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North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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Basic Growing Tips and Technique

Approximately 80 people turned out for the April meeting which is programmed to introduce the fascinating world of orchids to folks who either are growing a few very well or need suggestions for those orchids that don't seem to be thriving.

Our meeting opened with a welcome to the 17 newest members who joined at March's Capital District Flower Show. We were equally welcoming to those who saw the display and decided to come to the meeting.

George Alford, one of our more experienced

growers, presented an in depth look at the orchids, with their origin and cultural requirements, most likely to succeed in our homes on the windowsill. One of his major missives was to determine what our home growing conditions are as far as the basic light and temperature. Then research those orchids that that you fall in love with for their visual beauty and be realistic with yourself about whether or not you can provide what it needs to rebloom the following year.

-by Janet Vinyard

Donna Ward-law, co-president welcomes new members to the meeting on April 1.

George Alford presents a program about basic orchid care discussing tips and hints.



JVilla



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Stan Lee talks with a member over the bags of potting mix and other goodies the club makes available to members at a nominal cost. They are not available at every meeting so pick up what you need when you can!

Janet consistently calls Kristine Komjathy by someone else's name..... here they label Kristine with a K for Janet's benefit



JVilla



JVinyard

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Upcoming Meetings

May 6—Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids in NC –“The Magnificent Stanhopeas”

June 3- Piping Rock Orchids Open House, Galway

July—no meeting

August 5—Annual Picnic in Scotia

September 10—co-hosting International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting in Voorheesville

October 7—Tom Biggart at William Sanford Library in Colonie

November 4—Annual Auction

The Newsletter is looking for other members interested in being columnists, photos or helping out. Please email buxton-sandy@gmail.com if you are interested!

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2017

Donna Wardlaw	Co-President
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Upcoming Events in the Northeast

Saturday, May 6, 2017, Orchid Auction: 10 am-4 pm Waverly Inn, 286 Maple Ave., Cheshire, CT 06410. Presented by the Connecticut Orchid Society. 10-12, Plant Preview 12-4 Auction. No Admission Fee. Specimen Plants and Fred Clarke Plants for sale. All are welcome

May 20 - 21, 2017 Southern Tier Orchid Society Annual Show, Oakdale Mall, 601-605 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City, NY. For more info, contact Anne Quain 607-797-1383 or anneetinker@yahoo.com

June 2 - 4, 2017 Long Island Orchid Society "4th Annual Orchid Festival" Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, 1395 Planting Fields Rd, Oyster Bay, NY. Contact Maria Mucaria Stankowski 516-780-5107 or maria@longislandorchidsociety.org

June 3, 2017—Piping Rock Orchids Open House with NENYOS, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. includes speaker, Raffle and lunch. Sales and greenhouse time abound. Come and partake of this event. Park out on road., 2270 Cook Road, Glaway, NY 12074. Call for more info 518-882-9002 or visit www.pipingrockorchids.com

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

Beginner Talks – with Alex Shepherd are a chance for members to learn some basic information to help improve their orchid growing habits and knowledge. The programs take place before select meetings.

Here’s what’s we have for Beginner Talks in 2017:

May **Repotting** info on achieving success when performing the task.
 October **Leaves** They provide tons of info which can help you



Show Off Extra Blooms

If you have plants in bloom which didn’t get a chance to visit the Show Table for your moment of fame, take heart.

Alex is willing to prep photos that are emailed to her so they will be visible before the next meeting. Just email shepherd@nycap.rr.com the information.

**From Sunset Valley Orchids
2017 Spring Newsletter**

For most parts of the country it's finally spring! Your Catasetinae should be or are just getting started to grow. Most of you along the southern edge of the country have already started watering and fertilizing. I am hearing reports from many Southern growers that most of the new growths are 6"-12" tall with new roots 3"-6" long. This is the time to start watering! The growers farther north (myself included) may still have a few weeks until the new roots are 3"-6" long. Remember: not all Catasetinae come out of dormancy at the same time, so you may have some plants showing well-developed roots while others will be just starting to root. Begin watering and fertilizing those plants that are ready and hold off on the ones still needing more time; this is a good practice to develop.

I start the watering season using ½ tsp fertilizer per gallon of water, and then, as the days get longer and the temperatures warm up in late June and early July, I increase the fertilizer to 1 tsp per gallon through August, before switching back to ½ tsp from September through October.

Don't forget that Catasetinae prefer to be re-potted or divided with the onset of new growth just before the new roots start to show.

Early in the growing season is when spider mites can get a foothold on your plants. Be diligent and check the undersides of the new leaves regularly. If mites are detected, spray immediately. They can quickly get out of control is early action is not taken!

