NENYOS NEWSLETTER

# North Eastern New York Orchid Society

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**January 2015**

## NENYOS Celebrates the Season

December is usually a low key meeting since the weather can be dicey. Holidays cause stress and pull members in multiple directions and the cold arrives with a vengeance.

This December, we had all of those things happening but still managed to have a full and informative meeting.

Janet Vinyard stepped up to fill in for the working Alex Shepherd to perform a Beginner Talk on electronic info available. She gave a good demo of some valuable sites she uses for research. But, she stressed, all knowledge comes with a bit of caution. You need to be careful about where you are getting info. Is it reputable or is it from the guy on the corner wearing a tinfoil hat? Of course that is not what he would look like online but…

Janet stressed the need to understand the full level of info. Catt maxima is a cattleya that usually require tons of light to grow, but this one actually grows in the wild in the shade of a tree.

Speciesorchid.com is a good source of info on temperatures, light/shade needs, when a plant blooms, pictures and variations for each plant.

Don't forget to investigate the parents behind a cross because that can also provide tons of useful info.

Andy's Orchids has a chart documenting much of this for their orchids.

As part of the main show – we got to review the documentary produced by Roland Vinyard about Janet and Roland's adventures in Ecuador with supporting appearances by Bob Odess! What a great movie with the side commentary provided by Janet.

Some great resources made it onto the sales table.

Board announcements included the election of proposed officer slate.

By Sandy Buxton

A Catt. that Larry Litwin brought to sell.

Larry also has 2 aquariums available for use as orchid homes. One is 10 gallons and one is a corner unit, much bigger. He has them available for giveaway and will deliver to the meeting. Please call 518-384-0412

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## Upcoming Meetings

**January 17, 2015 - luncheon at Wolfert's Roost**

**February 7—Drew Monthie, "Growing Orchids Hydroponically"**

**March 7—TBA**

**April 4—TBA**

**May 2—Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids at Sanford Library in Colonie**

**June 7—Piping Rock Open House—co-hosted with NENYOS, Galway, NY**

For more information or to encourage others to experience NENYOS, don't forget to direct people to our website:
www.nenyos.org

**MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2014**

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| Donna Wardlaw | Co-President |
| Janet Vinyard | Co-President & Treasurer |
| Deb Lambeth | Secretary |
| Ed Belemjian | Director |
| Sandy Buxton | Director |
| Mark Conley | Director |
| Steve Condon | Website |
| Stan Lee | Past President |
| Sandy Buxton | AOS Rep |
| Gillen O'Brien | Name Tags |
| Joan Gardner | Refreshments |
| Bob Odess & Ed Belemjian | Raffle Greeter |

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Sandy Buxton Newsletter Ed.

## Upcoming Events in the Northeast

**Jan 16 – 18, 2015 North Jersey Orchid Society Show & Sale** at Strawberry Blossom Home & Garden Center, 1364 State Route 23, North Wayne, NJ. Contact: Caroline Buchman 201-848-9491 or cbuchman@tncb.net

**Feb 5 – 8, 2015 Deep Cut Orchid Society "18th Annual Orchid Show"** Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ. Contact: Helen E. Kroh, 732-828-7727 or krohsnest@optonline.net

**Feb 13 – 15, 2015 New Hampshire Orchid Society Show** at Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH. Contact: Jean Hallstone 603-880-0404 or jhallstone@yahoo.com

**Feb 28 – Mar 8, 2015 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society "Philadelphia Flower Show"** at Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: Betty Greene 215-988-8826 or bgreene@pennhort.org

**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

**TREY'S TIPS** from Little Brook Orchids, 25 Rider Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603 littlebrookorchids.com

December and January have the shortest days of the year and the sun is at its lowest intensity. Therefore, you may have to move certain orchids in your collection to maximize light. For example, vandaceous orchids should be placed in the southernmost spot in your home or greenhouse, allowing for the most intense sunlight.

Also at this time of year, phal and paph growers should be noticing their first flowers beginning to open, bringing color to the start of winter!

Orchid Tips: The secret to growing any orchid is use lots of water and get lots of air to the roots. Don't fertilize more than once for every three times you water. It is important to not overfertilize. It is best to use rain water rather than tap water. Look for "Oregon Green Moss" from the west coast. It is Ph neutral and does not break down like other mosses. It is great for Vandas.

