



North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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Social Media, Orchids and Making the Connection

By Sandy Buxton

In October, our meeting covered a variety of topics in discussion. Steve Condon, resident tech master, demonstrated the addition to the NENYOS website, a Facebook portal which provides real time communication opportunities of pictures, ideas and problems.

Anyone can access our Facebook page to read the basic postings and see pictures that Steve,



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Drew and Michelle, among others, have been posting to the site. It is a great way to see announcements, links and what our club is up to in between meetings.

To actually post and communicate further with other site users, the person must be a Facebook user (have an account they can log in to). We currently (at the meeting) have 54 likes. A goal would be to get 200 people to *Like* us. Steve is also working on a calendar which will be used by societies around the Northeast for organizing and track-

ing events and meetings.

Please take a look, even if you are not a Facebooker to see what we are talking about. And, who knows, maybe you will join us! Visit the site through our website www.nenyos.org or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Eastern-New-York-Orchid-Society-NENYOS/364836573529367>



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Koren Ahlen, Ethel Tekla, Tracey Carroll and 5 others like this.

Paph or is it a Phrag, he posted on 10/10.

Other discussion centered around some plant issues.

Janet Vinyard brought in a Phal that is not acting right. Leaves are becoming thinner (longer and less wide) and poorly colored with lots of red in background. She was looking for suggestions. The general consensus was the plant seems in OK health but the group wondered if it is growing too hot (hard to imagine at Janet's house – all cold growers!) maybe too much light.

Stan Lee brought in a Dendrobium he has frequently grown in the

past. His wife Fern loves them, so they would buy them and then they would languish once the blooms passed until they died and he threw them out several years later.

This plant he wanted us to see because he had hung it in a high spot in the greenhouse. Lots of day length variation and lots of light in the high spot. Now he has blooms that are absolutely beautiful!

Additionally, Stan talked about back bulbs. These are the older pseudobulbs that may be left when a plant is divided and repotted. He put 2 bare bulbs in a pot and now has 3 spikes coming in 2 years. He also held 2 'dead' Cymbidium bulbs and is now getting a new shoot to start. It took several months in a high humidity location but it may be worth trying this at

your place as a way to generate additional plants.



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Upcoming Meetings

Nov. 2—Auction at Sanford Library, Colonie

Dec. 7—Holiday Event at William Sanford Library, Colonie

Jan. 18—Annual Luncheon, Woolfert's Roost

Feb. 1—at Sanford Library, Colonie

March 1—at Sanford Library, Colonie

April 5—at Sanford Library, Colonie

May 3—at Sanford Library, Colonie

Upcoming Events in the Northeast

Oct. 31—Nov. 2, 2013 Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA. Contact: Joanna Eckstrom 603-654-5070 show@massorchid.org or jkeckstrom@comcast.net

Nov. 14-17, 2013 American Orchid Society Members Fall Meeting, Show and Sale at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables, Fl. Visit www.aos.org for more info.

Nov 29 -30 & Dec 1, 2013 Parkside Orchids Black Friday Sale, visit parksideorchids.com for more info.

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.

Interesting Article

For those who would like a different look into the development of the orchid “machine” in Taiwan, check out the Wall Street Journal article “How Orchids Got So Cheap” on the WSJ China Blog post ‘Orchids For All’. Visit <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304330904579137460770908586>

It is an interesting discussion on the application of tech industry lessons.

Notice: The Greenhouse donation to NENYOS has been withdrawn.

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2013

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Beginner Series Class—

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

October – And the Winner Is... How orchids are judged and awarded

November – Auction (no presentation)

December – Info Please! A look at orchid databases

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.

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.

By November 15 – fertilizing should stop, watering should be at one-half of the original level.

Most leaves should be off by January 1st – 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 booming. Please refer to fact sheet from picnic.

IPA—Focus on Phals Recap
By Sandy Buxton

A very enthusiastic crowd descended on Ballston Spa on 9/15 to partake of an exciting meeting of speakers and plants. Tom Harper (excuse me—*Hahpah*) kicked things off with a highly descriptive talk on the top 6 Phal species and what they bring to plant breeding.

With more than 20,000 hybrids over 8-15 generations, it is mind blowing to think about how many pollinations, seed pods and plants that encompasses!

