NENYOS NEWSLETTER

North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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Picnic Nugget

One of the opportunities for NENYOS picnic goers is a chance to talk with Stan Lee about his bog garden and lady slipper garden. These specialty locations are giving Stan a chance to have orchids outside the 'normal' growing venue that most of us aspire to.

The bog garden has been growing for 5-6 years with modifications taking place to make it more hospitable for the plants. One of the challenges Stan ran into was the original special mix he used to plant in decomposed (can you imagine?) and caused the garden to 'sink'.

The beginning mix was 1/3 soil, 1/3 woodchips and 1/3 compost. Now he uses a mix with a bit more structure: 1/3 poultry grit, 1/3 soil and 1/3 compost. But he also covers the bed with at least 1" of compost each fall as well as 3" of chopped leaves.

The separate lady slipper bed receives a similar treatment though he has only been growing them for a couple of years. He bought plants at SEPOS (Southeastern PA Orchid Society) event in April 2013 and then bought some more this year. He grows the plants inside the greenhouse until they go dormant in the fall and then transfers them out to the bed.

So if you are looking for some tips/hints/ideas or amazement, get a group to tie Stan up and pry the info out of him!

-By Sandy Buxton II

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Top photo—Stan's Bog garden.

Middle photo—244 Lady slipper bed, new bed & old bed and new 2015 plants waiting to be planted after they go dormant in the fall.

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You can see Stan's pot on the floor while Jim managed to get his up onto the Show Table.

These Cyp. Kentuckiensis give a tremendous show when they are in bloom with their yellow and brown flowers.

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Upcoming Meetings

August 1—Summer picnic at Fern & Stan Lee's in Scotia.

Sept. 12—no meeting—please consider attending IPA (below)

September 13– IPA meeting co-hosted by NENYOS in Voorheesville

Oct 3—Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, California

Nov 7—Auction!! Come and bid on great plants!

December 5—Holiday event

Don't forget that the picnic is a great time to procure supplies that the club sells because they don't have to be carried to the Library.

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2015

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
Gillen O'Brien	Name Tags
Joan Gardner	Refreshments
Bob Odess	Raffle
	Greeter

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Sandy Buxton Newsletter Ed.

Upcoming Events in the Northeast

Oct 2 – 4, 2015 Susquehanna Orchid Society Show "The Art of the Orchid" at Ware Center of Millersville University, 42 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA. Contact: Jay Holcomb & Denise Conklin at 717-252-6092 or jayh530@comcast.net

Oct 16 – 18, 2015 Connecticut Orchid Society Show "Orchid Harvest 2015" at Van Welgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Road, North Branford, CT. Contact: Cheryl Mizak 203-264-6096 or cmizak@alcher.com

Sat, October 17, 2015, Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Fall 2015 Orchid Show and Sale from 11am – 3pm at Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Rd, Newburgh, NY. Contact: Ruth Nattras 845-343-2901

Oct 17 – 18, 2015 Eastern Canada Orchid Society "Orchidfete 2015" at CEGEP André Laurendeau, 1111 Rue Lapierre, Lasalle, QC, Canada. Contact: Brian Dunbar 514-684-3904 or bcd@videotron.qc.ca

GROS—Greater Rochester Orchid Soc. **CTOS—Connecticut OS**
STOS—Southern Tier OS **MHOS—Mid-Hudson OS** C heck 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 Series Class—2015-2016

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

Beginner Talks

July	No meeting
Aug	Picnic—no class
Sept	Let there be light (growing under lights)
Oct	Leaves
Nov	Auction!
Dec	Orchid Databases
Feb	Winner, winner! (orchid judging)
Mar	An orchid genus we haven't talked about

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 with a good view and ask questions of the other members.

Much of our learning happens by gaining information from our peers!

A closer picture of a Cypripedium that is a native terrestrial orchid in a number of places in the Northeast.

