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Next Meeting

We will not be meeting until it is safe to do so. Please take care. Stay home, stay safe.

Featured Event

Virtual Show Table

President's Message

HELLO - WOW what a difference a month makes. Last month I was headed to NJ to pick up our speaker. I left Brenda at the hotel to freshen up, continuing on to check messages. What a shock to receive a notice at 4:00 the virus has impacted our meeting location. Thank you to Rebecca & Suzie for immediately posting the location change and to Karen who generously, with 2 hours notice, opened her home to a packed group with two new members. It was a wonderful presentation with a full show table. Thank you to everyone who brought their many plants.

Now, as we try to stop the spread of covid-19, we are in lock down for the month of April. The good news is that daylight is longer, and spring is trying to arrive to hopefully make time pass easier. So, get a head start on yard clean up. Oh yes, get going with the much overdue spring repotting chores. I attacked a large *Stanhopia inognis x tigrina* and now have 3 extra plants. Any interest?

I am sad to say there will be no April meeting. As everyone is aware currently there are to be no gatherings of more than 5 people. We want everyone to stay safe healthy and try to stop the spread of the virus.

We will have an electronic show table. We can stay in touch through pictures of our blooming plants. Frequently, either the bud just doesn't open in time for the meeting or worse, yet the flower crashes the morning of the meeting. Please take pictures of the flower and name tag, and forward to Rebecca at Rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com. We would love to see. Include any comments about your plant e.g. 1st bloom, how long you have had it, et cetera.

This should be exciting as the pictures will be posted on our facebook, website, and newsletter. If you have a collection of several blooming, why not do a little display or grouping?

We are in this together, stay strong, & healthy.

Cheryl

Take a virtual tour of the New York Botanical Garden's Orchid Show:

[Here](#)

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

April 14: Learning Orchid Pro

How to use Orchid Pro

April 28: 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

Country Diary: beauty and the bee orchids: read more [here](#).

Watch these six bloom events from your couch: read more [here](#).

Orchid Auctions in 1890 England: read more [here](#).

March Show Table

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

<i>Brassidium</i> Nittany Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>(Brassia verrucosa x Oncidium ghiesbreghtianum)</i>		
<i>Cattleya luddemanniana</i> 'Arthur Chadwick' AM/AOS	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Cattlianthe</i> Orglade's Spotlight	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Dendrobium findlayanum</i>	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Miltonidium</i> Melissa Brianne 'Dark' HCC/AOS syn. <i>Vuylstekeara</i>	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Promo #5'	T. Zamojski	i, w
<i>Phalaenopsis philippinense</i> ('East Sea' x 'Silver Leave')	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>Phalaenopsis (schilleriana x mannii)</i>	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Vivien	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid collection	S. Gooss	i, l
<i>(Cattlianthe</i> Gold Digger x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Bouton D'or)	T. Zamojski	i, w
x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Orange Nugget 'K'		
<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Scaphyglottis acostaei</i> syn. <i>Scaphyglottis amethystina</i>	S. Kennedy	i, g

March Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2019

Brenda Oviatt from Botanica Orchids spoke with us about Madagascar conservation and Angraecoids. The first portion of the presentation focused on Madagascar itself. The eighth largest island in the world, it has many endemics that are quickly losing their habitat due to deforestation, permitted by an apathetic and greedy government. Many Angraecoids are endemic to Madagascar and some are going extinct before they are even discovered.

The second portion of the presentation focused on Angraecoid culture by species. Since she lives in the northern latitudes, it is easy for us in Connecticut to follow the culture she uses.

Big thank you to Karen for opening up her home for this!

March Show Table





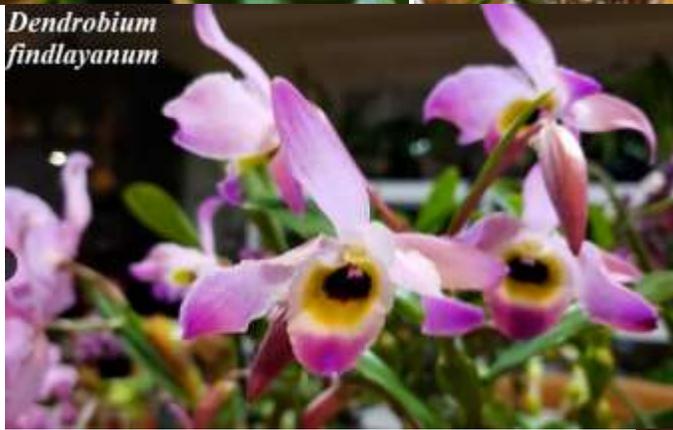
Cattlianthe Orglade's Spotlight



Rhynchovola David Sander



Phalaenopsis hybrid ig. 'Promo #5'



Dendrobium findlayanum



Cattleya luddlemanniana
Arthur Chadwick' AM/AOS



Miltonidium Melissa Brianne
'Dark' HCC/AOS



(*Cattlianthe Gold Digger* x
Rhyncattleanthe Bouton D'or)
x *Rhyncattleanthe Orange Nugget 'K'*

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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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

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.