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Picnic Tales

There were many nervous orchid society members on Saturday morning August 4... and probably Friday night as NENYOS looked at holding its Summer Picnic in Scotia at the Lee residence. I replied to a number of worried emails but thought I would share the after-event reply I received from John and Phil:

“Thanks for your reply.....actually as it turns out, the rain moved eastward earlier and by 11 it was clearing up.

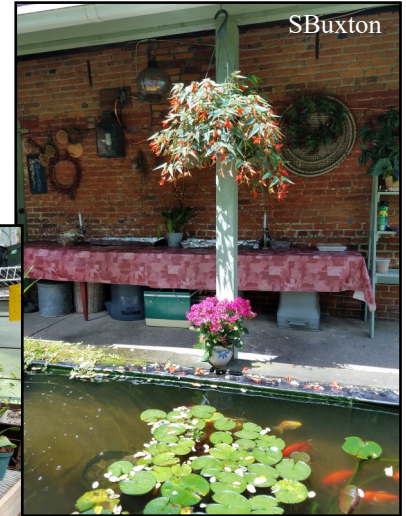
Someone said “it never rains on Stan’s picnic”, and how true it is! Turned out to be a beautiful afternoon and perfect picnic weather!!

With best wishes,
John and Phil”

As always, there was a group of enthusiasts poking around Stan’s gardens and greenhouse. Janet Vinyard found a willing victim in her collection to perform public surgery on. She said, “I found an overgrown Coelogyne missive originally from a piece of Deb Lambeth's to discuss

and divide.” It is always so valuable to offer a hands-on, physically present chance to watch and participate in dividing a plant. YouTube and written descriptions are great, but how to pack roots, bark and potting mix into a pot is an art.

-Sandy Buxton II



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Upcoming Meetings

September 8—Glen Decker, Piping Rock orchids at 475 Central Ave, Albany

Oct 6— Dr. Carson Whitlow, Cyripediums, in Colonie

November 3—Auction!! In Colonie

December 1—Holiday event in Colonie

January—Annual Meeting at Wolfert’s Roost

Feb 2—TBD in Colonie

March 2—TBD in Colonie

April 6—TBD in Colonie

May 5—Gary Meyer of Colombian Orchid Imports He imports draculas, masdevallias, lepanthese, pleurothallids, etc. from Colombia.

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2018

- Donna Wardlaw Co-President
- Janet Vinyard Co-President & Treasurer
- Deb Lambeth Secretary
- Sandy Buxton Director
- Mark Conley Director
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- Joan Gardner Refreshments
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Upcoming Events in the Northeast

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton
Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Open to all*
 Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to greenhouse-chat@aos.org by Sunday, September 2nd.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/#register/1589882111136018690>

Judging Webinar: Judging the Oncidinae with Ron Midgett Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Members Only*

Join noted speaker and orchid breeder, Ron Midgett as he discusses the history and judging trends for this complex group, the Oncidinae, that have had so many names. Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8888461185065916675>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

November 2 and 3, 2018 The 12th Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium will take place at The Founders Inn and Spa, Virginia Beach, Virginia. For additional information and online registration go to the website www.mhsymposium.org (note, there is a booking link and code on the website, please check prior to booking hotel to get the rate).

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

Virginia Grower Announcement

Dear Orchid Society Members,
 My name is Thomas Voytilla with The Orchid House in Virginia. I have been raising orchids since 1999. Regrettably due to unforeseen circumstances I cannot continue with my orchid business and I would like to offer the plants that I have grown at very attractive prices to your members. I have a list for your consideration which includes a brief description, reference to size, price and quantity available. Plants will be shipped bare root except attached media so some supplies will be needed. Larger orders such as society auctions please contact me for additional discounts as well as any other questions. Thank you,

Thomas Voytilla — 434-315-4115 or tvoytilla@gmail.com



Sobralia decora 'Jaxon'
 AM/AOS; Photographer:
 Kay Clark



Things to do in the Fall

We just returned from the AOS Members Meetings in Wilmington, Delaware and for us Floridians, it was refreshing to see autumn colors and feel some cool air. A frost was expected for the night we were leaving.

