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IPA in Voorheesville

On Sunday, September 10th there was lots of orchid information flowing around the CCE Albany office. Dottie Woodson, Alan Koch and Carri Raven-Reiman provided a fact filled day as the attendees soaked up information on moss culture, the latest trends in phalaenopsis breeding and Alan's nuggets of wisdom about all things orchid.

With time for food, fellowship and shopping the crowd got to talk about all sorts of relevant facts. Patty Boggs thought the moss culture video was very helpful. While several others commented there are always new points to learn.

Kelly Korner Orchid Supplies offered a great opportunity to pick up supplies with no shipping charges and he was thrilled with the event.

A Thank you Note to NENYOS:

A very special thanks to everyone at NENYOS who helped the IPA make our annual Regional Meeting happen !

In particular we'd like to thank Janet & Sandy, plus all their volunteer helpers, for organizing all the food, reserving the venue for everyone and cleaning up afterwards.

Additional kudos go out to Janet who so generously donated such amazing & select plants for our fund -raising auction. It helps us offset the costs of bringing in speakers, many of whom societies would not normally be able to bring in, and it helps keep our Regional Meetings something to learn from for everyone.

Thanks to the following auction donors:

NENYOS
Janet Vinyard
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Although many people assume our Regional Meetings are just about Phalaenopsis, we always add a culture speaker who will cover orchid culture in general. And we do cover a lot of the newest intergeneric Phalaenopsis breeding that's being done in Taiwan with other Vanda species & hybrids. We're trying to make these meetings a source of general orchid information for everyone & welcome suggestions from all our attendees to make our meetings even better.

Again, thanks to everyone who donated their time, their effort and their plants for this past week's meeting ~ and thanks to all our generous bidders!

Mitch Paroly,
IPA New York/Eastern Canada Regional Director

Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids (above) and Carri Raven-Rieman from orchidPhile (below)

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Upcoming Meetings

October 7—Kim Feddersen of Fair Orchids at William Sanford Library in Colonie

November 4—Annual Auction in Colonie

December 2—Holiday Event in Colonie

January 13 —Annual Luncheon at Woolfert's Roost

February 3 - In –House Hands-on Meeting in Colonie

March 3—TBA

April 7—TBA in Colonie

May 5—TBD in Colonie

June 9—Piping Rock Open House in Galway

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

MAKING IT WORK FOR NENYOS OFFICERS FOR 2017

Donna Wardlaw	Co-President
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Sandy Buxton Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events in the Northeast

September 30 - October 1, 2017 Central New York Orchid Society Show, Beaver Lake Nature Center, 8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, NY. Contact Kim Boroncyzk/Judy Witkin
315-638-4741 or rivergardening1@yahoo.com

Saturday, October 7, 2017 National Capital Judging Center, National Arboretum, Classroom, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, D.C. Contact: Taylor Slaughter, 215-381-0789, praetextum@gmail.com

October 21 - 22, 2017 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Fall Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Teresa Huesman, 513-673-5434 or huesmantj@aol.com

November 3 - 5, 2017 Massachusetts Orchid Society Show "World of Orchids: New England" Mahoney's Garden Center, 242 Cambridge St., Winchester, MA. Contact: Joanna Eckstrom, 603-533-2402 or jkeckstrom@comcast.net

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 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:

October	**Leaves** They provide tons of info which can help you understand your plant and what it wants

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.

In Memoriam- Jane A. Smith

Jane Smith joined NENYOS in the early 1990s and immediately became very active in the organization. She regularly volunteered in setting up orchid displays at the various shows in which NENYOS participated. She was also a regular on the many trips NENYOS took to various orchid shows particularly the Greater New York Orchid Show. Over the years Jane served NENYOS as Secretary, Treasurer, Board Director, and Refreshment Table Chair. Jane also enjoyed meeting new members to NENYOS and always made an effort to make them feel welcome at meetings. We will certainly miss her presence at our meetings.

Jane (above and left) on April 2013 bus trip to SEPOS and Longwood Gardens in PA.

On right is a white Phal which Jane very carefully brought to the 2014 August Picnic at Stan's. I believe there were 19 blooms on the plant!!

Jane, 87, died Friday, September 1, 2017, at home surrounded by her loving family. Jane was born in the Albany area and lived there most of her life. She was the daughter of the late Carl S. Fink and Marian (Zimmerman) Fields. Jane was known for her adventurous spirit, kindness and love for all living creatures.

Jane had a greenhouse that she opened for a NENYOS tour one May day and was always thrilled to bring plants for the Show Table!

VENDORS WHO HELPED WITH THE 2016 AUCTION & Activities

Island Sun Orchids –
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Marilyn Shapiro—also recently passed away 8/20/17. NENYOS members knew her from her work with the IPA and Greater NY Orchid Society. She took the registration for the meeting and was active for many years.

