



# Connecticut Orchid Society

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*56 Years & Growing*

*The First, Original Orchid Society in Connecticut*

*Affiliated with the American Orchid Society and Orchid Digest*

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015**

**Cheshire Senior Center**

**240 Maple Ave., Cheshire, CT**

(See last page for map &/or 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.

*Guests are always welcome!!!*

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



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

Twelve Orchids Everyone Should Own

**Presented by**

**Greg Griffis**

**Longwood Gardens Orchid Grower**

Greg tells us that he has been working as an orchid grower for Longwood Gardens, New Jersey since the beginning of 2015. Prior to that he worked at Hilo Orchid Farm, Hilo, Hawaii spending a great deal of time working with Paphiopedilums, Intergeneric Oncidiinae and Miltoniopsis.

We welcome Greg as a new speaker to COS and look forward to an exciting presentation.

**Time to renew your dues!!!**



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*The deadline for submissions to the Dec. issue of the newsletter is Nov. 20th*



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

**David Tognalli** [dtog54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtog54@sbcglobal.net) (860) 521-7249 (Contact evenings & weekends) Windowsill & outdoor growing methods: Warm growers, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums & mixed genera.

**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



Nov. 6-8 Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Mahoney's Graden Center, 242 Cambridge St., Winchester, MA.

Visit [www.massorchid.org/show](http://www.massorchid.org/show) for more details.

- Nov. 7 Northeastern New York Orchid Society Auction, William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany Shaker Rd., Colonie (Loudonville) NY, 12211, 1:00 pm preview, 1:30 pm auction starts.
- Nov. 11 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, Greg Griffis will present *Twelve Orchids Every one Should Own*, 7:00 pm, Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave., Cheshire, CT
- Nov. 21 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
- Dec. 9 Connecticut Orchid Society Pot Luck Holiday Party, 6:00 pm, Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville.
- 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

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*Happy Thanksgiving to you & your loved ones.*



## Around the Greenhouse -- Editor's keikis

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Your feedback about any issue that is on your mind

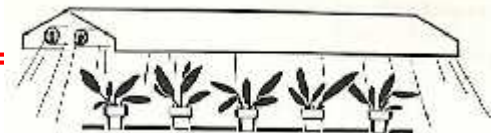
will help us improve our society, as well as the newsletter. Please write to me at [editor@ctorchids.org](mailto:editor@ctorchids.org) ..

Browsing through some old, old newsletters, I came across the following bits of trivia, which I thought our members would enjoy.

The Treasurer's Report for March 31, 1978 contained the following jewels:

- \$24.71 was spent making calls to members to advise them that the February monthly meeting was cancelled due to a blizzard.
- \$25.00 was paid to the speaker for the February 1978 presentation.
- The checking account balance was \$2,253.91 for the month of March
- There were 108 members on the books as of March 1978.

## October Show Table



<u>Genus/Parentage</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Culture</u>
<i>Dendrobium spectabile</i>	M. Sabolcik	w, g
<i>Mokara</i> Princes Blue 'Blue Velvet'	T. Zamojski	i, w
<i>Odontocidium</i> Wildcat 'Green Valley'	M. Sabolcik	i,
<i>Phalaenopsis deliciosum</i>	R. Schwartz	i, w
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Venus ( <i>equestris</i> x <i>lindenii</i> )	R. Schwartz	i, w
<i>Potinara</i> Ryo Iwata 'Leucadia' HCC/AOS x <i>Cattleya</i> Chocolate Drop 'SUU'	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Psychopsis</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS	R. Schwartz	i, w
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Burana Beauty 'Burana' HCC/AOS ( <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Netrasiri Starbright x <i>Cattleya</i> Netrasiri Beauty) Syn. <i>Potinara</i>	S. Hinkley	i, w
<i>Trichoglottis pusilla</i>	T. Zamojski	i, w
<i>Vanda falcata</i> Syn. <i>Neofinetia</i> ( <i>sanderiana</i> 'alba' x <i>denisoniana</i> )	M. Sabolcik	i, g

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

**We would like to thank Dave Tognalli for volunteering to research and prepare the monthly Show Table while Judy Becker focuses on her health and getting better.**





## President's Message



Cheryl Mizak

Hello ---

Welcome to all the new COS members. We are always delighted to have new friends join us on our orchid growing journey. As a welcome gift for all new members attending the November meeting in Cheshire you will receive an orchid. Make sure to arrive early!

All the hard work and planning paid off. This year's *Orchid Harvest* presented some really rare and unique blooming orchids.

So many members were involved with the show from creating our post card, to advertising. Then the hardscape for the display. Of course, there was all the behind -the- scenes effort to get the web ready for plant registration. Judging and clerking went very smoothly then everyone enjoyed lunch with the judges. It was a great time to pick their brains and ask questions. Friday afternoon brought out the priority shoppers eager to have the best selection of plants. Saturday and Sunday we had a great group of hosts and hostess staffing the show, giving lectures, answering questions. Hope you stopped by the club table, as there were some fabulous divisions of member plants very reasonably priced. Many thanks to everyone who donated plants. Thank you to everyone who took time from their busy schedules to volunteer their time. Thank you Van Wilgen's Garden Center for hosting our show. The staff really go all -out to support our event. Please make sure to stop by their garden center for your plant needs.

Monday, Nov 9 th at the Pendleton's we will be having a show review. We would love to hear thoughts and suggestions from everyone. Have thoughts and can't make it? Please feel free to send an e-mail.