Of course, in the process of introducing the first 2 Phal aphrodite and amabilis, plants that provide the large round, white spray of blooms, Tom told us that 70% of the world's potted plant sales are large white Phals!

One of the key characteristics the plant must exhibit is "shingling" or the ability of the plant to display blooms all facing the same direction with minimal or no overlapping. Goal is to be able to see every bloom face at the same time.

Tom continued demonstrating where mulitforiferousness comes from, how red was achieved and why you just never know where an attribute may come from—lip color, size, bloom edge color, column col-

or, or conformation of edge (smooth or wavy).

Carri presented some great commentary on where things are going including some exciting pictures of what will be available in the near future from some hot, young growers. She also announced that instead of describing the new breeding direction as a big lip—it will be referred to as a "broad lip". (I guess it makes the plants less likely to appear to have received collagen injections in order to give blooms that full, pouty look!)

Alan Koch provided an entertaining view on growing tips which have already been mentioned at the October meeting: more light, be more aggressive with fertilizer, use Cal-mag.

**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.

**NENYOS's
Library**

Don't forget we have a wonderful resource for members to borrow from posted on our website.

Books, magazines, videos are all available to help each of us learn more about the wonders of orchids.

Visit nenyos.org and then contact Janet Vinyard.

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Tohru Takekoshi, former NENYOS Member, Scotia, NY

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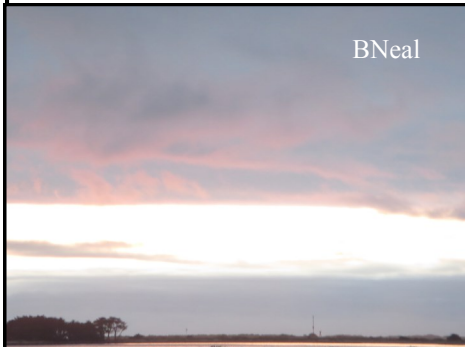
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Tales from the West Coast

Our missing friend Betsy Neal sent back a message about life after the Northeast:

Interesting that you should send a note today...I was just at a local grower's greenhouse to see why the little phal I got at the auction has not done anything since I got here. It has the same 3 spikes and hasn't grown. It is very light green and some of the leaves are turned over, so I was told to move it away from the light a bit and fertilize. Glen shipped the orchids...my big Phal's that were in bloom only lost 1 bloom in transit and a little slipper that had not bloomed now has a flower and 2 more buds. Not only are they still in bloom, but 1 of the big ones has 2 new spikes. They are outside in the end of the porch which has 2 glass sides, south & west so gets a bit of afternoon sun, kind of a solarium type thing. The temps are usually 60's days and 50's nights, but August and first of Sept. had mid 70's. It has rained 3 times, but now is damp in the morning... a mist thing falling from the sky.



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The sheep had a great ride, but ate up all the grass here in a few weeks. I'm having grass alfalfa mix hay delivered -5- 120# bales once a month...\$21 a bale ouch! The grain is in 70 # bags, so they spilt it for me so I can carry it. It also lasts a month. Before I had a wagon, I put it in my grandson's stroller to get it to the barn. He likes to help feed and thinks it is pretty funny to get a handful of hay & throw it in the water tub. (20 months old.)

I had a booth at a small fiber Fair here, only 650 people came, but I actually sold more than I did at Southern Adirondack. The county fair is really tacky & not at all as nice as Saratoga or Washington counties, food except Mexican was awful looking. The big thing is hand dipped corn dogs. The people here are really nice, everything is slow, no big box stores. Kids don't get much stuff and have really nice manners. Thrift stores & second hand kid stores are popular. Farmers market is awesome...you bring chairs and blankets to stay the day- full band with dance floor, area for hula hoops, juggling & puppet theater. It's in a square with the booths all around the perimeter at the edge of the street.

Here is a sunset at the end of my street. After you come off the ridge, you drive through pastures with dairy cows and beef, cross the freeway to the Elk River Sandspit Access to a 3 mile bike-hike trail along the bay.

I am going to the Orchid group this week. We'll see how that goes.

Thanks for asking ...remember you're never too old for a new adventure!



