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## Next Meeting

Wednesday Feb 12th, 2020  
Farmington Senior Center  
321 New Britain Ave, Unionville, 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](http://www.ctorchids.org)

## Featured Event

Potting  
Demonstrations!

Members share  
techniques and tips

## President's Message

Hello everyone:

The 2020 orchid show time has started with success. Thank you to all who lent their plants for our CAIOS display, Sara Becker who carried on the Becker tradition & delivered the display to the Cape, Rebecca fetched all on Sunday, & Sue who deposited the plants to Southbury.

Results:

Sue won a 3rd	Monty won a 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2nd	Roger won a 2nd
Suzie won a 3rd	Katie won a 2nd	Dave won two 2nds

Congratulations!

The next show we participate in is the Deep Cut Show Feb 6 – 9. Cheryl will be doing set up & take down. Please let either Dave or Cheryl what blooming plants you will have for the display.

Mid-month Feb 22 & 23 the Amherst OS show. We will need one or two members to deliver the COS display.

The same weekend is the Hartford Flower Show for which COS has a informational booth. Any member who would like to host our booth talking about orchids & COS will have free admission to the show the day they staff our booth. It is really important to have as much coverage as possible. An unstaffed booth cannot answer questions. Let Cheryl know what day and time you can help out. Thank you in advance.

As you can see February is a very busy month, we need everyone's plants for displays and help with our outreaches.

This month in Farmington we will be discussing different members' potting techniques and tips & doing some demos. It fast approaching repotting time to watch the masters at work.

See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>! Cheryl

## 2020 Upcoming Shows

**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](http://www.aos.org)

### Feb 11: Large-flowered Cattleya

#### Species

Learn about labiate Catts and how to grow them from Art Chadwick

### Feb 18: 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

Orchids could be the future of mosquito repellent: read more [here](#).

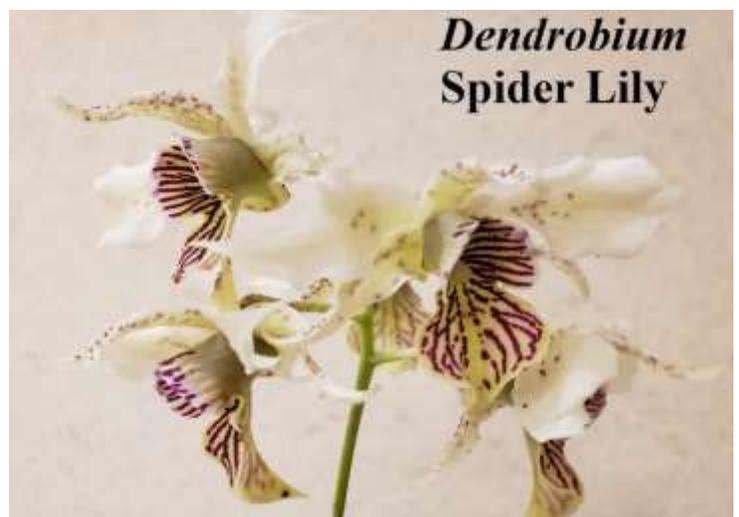
New orchid stamps: read more [here](#).

# January Show Table

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

Brassavola Little Stars	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> ('Mas Major' AM/AOS x 'Remar')	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Cattleya</i> Circle of Life 'Red Halo' syn. <i>Slc.</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Cattleya</i> (Cosmic Delite x Circle of Life) syn. <i>Slc.</i>	T. Zamojski	c, l
<i>Cattleya</i> Sergio Araujo	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> 'SVO Whopper'	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Cattlianthe</i> Secret Love ( <i>Cattlianthe</i> Mini-Purple x <i>Cattleya</i> Candy Tuft)	K. Kuziel	i, ws
<i>Clowesetum</i> Diane Drisch	R. Schwartz	i, ws
<i>Cycnoches warscewiczii</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Cymbidium goeringii</i> 'Tian Cao'	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> Spider Lily	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Miltonidium</i> Melissa Brianne syn. <i>Vuylstekeara</i>	C. Smith	i, ws
<i>Oncidium</i> Tahitian Dancer	K. Kuziel	i, ws
<i>Oncostele</i> Firecat Harmony syn. <i>Wilsonara</i>	K. Kuziel	i, ws
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Coconut Candy x <i>barbigerum</i> f. <i>album</i> ) x <i>Paphiopedilum</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>fairreianum</i> 'Little White Fairy'		
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Yellow'	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sweet Lemon ( <i>Cattleya</i> Beaufort 'Elmwood' x	T. Zamojski	i, ws
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Lemon Tree 'Yellow Magic')		
<i>Sarcochilus</i> (Madge 'Free' x Kulnara High 'Multi')	M. Sabolcik	i, g
<i>Vanda coerulescens</i>	T. Zamojski	i, ws