THE SEPTEMBER 2017 AOS CORNER

– From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee (dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com).

Look out for this AOS Corner release each month for the latest information about the AOS. We also encourage everyone to check out our website often as well. New information is added and updated are made daily.

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the InstaGram feed. It's really wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Don't forget to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you. If he doesn't have the answer you need, he will find it for you.

If you have an upcoming show, remember to check out the "Guide to a Successful Orchid Show" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show. Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading.
Here's the link: AOS.org

We always want to encourage members to join us so we try to share as much as possible. Here's some content you'll find in this month's President's Message in Orchids Magazine.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from George Hatfield

Last month I reported that membership had climbed almost eight percent year-over-year since the spring meeting in Asheville last year. As I write this, we are just shy of 8,900 members. My goal—and that of Naya Marcano, Director of Administration and Member Services—is to hit 10,000 members by the end of the year. To help us recruit new members, Naya created a new page on the AOS website that spells out the numerous benefits of membership, including information about the partners in the member discount program and the reciprocal garden admissions program. Should you know some prospective members, direct them to the AOS Membership link in the About Us section on our website for everything they need to know to become a member.

Do you want to get more involved in the AOS? We are seeking nominations for members to serve on the Board of Trustees. The following experience/skills are particularly desirable: development and fund-raising, marketing, strategic planning, finance/investment, environmental conservation/research. You can nominate any member in good standing, including yourself. All nominations will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee. You can submit nominations to nominating_committee@aos.org.

The always-popular annual supplement to Orchids magazine will be mailed in October. This year it delves deeply into the genus Phalaenopsis. I bet it was this genus that began an orchid addiction for many of you! This marks the eighth year of the supplement, which started as a way to publish an article that was too long for a regular issue of Orchids and became an eagerly anticipated bonus issue of the year. This separate publication gives us the opportunity to present a monograph to you each year without compromising the general interest of the monthly issues.

Heads up! The Spring 2018 Members Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show next March. The Santa Barbara Show is one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious orchid shows in the United States.

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Grand orchid displays installed by local, national and international artisans and orchid enthusiasts, displays of orchid art, photography and floral arrangements, and a comprehensive workshop and demonstration schedule will provide you with a rich orchid experience. Details will be forthcoming, but mark March 7-11 on your calendars to attend the meeting.

Speaking of meetings, the 22nd World Orchid Conference will be held in Guayaquil (The Pearl of the Pacific), Ecuador this November. Although small, Ecuador is one of the most diverse countries on the planet. Over 17,000 species of plants have been classified and described in the country, 4,235 of which are orchid species. So how fitting that the WOC is being held in Ecuador! The Conference will cover three main topics—science, horticulture and conservation biology—via lectures over four days. There will also be day-long symposia focusing on Andean orchids and the genus Vanilla. This will mark the first time that this most commercially important orchid genus has been the subject of a symposium at a World Orchid Congress. Visit www.woc22.com for more information.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Judging Pleurothallids with Esteban (Steven) Gonzales

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Judging - Members only

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Pleurothallis modesta 'Free Spirit' CBR/ AOS; Photographer: Max Thompson

Join Esteban (Steve) Gonzalez and review how to judge those beautiful and diminutive pleurothallids.

Register now using this link:
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9119068349037565443

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Tuesday, October 12, 2017@ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Open to All

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on question submitted by attendees. Please send your questions tostillilsch@cox.netby Sunday, October10th.

Register now using this link:
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4527748585663490051

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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.

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

- Orchids Illustrated - Platanthera bifolia
- For the Novice - Applying Fertilizers and Chemicals
- Aerangis Name Game
- Barkeria
- First Ladies and Their Cattleyas - C. Edith Bolling Wilson
- Pescatoria wallisii and Gustava Willis
- Top Ten From the Stanhopea Alliance

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Stanhopea ruckeri 'Windy Hill' AM/ AOS; Photographer: Melissa Garner

Orchid Basics: The How and Why of Watering
Dr. Ron McHatton, PhD

More orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. There are two separate components to proper watering; when and how. The vast majority of orchids grown by hobby growers are epiphytes, growing on trees above the ground where the light is more plentiful. These plants are adapted to having their roots exposed to light and air so in addition to water, orchid roots need air. The central core of an epiphytic orchid root is covered with a spongy material called velamen designed to store water. When this spongy material remains wet too long, the central core suffocates and begins to rot. Once the roots begin to rot, the plant can no longer take up water properly and a whole host of problems begin. At worst, root rot will eventually spread causing cause the death of the plant (Figure 1). In other cases, the loss of roots prevents the plant from absorbing sufficient water to maintain the plant in good condition and the leaves will take on a wrinkled appearance (Figure 2). Unfortunately, the symptoms of over-watering and under-watering are superficially similar and the tendency is to increase watering rather than inspect the roots. Over-watered roots will be brown and mushy while those on under-watered plants will be white or gray and obviously dry. Let's look first at when to water.

