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Next Meeting

Wednesday November 14th, 2018
Cheshire Senior Center
240 Maple Ave, Cheshire, CT

6:30 pm.: Doors open. Socializing.
Come early and help set up.
7:30 pm: Business meeting.
8:00 pm: Featured speaker and/or
presentation.

Please bring a snack for the
refreshments table!

Don't forget to bring your blooming
plants for the show table!

For notice of last-minute cancellations,
visit our website: www.ctorchids.org

Featured Event

60 Years of Orchid Growing

Mistakes

Including the Top Ten
Mistakes and How to Fix
Them

Speaker: Dr. Clark Riley

President's Message

Show season begins with the MOS show this coming weekend Nov2 – Nov 4. We would love to include your blooming plants in the COS display. Set up is Thurs Nov 1st. We would need to have your plant list by Sunday. If you think a flower may open in time, let's register it, as it is much easier to delete than add a name. Plants can be dropped off in Southbury with Cheryl Mizak or in West Hartford with Dave Tognalli. Maybe you would like to check out how to set up or take down a display? Please let us know – it's fun-meet new friends-get to check out the show with free admission.

Don't forget to pay your dues. It's always best to do it now before the hustle of the holidays. Starting in January Rebecca Schwartz will be sending the newsletter to current members only. So make sure we have your correct contact info.

Elections are coming in December. This is the time of year we ask for volunteer members to step up and help out. We need your thoughts and suggestions. It's a great way to make new friends and help the society move forward. This year we have two open Board positions. What does a board member do? Once a month they attend a planning meeting, help with ideas, and support the society where needed.

GREAT NEWS everyone has been asking about a COS show. We have found and secured a venue. We are targeting the end of March 2019. This is an activity where we need everyone to volunteer. We can make it great only with everyone's help.

This month in Cheshire we welcome Dr. Clark Riley from Maryland. He has been growing Orchids since 1957. We can learn from his 60 years of growing --mistakes and how to fix them. Clark will be bringing some plants & books for sale. Come early for the best choices.

See you on the 14th

Upcoming Events

November 2-4

MOS Show and Sale Winchester, MA

November 3

AOS Judging at Tower Hill Boylston, MA

November 17

AOS Judging at Frelinghuysen Arboretum
Morristown, NJ

Upcoming AOS Webinars

All webinars from 8:30-9:30PM EST
Registration at www.aos.org

Nov 7: AOS Greenhouse Chat

Presenter Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, and accredited AOS judge, will hold a Q&A session on orchid culture. Advanced Registration (space is limited) required. The webinar is free for everyone.

Nov 14: Discovering the Orchids of Ecuador

Join Nile Dusdieker as he takes us up and down and around the mountains of Ecuador in search of orchids in their native habitats

CALL FOR PLANTS

Your blooming
plants are
needed for our
display table at
MOS!

Contact Dave or
Cheryl.



DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year again! Annual dues are due in December. To continue your membership, please pay \$20 per person or \$25 per family.

Your membership fees go towards events and speakers.

Don't forget our extensive library of orchid books!

Soon, this newsletter will be hidden on our website so only up-to-date members may access it.

Your Origin Story

How did you come to grow orchids? Everyone has a story. Some are more interesting or involved than others. What's your story? Share it here! No need to disclose how many orchids have gone to the compost pile (it's a lot: it always is).

Orchids in the News

Australian leek orchids are endangered, and we have no idea how to grow them: read more [here](#).

How the orchid became so affordable: read more [here](#).

October Show Table

Culture is as noted: C- cool I-Intermediate W-Warm; G- Greenhouse WS- windowsill L- Lights

<i>Cycnoches</i> Jumbo Cooper 'SVO' AM/AOS x <i>Cycnoches</i> Alexis Jesus Pardo 'Sleeper Keeper'	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Mokara</i> Princess Blue 'Blue Velvet'	T. Zamojski	i, ws
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> lantha Stage (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>sukhakulii</i> 'Treasure')	W. Wilson	i, ws
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Ruby Ace syn. <i>Potinara</i>	S. Kennedy	i, g





Cynoches Jumbo Cooper 'SVO'
AM/AOS x
Cynoches Alexis Jesus Pardo
'Sleeper Keeper'



Mokara Princess Blue
'Blue Velvet'



Paphiopedilum Iantha Stage

Your Opinion Matters

Is there something in the newsletter you'd like to see?
Is it an article you've written? Is there something you
wish you didn't see in the newsletter? Which section do
you read first? Which do you skip?

This is YOUR newsletter! Let us know!

Homemade Insecticidal Soap

1-2 drops dish soap
1-2 drops cinnamon extract
1 gallon water

October Meeting Minutes – Oct 10, 2018

Orchids of Malaysian Borneo

Our speaker was Tom Sampliner, who has traveled to Borneo. This is an island near Indonesia, which boasts a hundred and thirty million-year-old rain forest and has various interesting beasts such as the Sumatran rhino, orangutan, and 420 species of birds. One tenth of all orchid species are found there, and they are threatened by logging and gold mining. Slipper orchids are the most threatened. Mount Kinabalu has 1200 species, and the island overall has 3000. Tom showed us some odd things, such as the spiky Assam palms, colorful rock formations, and even bearded pigs. In the low lands, we find such species as fancy-leaved jewel orchids, or *Anoectochilus*. These are analogous to our own native *Goodyera* species. Other terrestrials include *Eria javanica* and *Platanthera sparsiflora*. Yellow-flowered *Plocoglottis plicata* is nurtured by ants, which eat its pollen. Tom showed us many species of slippers, including *Paphiopedilum lowii*, *rothchildianum*, *javanicum* var. *virens*, and *tigrinum*. In sunnier locations, we find brilliantly-red *Renanthera bella*. Misty scenes of the Kalimantan mountains typified the higher elevations, where we find *Arundina bambusifolia*, a tall terrestrial that is *Cattleya*-like and analogous to the new world *Sobralias*. Oddball terrestrials, the *Corybas*, or helmet orchids, nestle in the fallen leaves, while trees hold *Bulbophyllums vaginatum* and *lobbii*, and even the huge-leaved *Phalaenopsis gigantea*.

ELECTIONS!!

Annual elections are done at the December meeting, which is two months away!

If you are interested in any position on our board, please let us know. We want **your** new ideas! Without you there is no society!

For positions, please see page 9. For details on the duties of each position, please see our by-laws [here](#).

What is My Phalaenopsis Doing?

Once you've stopping killing your grocery store Phals, you'll discover they hate staying upright, especially the spikes. The spikes need to be staked, but sometimes the plant looks like it's trying to escape from its pot, like in the first picture. The reason is that in the wild, Phals grow like the second picture. The Phal in the first picture is just trying to right itself, and if you want to keep it in a pot, it should be repotted every year or so and rotated.



COS Library

Our library is fully categorized. There are currently 227 individual titles as well as AOS Orchid magazines and Orchid Digests. These resources are available to any society member.

To request a book, contact Cheryl.

Take a look [here](#).

For more information about how to grow Phalaenopsis, check out the AOS Culture Sheet: [Here](#).



Mentor List

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

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David Tognallidtog54@sbcglobal.net(860) 521-7249 (Contact evenings & weekends) Windowsill & outdoor growing methods: Warm growers, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, & mixed genera.

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Most donations made to COS are tax deductible.



COS Membership Information

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. Annual membership includes electronic delivery of the newsletter. The newsletter is published each month except July and August.

COS Membership Dues: \$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.

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