This month, Gregg Griffis from Longwood Gardens will talk to us about the 12 orchids everyone should own.

See you at the Cheshire Senior Center!



### *Orchid Harvest 2015*

*Many thanks to Judy Arth for these two photographs of the magnificent 2015 COS Show Display*



## Staking your Phalaenopsis

By Ned Nash



New Member  
Welcome

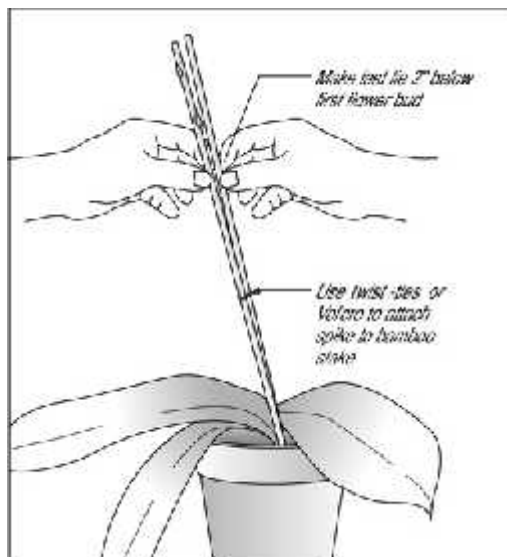
# ORCHID SPEAK 101

You've taken time and effort to grow your plants well all summer and into autumn. The cooling nights have initiated spikes whose blooms will grace your collection over the next six months and more. How short-sighted, then, to not spend a little extra time in the proper and timely staking of your plants' spikes. Shortly after initiation is the best time to begin. Most growers use thin, green-dyed bamboo stakes. These come in both 24- and 36-inch lengths. The shorter are appropriate for smaller plants, such as those flowering for the first time, or for miniatures and novelties, while the longer are good for mature plants. Some growers still use wire stakes with a hook at the end, and this is fine, though it is not always easy to guess at first how long a stake is needed.

As the spikes emerge, put a stake in the container next to the developing spike, as straight up as possible. If appropriate, the first twist-tie may be affixed (if the spike is more than 8 inches). Even if twist-ties are not yet needed, counting the placed stakes is an excellent way to judge your growing success, as well as ensuring that you have a close look at each and every plant. It is far easier to clean up any pest problems now, rather than after the buds are formed.

If the plant must be moved, for cleaning or for staking, make sure the plant is replaced in the same orientation to the sun or light source, to prevent any unsightly twisting of the spike. As stated earlier, the first tie should be made at about 8 or 10 inches for the initial support. The next tie should be just below the first flower. This provides the proper support, while still allowing the spike to assume its natural, slightly arched presentation. The same goes for the hook-style stake, with the hook ideally being placed immediately below the first flower. If the plant is strong, this is the last staking you will have to do.

(This article appeared in the AOS *Orchids* magazine, Nov. 1998, pg.1120)



Let's roll out the red carpet for the following new members:

- Roseann Adams
- John Allen
- Joseph Amato
- Marcia & Gary Cohen —returning members. Welcome back!
- Diane M. Grodzicki
- Adam Histen
- Mike Jordan & Emily Rosen
- Katy Joyce
- Jan Lesnikowski
- Bill Nealon
- Sue Pellegrino
- Margaret Pinkham
- Mother Lioba Postel, O.S.B. — returning member. Welcome back!
- Jason Robertson
- Julie Santarsiero
- Rebecca Schwartz
- Susan Scott
- James & Willow Sirch
- Gene Smith
- Deborah Todd
- Sonjia Vaughn & Robert Kohar
- Theresa E. Witkowski

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to these new members at the next meeting; make them feel welcome and at home!



(Drawing obtained from *Orchids for Dummies* by Steven A. Frowine and National Gardening Association.)

## **Directions to Cheshire Senior Center 240 Maple Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410**

### **From New Haven, CT:**

- Take I-91 North to exit 10 (Route 40)
- Follow Rt. 40 to the end (last exit—for Mount Carmel/Cheshire)
- Turn right onto Route 10 North (Whitney Ave.)

At the traffic light for the intersection of Rt. 10 and Routes 68/70 West

Turn left onto Main St. —which runs into Maple Ave. at the next traffic light.

Proceed straight ahead on Maple Ave. Cheshire Senior Center is # 240 on the right after the Victorian House Restaurant.

### **From Waterbury:**

- Take I-84 East to Exit 26 (Cheshire/Route 70)
- The Exit ramp automatically forces you to go right and follow Rt. 70.
- At the end of Rt. 70 (facing the Cheshire Post Office) turn left at the light onto Maple Ave. The Cheshire Senior Center is # 240 on the right after The Victorian House Restaurant.

### **From Hartford via I-91:**

- Take I-91 South to Exit 18 onto Route 691 (Meriden/Waterbury)
- Take Exit 3 off Rt. 691 and turn left at the traffic light onto Route 10 South.
- Continue through seven traffic lights. At the 8<sup>th</sup> traffic light bear right onto Maple Avenue. The Cheshire Senior Center is # 240 on the left after the Cheshire Fire Department.

### **From Hartford via I-84:**

- Take I-84 West to Exit 27 onto Route 691 (Meriden)
- Take Exit 3 off Rt. 691 and turn right at the traffic light onto Route 10 South.
- Proceed through six traffic lights.
- At the 7<sup>th</sup> traffic light bear right onto Maple Ave. The Cheshire Senior Center is # 240 on the left after the Cheshire Fire Department.