When do I water?

Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. This rule applies to all orchids with slight variations depending on whether your plant has pseudobulbs (thickened stems that are designed to store water) or not. Orchids such as cattleyas and oncidiums should be allowed to just dry completely between waterings while orchids such as Phalaenopsis and vandas that have no water storage organs should be watered just before dryness occurs. For vandas, this may mean daily watering during the warm summer months. Vandas and ascocendas that are properly watered will have actively growing root tips at all times (Figure 3). If the root tips on your plants dry up and seal over, you are not watering often enough.

There's unfortunately no magic formula; i.e., water a plant in a 6" pot every 7 days and you'll be trouble free. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Humidity, air movement, potting medium (type and age) and light levels all play a role. There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry:) 1) dry pots will feel lighter when lifted; 2) clay pots feel dry; 3) a wooden stake or skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry (Figure 4). If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix. It will cause no harm to the plant. And remember, fresh potting mix will always dry out faster than the old medium.

How do I water?

How to water is just as important to proper culture as when to water. When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously (Figure 5). Place the plant in the sink and allow the water to run freely from the drainage holes. Do not use salt-softened water. This is your opportunity to examine how the potting mix behaves. If you cannot pour water rapidly through the pot, the potting mix is too dense and you run the risk of starving the roots for air. If you see finely divided material that looks like coffee grounds in the water coming from the drainage holes, your potting mix is breaking down. Both of these are signs it's time to repot into fresh medium. At a minimum, try to thoroughly water your plants at least once a month.

Finally, a couple of notes about mounted plants and those like vandas that are grown in baskets without additional potting medium. First, avoid dunking these plants in buckets of water. This practice very easily spreads diseases. If one plant has a disease, all those dunked in the same bucket of water will have been exposed as well. Also, two short waterings a few minutes apart are much more effective than one long watering. Once water runs off the plant, the roots will have absorbed essentially all they can at that time and excess water simply runs off to the ground. The proper technique is to water your plants, and then a few minutes later water them again, always beginning with the first plant you watered. This allows time for the roots of the last plant watered to finish absorbing water before you wet them again. Roots that are completely saturated will be a solid color while those that are not will appear mottled.

Paphiopedilum thaianum 'Fagen's Orchids' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Jim Tear

Let's grow together,
Denise Lucero

MID-HUDSON ORCHID SOCIETY

Fall 2017

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Saturday, October 14, 2017

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at the
Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh, NY 12550

Save the Date!

DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE 84

Take Interstate 84 to exit 10.
Proceed north on Route 9W and make a right at the traffic light onto Chestnut Street (there is an M&T Bank branch on the west side of Route 9W at this intersection; it is less than a mile once you get off at exit 10).
Proceed to the stop sign and make a right onto Balmville Road.
Proceed approximately 1/4 mile and make a left onto Beech Street. The parking lot is on the left.
Entrance to the community center is off the parking lot.

For further information, call Ruth Nattras
845-343-2901

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NEXT MEETING

October 7, 2017

1:30 p.m. Announcements and Beginner Talk

1:50 p.m. Show Table,

2:10 Kim Feddersen, "Cool Orchids, which can be grown outdoors 6+ months (Bletilla, Aussie Dendrobiums, Dendrobium nobile hybrids, Cymbidium, Laelia anceps & reedstem Epidendrums).

After presentation—Questions and Raffle

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

Kim Feddersen, Maplewood, NJ

I grew up in Denmark, where my dad had a retail orchid nursery (Orkidé Kultur). I started working in his nursery after school when I was 15, and continued till I left for the US 9 years later. My dad's first love was Paphiopedilums (Cypripediums to him), and that bug turned out to be infectious. Those were the days of wild collected plants, but my dad did some hybridizing also, including in Vandas, which kindled my second orchid passion.

I have grown Orchids as a hobby grower for about 20 years, starting in windows, moving to lights in the basement, and finally into a greenhouse, where my collection today numbers some 1500+ plants, mostly Paphiopedilum and Vandaceous, but also ranging into Cattleyas, Aussie Dendrobiums, pendulous Cymbidiums & Lycastes. I do a little breeding in Paphs (complex & tea cup types) and miniature Vandaceous, with emphasis on Neofinetia falcata & Ascocentrum hybrids.

I am a member of the AOS, and both North Jersey & Deep Cut Orchid Societies. I am currently editor for the Deep Cut newsletter, and have previously served on the board of NJOS for a number of years. I started to exhibit at NJ shows in 2013, and following the end of my corporate career have expanded my orchid activities significantly. Under the Fair Orchids identity, I now participate in shows from PA to MA.

I live in Maplewood NJ with my wife, 5 felines who can't keep teeth and paws out of the orchids, some 100+ daylilies, a couple of hardy orchids and an assortment of other botanical oddities.