Catasetinae like lots of light and air movement. I keep mine under 50% shade with lots of air movement day and night.

Ideal temperatures in early spring are 60 degree nights and 75 -85 degree days, with humidity between 40% and 60%.

The new 2017 Catasetinae offering is really amazing. Never before has there been such a comprehensive list of high-quality species and hybrids available for sale. It has taken many years to collect, select, and develop these breeding lines. The excellence of the breeding stock is without compare, and these plants will set the new standard for flower quality, vigor, and your enjoyment. The focus this year has been in 5 areas: Cycnoches, Mini-Catasetums, Species, Mormodias, and Fredclarkearas.

I expect to have the new Catasetinae list ready in late June. Start saving your \$'s now, the new list is really that good!

Here are some pictures showing root development and when to start watering and fertilizing:
No water, growth just started

< <http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/images/newsletter/New-growth,-no-water.jpg>>

No water, roots too short

< <http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/images/newsletter/Developing-growth-roots-1-long.jpg>>

Start watering now, roots 4" - 6" long and into the media

< <http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/images/newsletter/New-roots-3-4-inches-long,-water.jpg>>

Fully rooted plant, top growth 10" water and fertilize regularly

< <http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/images/newsletter/established-roots-water-frequently.jpg>>

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WITH THE 2016
AUCTION & Activities**

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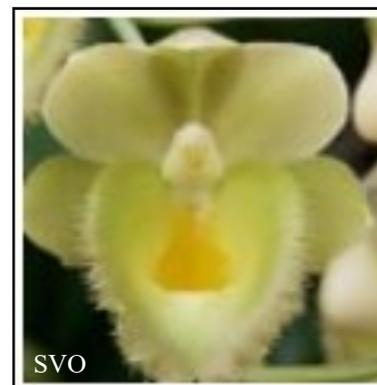
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By Fred Clarke, SVO in California, photo is Cl. Grace Dunn x Ctsm. John C. Burchett



Is That My Orchid?

By Emily Petitt, Amherst OS

At the Amherst Orchid Society Meeting on March 19th, the crowd was led in a discussion of plant biology by our President, Joe Maciaszek. Why, you ask? Because the girl who can kill a cactus six ways actually managed to bloom her first orchid and brought it in to show it off. Of course, when he took pictures of the show table with his beautiful and fancy camera, did he take a picture of it? Nope.



Emily's Phal EPetit

What prompted the full on science discussion was something stemming from a stray comment I made about my plant and Marc Gray's plant. They were both Phalaenopsis Lioulin Sparrow 'Taida Little Panda' (Tai-I Yellow Bird x Sogo Rosa), or so the tag said. But when I said to Marc that one of these plants was not like the other- remarking mostly on the

fact that his plant had many more blooms than mine and was paler in the background color- he proposed that they were in fact different enough that mine might have been mislabeled. Beside here is a photo of my 'Taida Little Panda.'

Could my orchid not have been a cute 'Taida Little Panda' like I had always thought? Marc seemed to firmly believe so. Joe, however, suggested that the difference may be in the differences between siblings. Like two human children of the same parents are quite unlikely to

have the same exact features, orchids, or any flowers for that matter, are also unlikely to all look identical to one another, even within the same hybrid or clone. Variety is the spice of life, after all, and beauty can be in the differences. Beside here is a photo of Marc's 'Taida Little Panda.'



Marc's Phal EPetit



EPetit

The two plants—side by side. Marc's on left/ Emily's on right.

We ex-

amined the dif-

ferent components of some other plants, most notably a Paphiopedilum Robin in Purple. It is Paph. Robinianum x Paph. lowii. If you look at Robin in Purple, you'd notice that its petals gently curl as they grow longer, though they never get terribly long. Paph. Robinianum is itself a cross between Paph. lowii and Paph. parishii. The Paph. parishii is where you get the real curl in the petals, while you get the more vibrant purple color from Paph. lowii in its three parts to one. It was an interesting further exploration of how genetics can affect the look of a plant. Below is a side-by-side photo of mine and Marc's plants.

Insert photo

To see if maybe my plant was mislabelled, I decided to take the question straight to the source: the grower. In this case, Carri Raven-Riemann of OrchidPhile. I sent her pictures. She explained that she only has one other clone of the hybrid, called 'Taida Violet Butterfly', but the flowers aren't as round, full, or thick in substance, the spikes are much taller, and the leaves are much narrower and more pointed than my plant. She sent along a picture of 'Taida Violet Butterfly', and it is distinctly different. This photo from taidaorchids.com shows how high the spikes are, and pointed the leaves are.