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Tiago, my grandson, waiting for the tide to come in at Moonstone Beach last week when the temp was almost 80. It is also a sandspit. Where the rivers come into the ocean, they flow north creating a calm place which is great for kids. On the ocean side it is surfing territory.



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Finally the orchids. Enjoy!

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.

NEWSLETTER

For members with high-speed internet connections, you might want to receive the newsletter via e-mail because it comes in COLOR!!! The photos are wonderful but you must be able to handle a .pdf document (Adobe Acrobat) of 4-5000 KB size or more.

Beginner Talk –And the Winner is.... How Orchids are Judged.

Where else would people collect once/month to work, collecting information, researching, giving presentations for at least six years all to earn a position that is unpaid? For those hoping to strike fame and fortune, Alex Shepherd gave us a good view of the future. The road to becoming an orchid judge is slow, 3 years as a Student and 3 years as a Probationary Judge before an applicant may earn the status of Judge.

But everything in the orchid world can revolve around this huge opportunity to learn and participate seeing some of the very best plants bred and grown in the country or around the world.

For growers who have plants worthy of judging, there are 35 sites and 24 judging centers in U.S. Often there are presentations on judging day, given by Student Judges. The players at the site also include a clerk and photographer besides the judges, a student and probationary judge.

It is free to enter a plant that might be a good candidate. The next step is a nomination, then screening is performed and final point scoring. If your plant wins and is scored, there is a fee to cover the photography and certificate.

Unlike a show, your plant won't win a ribbon but may receive either a Quality (is given to the plant & its progeny) or a Cultural (given to the grower of the

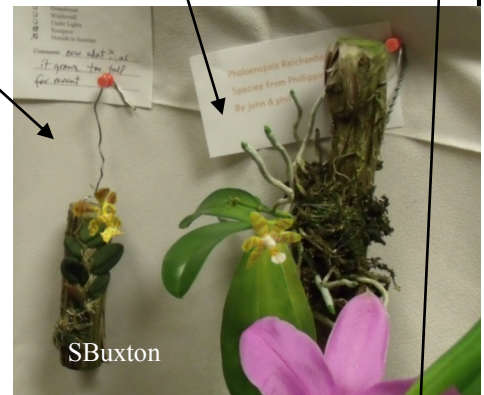
plant) Awards. Other non-scored awards are generally grower awards.

Most important point to remember is the plants are competing against the ideal for their kind, not the other plants in that day's line-up. Judging is a great opportunity to learn about the expectations for each plant and see some unusual plants. –Sandy Buxton

Janet V. had a mounted Psychopsidea limminghei

More Show Table Pictures—Phil & John's mounted Phal & Peloric

Christina Anderson brought a Phrag. Sedenii which is the first Phrag. She has ever bloomed. It was a piece that fell off Wake's plant a few years ago!! Ceratostylis retisquama – more blooms



2013 NENYOS Ballot

Three Director positions are up for election. Please vote by placing a check mark next to the name of each nominated candidate for whom you wish to vote or write the name of someone else for whom you wish to vote.

Director: _____ Sandy Buxton II or _____

Director: _____ Jane Smith or _____

Director: _____ Mark Conley or _____

Co-President: _____ Donna Wardlaw/Janet Vinyard* or _____
(To complete Stan Lee's term)

Mail completed ballots to Deb Lambeth, 114 Front Street Schenectady, NY 12305 prior to the November NENYOS meeting or bring your completed ballot to the November 2 meeting.

Orchids in Pittsburgh, PA

By Sandy Buxton

A mixture of Victorian architecture and modern environmentally advanced technology, the Phipps Conservatory is the go-to place if you are in Pittsburgh and looking to spend time surrounded by wonderful plants.

Situated almost on the edge of a river gorge and nestled amid Carnegie Mellon University's bustle of students, the conservatory offers a glimpse into the heyday of greenhouses and orchid collecting.

Built 121 years ago for \$100,000, Henry Phipps had the conservatory designed by Lord and Burnham of NY. The mission of the building was to highlight the importance of plants, encourage people to live close to nature and foster diversity.



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A contemporary of Andrew Carnegie, Phipps was the future steel baron's bookkeeper and accountant. After assisting Carnegie in securing his first loan, they became friends and business partners. Thru steel and Florida real estate, Phipps made his fortune and then created projects to improve the life of Pittsburgh residents.

