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## Next Meeting

We will be meeting virtually. The url is in the email sent to you along with instructions.

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7pm

## Featured Event

How to Create a  
Vivarium in 10 Easy  
Steps

## President's Message

Hello everyone,

I do hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. As you know our March meeting was unique, with our location closing just two hours before we met. Many thanks to Karen who offered her home to a packed group of people. The show table was bulging with beautiful blooming orchids.

By now I am guessing everyone has had a little extra time to get your orchids repotted and ready for the summer growing season. We are moving toward longer and warmer days which trigger new growth. You may want to add some fertilizer to your water.

Since all our usual meeting sites are currently closed, we are making preparations for electronic meetings for at least May and June. We will miss seeing everyone, but this will be a wonderful way to stay in touch. COS is lucky to have Rebecca as our newly titled tech chair. Rebecca will be coaching us on how to use the site both in the newsletter and the night before our May 13th 7pm meeting. Please check the email for instructions. Since so many people are currently using electronic options to see family and friends, I am sure this will be a great success.

Since everyone loves to see the show table, we are going to have a virtual show table. For this to work it will require you to take a picture of any currently blooming orchid and forward to Dave. He will coordinate the plant presentation. Rebecca has the ability to let us vote online for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. Your plants will have the opportunity to win ribbons! How fun is that.

Take this opportunity to look at the AOS web site. Their programs are very informative. If you are not a member this is a perfect time to check out the information that usually only members have access to.

Get ready to enjoy the first COS virtual meeting.

Stay well and be safe.

Cheryl

## How to Attend a Virtual Meeting

Click on the link provided in the email. Make sure you are using Chrome, Safari, or Firefox. Do not use Internet Explorer. You are able to turn on and off your microphone, but you will not be able to use your camera. It eats up too much bandwidth and is distracting. If your computer does not have a microphone, you can call in using the phone number and code in the email. If you are not talking, please mute yourself. There will be a test run for everyone to test out the technology the night before, and all are encouraged to do so. Dates and times are in the email. Please do not share this link with nonmembers. Thank you!

# 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)

### May 12: 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.

### May 21: Australian Dendrobiums

With Fred Clarke

## AOS Webinars

AOS MEMBER-ONLY WEBINARS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE! We recognize these are challenging times. We're living through an unprecedented period in our history. In light of this, we're pleased to announce that we're making some of our most cherished member-only content (our member-only webinars) available for the general public through the end of May. Browse our entire webinar catalogue. Learn about orchids. Breathe. Reflect. We can and we will triumph over this terrible virus. We hope this small gesture can add color, beauty and education into your life. Let one of nature's largest families of flowering plants inspire you with its beauty and diversity.

## Orchids in the News

New Orchid discovered in Sri Lanka: read more [here](#).

Jacob's ladder plant: read more [here](#).

Neon and glass orchids: read more [here](#).

## April Virtual Show Table

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

## April Meeting Minutes

No meeting in April.

## April Virtual Show Table





*Vanda Cherry Blossom*  
*'Carmela'*



*Dendrobium Nestor*



*Pholidota imbricata*



*Dendrobium*  
*Regina Busse*



*Lycaste Pieces of Eight*  
*'Hillside Moon'*



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*Cattlianthe Jewel Box*  
*'Dark Waters' AM/AOS*

## 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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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.