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NENYOS NEWSLETTER

# North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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## North American Native Orchids

New England expert Jean Stefanik came from the NHOS again to give us another view of these amazing plants. They are adapted to seasonal variation and ALL are dormant in the winter which makes them terrestrial.

There are 400 species of orchids in the U.S. and Canada. 200 of those live in Florida. About 60 species are in New England though some are historic and extinct. Many of the remaining ones are rare and threatened.

Most terrestrials stay in the leaf litter on the forest floor. The plant and its roots don't actually reach down into the ground. Jean commented "It is often easier to find seed pods when out looking than to actually find the orchid plants." But she also cautioned to not dig them up. There is a less than 5% success rate for plants that are transplanted. Even when you know what you are doing!

One challenge, less than 1 in 200-300 flowers will actually create a seed pod. Even with 1 million seeds in the pod, things get lost in the leaf litter. It will take 2-3 years before leaves may emerge and longer to bloom.

Each of the terrestrials like their own environment. Cypripedium parvi-

Jean brought several examples of some orchids that are being carefully grown for eventual transplant back into the wild. Right this single plant is in agar. Above—she points to one poking through the moss.



florum var makasin likes cedar bogs. Cyp. Reginae loves fen areas with slow flowing water, shade and some sun. Cyp. Californicum has multi-blooms on stems and likes rocky streams. Cyp. Fasciculatum enjoys pine needle leaf litter.

### Habitat terminology:

Bog – is a kettle of granite with moss inside. No stream in or out. Water is acidic.

Swamp – is an area where water sits with no flow.

Fen – is a hill where a stream spreads the water out to make the hillside wet – water is constantly moving and fresh.

Understand that habitat conser-



vation is crucial. There are threats everywhere. Well meaning land-owners who try to transplant. Developers who think

they can substitute natural woodland bogs and swamps for one more advantageously (out of the way) located because all they see is a low wet area not the natural conditions that supply and thrive.

Please pay attention and educate others while supporting the plants. They are often very small and easy to miss. Jean told us the Ram's

Head orchid bloom which looks so phenomenal is only the size of a dime!

By  
Sandy  
Buxton II



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## Upcoming Meetings

**June 4 – co-hosting Pip-ing Rock Open House which will include a hands-on activity, Gal-way**

**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**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fwdrew@cox.net)

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

**CTOS—Connecticut OS**

**MHOS—Mid-Hudson OS** C 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

Thanks to Jim Webb and his friend Tibby for some recent donations of plants for the raffle and sales table! We appreciate all of the goodies that help the society!



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Here are Jim's Epi-dendrum from the Show Table.



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### 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
Alex Shepherd	Website
Stan Lee	Past President
Sandy Buxton	AOS Rep
Patty Boggs	Name Tags
Joan Gardner	Refreshments
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	Greeter

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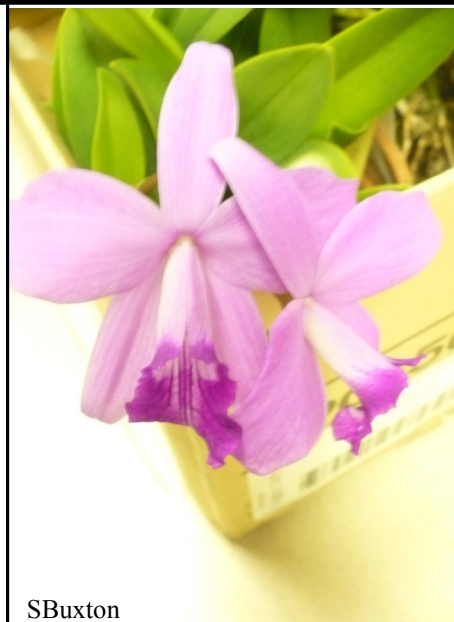
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Sandy Buxton Newsletter Editor

## Website News from Alex Shepherd

Our Facebook group has been created! Please visit and join - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1567776933533713/>

Like us and post orchid pictures or information.



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**June 18th – Bog Trip with Janet Vinyard** – high level of walking/hiking. Space is limited for this trip which has been timed to see *Cypripedium reginae*. They should be very showy. Will also include a stop in Dolgeville.

