



# Connecticut Orchid Society

## Newsletter Dec. 2015

*56 Years & Growing*

*The First, Original Orchid Society in Connecticut*

*Affiliated with the American Orchid Society and Orchid Digest*

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015**

**Farmington Senior Center**

**321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT**

(See last page for map &/or directions)

#### Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

All members should bring their favorite holiday dish—enough to share, please!

6:00 pm.: Appetizers served

6:30 pm Main dishes served

It is suggested that members with last names beginning with: **"A—H"**, please bring an **appetizer**. **"I—P"**, please bring a **main dish**. **"Q—Z"**, please bring a **dessert**.

### This Month's Featured Event



**Party Time!!!**  
**Please join us for our Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner.**

Bring your favorite holiday dish — enough to share with others. COS will provide coffee, tea, soda, water & napkins, and eating utensils.

We will also have two vendors offering gift items this year: Jan Lesnikoski, Moss Farm Studio — handmade pottery, Roger Heigel's Gifts — beautiful jewelry, holiday ornaments & decorative display items.

COS plant sale table: Spiking orchids for holiday giving.

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**For notice of last-minute or inclement weather cancellation, visit our website [www.ctorchids.org](http://www.ctorchids.org).**

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### Time to renew your dues!!!



**The deadline for submissions to the Jan. issue of the newsletter is Dec. 19th**



### Connecticut Orchid Society Mission Statement

The Connecticut Orchid Society is an incorporated, non-profit association for the preservation and extension of knowledge concerning the conservation, ecology, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.

## 2015 Connecticut Orchid Society Officers & Posts

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**Membership Policy** Membership is open to anyone interested in orchids. Members join the Society by payment of annual dues. Memberships may be individual, student, family, life or honorary. Honorary membership is for life and is made by nomination of the Board of Directors and majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. The newsletter is published each month except July and August. Annual membership includes electronic delivery of the newsletter.

### Mentor List



The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have:

**Judy Becker** [judybecker40@att.net](mailto:judybecker40@att.net) (860) 435-2263 (8:00--8:00 pm) Greenhouse growing methods: Wide variety of species & hybrids

**Sam Hinckley** [samuelhinckley@comcast.net](mailto:samuelhinckley@comcast.net) (860) 688-0943 (After 7:30 pm) Windowsill growing methods: Species & hybrids

**Glenn McGeough** [mcgeough7@gmail.com](mailto:mcgeough7@gmail.com) (203) 482-3973. Specializing in Cattleyas.

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**COS Membership Information : \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family \$200 Individual or \$250 Family Lifetime Membership (never pay dues again!)**

Visit [www.ctorchids.org](http://www.ctorchids.org) to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal. Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at [www.COSMembership@earthlink.net](mailto:www.COSMembership@earthlink.net) for more details.

## Upcoming Events



**Dec. 9 Connecticut Orchid Society Pot Luck Holiday Party, 6:00 pm, Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville. Bring your favorite holiday dish. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm. Holiday baazaar and annual elections.,**

**Dec. 19 AOS Judging, Northeast Judging Center, Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens, Silver Educational Center, 151 Brookdale Rd., Stamford, CT, 12:00 pm. Pot Luck Holiday Party. Send cut flowers to: John Sullivan, 299 Village Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481**

**Jan. 13 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, TBA, Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave., Cheshire, 7:30 pm**

**Jan. 16 AOS Judging, Northeast Judging Center, Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens, Silver Educational Center, 151 Brookdale Rd., Stamford, CT, 12:00 pm. Send cut flowers to: John Sullivan, 299 Village Place, Wyckoff, NJ 07481**

**Feb. 10 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, TBA, Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, 7:30 pm.**

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## Meeting Minutes

Carla Koch  
Recording Secretary

COS MEETING 11-09-15, Greg Griffith of Longwood Gardens:

*"12 orchids everyone should grow"*

Greg learned orchid culture in Hilo, Hawaii, and at Parkside Orchids. He had several orchids that he suggested for easy culture. First came the white phalaenopsis, loving warmth, high humidity, and low light, 60% moisture suggested for the medium.

