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Next Meeting

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

March 10, 2020 7pm

Featured Event

TBD

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

As you are aware, I have stepped down as president of COS. Over the years I have been privileged to serve the Society. The membership has always stepped up when called upon to help. Currently I am not aware of anyone with interest in the position, which is a bit disappointing. As I thought about this, I realized that our members are probably not sure what the responsibilities of the President are. So here goes:

1 The President is the “face of the society”

Answer any day to day correspondence – there is hardly any

Set the tone along with the board for the Society and its activities

2 Arrange for and call the monthly meetings to order

Call and facilitate board meetings

3 Do you have to have special knowledge of orchids? Nope. You just need some organizational & coordinating skills.

4 Sometimes ask members to volunteer when we need help with events or special projects.

5 And if you desire I will be there to coach & support you throughout the coming year.

So who is willing to give driving the COS bus a go?

The Society needs and will greatly appreciate your help.

Please give me a call or email with any questions. cmizak@alcher.com 203 264 6096

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

March 9: Angrecoïd Hybrids

At 8:30pm

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

Spotlight on Orchids Replaces NYBG Orchid Show: read more [here](#).

February Meeting Minutes

Our speaker for February was Carrie Raven Reiman, who spoke on sphagnum moss. She is an expert on the proper type to use for repotting orchids. There are 3 different grades, depending on the links of the different fibers in the moss. Kelly's Korner, orchid supplies seller, is being bought by another party, but probably have moss for sale.

One Mile Moss is the correct brand. The moss that is used in Taiwan is not the same kind as what hobbyists buy, and is not preferable. They pack it in very tightly. Carrie showed examples of plants grown in bark as opposed to moss, and it was obvious that plants flourish in moss. It gives the plants even moisture, they require less fertilizer and water, and enjoy higher humidity around the plant. Plants that are in poor shape or seedlings benefit from this.

You want long strands of moss which are thick. They absorb water better and stay fluffy. Some people sell Chilean moss which has short fibers and is reddish tan, and this gives the plants no aeration, is acidic and sour, and ruins orchids. New Zealand moss lasts for 2 years. It holds 20 times its weight in water and remains fluffy. It doesn't retain salt and inhibits bacteria and fungus naturally. The three grades come in Classic, Premiere or Supreme.

When cleaning it, she puts it in a colander, spritzes it lightly and tosses it. She says that soaking it flattens the fibers and doesn't work well. Let it dry out if it isn't used right away. She prefers clear pots so that you can look at the roots and judge the moisture level. You can see if the moss is aging. When it gets dark brown it is time to change it. If the roots that you can see in the pot are green, the plant doesn't need water. You can use deeper pots when potting in moss than with other media. They need adequate drainage holes, and the Rand pots don't have this, notably.

She puts 3 and 4 inch pots in open trays. When the plant roots look silver, the plant needs water. She tries to keep them warmer after watering, although most dry out very quickly. Also, she waters plants from the top, and hardly ever uses pots over 5" on her phalaenopsis. She root prunes large plants, removing the bottom third of the roots, and sometimes does use bark at the base on larger specimens. Her fertilizer is the MSU type. Feeding lightly at a quarter to a half of the regular amount, she prefers fertilizers with nitrate rather than urea, which the plants utilize more readily.

When planting, the base of the plant should be about 1/2-1 "inches below the base of the pot and firmly packed in. Loose moss means that most will stay wetter, actually. She uses a dibbler to press the moss into the crevices. There is a video showing her technique at facebook.

When repotting, she puts a ball of moss in the middle and wraps the rest around the roots on the outside as people do for Neofinetia. She also made reference to are beneficial fungus called Great White which helps plants recover. It can be bought on amazon. She just sprays a little bit on the roots, 1/8 teaspoon per gallon. She reports whenever new root tips are growing.

February Virtual Show Table

<i>Ancistrochilus rothschildianum</i>	T. Russell
<i>Angraecum leonis</i>	T. Russell
<i>Brassavola</i> Little Stars	M. Sabolcik
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> 'Ridiculous'	M. Sabolcik
<i>Brassocattleya</i> Yellow Bird	S. Kennedy
<i>Bulbophyllum sulawesi</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Cattleya alaorii</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Alberto Wenzel x <i>Cattleya loggidesii</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Betty Ford 'York' AM/AOS	T. Russell
<i>Cattleya</i> Bow Bells 'Snowflake' FCC/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya</i> Chloe Bruce	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> hybrid ig. 'bright yellow'	R. Schwartz

<i>Cattleya</i> Itsy Bitsy	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya maxima coeruleascens</i> 'Thunder Mountain'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya milleri</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Precious Stones x <i>Cattleya</i> Circle of Life	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya schroderae</i> 'The Baron's Opus'	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya</i> Secret Love	D. Tognalli
<i>Cattleya trianae</i> 'Mary Fennell' HCC/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya trianae</i> ('Sangre de Toro' x 'Carlos Henrique')	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattlianthe</i> Candy Corn	M. Sabolcik
<i>Clowesia russellianum</i> 'David N' x <i>Catasetum tigrinum</i> 'SVO'	R. Schwartz
<i>Clowesia</i> Rebecca Northern	M. Sabolcik
<i>Clowesia</i> Rebecca Northern 'Mikabi'	T. Russell
<i>Cycnoches</i> Super Cooper x <i>Cycnoches</i> Alexis Jesus Pardo	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cycnoches warszewiczii</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cymbidium</i> Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls'	S. Hinckley
<i>Dendrobium</i> Emma White	S. Kennedy
<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga	M. Sabolcik
<i>Dendrobium spectabile</i>	S. Kennedy
<i>Dendrobium</i> Super Ise	S. Kennedy
<i>Dendrochilum species</i> ig.	C. Mizak
<i>Encyclia cordigera</i>	S. Kennedy
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Joanna Rose	M. Sabolcik
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Marie	M. Sabolcik
<i>Maxillaria caespitifica</i>	S. Kennedy
<i>Mormodia</i> Keri Ray 'Memoria Cole Litke'	M. Sabolcik
<i>Oncidium</i> Pacific Passage 'Handsome'	C. Mizak
<i>Paphiopedium</i> Hellas 'Orange Delight'	G. McGeough
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Hsinying Jewel Dragon x (Hsinying Citron x Chiarra))	J. Richards
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> ((Inca Gold x Gene Hughes) x (Flight Path 'Tree Village' x Winston Churchill 'Redoubtable'))	J. Richards
<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>	D. Landrey
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Saint Swithin 'Chuck's Idea' HCC/AOS	D. Landrey
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Tombola x Ravenstart)	J. Richards
<i>Phalaenopsis (coerulea x equestris fma. coerulea)</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'yellow with red spots'	S. Spinelli

Phalaenopsis Kaoda Twinkle 'Chocolate Drop'

D. Tognalli

Phragmipedium After-Glo

D. Landrey

(Eric Young 4N x Sorcerer's Apprentice 4N)

Phragmipedium Ashley Wilkes 'Charleston' AM/AOS

G. McGeough

Phragmipedium La Houquette

D. Landrey

Prostechea garciana

T. Russell

Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS

D. Landrey

Rhyncattlianthe Hawaiian Discovery x *Laelia* Seagulls

M. Sabolcik

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Dawn's Child

M. Sabolcik

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Edith North 'Danny Adams'

M. Rampone

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Oconee Circle x *Cattleya* Sierra Doll

M. Sabolcik

Vanda ampullaceum

M. Sabolcik

Vanda Cherry Blossom 'Carmela'

S. Kennedy

Vanda Motes Green Goblin

M. Sabolcik













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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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.