### **Janet's Invite**

I am leading a trip into the Black Creek Bog, northern Herkimer County on Saturday, June 18th. If you have interest in the native orchids in our area following Jean Stefanik's talk, Janet Vinyard is leading a trip into the southern Adirondacks Saturday June 18th rain or shine. It is an opportunity to search out, in particular, a group of *Cypripedium reginae*, as well as other natives.

The bog is an alkaline, sphagnum peat bog, dominated by black fir in a late successional stage of development. I am afraid the cattails are now invading and threaten to smother the *cypripedium*. The bog IS changing before our eyes and this is a good chance to see *Cypripedium reginae* and the last of the season's *C. acaule* as well as early *platanthera*, (*habanarias* in the old books) *clavellata*, *H. hyperborea* and *H. dilatata*. (The small purple fringed orchid, *H. psycodes* will be later.) There are numerous ferns and mosses, sundews, bear and deer droppings, pink *pyrolas*, twin-flowers. I hope those who make the trek know more than me!

It is possible to do it all in one day, but it WILL be a long day. The bog (and a few other sites we plan to visit) is a good hour's drive north of the Vinyard resi-

dence at 597 State Highway 162, Sprakers NY 12166.

We'll leave Sprakers Saturday, the 18th of June, 9:30 am after coffee, orange slices and scones. (you are all welcome)

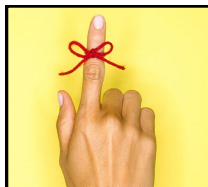
Folks need to come with we-table shoes/ sandals or boots as we are walking in bogs of sphagnum. Insect repellent, sun hat, long sleeves with high collar and long pants are recommended.....do not forget the camera, et al.

If there is time, we will stop in Dolgeville after light lunch and visit with Paul Serano, a former orchid enthusiast, who now runs the family African Violet business, Lyndon Lyon Greenhouses.

The trip is limited to 12. We are already at 8.

Just so you know, I blindfold participants and drive in circles.....heehee. Wake Gardner who has been with me says...."not necessary to blindfold...the back roads up there are very confusing and all look the same"..... We do have a fun trip.

Please contact Janet Vinyard as soon as possible if you are interested in the trip. Email her at [rolandvinyard@gmail.com](mailto:rolandvinyard@gmail.com) or call 518-673-3212 and leave a message.



## **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](http://www.billdoran.com)

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Karen Kimmerle; PO Box 909, Keaau, HI

**Lehua Orchids**  
Mountain View, HI  
808-968-8898  
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**Piping Rock Orchids**  
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Galway, NY 12074  
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Join us for the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Rob Sheppard:</b> <i>Got the Blues? Coeruleas to the Rescue !</i>
10:45 - 11:30 am	<b>Carri Raven-Riemann:</b> <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	<b>Dr. Yin-Tung Wang:</b> <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 & FULLY PAID REGISTRATIONS BY AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) or (203) 329-7255

New York/Eastern Canada Regional Director: **Marilyn Shapiro** at [mlshap2@juno.com](mailto:mlshap2@juno.com) or (212) 831-3076

Mid-Atlantic: MD/ DE/ PA/ NJ Regional Directors: **Mitch Paroly** at [hilolip@aol.com](mailto:hilolip@aol.com) or (215) 943-7516 &

**Les Werner** at [leswer@verizon.net](mailto:leswer@verizon.net) or (410) 793-0756

Additional information will also be available on the **IPA Website** ([www.phal.org](http://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 87<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kkorchid.com)

orchidPhile: [orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) – or – [www.facebook.com/orchidphile](https://www.facebook.com/orchidphile)

Sapphire Dragon Orchids: [www.sapphiredragonorchids.com](http://www.sapphiredragonorchids.com)

Piping Rock Orchids: [www.pipingrockorchids.com](http://www.pipingrockorchids.com)

## JUNE 4, 2016 OPEN HOUSE/PICNIC at PIPING ROCK ORCHIDS

The June NENYOS MEETING is scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 4th to coincide with the very popular OPEN HOUSE at PIPING ROCK ORCHIDS, 2270 Cook Rd, Galway, NY 12074. In addition to tours through his greenhouse, Glen has countless orchids and plants for sale, (a wonderful discount table again this year). One of the owners of J & L Orchids of Easton, CT, is coming as Guest Speaker/Vendor. They are specialists in cooler growers, miniatures and the pleurothallids. Glen himself will take up the saw and knife for a dividing and repotting demo.