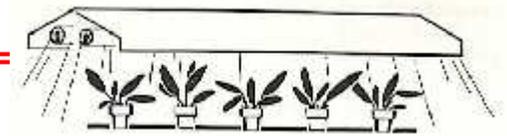
Mini phals, such as *Sogo Vivian*, are also successful. *Oncidium Sharry Baby* and similar *Heaven Sent* are easily grown, medium light, intermediate temps, and the familiar chocolate scent. *Burrageara Nelly Isler* likes it cooler, never totally dry, and its red flowers are fragrant. He plants those in sphagnum moss in a clay pot.

*Jackfowleriana* Apple blossom is another goodie (formerly, *Iwanagaara*.) Bright, warm, dry conditions suit this multiflowered, pale pink *Cattleya* relative. *Neostylis* Lou Sneary is a charming little vandaceous plant, growing bright, warm and dryish, with fragrant blue flowers much like the *Neofinetia* (now *Vanda*) parent. *Ludisia discolor*, or the jewel orchid, is easy with warmth, low light, and nearly dry conditions. It has curiously asymmetrical flowers. Similar terrestrials include *Anoectochilus cha-paensis* and *Macodes petola*. *Brassavola nodosa*, lady of the night, also likes warm, bright and dry areas. Its white flowers are moth-pollinated.

*Maxillaria tenuifolia*, the renowned coconut orchid, likes medium light and warmth, and prefers to be saturated and then dry quickly afterwards. Greg creates wet, medium wet, and dry mixes for his plants. White and green *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* likes coolness, low light, and moisture—he

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## November Show Table



Genus/Parentage	Owner	Culture
<i>Aerides lawrenceae</i> x self AM/AOS	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> (Mas Major AM/AOS x Susan Fuchs' FCC/AOS)	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Brassocattleya</i> Kosh Wallace 'Paradise' ( <i>Brassavola</i> Little Stars x <i>Cattleya</i> Caudebec)	B. Pendleton	i,w
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Sakurahime x <i>Cattleya</i> Tiny Titan	C. Koch	i,g
<i>Cattleya</i> Aloha Case 'S + W' syn. Lc.	M. Sabolcik	i,g
<i>Cattleya</i> Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' AM/AOS	M. Sabolcik	i,g
<i>Cattleya labiata</i> f. <i>rubra</i>	D. Tognalli	i,w
<i>Dendrobium</i> Burana Pearl (Hirota White x Burana Stripe)	B. Pendleton	i,w
<i>Habenaria</i> Regnierii ( <i>carnea</i> x <i>rhodocheila</i> )	D. Tognalli	i,g
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Puppy Love	C. Koch	c,g
<i>Oncidium</i> Heaven Scent	M. Sabolcik	i,g
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrid ig.	M. Sabolcik	i,g
<i>Phaiocalanthe</i> Kryptonite 'EFG Orchids' AM/AOS ( <i>Calanthe</i> Rozel x <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i> )	S. Hinckley	i,w
<i>Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica</i>	B. Pendleton	i,w
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ox Sunkist 'OX 1637' AM/AOS (Surf Song x Yu Pin Fireworks)	D. Tognalli	i,g
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Burana Beauty syn. <i>Potinara</i>	M. Sabolcik	i,g
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Bryce Canyon' Splendiforous' AM/AOS ( <i>Rlc.</i> Nacost x <i>Rlc.</i> Patricia Purves) syn. <i>Blc.</i>	S. Pendleton	i,w
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Moon Miss 'Lunar Dawn' HCC/AOS ( <i>Cattleya</i> Myron A. Hofer x <i>Rlc.</i> Mount Hood) syn. <i>Bc.</i>	D. Tognalli	i,w
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sweet Norma 'Hilo Flame' ( <i>Rlc.</i> Odom's Sweetheart' x <i>Rlc.</i> Lawless Freischutz) syn. <i>Potinara</i>	B. Pendleton	i,w
<i>Vanda</i> Prema Indigahawela ( <i>testacea</i> x <i>garayi</i> )	S. Hinckley	i, w

**Culture is as noted:** c – cool i – intermediate w – warm  
g – greenhouse ws – windowsill l – lights

(Minutes of Nov. meeting, con't.) reports it every year, but also recommends Aussie Gold mix, which is longer-lasting. The astonishing *Maxillaria schunkeana* is truly black. It likes medium light, intermediate temps, and moisture.