DIRECTIONS to 130 Johnson Rd, Scotia: The Picnic

- Albany I-90 & 87 EXIT 24
- I-90 West to exit 25 I-890
- West on 890 to the end at the junction of Route 5.
- Left on Route 5 toward Amsterdam
- Proceed through the first stoplight at the intersection of Route 103 Continue west on Route 5 about 3/4 of a mile to Johnson Road. Turn right on Johnson Road.
- The Lee homestead is on the corner of Johnson Road and Route 5, our NENYOS sign will be on Route 5 Brick home with flag pole and blue historic marker. Plenty parking in the yard or along Johnson Road. See You There!!!

PLEASE call with any questions TO STANLEY AND FERN LEE: phone # 518-557-2070 or Email: fslscotia@aol.com.

VENDORS WHO HELPED WITH THE 2014 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
Mountain View, HI
808-968-8898
www.lehuaorchids.com

Piping Rock Orchids
2270 Cook Rd
Galway, NY 12074
518-882-9002
www.pipingrockorchids.com

Sunset Valley Orchids
Fred Clarke, 1255 Navel Place Vista, CA 92081(760) 639-6255
Www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

The Orchid Works
Rayna@the orchidworks.com
P.O. 278 Hakalau, HI 96710
wholesale and retail lists online

Walter Scheeren
44-3265 Kalopa Mauka Rd
Honokaa,HI 96727
808-775-1185
WFScheeren@juno.com

Picnic Goodies

Gift plant at August 1st picnic for members will be something interesting according to Janet Vinyard, our intrepid NENYOS Co-President/Treasurer. Spiking and blooming sized plants are coming in from Island Sun Orchids as last year. We'll draw names and let folks pick. With such good plants, we have limited the gift plant to one per membership (single/family).

Folks can also bring a plant that needs attention or division. This is the meeting we can get messy.

For hands on demo, I have purchased a couple BIG bulbos and will use them to demonstrate taking them apart and repotting.

Members can sell plants at the summer picnic too!

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.

Orchids in New York State

http://www.cnyos.org/natives/educexhibita.pdf

Of the 145 terrestrial species found in North America, approximately 60 species are native to New York State. New York has a wide variety of habitats for orchids mainly because of the wide variation of elevation, latitudinal and geological circumstances, plus unique conditions created and modified by the earlier glacial ages. New York is also a fairly large state, providing plenty of opportunities for climatic variations. Other states that are smaller or have a less-diverse range of habitats consequently have a lesser variety of orchid species. Some of our native species are quite showy, surpassing the beauty of their tropical cousins, while others sport small, insignificant flowers on miniscule plants.

Only one species (Epipactis helleborine, or the 'Weed Orchid') is nonnative to North America and New York, originating in Eurasia. This species is unique in comparison to native species because it appears to thrive in many habitats and reproduces so prolifically. Our native orchids emerge and can flower from early April to late Fall with the coming of heavy frosts. Some of these orchids flower over a wide range of time, while others may only last a day at most. Many species can be found in very close association with one another, occupying the same location in the soil or sphagnum, or the same locality in a bog or fen.

Tight microclimates may allow certain species to survive near localities they normally would not be found. For example, the Pink Lady's-Slipper (Cypripedium acaule) is often found in acidic or sandy locations in Pine Barrens or woodlands, but may be found on hummocks above the acidic waters of bogs, or around the roots of acid-creating trees or shrubs that are found in alkaline fens.

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Flowering time

Many terrestrial orchids take over 10 years to flower after germination. The symbiotic relationship between orchid and fungus often persists indefinitely. The fungus continues to supply nutrients and energy to the plant, allowing it to survive and develop for long periods underground. The orchid may supply some photosynthetic products (sugars and starches) to maintain the fungus. Some terrestrial orchids, like several Corallorhiza species, contain no chlorophyll (or leaves) and depend entirely on the fungus for their nutrition. After the large expenditure of energy required for creating floral plant parts and possible reproduction, the plant may return underground for several more years. During this underground phase, the orchid survives from its food reserves provided by its Mycorrhizal symbiont. The orchid will reemerge when nutrient reserves (and other environmental conditions) are sufficient for another attempt at reproduction. This underground phase helps to explain why many orchid species are not found flowering in the same place from year to year. Research has shown that some species may disappear from an exact location for as long as 20 years before reappearing to flower again!

