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Next Meeting

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

October 14th, 2020 7pm

Featured Event

Insects and Diseases
Webinar

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

We hope everyone is well.

Fall seems to be rushing in, so it's time to wrap up preparing the orchids for their winter rest. Some people have had their first frost. I am lucky we have had a few cool nights but no frost.

As you know we were targeting October for our annual fund raiser auction. What is exciting is the plants that will be offered at this year's auction will be exclusively member donated plants. This will be your opportunity to own a division of some of the great plants we have admired on the show table. The auction will be in November. When bringing in your plants and find you are running out of space, please consider donating to the society. 100% of the funds raised will be used for society expenses. We appreciate your generosity. Dave & Rebecca are coordinating the auction. Soon you will receive an email with directions for donating.

The procedure is simple: take a picture of the plant, fill out the form Dave sent out, and email it back to him.

This month's program will be the second part of Ron McHaden's AOS talk on Insects & Diseases.

TUNE IN on October 14th at 7:00pm.

Don't forget to send Dave any pics of blooming plant for the show table.

Be well,

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

October 6 and Nov 10: 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.

October 20: Paphs and their Care

With Dave Sorokowsky

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

AI can help save orchids: read more [here](#).

Australian Orchid Hunters: read more [here](#).

100,000 Orchid Challenge is Complete: read more [here](#).

September Meeting Minutes

Our speaker was Sergio Garcia, of Olompoli Orchids. The lecture was on Cattleya species and their different varieties. Sergio grew up in Brazil and always wanted varieties of cattleya labiata. At the time these were all jungle collected, or divisions, not mericlones from labs. People from many different ethnic groups settled in São Paulo and began to grow orchids. Tracks went and collected orchids and brought them back to interested people in São Paulo regularly.

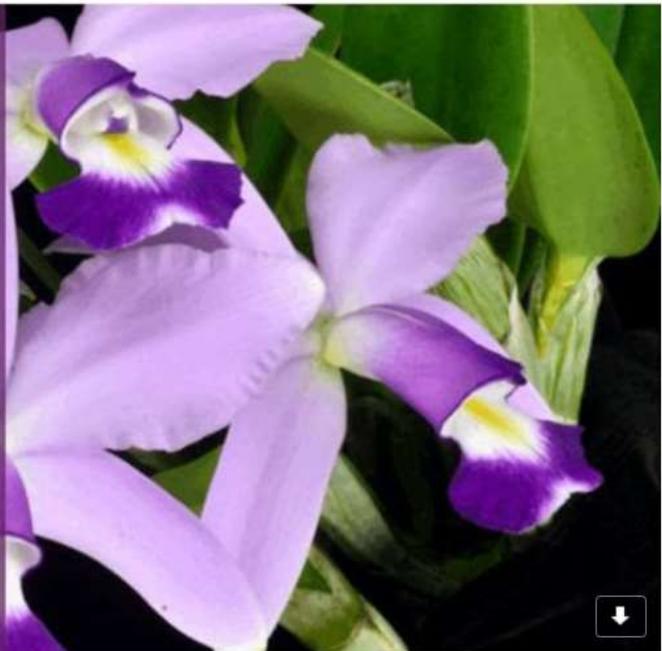
Cattleyas were first known to the Europeans in 1818. Lindley in England identified them, and the oldest orchid in cultivation is a cattleya at Kew from 1821. This plant came as packing material, and when it bloomed everyone was astounded. Later on Cattleyas were divided into different species and types, and Sergio showed many of these. There are 14 kinds of cattleyas, mostly pink with purple lip, but he showed many other types. Some of these are caerulea, glauca, suave and vinicolor. Many of us are familiar with the white alba and colored-lip semialba. Lip markings identify still more types of cattleyas, such as oculato, venosa and atro. Orlato has markings that continue all around the lip. Altriado has lines that follow down the lip.

In October, we are planning to have an online fundraising auction. We will need help organizing this, as well as donations of plants. Dave Tognalli will be sending out information to members. We will need photos of the plants, especially their flowers if at all possible. We also intend to have our December elections online and will be looking for a new President and Treasurer.

The AOS 2020 Fall Members Meeting is Going Virtual (Online)!

The health and safety of our Members Meeting attendees is our number one priority. After careful consideration, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic's current trajectory, we've made the decision to transition the 2020 Fall Members Meeting to a fully virtual event to be held on October 24th, 2020.

October 24, 2020



September Virtual Show Table

<i>Brassocattleya</i> hybrid ig.	G. McGeough
<i>Catasetum</i> Dentigrianum	R. Schwartz
<i>Cattleya</i> Eximia var. coerulea 'Sea God'	D. Tognalli
<i>Cattleya</i> Irene Finney 'Spring's Best' AM/AOS CCM/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya</i> Leoloddiglossa f. coerulea 'SVO'	C. Mizak
x <i>Cattleya leopoldii</i> f. coerulea 'Kathleen' JC	
<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> semi-alba 'Carmencita'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattlianthe</i> Secret Love	D. Tognalli
<i>Coelogyne speciosa</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Dendrobium</i> Christy Dawn	K. Kuziel
<i>Dendrobium</i> hybrid ig.	S. Kennedy
<i>Dendrobium nobile</i> 'Merlin'	S. Kennedy
<i>Dendrobium</i> Oriental Smile 'Fantasy' AD/AOS	K. Kuziel
<i>Miltassia</i> Estrelita 'Sweet Senorita'	K. Kuziel
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Summer Rose 'Blue Star' HCC/AOS	G. Plude
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Yukidian	D. Tognalli
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Venus	R. Schwartz
<i>Restrepia striata</i>	R. Schwartz
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Ruby Ace	S. Kennedy
<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander	D. Tognalli
<i>Sobralia decora</i> x self	C. Mizak
<i>Stanhopea species</i> ig.	C. Mizak
<i>Stanhopea stevensonii</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Stanhopea warszewicziana</i>	C. Mizak

Coelogyne speciosa



Stanhopea stevensonii



Stanhopea species ig.



Stanhopea warszewicziana



Sobralia decora x self



Cattleya Leoloddiglossa f. *coeruleaea* 'SVO'
x *Cattleya leopoldii* f. *coeruleaea* 'Kathleen' JC/AOS



Cattleya purpurata semi-alba 'Carmencita' *Cattleya Irene Finney* 'Spring's Best' AM/AOS
CCM/AOS



***Brassocattleya* hybrid ig.**



***Cattleya* Eximia var. coerulea 'Sea God'**



***Rhynchovola* David Sander**



***Cattlianthe* Secret Love**



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Ruby Ace**



***Dendrobium* hybrid ig.**



***Dendrobium nobile* 'Merlin'**



Dendrobium Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'
AD/AOS



Dendrobium Christy Dawn



Miltassia Estrelita 'Sweet Senorita'



Restrepia striata



Catasetum Dentigrianum



Phalaenopsis Venus



***Phalaenopsis* Sogo Yukidian**



***Phalaenopsis* Summer Rose 'Blue Star' HCC/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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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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Most donations made to COS are tax deductible.



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 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.