Three other types were mentioned. *Masdevallias* prefer low light, coolness, and high humidity. The roots particularly demand cool conditions, so Greg uses clay pots and moss. *Masdevallia veitchiana* doesn't need as much cooling. *Chiloschista segawai* is a leafless orchid that is easy with low light and warmth, like a phal. And finally, deciduous orchids, such as nobile dendrobiums, catasetums, cynoches, and even habenaria, are easy if given the cool, dry rest.

## News, Notes & Happenings

**Members garner attention with their outstanding plants at the MOS Annual Show & Sale in November.**



Monty (George ) Sabolcik and Dave Tognalli caused quite a stir at the Massachusetts show this year with their outstanding plants. Congratulations to Monty and Dave for their success and awards!

## President's Message



**Merry Christmas!**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our December meeting. Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids to the Show Table.

Cheryl Mizak

This year we will have a mini Christmas bazaar. There will be spiking orchids for gift giving or maybe you will decide to treat yourself. Jon will be offering some of his pottery and orchid pots to choose from. Select an orchid and a pot for that someone special on your Christmas list. Roger will also be offering some of his unique gift items for those last minute purchases.

Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share at our pot luck dinner. Be prepared to share your recipes. We will start serving appetizers around 6:00 pm. This is going to be a fun night to do a little Christmas shopping and visit with your COS friends.

See you Wed. evening, Dec. 9th at the Farmington Senior Center.

--- Cheryl



**THE DECEMBER, 2015 AOS CORNER** – *From the desk of Gayle Brodie, Vice-Chair American Orchid Society Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee*

**UPCOMING WEBINARS :**

**GREENHOUSE CHAT with Ron McHatton**– December 2, 2015 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. EDT. *Free to members and nonmembers* .Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. As one of the most knowledgeable orchidists, he is currently the American Orchid Society's Director of Education and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Ron's "greenhouse chats" are among our most popular webinars, and we promise you will learn something new! *Register now at* <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/>

**NORTH AMERICAN CYPRIPEDIUMS with Nile Dusdieker**–December 9, 2015 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. EDT. Learn how to appreciate and grow this most captivating group of native north American orchids! *Members only*. Registration will be available at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) shortly after the December 2 Greenhouse Chat has aired.

**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.

## **FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP 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, most 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!*

## **DON'T MISS THE NEW ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:**

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Recent Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. *Free to members and nonmembers.*

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

- » All About Orchid Viruses
- » North to Alaska!
- » Large-Flowered *Coelogyne*
- » *Chaubardiella*
- » *Miltonia*

## **STUMPED ABOUT FINDING SPEAKERS FOR YOUR SOCIETY?**

Go to the Affiliated Societies page (link in the middle banner) at AOS.org and download a list of speakers in either Excel or PDF format. The file includes the speakers' names, email and telephone contact information, locations, topics and fees. The Excel file can easily be sorted by zip code or state to help you find speakers near you.

**Let's grow together,**

**Gayle Brodie**

## Directions to Farmington Senior Center 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, CT

**From the North or East:** Take I-84 west from Hartford to exit 38 (Rt. 6). Proceed west. Turn right onto New Britain Ave. Farmington Senior Center is at 321 New Britain Avenue next to the police station.

**From the South:** Take Rt. 9 north to I-84 west. Proceed as above.

**From the West:** Take I-84 east to exit 37 (Fienemann Rd.). Turn left on Fienemann Rd., go over the highway, then turn left onto Rt. 6. Follow Rt. 6 west. Turn right onto New Britain Ave. Farmington Senior Center is at 321 New Britain Ave. next to the police station.

