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Next Meeting

Wednesday March 11th, 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

Angraecoids

Brenda Oviatt from
Botanica Ltd.

President's Message

Hi everyone,

We are in full swing with preparations for our April 4 & 5 show.

What can you do?

The next Mondays in March we will meet in the evenings 6:30 on in Southbury, 205 Main Street South, Alcher Interiors. We will be organizing and pricing items for the club sale table. If you can donate an hour that would be terrific.

If you have too many divisions of plants we will be happy to accept your donations for the club sale table. Great way to clear some real estate for new plants or just make space for your favorites to grow. The club sale table is always a popular stop for the guests.

Rebecca & Sue K are planning the hardscape for our show. I am sure they would appreciate help assembling the mock up especially since Sue is having hand surgery. Please contact Rebecca for scheduling.

Ted Z will be placing our signs at the end of the month. Two things Ted could use some help with. First-- applying the new date stickers on the signs. Second -- putting out the signs.

Everyone should have a few post cards and posters in your car. You never know when you might be passing a florist, drycleaners, hair dresser, library or even your local grocery. We need to have our signs posted everywhere. Remember this is our major outreach for the year.

Dave T will be handling plant registration all info will be posted on the web as soon as it is available.

SHOW SET UP FRIDAY APRIL 3RD STARTING AT 3:00 PM.

We need muscles for placing tables, Ladies for covering the tables and placing signs

Sat morning there will be judging so Dave will need clerks. After judging please consider staying and helping with admissions and directing folks to lectures.

Sunday We will need members to help with the public admissions, spin the wheel, give directions to lectures or answering questions at the club table.

Of course at the end of the show you will need to pick up your plants and help with break down.

Hope everyone has placed their pre orders with Brenda at Botanica. See you in Cheshire

Cheryl

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

March 31: Junior Orchid Show

How to involve kids in orchids

March 19: 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 return to the NYBG: read more [here](#).

Growers hand out free orchids as China market shrivels: read more [here](#).

Middle school students engage in orchid research: read more [here](#).

February Show Table

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

<i>Brassocattleya</i> Maikai 'Mayumi'	K. Kuziel	i, ws
<i>Cattleya</i> Circle of Life 'Mesmerize' syn. <i>Slc.</i>	T. Zamojski	C, ws
<i>Cattleya coccinea</i>	T. Zamojski	C, ws
<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	C. Mizak	c, g
<i>Cymbidium</i> Lillian Fujimola 'New Horizon' x <i>Cymbidium</i>	C. Mizak	i, g
Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Elizabeth Hatfield'		
<i>Dendrochilum species ig.</i>	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> Candy Corn	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> Gold Star 'Orange Royal'	T. Zamojski	C, ws
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mrs. Ginoux	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Mini'	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Harlequin #1'	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Harlequin #2'	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Promo #5'	T. Zamojski	i, ws
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Young-Min Orange ('Golden Satisfaction' AM/AOS x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Trick or Treat)	K. Kuziel	i, ws
<i>Vanda</i> Cherry Blossom syn. <i>Ascofinetia</i>	S. Kennedy	i, g

February Meeting Minutes – Feb 12, 2019

Members saw Dave Tognalli, Sue Kennedy, and Roger Heigel demonstrate repotting techniques. We are getting ready for the COS show, and will be setting up in Bristol on April 3rd, from 3 PM to 9 PM. We can't get access to the room sooner. The show will be open Saturday the 4th, from 12 to 5. Notably, COS judging in our region will be done at our show.

Yucatan Orchids

I was recently on the Yucatan Peninsula. I had primarily gone looking for birds and culture, and yeah, tacos, but I also found some orchids along the way. The Yucatan is primarily limestone with underwater aquifers that feed the dry scrub forest of the Caribbean, and there is a significant dry season and wet season. I went during the dry season, but that only meant no rain. There was plenty of water in the aquifers. These aquifers create an extensive cave system, and some caves have large openings, and some have no openings except to other caves. These are called cenotes, and they're incredible to experience. However, these provide water to the trees, not the epiphytes.

I found at least seven species of orchids, but because only one was in bloom, it was difficult to tell the exact number of species. *Epidendrum stamfordianum* was in full bloom in February. There was also a *Catasetum*, most likely *Catasetum integerrimum*, a *Brassavola*, another *Epidendrum*, most likely *raticans*, a *Schomburgkia*, *Vanilla planifolia*, and a terrestrial just past blooming.



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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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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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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Connecticut Orchid Society Mission Statement

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