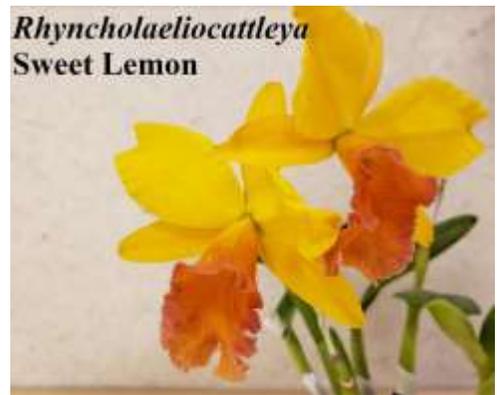
*Cattleya* Circle of Life  
'Red Halo'



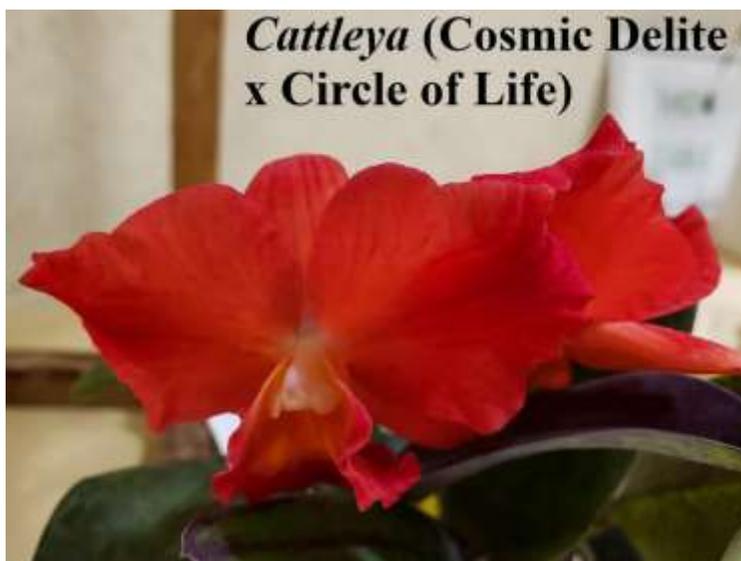
*Cymbidium goeringii*  
'Tian Cao'



*Brassavola* Little Stars



*Rhyncholaeliocattleya*  
Sweet Lemon



*Cattleya* (Cosmic Delite  
x Circle of Life)



*Vanda coerulescens*



*Phalaenopsis* hybrid ig.

# January Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2019

The Terrific TERRESTRIAL ORCHIDS, Greg Griffis

Our speaker works at Longwood Gardens, and has been growing orchids for 11 years. He has also worked at Parkside nursery in Hilo, Hawaii, and works with the new curator at Longwood, Peter Zahl. He said that terrestrial orchids are easy to grow, giving us a survey of various species. He divided them into tropical, cool growing and hardy types. Florida actually has some tropical plants; Europe and the Middle East have cool growing; and we ourselves have many hearty species.

Many types begin with active growth, followed by tuber formation, then flowering and finally dormancy. An example of this is Habenaria, familiar to many of us. Others include Satyrium, Stenogottis and Disa. European and Mideast types include Calanthe, Dactylorhiza, and Bletilla. Bletilla can be grown in Connecticut. Longwood is cultivating the cool terrestrials Ophrys, Neobenthamia, Spathoglottis plicata, and Pliones..Among the hardy types are the American Galearis spectabilis, Cypripedium acaule (pink lady slipper), Calopogon tuberosus, and the variegated Goodyera pubescens. 200 species are here, some even within the Arctic circle.

Tropicals in this country include Sarcoglottis, Stenorhynchos, and Cynotkis. Some non-hardy Calanthes grow easily from bulbs, needing a dormant season before growing in the spring. Many grow the dark-leaved Ludisia discolor, with asymmetrical white flowers. According to Greg, more of these are easy to grow than we think, and should be more cultivated.



## 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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Windowsill & outdoor growing methods: Warm growers, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, & mixed genera.

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Vivarium growing methods, windowsill Cattleyas and species Phalaenopsis

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## 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](http://www.ctorchids.org) to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal.

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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.