## Beginner Series Class—

And here's the list of upcoming beginner talks:

**Beginner Talks 2014-2015**

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| Feb | Preparing your orchids for display |
| 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!

## Catasetum Update—Gift Plant 2013

Don't forget that we are coming to the slow down period for these deciduous orchids. November is when you should slow down fertilizing and watering aggressively.

Then by mid-December to January, cease watering. Leaves should come off.

Do not start watering in February until new growth is 3-4 inches high.

Next month we will discuss repotting the plants before new growth starts.

**The December 2014 AOS Corner- From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Society Chair**

In the December edition of Orchids ….

» Our annual gallery: best of the "Photo of the Week" from www.aos.org
» Zygopetalums : Two great articles on this very popular genus
» A Look at Pristine Ecuador
» Orchids at the Rose Bowl
» The genus Sobbenikoffia
» Cattleya wittigiana

There are some great Orchid Shows coming up around the country…

January 17th & 18th the Miami Orchid Society will be hosting the Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Fuchs Pavilion,10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.) Miami, Florida. There will be 50 vendors from all over the country and internationally! For complete details check out www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

For those of you who might be interested in attending The Pacific Orchid Expo held in San Francisco, California, February 19th-22nd please check out their website for complete details https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-pacific-orchid-exposition-the-thrill-of-discovery-tickets-12481363093?discount=AOS15

This is the premier Orchid show on the west coast. There are many fabulous vendors attending from all over the world. The San Francisco Orchid Club is offering a discount to all AOS members for admission and they have secured a fabulous room rate. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Fisherman's Wharf. Reservations must be made before January 30 to get the special rate. Call 1-800-942-7348 and make sure to say that you are asking for the POE or Pacific Orchid Exposition rate. The rate is $149/night and is good for stays from February 18 to February 23, 2015.

We have secured sponsors for both 2015 AOS Members' Meetings:

April 28th – May 3rd 2015, Doubletree Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232.
Hosted by the Portland Orchid Society and co-hosted by Cherry City Orchid Society.

November 11th- November 15th 2015, The Atlantis Resort-Hotel-Spa-Casino, 3800 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502
Hosted by the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada. We are currently looking for sponsors for the 2016 Spring and Fall meetings! This is a great opportunity for your local society to host this prestigious event. We love to travel to new areas of the country and see all the beautiful orchids that you might grow in your region. Contact us if you are interested and we would be happy to send you all the necessary information affiliated_societies@aos.org.

Did you know that the AOS offers many self-help videos on proper care and repotting? Check the videos out on the website under (all about orchids) and then click on AOS Video Library.

The AOS is now accepting requests for project funding for research and/or conservation projects. Applications for consideration in the spring must be received before January 1, check out the front page of the www.aos.org website for complete details.

Let's grow together,
Laura Newton

## 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

**Carmela Orchids**
Hakalau, HI
www.carmelaorchids.net

**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**

**Tohru Takekoshi**, former NENYOS, Member, Scotia, NY

**The Orchid Works**
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**Upcoming meeting**

FEBRUARY 7, 2015.
**DREW MONTHIE**

***GROWING ORCHIDS HYDROPONICALLY***

February is a tricky month weather-wise, but we hope you will be enticed out into the cold to join us for a hands-on and participatory session dealing with orchids grown hydroponically.

Drew Monthie grows many of his plants in clay pellets very successfully as evidenced by the orchids he shares with us at the Show Table.

NENYOS will provide a 3.5" X 3.75" pot, the clay pellets and a small plant for you to pot up under his expert guidance following his presentation. He gets his pots from the orchidhouse.org and if you are so inclined to repot others in your collection, they are willing to grant us a bit of a discount (to be determined.)

Their website is full of information and very good photos, so if you'd like a preview into this growing system, take a look prior to the meeting.

We need an idea of what and how much to order so please let Janet Vinyard know by phone 673-3212 or email rolandvinyard@gmail.com. ASAP.(preferably as soon as you get this newsletter.)

**Recap of 2014**

January – luncheon and annual meeting. Lots of great raffle opportunities!

February – Dick Doran came and spoke on Sarcochilus orchids

March – Marguerite from J & L Orchids spoke on minis

April – Tom Purviance and John Salventi formerly of Parkside Orchids came and gave a great presentation "It's all about Roots"

May – Steve Male from Fishing Creek Orchids gave a talk about growing a wide variety of orchids in his greenhouse.