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Carri did, however have another very logical reason why my flowers look so different from Marc's: growing conditions. The greenish yellow color of the flower in the harlequin (a two-toned phalaenopsis) is the most brilliant in a younger flower. Since Marc's had

been open for longer, his had faded to an almost ivory color. Mine had just opened, and, like an excited child, I brought it in to show it off. As a result, the flowers have a vibrant, almost chartreuse color. Also, the amount of light that yellow phals, particularly yellow harlequins, get can contribute to how bright they are. My plant is getting southwest light, which is pretty ideal, and makes that yellow fairly neon. What can I say? I like to hoard the sunlight. Temperature can also be a factor, but I'll be the first to admit that I am a windowsill grower and inconsistent at best.

My mother has noted temperature being a factor as well. She and Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids have flowered the same Phragmipedium Nicole Tower differently. His is a vibrant red because he grows it bright and cold, and hers flowers orange because she grows it warm and bright. Either way, it's a beautiful orchid, but one change in the growing conditions can create a major difference in color.

I'm inclined to believe Carri's theory on growing conditions. Joe's right, too; there's a lot of variation between siblings, and no two orchids will ever be the same. Orchids are too dependent on how we grow them. Did I move this plant into a different window? Did that change its color? Did it produce a bigger bloom? Are the leaves more robust and rounder? The temperature and light has a profound impact on the look of our blooms, as well as the foliage.

Extra Goodies from John Raymond and Phil Rudko



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Cirrhopetalum SP, "Jeff's Favorite" (this was a raffle win from March's meeting – the last nearly "dead" looking orchid!)

Phalaenopsis Purple Martin "KS"

Phalaenopsis Intermedia "TH" a species from the Phillipines



JRaymond



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We were both "under the weather" for the April meeting and just not up to going any-

where.....seems everything is going around for the second time this winter, just like the weather!!

Anyway, it's a shame because we had a few surprises during the week and were so looking forward to sharing them with everyone.....so if you would like to include them in the newsletter, that would be really nice!

After little more than a year our orchids have adjusted to their new environment (greenhouse) and are showing lots of new roots and leaves, and most of the Cattleyas already have new stalks. Needless to say, we are thrilled to see this happening after more than a year of "very unhappy orchids"!

John & Phil

May Meeting promo

Linda Wilhelm of Woodstream Orchids, “The Magnificent Stanhopeas”

Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after a vacation in Florida with her mother. Already intrigued by orchids, she finally bought a small cattleya seedling, not knowing at the time that it would take seven or eight years to get a bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting her future husband, Rolf in 1985, the addiction became severe when he too got involved with orchids.

When the hobby got out of hand and developed into a serious passion for both Linda and Rolf, they started their business Woodland Orchids. When first starting, they specialized in breeding warm tolerant Oncidiinae but as is often the case, their interest changed and now their main breeding efforts are miniature and compact cattleya hybrids. They also breed a number of different species and have made some wonderful Stanhopea hybrids.

An Accredited Judge with the AOS, Linda is very active in the judging program, having served in various positions with the Carolinas Judging Center including the job of the Training Coordinator, 5 years as the Chair of the Center and six years as a Trustee for the American Orchid Society. She enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in Central America and the islands. “It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends.” She is a frequent guest speaker at orchid societies all over the USA as well as having lectured in Brazil, Trinidad, Barbados and Guatemala.

Pre-Ordering Information—Place an order BY May 3rd - To place an order please send us an e-mail with the plants listed you wish to order. We will confirm availability via return we-mail and at that point will request shipping address and payment information. Credit card orders will be taken over the phone (410-610-6697). We will be glad to call you to get your credit card information. Orchids will be delivered at the May 6th meeting.



Comment from Elaine Grega
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Update from the Newsletter Editor

I want to take the opportunity to thank some of the members who provided an enormous amount of support for the newsletter’s production over the past few months.

Patty Boggs has done double duty as the name tag coordinator and meeting photographer. She provided some great shots which can be a challenge while also taking notes and comments. It’s great to have a different perspective and I hope you have enjoyed it.



SBuxton

Bob and Gretchen Sharp wrote notes and gave some meeting insight. Joyce Villa stepped in with photos. John Raymond, Phil Rudko and Genevieve Weich have sent me numerous photos of plants and blooms which didn’t make it to the Show Table. Always nice to see the goodies people are growing. It allows us to oohh and aaaahhh, and dream.

The Board of Directors have been helpful by performing numerous tasks, writing blurbs, transporting material and equipment and generally, holding down the fort.

Sharing is one of the things that makes our group special. We have members willing to share their time as volunteers, share their blooms on the Show Table, share their enthusiasm by answering questions and lecturing. Some even share their plants by sales on the members’ sales table or gifts to the Raffle and auction.

Once again, thank you for contributing during times of need. It is vitally important for the continued success of the club to have active member participation.