He will provide a variety of meats and veggie burgers, picnic condiments, while NENYOS supplies coffee, cold drinks, and paper products: napkins, utensils, plates.

As it is a full day of interesting topics, good food, camaraderie, raffle and shopping opportunities, I encourage you to attend, pick up a few hints, purchase a few orchids, have a good time and support our regional growers. It's a **SPEAKERS' DAY** with almost no cost to us!

There is also an activity at the end of the day—if you wish to repot an orchid, bring it and \$5/plant and you can utilize the expertise and supplies.

Glen has mentioned that Nutmeg Orchid Society is coming by bus. They are also bringing some food.

OUR PART of the bargain is to provide sumptuous salads, side dishes, desserts, own chairs, and

the EVER NECESSARY HELP during the event.

Please sign up for a task or two, arrive 9-9:30am. Glen offers a **10% discount for working NENYOS members** who will receive the discount card on site. Please let us know you are coming, sign in for a job spot and indicate your specialty of choice.

The SIGN-UP SHEET for task and dish went around at the APRIL & May MEETING. But you can still sign up! We'd appreciate knowing who and what we've got coming! CONTACT Janet Vinyard for info: [roland@vinyardschoice.com](mailto:roland@vinyardschoice.com) or 518-673-3212. Glen's website:

[www.pipingrockorchids.com](http://www.pipingrockorchids.com)

By Janet Vinyard

### Directions: From the East, North & South—

- Travel from Exit 12 off I-87 on Rte 67 west over 3 miles.
- Turn left at the red light to stay on Rte 67 West (follow the signs)
- Travel 6 miles to Cook Road, a right hand turn (Look for NENYOS signs). It is first right hand road after Jockey St and the Smith Bros. Orchard. If you get to the Stewart's Shop at corner of Rte 145 and 67— you have gone too far.
- Piping Rock is ahead on right. Park on the road.

### Directions from West -

- Travel east on Route 67.
- Turn left onto Cook Road, first left hand turn after intersection of Rte 145 and 67 (red light).
- Piping Rock is ahead on right. Park on the road.

GPS location: 2270 Cook Rd, Galway, NY 12074  
Phone for Piping Rock—518-882-9002.



Jean Stefanik was very complimentary of our Show Table. She commented on numerous plants and said we have some really great growers in our group!



Kudos to our NENYOS members who bring orchids to a meeting for display and education!!



## Beginner Talk – Fertilizing

In her customary fashion, Alex Shepherd unloaded some very pertinent facts at the beginning of her presentation. Fertilizing isn't actually feeding the orchid plant, it is more like giving it a multi-vitamin or supplement, a boost.

It is important to pay attention to 'quality' when choosing a nutrient source. The word "orchid" on the label doesn't make it better. Nutrients are nutrients whether for orchids or tomatoes. And using a variety of fertilizers also has a benefit since plants get used to a diet of micronutrients. Sometimes it is good to shake them up a little.

There are different types of fertilizer:

Soluble/inorganic – mixed with water

Timed Release – osmicote/  
Nutricote

Organic – Fish Emulsion (only to be done outside – very stinky)

Label is N-P-K (Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium). If the numbers are 10-10-10 – then 10% is N, 10% is P and 10% is K, the remaining 70% of what you are putting on is fillers or micronutrients such as Calcium, Boron, Magnesium, Zinc, Manganese. You should never use urea on orchids, they don't like to be watered with dog pee – which is what you are doing.

Good rule of thumb – don't fertilize a dormant plant! Provide fertilizer when plant is actively growing. Decrease fertilizer when plant is under stress – too hot or too cold and no fertilizer when in spike.

'Weakly weekly' is a better practice than doubling up amounts

– give a little every week for 3 weeks then flush with water one week to remove salt build up. Dark green, floppy foliage that is succulent is a sign of overfertilizing.

