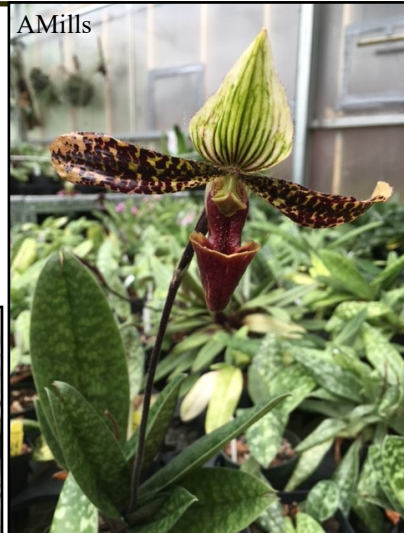
Annie created a time lapsed photo of her Paph Umbriel as the bloom opened. She was amazed at the unfolding of the side sepals!

Annie also contributed some photos from the Open House at Piping Rock.

There was lots to see!



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Editor Note: There were other photos that I could have added concerning Annie at the event but like that famous Vegas commercial.....

Monthly Checklist for July and August from AOS.org *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

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

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.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for *cymbidiums*. Growths 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.



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

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 AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

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Open House Tales



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Smart people bringing their food goodie & chairs and prepared to haul out any 'finds'.

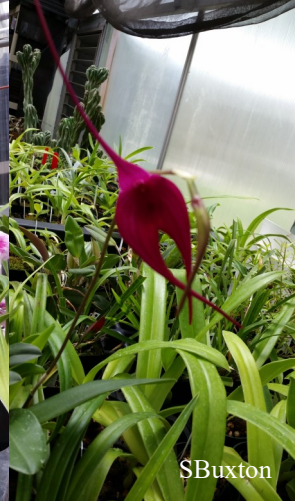
Lisa borrowed a little something from Janet's closet to where when parking cars.



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The greenhouse yielded some great Treasures and the crowd enjoyed the talks, the lunch and the opportunity to hang out swapping tales and tips.



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Next Meeting

August 6, 2016

**Picnic at Stan & Fern
Lee's home at:**

**130 Johnson Road,
Scotia, NY 12302.**

Bring a dish to pass.

**Come and celebrate
Summer!**

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

Fun, Food and Friends!

Parking along the edge of
property and road.

Raffle Winners

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



.....Congratulations!

Special Raffle of Paph Julius – Kate from
Suffolk, NY Long Island Orchid Society

Regular Raffle

Honey Goshern, CNYOS
Fred Plant, NENYOS
Paul Twardy, NENYOS
Lois from Nutmeg OS
Lori from Nutmeg OS
Dot Hargett from NENYOS
Jan Woodworth from CNYOS

The next
meeting
where the
goodie
rule ap-
plies is the
October
2016
meeting
back at the
William
Sanford
library in
Colonie.

Dot Hargett (in blue),
NENYOS, selling
Raffle tickets .



In Memoriam

Donald Russell Reynolds -

April 29, 1929 - May 27, 2016 (Age 87), died Friday, May 27, while on hospice care in his beloved Taghkanic, NY home, where he had enjoyed gardening, cooking and entertaining family and friends for 20 years. Born April 29, 1929 in Hartford, CT, he was the son of the late Charles and Sadie (Brinston) Reynolds.



The family was always proud of their roots in Newfoundland during the time it was a dominion of the United Kingdom, before it became a province of Canada in 1949. Donald was a graduate of Wethersfield High School and Trinity College. He served in the U.S. Army for two years, posted to Germany and reaching the rank of master sergeant. Donald began his professional career in New York City, as a junior buyer for Macy's and later in book sales for John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

In the 1980s he moved into the travel field, as a consultant to American Express and on staff at the Institute of Certified Travel Agents. In 1989, Donald was appointed executive director of the American Soviet Tourism Society (ASTS), founded that year by a number of U.S. companies active in tourism to the Soviet Union. When the Soviet Union dissolved in December 1991, ASTS recast itself as the American Tourism Society (ATS). Under his staff leadership, ATS continued to facilitate travel to Russia and the newly independent republics of the USSR, and later expanded its outreach to the Middle East. In 1992 Donald founded Reynolds Associates, which created a number of travel industry advisory boards for numerous companies, among them American Express; Avis; Radisson Hotels; the national tourist offices of Austria, Germany and China; Tour and Travel News; and Travel & Leisure magazine. He was also a longtime member of Skai International, a professional honor society of tourism leaders from around the world.

All of this professional activity required Donald to travel abroad frequently. Donald retired from ATS in 2010. "Don's intimate knowledge of the travel industry and his broad range of contacts at home and abroad allowed ATS to grow and prosper," said David Parry, chairman and founding member of ATS. He closed Reynolds Associates in 2012.

Donald is survived by his brother Raymond and his wife, Polly, of Acworth, NH; two nephews and their children, Jeffrey A. Reynolds and his wife, Leslie, their children, Abigail and William; and Andrew B. Reynolds and his son, Aidan. In addition to his parents, Donald was predeceased by his nephew Raymond Reynolds Jr., whose wife, Barbara, and sons Erik and Michael survive him. Donald is also survived by his friend Leonard Mazza and numerous additional friends—local, regional and international—who will miss his energy, good spirits, and lively interest in many areas which include cardigan Welsh corgis, three of whom survive him. Donald was a member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Barrytown, NY. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



NENYOS Notes—Don was an active member and volunteer for some years as he discovered and enjoyed growing his orchids. He wrote several articles for the Newsletter about an outdoor space he created at the end of the woodshed which allowed him to have orchids outside in the summer with some protection from sun, rain and varmints.

He enjoyed our meetings and frequently commented and made suggestions about the Newsletter.

While his health had prevented attending meetings recently, we always enjoyed having discussions with him.

Above—Don showing off a meeting purchase.

Right—working the booth @ Cap Dist Garden Day



Don Reynolds—Continued



Don enjoyed talking with people at our meetings—buying plants (don't we all!) and showing off at the Show Table when he had something to talk about.

We thank Isabel for driving him to some of his last meetings.



We also would like to honor Ernie Reis, of Chatham, who was a long time member and past president of NENYOS. He was the originator of the newsletter which is sent out monthly.

One of the classic moments we had with Ernie was May 2010 when he supplied a plant for Janet V to repot during a live meeting at the library. Janet gave him a hammer and he smashed the clay pot in order to release the orchid!

Then while she worked on it, we probably should have supplied a cool cloth compress and dark room, it was so shocking!



And as a final note to this issue—the first NENYOS appearance of the infamous t-shirt was June 2010 on Janet Vinyard