Like spring, fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on *Phalaenopsis*, *Cymbidium* and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae. It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

For more detailed seasonal culture information on specific genera see Tom Miranda's excellent monthly "Orchid Checklist" in Orchids magazine.



Although it blooms reliably for us at *Christmas*, *Cattleya percivaliana* can bloom anytime from October into January. It blooms at the early end of that range in its habitat in the Venezuelan Andes. Shown here is the albescent color form, 'Sonia de Urbano'.

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

VENDORS WHO HELPED WITH THE 2017 AUCTION & Activities

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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.

.THE SEPTEMBER 2018 AOS CORNER– From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee (Affiliated_Societies@AOS.org).



AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

We’re excited, it’s just about time... The AOS Fall 2018 Members' Meeting, is being held in conjunction with the 19th International Slipper Orchid Symposium and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance Members' Meeting on October 31 - November 3, 2018, in Apopka, Florida. If you love Paphs, this is a meeting you won't want to miss. There will be an AOS judging of individual plants (bench judging) as part of this event and a private BBQ at Krull-Smith Nursery on Saturday night. Space is limited, so get your registration completed ASAP. If you would like to participate in judging, you'll find a separate registration tab that you also need to complete to be included. We look forward to seeing you. Online registration is at: <https://aosmembersmeeting.com/>

BREAKING NEWS! AOS President Susan Wedegaertner’s message in the September issue of ORCHIDS. This month she tells us about the Membership Committee. As chair of the Membership Committee, Graham Ramsey is bringing his enthusiasm and passion for orchids to the national level. Serving to maintain focus on member retention and new member recruitment, the committee is working hard to improve the experience of our members. If you have ideas that will help us grow or the desire to be an advocate for your fellow AOS members, drop Graham an email at membership_committee@aos.org.

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT

Authored by Thomas Miranda ~ Originally published in ORCHIDS August 2007

September: The Month of Unicorns - Orchids Often Cast a Spell for a Lifetime

While I don’t exactly know precisely when I became addicted to orchids, I do know it has been a really long time: decades certainly. You would think after all the thousands of hours spent repotting, fertilizing and watering, not to mention all the hiking boots and sweat socks ruined slogging down muddy rainforest trails and bogs in search of them, that orchids would have lost some of their magic by now. Certainly some enthusiasts burn out, or get bored or overwhelmed, either by orchids themselves or by life’s vicissitudes, and give up. Even so, once bitten by orchids, most of us end up with a life-long fascination and love affair with them. Even larger than the orchidists’ hobby, is that of birders. Astonishing

numbers of people go out on treks to see birds all over the world and keep extensive life lists, “collections” of sightings, if you will, to the point of obsession. I have often wondered why this is. Even though there are fewer orchidists than birders, some of the same reasoning applies to us.

There is the joy of collecting, the beauty and colors of our respective subjects, the excitement of exploration and discovery, the science and mystery of their forms and habits, and the camaraderie of like-minded individuals as well as that bit of friendly competition involved in growing and showing them. There is one more factor that may make you laugh, but I think is part of the fun and appeal of orchids: the “unicorn effect.” Birders talk about this as well. Seeing an orchid for the first time in the wild, or blooming a newly acquired orchid that you have only seen in a book, is a bit similar to seeing a celebrity on the street. Sure, you have seen Brangelina’s films and read about their lifestyles and habits, but an actual sighting can be exhilarating. So, it is for me every time a new orchid blooms in my presence. It is as if some mythological creature I recognize from a story book or movie has suddenly appeared on a remote trail or in my greenhouse or on my windowsill and allowed me to hold it and admire it up close and personal. Orchids are definitely the celebrities of the plant world — they bring a little of their magic into our world every day. Their presence in my life thrills me.

SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS A long hot summer has finally ended, and cooler temperatures are starting to prevail. Whether your orchids summered outside or in, the return of cool nights triggers many orchids to initiate flower spikes. The summer heat, particularly hot nights, can be stressful for many intermediate-growing species and hybrids. Often plants that may have stopped growing in July and August will now resume as temperatures begin to replicate those of their montane habitats. Look at plants carefully now for new tender emerging spikes and renewed root growth.