His wife Gerri had a great tip – when looking to buy affordable bulk razor blades so you can have a new blade for every cut on a plant (to prevent the spread of virus) go to the painting department at the big box stores. They sell them by the box!

Piping Rock Open House in Galway – J & L Orchids as speaker.

June – Bus trip to Shore Fest at Silva Bros. Orchids and car trip to J & L Orchids in CT.

August – Picnic at Stan and Fern Lee's in Scotia

September – Krum Sotirov came and spoke on Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew

Hosted an International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) regional meeting in Ballston Spa

October – Ron McHatton from American Orchid Society spoke on 'Orchids of Madagascar'

November – annual Auction to fundraise for speakers and society activities

December – holiday gathering and orchid discussion

Happy orchiding and get ready for another Great Year!!

By Sandy Buxton

## The Un-Sung

**Gillen** Hero Award **O'Brien**

Name Tag & Show Table Chair

For making sure the society has the material needed each month so we can have friendly and informative meetings. It is great to have display shelving and plant/owner labels to help us know how the orchids are grown before the Show Table discussion.

SBuxton

THE NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL LUNCHEON - JANUARY 17, 2015
WOLFERT'S ROOST COUNTRY CLUB
Van Rennsselaer Blvd, Albany, NY
(located near I-90, Exit 6 and Rte 9 north)
Festivities start at 12 pm

Name: _____ Individual Reservation $ 23.00
Address: _____ No. of Guests x $23.00 = $_____
Phone: _____ Total Amount $ _____

Make checks payable to NENYOS and bring to the next meeting or mail to Joan Gardner, 100 Gipps Ln, Voorheesville, NY 12186.

**Deadline for reservations is January 5, 2015.**

12pm CASH COCKTAIL TRAY SERVICE-

BUFFET LUNCH TO FOLLOW

**THE MENU**

Fruit Bowl **Mixed Greens Salad with 2 dressing choices** Antipasto Salad** Seasonal Vegetables Medley **Roasted Potato** Chicken Picatta**Pasta Primavera** Sesame Ginger Salmon **Rolls and Butter **Blueberry Crisp and Whipped Cream **Coffee, Tea and Decaf Coffee

**Come and enjoy spending time with orchid enthusiasts, Annual Meeting, a Show Table, Member Sale Table and Raffle.**

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP—PASS THIS ALONG
NENYOS MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER-PLEASE MAKE THINGS EASY FOR JANET AND GET THOSE CHECKS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! JANUARY 31ST IS THE CUT OFF DATE FOR PAYMENT AND TO MAKE THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

## REMEMBER NO DUES, NO NEWSLETTER.

Individual Membership $15 Family Membership $20 Please Print Clearly

Make your check payable to NENYOS, and please complete (and correct) membership information and return this slip with your check. Mail to:

Janet Vinyard
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Sprakers, NY 12166

***please complete accurately***

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, CALL OR EMAIL JANET AT 518-673-3212— janetvinyard@yahoo.com

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## Non-Show Table Tales

This month we had communication with a number of our members and I thought it would be nice to include them.

Notes from **Jessica Bernard**, Morrisonville, NY -
I miss you guys! We have been busy with a kitchen/ diningroom renovation that has kept me from making it to Albany. We started in May! I lost a good majority of my orchids from sheet rock dust and less than optimal lighting conditions when I had to move them. The remaining few are hanging in there - all of the paphs and some remaining cats and phals but absolutely none of them happy enough to flower! (Honestly, I don't blame them. This project is taking too long!) Can't wait to join you guys again in person! The newsletters help me still feel connected.

**Don Reynolds** is stressed by the winter weather but looks forward to making the spring meetings. He sends his good wishes to everyone!

**Debi Chowdhury** says she has been traveling which has resulted in missed meetings but is thinking of us.

**Dr. Gerald Stulc**—is looking for some info. He ran out of time with the weather to make it to our latest meeting.— "I bought the Ascocendra laski at the last auction, and was wondering if you or anyone at NENYOS could give me more detailed info on how to care for it?" (newsletter editor will help connect people)

One of our non-present people with a tale is **Genenieve Wiech** - "Also am so very proud of my first success with the re-blooming of my Oncidium. It has so many flowers they look like draping lilacs. This is my best explanation. I was planning on bringing in to show. If the flowers are still on in January I will bring it."