When the conservatory opened to the public, most people had never seen a palm tree. Much of the greenhouse was populated with exotic plant material purchased

from the World's Colombian Exposition in Chicago that closed in 1893. Some of those plants are still in the conservatory today.



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The orchid room holds a wonderful display where some plants are potted, mounted on trees or growing as accents in other greenhouses.

Every corner has a wonderful view and story, the Tropical House is a large state of the art house which is changed every 3 years to provide exposure to a variety of tropical locales. (OK, only 90-95% of the plants change.)

Some of the new structures are LEED certified-Platinum and interesting to understand. The whole site is well worth a visit.

I spent time enjoying the different orchids in so many different poses but did not manage to get a



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good pre-view of the Super Slipper Show which was taking place



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10 days later. Oh, well...



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The Phipps was just finishing hosting an "Art in the Greenhouse" event where Dale Chihuly and others had placed glass sculptures in various houses among the plants – very much like unique blooms!



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Sam McClary brought his Neofinetia case. He has several tanks that he has fitted with doors that he has under lights to grow the high humidity plants he enjoys.



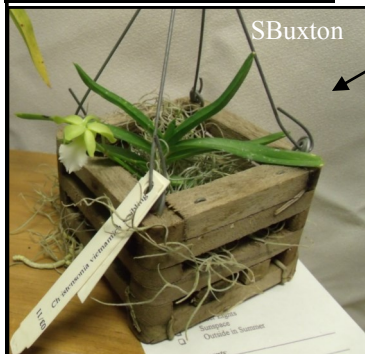
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Donna Wardlaw brought 2 small mounted – Lepanthes lives in her terrarium very close to the mister. The Restrepepia she bought a year plus ago at Glen's. Her terrarium has T-5 lights hanging above it on chains so she can vary the distance. It has taken some juggling to get the heat and light right.

Jane Smith brought a NOID orchid and asked for help. The crowd feels that it is a C. mini purple 'Blue Hawaiian' that she grows in her greenhouse.



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Stan Lee was walking through the greenhouse when he spotted Christensonia vietnamica x sibling in bloom. He purchased it just out of bloom from Carri Raven Rieman at the Tower Hill Show. He hadn't even noticed the first bloom until he was moving stuff around in the greenhouse since this is in a basket hanging up close to the ceiling.



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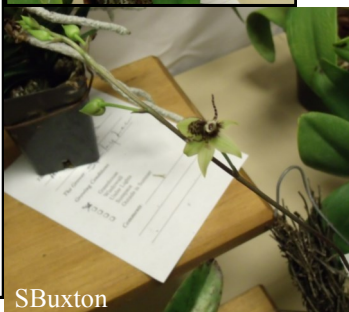


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Mark Conley brought in a Pot. Burana "Beauty Burana" with a marking display he referred to as "a splash petal job". (Who said we can't use highly technical terms!!)

LC. Kristi Masuhara paradise was a plant Mark bought at the 2012 Auction and is now in bloom!

Trichoceros parviflora is a mounted orchid Mark grows that imitates a bug to attract a pollinator if you look at it closely.



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Wake Gardner won the prize for the most entries! He had an LC mini purple, grown outdoors in bright light and winters in greenhouse. With Phals and Catts.

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Masd. Morning Gloria "Punch Bowl" was a delicious dark color.

Donna Wardlaw brought in Catt. labiata she has owned since 2002. A simply beautiful specimen!



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Note for Show Table Participants: the Show Table sheet can be downloaded from the website so you can fill out ahead of the meeting!

Oct. Raffle Winners

Jessica Bernard – 2 Lorrie Graham
 Stan Lee Joan Gardner
 Bob Christenson Lew Hargett
 Phil Rudko Gill O'Brien

Don't forget to bring a goodie to the November meeting to celebrate your win!

December Meeting Heads Up

Our December meeting will be the traditional holiday get together with a Show Table, member plant sales, Raffle and Questions.

Alex Shepherd's Beginner Talk will cover a look at orchid databases and how we can all find out more information to help us successfully grow the specific orchids we own.

Scenes from the Raffle Table



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NEXT MEETING

November 2, 2013

Auction

**1:00 Pre-view &
 bid registration**

**1:30 p.m. Auction
 begins**

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