THE CONCESSION STAND No, do not give your orchids hot buttered popcorn and gigantic \$5 sodas. But they do want nutrients this month, so do not forget to fertilize them just because it has gotten cooler. If you have young plants that are not old enough to bloom, you can still fertilize with a higher nitrogen formula and let them continue to grow vegetatively. However, if your plants are blooming size, you may want to get away from high nitrogen formulas at this time or you could inhibit blooming on cymbidiums, dendrobiums and phalaenopsis, which should be forming spikes soon as the long nights increase, and the nighttime temperatures drop. ==>

GOTTA WEAR SHADES Unlike mega celebrities who need their sunglasses, so they will not be easily recognized, orchids continue to need shade as protection from the hot and sunny days that are still likely to occur this month. Do not be lulled into thinking that direct sun will not harm your plants. Even though the effects of high light are lessened when temperatures are cooler, there is still potential for plants to burn. Careful attention must be paid during this transition period. Weather becomes less stable and predictable. It is even possible that some cold or violent weather can appear. So, it is always best to be prepared for this eventuality.

BACK IN THE MANSION Orchids have been summering outside and now is the time to begin prepping the indoor growing area for their return. Whether it is a greenhouse, a windowsill, a lightroom or a terrarium, a little preplanning cleaning, sterilizing and organizing will allow for carefree transitions of the plants as the cold season approaches. It is also advisable to check out the plants for hitchhikers, such as weeds, insects and parasites. You want a “star pad” for your orchids, not for oxalis or mealybugs. Take some time to individually go through those plants outside and find and treat any critters that may be thinking they are part of the entourage. Expel them now before they move in and take over.

PAPARAZZI With the blooming season about to resume, you should make sure cameras are ready for what will likely be an excellent set of blooms on your collection, for your newer plants, the approaching blooms are anticipated as much as long-awaited film premiers and their red-carpet moments. This is also a chance to document your successes and failures. Keep a notebook of your orchids each year. It is fun to see how they progress, especially if you have raised them from baby plants into spectacular or hulking specimens. It is almost like following your favorite stars from early independent films to wildly successful Hollywood blockbusters. Yes, you knew them “when.” But you have the added joy of knowing you helped them get where they are today.



Sometimes there is magic at the opening of a new flower, as if suddenly a legendary creature has appeared in our presence and allowed us access to its glories and mysteries. Such was certainly the case when

Lycaste Wyld Unicorn 'Unicorn Rose' HCC/AOS bloomed for the first time. Photographer: Unknown.

— *Tom Miranda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades. He is an AOS accredited judge and is the chairman of the American Orchid Society's Conservation Committee. He recently coauthored The Book of Orchids: A life-size guide to 600 species from around the world. (email: biophiliak@gmail.com).*



Oncidium Pink Panther 'Elizabeth Grace' AM/AOS; Photographer: Charlie Riner

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month - Chinese Cypripediums: Part 2
- For the Novice - Leaf Reddening - Sign of Stress
- The New Refugium Botanicum – Masdevallia chasei
- A New Habenaria species in town by Leon Glicenstein
- Phaius daenikeri and Alfred Ulrich Daeniker by Rudolf Jenny
- Orchids of Palau by Benjamin Crain
- Orchids on Stamps by M. Lokeswara Rao
- Bulbophyllum carunculatum by Bill Thoms

Cattleya Big Dipper 'Mizar' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Ramon de los Santos



Let's grow together,
Denise Lucero

ries and mysteries. Such was certainly the case when

Join us for the 8th Annual:
INTERNATIONAL PHALAEOPSIS ALLIANCE
"FOCUS ON PHALS" DAY

Co-hosted by the Mid-Hudson Orchid Society
 Sunday, September 9th, 2018

Location: **Union Presbyterian Church Community Center**
44 Balmville Road, Newburgh (Balmville), NY

For the first time in conjunction with the monthly Mid-Hudson Orchid Society meeting, IPA is pleased to present its 8th Annual "Focus On Phals" day. This special event will include two presentations, a culture round table and a mini-auction of select plants, plus a review of the Mid-Hudson show table.