**Plants for sale**: The following are all I have from the tags on the plants. 518-452-7395
1. Green Emerald Queen 12/10
1. LC Secret Love X Erc (?) hand written not sure) Cordillera no date
1. Bic. Marl's Glory 12/11
1. Bic Hawaii Stars Pink lace 12/11 Lee Co.
4. Phalaenopsis
1 Den. Crocatum X sib 'Wake' 'Hsinying').

I acquired all plants from our NENYOS group. This is all the information I have about them. All is taken from the tags received with the plants. GW

**Betsy Neal – now of northern California,** Thanks so much. We are still getting rains, but more like normal. The storms last week are called "Pineapple Express" since they come from Hawaii. We normally get them in the spring. Now the Pacific paths have shifted, so we are getting a cooler wind from Alaska. We haven't even had a frost and my orchids are still on the porch solarium. I am about to shift the furniture around , so I can bring them into the house. Camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas, calla lilies and snowdrops are blooming here and there. No mudslides here, our ridges are covered with the big trees, but some of the highways have had rock slides. Last week beefers were moved from the flat lands by the bay. The dairy cows are still out. (milk is really good here, you can tell the difference) I talked to my shearer yesterday about trimming soon. He was in the process of helping to move 3000 sheep to higher ground south of San Francisco.
I did miss the sale, I hope it was fun and successful!

Additionally, we learned that **Jean Liberty**, wife of **Earl Liberty** of Cohoes who had been members for several years died in October. We are thinking of their family.

Also thinking of Don Marsilio of Leeds, NY who passed in 2012. He and Louise were members.

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Notes from **Maine Orchid Society**

Tom Carter reported that he has had an Epicattleya for about four years. He had it in a clear pot which was nice, but after a year or two algae started to form. It was noted that this does the same as when the medium breaks down and is not healthy for your orchid. Dave Sparks gave a tip that you should get a two inch net pot and place it upside down in the bottom of the orchid's pot. This creates an air space and makes the medium real shallow all around, allowing in more air. An air cone pot works the same way. Usually, with a solid pot of medium, the roots in the center of the medium will get rotted and die and only the roots around the edges remain. This technique eliminates that problem.

Mike Wagner noted that when growing Vandas in the house, you have to mist them every day and also keep them warm.

# Show Table Tales

Mark Conley brought two mini Cattleyas. Pot. Martha Clarke x Firey Leopard (L) and Kat Goldeneye (R). He commented on one plant – he got two from the same cross but they act very differently. One blooms each time the plant puts up a new growth. And the other blooms barely once per year.

Janet Wierzchowski brought in Beallara Howard's Dream. She bought it at Trader joe's last year for their 46th wedding anniversary!

Janet Vinyard brought in Paph henrianum which is a cool growing paph. Likes 55 degrees at night. A new plant from a German grower.

Monica McClary showed off a plant she got from Christina Anderson. She grows it in a south window over an ultrasonic humidifier.

Wake's—Paph. InCharm Topaz 'Lisa'
Paph Pacific Shamrock 'HOF' x Paph. Stone Lovely
Paph. Rosy Dawn – was very popular in 1980s – he stretches out the frequency of watering and it makes her happier. This was an auction plant.

Wake Gardner brought in Catasetum Orchid glade x Black knight which like warm temps. He grows it in the upper levels of greenhouse. Fun plant – pollen is shot at insects – so a by-product of bringing the plant to the meeting is the vibration and jostling of travel – triggered the release of pollen in blooms so they will go by very quickly.

Wake's—Oncid. Twinkle came out of a community pot a number of years ago. He grows it under lights in dining room with Phals. Bloom has a very interesting lip. And smells like a hint of chocolate.

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Next Meeting

**January 17, 2015**

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

**Woolfert's Roost**

**Lunch after 12:00 noon**

**Member Plants for sale**

**Reservations required.**

**See page 5 for more info**

**Fun, Food and Friends!**

## December Raffle Winners

Janet Vinyard
Ken Mortenson
Wake Gardner
Liz Sanderson
Monica McClary
Gretchen Sharp
Joan Gardner
Helen Yong Sook Kim

Don't forget—Raffle winners are asked to bring a goodie to the next meeting to help celebrate their good fortune! In this case, February 7th!