Below is a picture of Cypripedium pubescens that Stan took in his garden in 2013. Please look at the article he wrote for the newsletter about how his orchid garden was growing so you will know what questions you want to ask when on site. The article is on page 7. http://www.nenyos.com/uploads/4/9/2/5/49250487/jul_13_nenyos.pdf

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THE JULY 2015 AOS CORNER – From the desk of Gayle Brodie, Vice-Chair AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee (gbrodieaosmembership@gmail.com)

UPCOMING WEBINARS :
(hint – go to www.aos.org and click on the lower Webinar tab for current webinars, and on the upper Webinar tab for more information about future and available previously recorded webinars)
NEOFINETIA (VANDA): HISTORY AND MYSTERY - presented by AOS judge Cheryl Erins Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. EDT. **MEMBERS ONLY**

Neofinetia, recently reclassified as Vanda, have been treasured for over 400 years. In the beginning these enchanting orchids were prohibitively expensive, and could only be grown by Japanese nobility. Now universally available in many affordable cultivars, these compact plants excite enthusiasts not only with their beautiful flowers, but also with their foliage and overall presentation. Neofinetias are also relatively easy to grow and will tolerate a wide range of temperatures. Join Cheryl Erins as she explains the Neofinetia history, varieties, culture and mystique. Online registration will be available at www.AOS.org in July.

GREENHOUSE CHAT WITH RON MCHATTON – August 6, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. EDT. **OPEN TO EVERYONE**

Join AOS judge and consummate scientist Ron McHatton for the latest and most practical information about your culture problems. Listen to Ron's responses to questions from members who have the same problems that you do and if time permits, submit your own questions for his expert advice.

THE JULY ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will also feature an article about Neofinetia (Vanda): Varieties and Culture. Don't miss the "double-header" webinar and magazine article to really learn what you need to know about this most amazing little orchid! Other articles in the July issue of Orchids include:

- Choice Dendrochilums
- The importance of fresh air
- A new species of Lepanthes

FREE ORCHID CLASSES, AVAILABLE ONLINE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE, AT WWW.AOS.ORG:

- Introduction: Orchids and Their Culture -Greg Allikas
- Orchids Plus: AOS' Digital Orchid Awards Program -Greg Filter
- Greenhouse Chat, July -Ron McHatton
- Greenhouse Chat, August -Ron McHatton
- It's All About the Roots -John Salventi
- Visiting a Rainbow: A Slice of Life from the Reed- Stemmed Epidendrums -Cheryl Erins
- Greenhouse Chat, February -Ron McHatton
- Demystifying AOS Judging -Harry Gallis

Please enjoy these wonderful free classes about orchids. There are even more pre-recorded webinars available only to AOS members online at the AOS website at any time.

FREE MEMBERSHIP CREDITS FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES:

Affiliated societies can now earn a one month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that you refer (membership renewals don't count). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the AOS Membership Application Form, check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, mostly importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a full year of FREE AOS membership! Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name filled in and available at your club meetings!

Let's grow together,

Gayle Brodie

www.nenyos.com
Website is up and waiting

As a way of approaching new technology and Alex Shepherd has created a new website at the request of the NENYOS board of directors.

Please check it out and provide any feedback or ideas.

The site includes the Library listings, Newsletters, events, links to other societies, an About page and a contact system.

Often, people in the Capital District are looking for us and most turn to the Internet to find the information. Having a website is critical to making that connection. Steve Condon provided a great leap into the electronic age with a website for years and work with Facebook. This is just the latest version.

