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The First, Original Orchid Society in Connecticut

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015

Farmington Senior Center

321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT

(See last page for map & directions)

6:30 pm.: Doors open. Socializing begins. Come early and help set-up for the meeting.

7:00 pm: Business meeting begins

7:30 pm: Featured speaker/presentation begins.

Members with last names beginning with "A" through "M", please bring goodies for this month's refreshment table.



For notice of last-minute or inclement weather cancellation, visit our website www.ctorchids.org.

Connecticut Orchid Society (COS) is an incorporated non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1959. Please consider making a charitable contribution to COS. Most donations made to COS are tax deductible.

This Month's Featured Event

Sarcochilus : Exciting, Modern and Finally Available to Us.

Learn How to Grow Them.

Presented by Alan Koch
Gold Country Orchids

Please join us as Alan Koch returns to talk about Australian hybrids of *Sarcochilus* orchids. Come early as Alan will be bringing some of his choice plants for sale at the meeting.



COS Show & Sale Schedule

Orchid Harvest 2015

Wed. 10/14 9:00 am—5:00 pm Set-up
Fri. 10/16 9:00 am— 12:00 AOS judging
2:00 pm—5:00 pm Show opens
Sat. 10/17 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Show open
Sun. 10/18 9:00 am—4:00 p.m. Show open
4:00 pm — 5:00 pm Take-down

Contact Cheryl Mizak to sign up for the hours you are available to help.
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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.

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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 subscription to the newsletter — electronic or paper copy as determined by member preference.

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 (860) 435-2263 (8:00–8:00 pm) Greenhouse growing

methods: Wide variety of species & hybrids

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Glenn McGeough mcgeough7@gmail.com (203) 482-3973. Specializing in Cattleyas.

Jeffrey Richards Jeffrey.richards@snet.net (Contact anytime). Greenhouse growing methods: Specializing in Paphiopedilums.

Sharon SmithDelisle editor@ctorchids.org (203) 744-1849 (Contact anytime) Under lights & windowsill growing methods: Bulbophylums, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Paphiopedilums, Miltoniopsis & mixed genera.

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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 to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal. Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at www.COSMembership@earthlink.net for more details.

Upcoming Events



Oct. 11 Deep Cut Orchid Society Auction, 11:00 — 5:00 pm, Monmouth Reform Temple, Tinton Falls, NJ. (See pg. 6 of this news letter for details.)

Oct. 14 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, Alan Koch, Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT, 7:30 pm

Oct. 16—18 Connecticut Orchid Society's Annual Show & Sale *Orchid Harvest*, Van Wilgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Rd., North Branford, CT . See details, below.

Oct. 17 Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, 11:00 am—3:00 pm, Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Rd., Newburgh, NY (See pg. 5 in this newsletter for flyer & details)

Oct. 17 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

Nov. 11 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, TBA, Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave., Cheshire, CT, 7:00 pm



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Lauray of Salisbury
Retirement Sale

Oct. 30-Nov. 1
10:00 am—5:00 pm
25—50% off

Cacti, succulents, begonias, gesneriads
& other tropicals
Orchids — a few in bloom or spike.
Also a few specimen plants
Limited supplies!

For other days & hours, please call ahead
(860) 435-2263
432 Under mountain Rd. (Rt. 41)
Salisbury, CT 06068

President's
Message



Cheryl Mizak

Hello

Hope everyone is preparing their plants for *Orchid Harvest 2015*. I spent the day dividing and repotting the phrags. There will be some nice divisions on the club sale table.

As you are bringing in your plants and discovering they grew so much this summer they will no longer fit on their shelf, please consider donating the divisions for the popular club sale table. There are always some great bargains to be found.

For those who have blooming plants but can not deliver them to the garden center by noon on Thursday for registration and display placement—several of us will be able to transport them for you. We can take them at the Wed evening and deliver them to Van Wilgen's for Thursday. Thank you in advance for helping to make our display an orchid wonderland.

For those who need to renew their membership, we would like to have this complete by the end of the year. If you are not sure if you need to renew your membership, please email Mary. Don't wait and miss a newsletter to discover you forgot renewal.

For those who were planning on helping set -up on Monday ,please note for this year set- up has been changed to Wednesday am. This will be a bit of a time crunch as this is our meeting night. Ok to come to the meeting in show set -up attire, Alan understands. Any member with a little extra time on their hands, Wed., 10/ 14th please meet at Van Wligen's by 9am.

Saturday, 10/ 17th & Sunday, 10/ 18th we can use some more hosts & Hostess. Send me an email or check the sign up sheets on Wed evening.

This month we are privileged to have Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids. Topic of his talk *Sarcochilus, Exciting Modern and finally available to us*. Learn how to grow them. Hybrids from Australia. Make sure to arrive early as he is bringing a few special not yet released plants. I hope you took advantage of his special 20% off list.

See you Wednesday.



September 2015 Show Table Plants

Photo Credit: Cheryl Mizak



Beautiful Orchid Proposed for Protection After 40 Years

Under the Center's 757 species agreement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has finally proposed federal protection for the **white fringeless orchid** -- sometimes called the monkey-face orchid for the flower's shape -- after it spent an astonishing four decades as a mere "candidate" for Endangered Species Act protection.

The white fringeless orchid is a 2-foot-tall plant found in swampy areas at just 58 sites in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. Pollinated by certain butterflies, the orchid doesn't photosynthesize and instead depends on a symbiotic relationship with one specific fungus to provide nutrients. This leaves it particularly vulnerable to climate change, because -- in addition to threatening its wet habitat with drought -- global warming imperils the fungus and pollinators. Other threats to the orchid's survival are logging, sprawl, mowing and herbicide spraying, wetland draining, invasive plants and feral hogs.

"Protecting this tall, monkey-faced flower will also protect the swampy habitats that are such a special but threatened part of the natural heritage of the Southeast," said the Center's Tierra Curry.

-- This new article was provided to your editor by Cheryl Mizak.



September Show Table Plants

Photo credit: Cheryl Mizak



MID-HUDSON ORCHID SOCIETY

Fall 2015

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Saturday, October 17, 2015

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 into Chestnut Street (there is an M&T Bank branch on the east 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 into Beech Street. The parking lot is on the left.
 Entrance to the community center is off the parking lot.

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



DCOS Auction



If you like orchids you won't want to miss this annual event **OVER 400** over the world from beautiful

to the bizarre will

be up for **AUCTION, OCTOBER 11, 2015,** 5:00 pm, **Monmouth Reform Temple,** 332 Hance Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ

From 11:00 am to

07724. Visit www.deepcutorchids.com or Call Joan at 732-787-4460 for details.

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.