Our special guest speaker this year will be Mike Mims, a well-known boutique hybridizer, to share his secrets of growing & showing novelty Phalaenopsis to their ultimate. Mike has been the recipient of numerous AOS awards to his Phalaenopsis, including a highly coveted FCC/AOS ! He will also be bringing a great selection of seedlings for sale from his trend-setting breeding program. Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, Past IPA President & a current Regional Director, will share with everyone the absolute newest in cutting-edge breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2018 TIOS Show & will touch on Taiwan's exciting new approach to Ribbon & Medal Judging in preparation for the 2020 WOC in Taiwan. There is no Registration Fee for Mid-Hudson Society members but you should send in your Registration so we know you're planning to join us. The Registration Fee of \$10 for **NON-Mid-Hudson members** covers just the cost of a light lunch & refreshments.

We invite all orchidists, IPA members & non-members alike, to join us for this very special "Focus on Phals" event. IPA Invited Vendors will be: Mike Mims, the orchidPhile, Piping Rock Orchids & Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

12:30 – 1:15 pm	Meeting & Sales Set-up: Sales Tables Open for Early Birds, light lunch/refreshments
1:15 – 1:45 pm	Review of Show Table & Business Meeting
1:45 – 2:30 pm	Carri Raven-Riemann: <i>The Abundance of Taiwan</i>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Mini Auction (to raise funds for future meetings)
2:45 – 3:30 pm	Mike Mims: <i>Growing & Showing Novelty Phalaenopsis to Perfection</i>
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Roundtable Culture Discussion (Time permitting)
4:15 - 4:30 pm	Last chance at Sales Tables

***** PLEASE NOTE: ALL REGISTRATIONS (MHOS & Non-MHOS members) ARE NEEDED BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st, TO ASSURE PLENTIFUL FOOD & CHAIRS FOR ALL !**

Non-MHOS members can also pay by cash/check at the door or complete & mail the Registration Form below.

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: **Mitch Paroly** at hilolip@aol.com or (215) 943-7516

Additional information & Registration Forms will also be posted on the IPA website (www.phal.org)

Please complete & return the Registration Form below:

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REGISTRATION FORM: Must be received no later than August 31st, 2018
IPA/Mid-Hudson "Focus on Phals" for Sunday, September 9th, 2018

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Home Orchid Society: _____

Enclosed is my check for ____ registration(s) at \$10 each Total enclosed: \$ _____

Return this form with your check, made payable to IPA, to: Mitch Paroly, IPA Regional Director
 109 Pinewood Drive, Levittown, PA 19054

For Vendor Pre-Order Lists and/or Pre-Orders - Please mention "Mid-Hudson/IPA Regional Pre-Order" in the subject line:

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

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

Mike Mims: michaelmims@gmail.com

Piping Rock Orchids: www.pipingrockorchids.com

Extra Goodies from NENYOS Members
John Raymond and Phil Rudko



JRaymond

1 – *Chilochista Lunifera* – a species from Southeast Asia (we brought this to the picnic but not sure if it got photographed since there was no official “show table”).



JRaymond

4 – *Phalaenopsis Deliciosa* Var. *Huokeriana* – a species from Burma



JRaymond

2 – *Phalaenopsis Mentawaiensis* x *Lindenii* – a natural cross species from the Phillippines



JRaymond

5 – *Doritis Pulcherrima* Var. *Coerulea* – from Viet Nam



JRaymond

3 – *Lalio-cattleya* SJ Bracey “Waiolani” – AM/AOS

Many thanks to John and Phil for sending pictures of their special beauties!!



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NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2018

1:30 p.m. Announcements

1:45 p.m. Show Table,

2:10 Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, Galway, NY "Paphiopedilums and Their Differences"

Questions and Raffle

One Time Location for Meeting—475 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206 (see below)

.....**Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!** Also note, attending the August picnic is an opportunity to pick up one gift plant/membership.

FYI—Due to construction at William Sanford library in Colonie, our September meeting will be at Security Supply's meeting room, 475 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206.

Directions to Meeting: From I-87 Northway—Take Exit 2 East onto Central Ave (Rte 5). Travel

about 3.5 miles—Security Supply is on the **LEFT**. However, we are parking out back so pull past and turn left onto to Partridge St, Take **left** onto to Clinton Ave. Turn **left** into first driveway and park. There will be signage directing us to the meeting room!!