Thanks to Alex for her work to update the info we hope it continues to be a great gateway to our vibrant group!

-Sandy Buxton II

Directions to Cornell Cooperative Extension - Albany County, 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY

From the end of Route 155:
Proceed through the roundabout in Voorheesville. Bear right on Route 85A West. Travel approximately 2 miles. Past the town line marker for New Scotland. Turn right on Martin Road. CCE Albany County is on the right.

From the North:
Take I-87 (Northway) South to the end. Turn right onto Route 20 West. Turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

From the South:
Take I-87 North to Exit 24. Bear right toward Route 20 , then turn right onto Rte 20 West. Follow, turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

From the East:
Take I-90 West to I-87 South. Take I-87 South to the end. Turn right onto Route 20 West. Turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

From the West:
Take I-90 East to I-87 South. Follow I-87 South to the end. Turn right onto Route 20 West. Turn left onto Route 155 South. Follow the above route from the end of Route 155.

Stan Lee sent a picture of an Angraecum he purchased at last year's November auction.

Join us for the 5th annual:

INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

"FOCUS ON PHALS" DAY

Co-hosted by the North Eastern New York Orchid Society

Sunday, September 13, 2015

NOTE NEW LOCATION ! Cornell Cooperative Extension—Albany County

24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY

In conjunction with the North Eastern New York Orchid Society, IPA is pleased to present its 5th Annual Speakers' Day, "Focus On Phals". This day-long event will include our keynote speaker, Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids, presenting Part II of Moss Culture. Joining him will be Tom Mirenda, Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, who will cover Phal. species in situ with an eye to growing them successfully in cultivation. Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, Past IPA President & current New England Regional Director, will update us on some of the newest directions in breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2015 TIOS Show, including hybrids from some of the smaller boutique forward-thinking hybridizers.

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. Guest vendors will include: Norman's Orchids, the orchidPhile, Piping Rock Orchids and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

9:30 – 10:00 am	Morning Refreshments & Sales Tables Open
10:00 - 10:45 am	**Tom Mirenda:** *The Keys to Successful Phal. Species Cultivation*
10:45 - 11:30 am	**Carri Raven-Riemann**: *Thinking Outside the Box: Taiwan's Cutting-Edge Breeding*
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	**Norman Fang**: *Part II – Demystifying Moss Culture*
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 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)*

REGISTRATION FORM: Must be received no later than August 30, 2015

IPA/NENY Orchid Society "Focus on Phals" for Sunday, September 13, 2015

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*

North Eastern New York Orchid Society

NENYOS c/o S. Lee, 130 Johnson Road, Scotia, NY 12302 www.nenyos.com

Next Meeting

August 1, 2015

Picnic at Stan & Fern Lee's home at 130 Johnson Road, Scotia, NY. Bring a dish to pass.

Come and celebrate Summer!

Lunch after 12:00 noon

Member Plants for sale

Fun, Food and Friends!

September 2015 Meeting

NENYOS will have no regular meeting at the William K. Sanford Library in Colonie because the board felt it was a great opportunity to be able to participate in the International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting on September 13 in Voorheesville.

Our meeting would have been back to back with this meeting and would have challenged our members to either choose which to attend or stressed their already full schedules.

There is a charge for the IPA meeting which mostly covers food and the location. But the chance to see and talk with some world renowned speakers who grow orchids is beyond compare. Tom Mirenda regularly appears in AOS's magazine with pearls of wisdom. He will provide some great insight so get your questions together!

Carri Raven-Reimann will give the updates from Taiwan and always has some interesting nuggets.

Norman Fang spoke here once before on moss culture, is doing the follow up with more info and will have some very cool plants too.

So Orchid Lovers should come out and sign up for this special event!

We look forward to seeing you there. Directions will be in the September issue of the NENYOS newsletter.