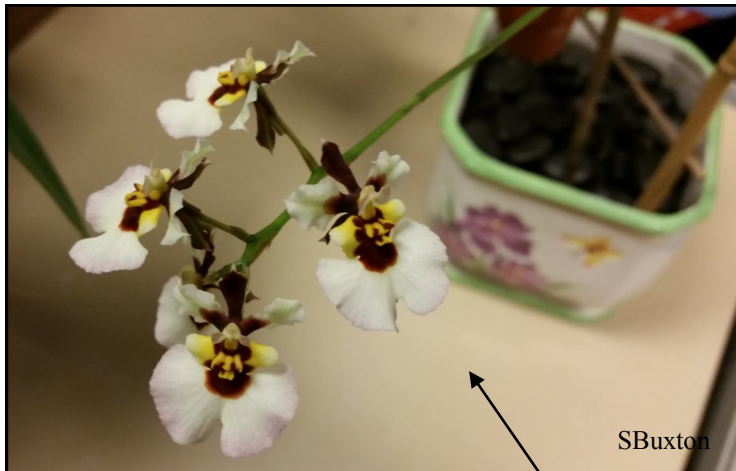
Good places to look for products—Kelly's Korner Orchid Supply—they sell the full line of MSU fertilizers.

Don't forget that leaf tip burn can be a sign of overfertilizing.

By Sandy Buxton II



## Show Table Tales



Christina Anderson has had this Tomunia for more that 20 years. She bought it when living in Galveston ,TX.. The Den Nobile was bought at Trader Joe's—waters while blooming, does not cut stalks, it needs a rest..



Donna Wardlaw brought this Phrag. Sunset Glow 4N—a huge plant.



## Show table Cont'd



Mark Conley brought 3 different Sarcocylus. He said the basket one blooms but seems to want to be in a pot. His Catt in a basket is very happy and lives high in the greenhouse getting LOTS of light.

Annabelle Gallup brought this yellow Phal which is in a container with no drainage holes, so she swaps it out when she waters it.



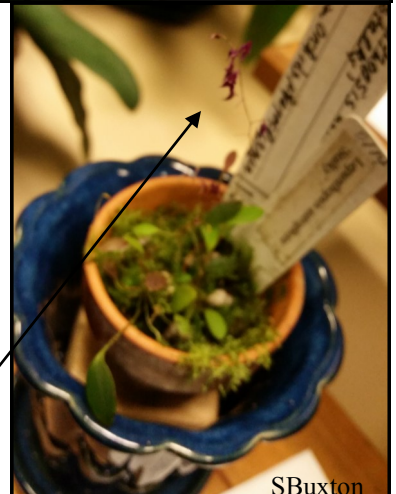
Jim Webb brought his latest acquisition from Orchid Gene which is contained in a bottle and can stay there for a year or more! Jim also had several species of Reedstem Epidendrums which showed off their color range.

Wake Gardner brought Paph Maropa which has multi blooms. He likes the leaf shape and bloom coloration.

He also brought Paph. Avalon Pearl which has been in bloom for several weeks.



Donna Wardlaw brought this Lepantopsis which is grown in a fishtank under lights in her basement.





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## NEXT MEETING

**June 4, 2016**

**Open House at Piping  
Rock Orchids, 2270 Cook  
Road, Galway, NY**

9:30 a.m. NENYOS volunteers arrive

10:30 a.m. Other Guests arrive

Sales Tables and Greenhouse open.  
Lots of orchid discussion, networking,  
sharing of tips.

Noonish Lunch **This is June meet-  
ing.**

1:45 p.m. Raffle Drawing

2:00 p.m. Speakers J & L Orchids of  
CT and Glen Decker on Repotting.

(Times are approximate. Directions inside.)

## Raffle Winners

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



The next meeting where the goodie  
rule applies is the October 2016 meet-  
ing back at the William Sanford li-  
brary in Colonie.

**.....Congratulations!**

Dorothy Heffernan  
Lorraine Whiting  
Stan Lee  
Mary Ciannamea  
Alex Shepherd  
Donna Wardlaw  
Lisa Adami  
Wake Gardner  
Patty Boggs  
Irene Magee



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