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Next Meeting

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

July 15th, 2020 7pm

Featured Event

Pest and Disease Control
Webinar

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you and your families continue to be well. We can be proud of our willingness to wear masks and use hand sanitizer—it's paying off. Connecticut is one of only two states with low test numbers. Keep up the good work, and we will get through this.

This pause from the regular activities has given us more time to truly enjoy our gardens and orchids. Much needed rain showers the last few nights have done a wonderful job of giving all a really good watering. The orchids love these nice long & warm days. Now is prime growth time so remember to fertilize when you are watering. Try to finish up the potting chores. It will give the orchids time to settle into the new pot and make new roots.

Our Aug 12th meeting will be a virtual tour of everyone's summer growing places. Please take a few pics of your orchids in their summer spa. They do not have to be in bloom. Forward them to Rebecca who will make individual presentations for each member. You will be able to narrate and share how you make it work. Of course, we will have our virtual show table, so keep sending pics of your blooming orchids. We have had an amazing variety of plants, and Dave has done a great job of organizing and narrating.

This month, on July 15th our cyber program will be a presentation by Ron Mc Haddon on Pests & Diseases. He presents and shares an amazing amount of knowledge.

You will receive a link to dial in ahead of time.

Hope you enjoyed your 4th of July.

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

July 14: 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.

June 23: Digital Culture and Improving Outcomes

With Bill Bodei

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

How Orchids Attract Pollinators: read more [here](#).

Orchids and their Fungus: read more [here](#).

Rare orchid blooms after 118 year hiatus: read more [here](#).

June Meeting Minutes

We had our second online meeting, and plan to have a July meeting based on an AOS lecture. Members are asked to show, by photos, how they grow their plants outside for our August meeting. For our October auction we will show plants online as our fund raiser. Donations are tax-deductible.

Rebecca Schwartz spoke on Connecticut native orchids. There are far more than just pink lady slippers, since there are 50 species. Most of them bloom in the summer. Sadly, many have disappeared or are declining. They bloom from May until October. *Arethusa bulbosa* used to bloom in our area in wet, acidic soils, but is now thought to be extinct. The green orchid, *Coleoglossum viride*, a long-bracketed orchid up to 20 inches tall is found in wet woods. *Cypripedium acaule*, the pink lady slipper, blooms early in acidic, well-drained soil. Another native lady slipper is *Cypripedium parviflorum*, which is yellow, along with the now thought to be extinct *Cypripedium arietinum*, or rams-head Lady slipper. *Cyp. reginae*, the endangered showy lady slipper, lives in bogs and swamps. An interesting parasitic species is *Corallorhiza trifida*, which has no chlorophyll and is dependent on fungus in the soil.

The beautiful showy orchids, *Galearis spectabilis*, and whorled pogonia, *Iostria medeoloides*, are out in June, along with such species as *Spiranthes lucida*, *Calopogon tuberosus*, *Liparis* and *Platanthera* species. Rose pogonia, *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, is found in swamps. By July, *Corallorhiza maculata* appears, another parasite. The imported European species *Epipactis helleborine* grows on the edge of the woods. Many have seen our native version of the Jewel orchid, *Goodyera pubescens*, otherwise known as rattlesnake plantain. There are several more *Platanthera* species: *blepharoglottis*, the white fringed orchid; *ciliaris*, the yellow fringed orchid; and *psycodes*, the purple fringed orchid. At the start of fall, *Spiranthes lacera* makes its appearance. Very rare is *Triphora trianthophoros*, the three bird orchid, which only blooms for a day and was recently rediscovered here. *Corallorhiza odontorhiza* and *Spiranthes cernua* finish up the display.

***Cypripedium acaule* – June 2020**

Torrington



Cornwall



June Virtual Show Table

<i>Barkeria spectabilis</i>	T. Russell
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	D. Tognalli
<i>Brassia Rex</i>	J. Richards
<i>Bulbophyllum biflorum</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Cattleya Canhamiana</i>	S. Kennedy
<i>Cattleya Canhamiana coerulea</i>	D. Tognalli
<i>Cattleya gaskelliana var mosca x self</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> 'J.T. Butterworth' FCC/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> 'Panther Creek x re Patterson'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae coerulea</i> 'Blue Two'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae coerulea</i> 'Romona x First Class'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya purpurata var. ardosia flamea</i> 'Cerrito Blue Flame'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya purpurata var. carnea</i> 'Cinderosa' AM/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> 'Christoffersen's Full Moon'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> 'Marjorie'	G. McGeough
<i>Cymbidium lowianum</i>	C. Koch
<i>Cypripedium acaule</i> photos by Larry Kuekes, Sue Kennedy and Month Sabolcik	
<i>Dendrobium aggregatum</i>	M. Rampone
<i>Epidendrum Silvestre</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Maxillaria rodrigueziana</i> 'Giant'	C. Mizak
<i>Paphiopedilum armeniacum</i>	J. Richards
<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii x Paphiopedilum</i> Black Rook	J. Richards
<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii x Paphiopedilum</i> Goultenianum	J. Richards
<i>Phragmipedium Grande</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Phragmipedium Grande</i> 'Pacific'	C. Mizak
<i>Phragmipedium</i> unknown	C. Mizak
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Yukidian	D. Tognalli
<i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Vanda falcata</i> 'Shutennou' (syn. <i>Neofinetia</i>)	D. Tognalli

Paphiopedilum armeniacum



Paphiopedilum sukhakulii x
Paphiopedilum Goultenianum



Paphiopedilum sukhakulii x
Paphiopedilum Black Rock



Phragmipedium Grande



Phragmipedium Grande ' Pacific



Phragmipedium ???



Epidendrum Silvestre



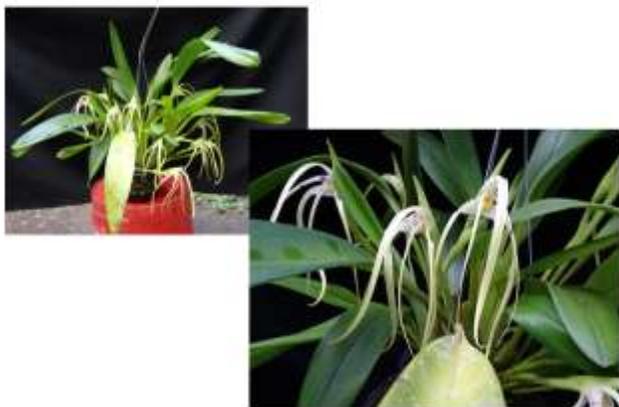
Brassia Rex



Barkeria spectabilis



Maxillaria rodrigueziana 'Giant'



Bulbophyllum speciosum



Bulbophyllum biflorum



Cymbidium lowianum



Dendrobium aggregatum



Bletilla striata



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Phalaenopsis Sogo Yukidian



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***Cattleya purpurata* var. *ardosia flamea*
'Cerrito Blue Flame'**



***Cattleya purpurata carnea* 'Cinderosa' AM/AOS**



***Cattleya gaskelliana* var. *mosca* x self**



***Cattleya warszewiczii* 'Marjorie'**



Mentor List

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Rebecca Schwartz rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com
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COS Membership Dues: \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family

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