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Next Meeting

Wednesday Jan 8th, 2020
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

Greg Griffis from
Longwood Gardens

Terrific Terrestrials

President's Message

Hello everyone: Happy New Year

The winter solstice has passed, so Spring is on the way. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year- longer day light hours, new plant growths, flowers, and bees buzzing around.

The next four months are the busiest of the year for COS. First we have just three short months until our orchid show. There are orchid shows every month. The first New England show is the CAIOS (Cape & Islands) show in Hyannis, MA. Jan 23rd is set up. We are in need of a volunteer to transport our display-take down is covered. Don't panic: all plants will be pre-registered and lanced in display containers. Of course we will need to borrow some of your blooming plants. Please contact Dave T or myself. Thank you in advance.

This month's speaker is Greg Griffis from Longwood Gardens. Greg Griffis is the senior horticulturist at Longwood Gardens and the only staff member dedicated to its collection of more than 5,500 orchids. He will be our Jan 8th speaker at the Cheshire Senior Center. Gregg will be bringing some plants for sale. His topic "The Terrific Terrestrials."

Some housekeeping notes:

1. Please don't forget to check out the preorder list for our February speaker from China. The cut off is Jan 15th and is firm. She will have no extra plants for sale.
2. Keep your eye out for Gregg Griffis' plant list. Come prepared with a box or bag to bring your goodies home.
3. Membership renewals are due. For those who have given Mary your 2020 dues. Thank you. It is much easier for Mary to keep your addresses current for the eblasts and newsletters when she receives your current information.

Looking forward to an exciting 2020 and delighted that you will be a part of the orchid journey.

Cheryl

2020 Upcoming Shows

January 25-26

CAIOS Show and Sale Hyannis, MA

February 8-9

Deep Cut Show and Sale NJ

February 22-23

Amherst Show and Sale Northampton, MA

February 20-23

CT Flower Show Hartford, CT

March 27-29

New Hampshire Show and Sale

April 4-5

COS Show and Sale Bristol, CT

HAVE IDEAS?

If you have ideas about the direction of the future of the society, please consider joining the board!



Upcoming AOS Webinars

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

Jan 9: Orchid Travels in Peru

Peruvian orchids in situ

Jan 16: 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.

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

Orchid among 110 new plants discovered in 2019: read more [here](#).

Is vanilla the new exotic crop for Florida?: read more [here](#).

December Show Table

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

<i>Cattlianthe Secret Love</i> (<i>Cattlianthe Candy Tuft</i> x <i>Cattleya Mini Purple</i>)	D. Tognalli	i, ws
<i>Myoxanthus seidelii</i>	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Pluerothallis secunda</i>	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Rhynchovola David Sander</i> (<i>Brassavola cucullata</i> 'Purity' x <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i> 'Mrs. Chase' FCC/AOS)	D. Tognalli	i, ws



December Meeting Minutes – Dec 11, 2019

Elections

President Cheryl Mizak called the business meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

To begin, Cheryl announced the various Orchid Society and flower shows that are coming up between now and the COS show in early April. These are shows for the Cape and Islands, Deep Cut, Amherst and New Hampshire Orchid Societies as well as the Connecticut Flower Show. We will need volunteers to help with setting up and taking down displays for the Orchid Society shows and for manning our booth at the Connecticut Flower Show.

Cheryl reminded us that if we want other Societies to have displays in our show in April, we need to also support them with displays at their shows. The Cape and Islands show setup is Thursday, January 23, 2020. The COS display will be pre-made in baskets and plants will be pre-registered for judging. So we need a volunteer(s) to transport the display to Hyannis and set it up in the space provided for the COS.

Our membership chairperson, Mary Rampone, then reminded the members that it was time for members to renew their memberships for 2020. Membership must be renewed annually. Individual memberships are \$20 and family memberships are \$25. Payment can be made directly to Mary at a meeting, sending a check made out the Connecticut Orchid Society to Mary, or online using Paypal.

Dave Tognalli then presented the slate of members for election to the board for 2020.

The slate is comprised of:

President – Cheryl Mizak
Vice President – Rebecca Schwartz
Recording Secretary – Carla Koch
Treasurer – Dave Tognalli
Board Member at Large – Karen Kuziel
Board member at Large – Sue Kennedy

Dave then opened up nominations to the floor to see if there were any other members interested in running for board positions. No other members expressed interest. Dave Tognalli made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Sue Spinelli accepted and Mike Wicki seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. None were opposed. With this, the board as presented was elected as the 2020 board.

There being no more business to conduct, Sue Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Sue Spinelli seconded the motion and the business meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

The business meeting was followed by a raffle and a review of the show table. Members socialized and enjoyed the many delicious food items brought to share for the holiday pot luck.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Tognalli

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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(After 7:30 pm) Windowsill growing methods: Species & hybrids

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Specializing in Cattleyas.

Jeffrey Richards jeffrey.richards@snet.net
Greenhouse growing methods: Specializing in Paphiopedilums.

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

Rebecca Schwartz rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com
Vivarium growing methods, windowsill Cattleyas and species Phalaenopsis

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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.

Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at COSMembership@earthlink.net for details.

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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.