If you are interested in writing for the newsletter, joining a committee or performing a task at a meeting, please step up and tell one of the officers or email me (buxtonsandy@gmail.com).



PBoggs

Thanks,
Sandy II
Newsletter Editor

Show Table Tales



The *Phragmipedium rothschildianum* is Donna Wardlaw's;
Leptotes bicolor is Wake Gardner's
Oncidium "Twinkles" that Donna Wardlaw bloomed from the seedlings we mounted during our hands-on seminar last year in the yellow bloom at bottom of pic.



Oncidium roseum I purchased the larger plant on left from Equagenera. Tag states: oncidium roseum (Ecuador). After researching 'orchid species' I found out this is a synonym for Cochlioda rosea. In March I bought the right plant from Andy's Orchids - Cochlioda beyrodtiana (Peru). I also showed Cochlioda volcanica (Ecuador) not pictured. All three are red to pink but vary a little in size,



shape and lip. Nine accepted species names have been identified for the genus Cochlioda.— from Elaine Grega

Joyce Villa consistently re-blooms the phragmepedium in her kitchen windowsill. Kudos and salut!

Janet and new member Kim Mullinax hold sister seedlings of Paphiopedilum haynaldianum noting the very slight differences.



This gorgeous *Cymbidium* was on display at the Capital District Flower and Garden Show in March. Wonderful!!
George Alford getting ready for meeting.





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NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2017

1:30 p.m. Announcements and Beginner Talk

1:50 p.m. Show Table,

2:10 Linda Wilhelm of Woodstream Orchids, "The Magnificent Stanhopeas"

After presentation— Questions and Raffle

The meeting is at the William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Colonie (Loudonville, 12211)

.....Congratulations!
 April
 Raffle Winners:

**Enjoy your
 new plants!!**

Raffle Winners

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



The April Raffle Table held some great plants in both bloom and spike!!

NENYOS on the Road—Capital District Flower Show 2017

The Show is a great opportunity to showcase our knowledge and plants as we reach out to the community. The group has been doing it for more than 10 years!!



BDudla



LGailor

The Garden Show Committee outdid themselves with lots of great scenes. Mary Menzies created the wedding diorama using mini-Phal orchids as flowering trees.



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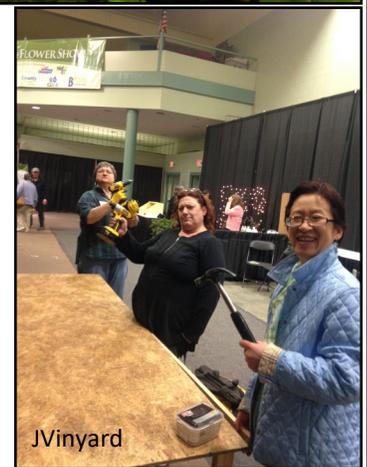
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Some of the take down crew at the end of the Show.



JUNE 3, 2017 OPEN HOUSE/PICNIC at PIPING ROCK ORCHIDS

The June NENYOS meeting is scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 10:30am to coincide with the very popular OPEN HOUSE at PIPING ROCK ORCHIDS, 2270 Cook Rd, Galway, NY 12074. www.pipingrockorchids.com. In addition to tours through his greenhouse, Glen has countless orchids and plants for sale, (a wonderful discount table again this year).

The new owners of J & L Orchids, Easton, CT, are coming as Guest Speaker/Vendors. They will continue providing special orchids that will thrive in our cooler growing situations, plus miniatures and the pleurothallids. Glen will also add shocking and fun cultural tips, always with a sense of adventure. As it is a full day of interesting topics, good food, camaraderie, raffle and shopping opportunities, I encourage you to attend, have a good time, pick up a few hints and orchids, and support our regional growers. It's a

SPEAKERS' DAY with almost no cost to us!

He's providing a variety of meats/protein, and the Society adds beverages, paper products, etc. OUR BIG PART of the bargain is to provide sumptuous salads, side dishes, desserts, and the ever necessary help during the event. Bring your own chairs. Those who sign up for a task, please arrive 9-9:30am. Glen offers a 10% discount for working NENYOS members who will receive the discount at check-out.

The sign - up sheet for volunteers and food offerings will circulate at the May meeting. Jobs needed include PARKING ATTENDANTS, HOSPITALITY/WELCOME TENT, FOOD RUNNERS, FOOD MANAGER ASSISTANTS, GREENHOUSE HELPERS, CLEAN UP/RECYCLE. If you cannot attend the meeting, please let us know you are coming. and indicate your culinary specialty of choice. CONTACT Janet Vinyard: roland@vinyardschoice.com or 518-673-3212