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Next Meeting

Wednesday September 8th, 2021
Farmington Senior Center
321 New Britain Ave, Unionville, CT

6:30 pm.: Doors open. Socializing.
Come early and help set up.
7:30 pm: Business meeting.
8:00 pm: Featured speaker and/or
presentation.

Please bring a snack for the
refreshments table!
Don't forget to bring your blooming
plants for the show table!
Masks required!

Featured Event

Zac Mistry

Bulbophyllums

President's Message

Friends

Hope you all had a lovely warm summer. Cool nights and warm days means you should keep your eyes peeled for buds and spikes! Not a bad time to put a stubborn Paphiopedilum outside to force a bloom.

Our next meeting will be in person this Wednesday September 8th at 7pm, in Farmington. Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated.

At the meeting I will be speaking on my favorite genus of orchids, Bulbophyllum. I'll be bringing some interesting specimens along with me too. Please bring your own additions to the show table as well!

Very excited to meet you all in person! Apologies for the late notice.

Zac Mistry

Vanda falcata 'Shutennou' *Bulbophyllum* Meen Echo Gecko (*lasiophilum x frostii*)



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

Sept 16: Sarcochilus, The Australian Miniature

At 8:30pm

October 5: Greenhouse Chat

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

New Jersey's 50 Native Orchids: read more [here](#).

Unlocking the Genetics that Makes Orchids Bloom: read more [here](#).

New Orchid Species Discovered in Andes: read more [here](#).

June Meeting Minutes

Our speaker was Fred Clark On orchid culture. He asserted that if you get 80% of culture correct, you can grow orchids well. When it comes to light, there are 12 hours of darkness at the equator and 12 hours of light. However, we got 16 hours of light in summer, and 8 hours of darkness, followed by 12 hours of light and winter and 12 hours of darkness. Water, light temperature, and potting are critical for growing orchids. Everything else is 20% of culture.

Epiphytic orchids grow on the side of trees where they are well drained, and have existed for 15-20,000,000 years. As a comparison, humans have been around for about 300,000 years. Water carries nutrients to the roots. Frequency and quantity of watering depends on your environment. He suggested feeling the weight of the pot to tell if it's wet or not. Leaching out minerals Plants in active growth need more fertilizer and more water important with hard water. He suggests 100 parts per million of fertilizer and continuous liquid feed. You need to be cautious with fertilizer because you can't take it away once it's there. Plants in active growth need more fertilizer and more water. Phosphorus in fertilizer neutralizes high PH. Important, because trace minerals are not absorbed at a high pH. He suggested half a tablespoon per gallon. He uses cal mag as a supplement.

Orchids like filtered light generally. Cattleyas need 2500 to 3,500' candles or 65% shade. A hand held over the plant casts a shadow. Phals need 1000 to 1200. Under lights From April to October, he suggests 15 hours of light, and then 12 or 13 in December and January. As far as temperature, Phals and Paphs like Temperatures above 65 generally, Catts 55 and above. As far as potting media, many things are used, such as moss, aliflor, bark, etc. He likes bark and perlite, which are organic and have good microbial action. For Catts and Dendrobiums, he uses 3 parts of bark to 1 of perlite. Plants that like it more moist I have 4 parts of bark to 1 part of perlite. He thinks you should allow for 3 years of growth when you repot. He writes on the tag when the new roots appear. In The orchid grower is a curator of beautiful things.

Bletilla striata var. alba



Cattleya velutina



June Virtual Show Table

<i>Aerides houlettiana</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Bletilla striata var. alba</i>	M. Wicki
<i>Brassocattleya Morning Glory</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Bulbophyllum (lasiochilum x septemtrionale)</i>	Z. Mistry
<i>Bulbophyllum Meen Echo Gecko (lasiochilum x frostii)</i>	Z. Mistry
<i>Cattleya aclandiae</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya Canhamiana var. coerulea</i>	D. Tognalli
<i>Cattleya Circle of Life 'Red Halo'</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya gaskelliana var. mosca x self</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya leopoldii trilabelo</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya mossiae coerulea 'Woodlawn'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae 'Rapturevine' HCC/AOS</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae var. reineckiana sv. coerulea</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae 'RE Patterson'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya mossiae semi-alba 'Aurora' AM/AOS</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya schilleriana</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii alba 'Envigado'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii 'Columbo'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii 'Halo'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii 'Meteor'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii sanderiana 'Isabel'</i>	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya velutina</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Chiloschista nakornpanomensis</i>	Z. Mistry
<i>Cypripedium acaule</i>	R. Schwartz
<i>Dendrobium Australian Artist</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Dendrobium devonianum</i>	Z. Mistry
<i>Dendrobium farmeri</i>	R. Schwartz
<i>Dendrobium Oma's Delight</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Dendrobium Spider Lily</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Dendrobium Super Ise</i>	M. Sabolcik

Oncidium altissimum

C. Mizak

Phalaenopsis Taiwan Red Cat 'Red Cat'

D. Tognalli

Rhyncattleanthe Martha's Sunburst

M. Sabolcik

Rhyncattleanthe Nancy Smith

M. Sabolcik

Rhyncholealiocattleya California Queen

M. Sabolcik

x *Rhyncholealiocattleya* Loud Nine

Rhyncholealiocattleya Stippled Sunset

M. Sabolcik

Vanda denisoniana

M. Sabolcik

Vanda falcata 'Shutennou'

D. Tognalli

Vanda Gregg Scott

M. Sabolcik

Cypripedium acaule - Burlington

Oncidium altissimum



***Phalaenopsis* Taiwan Red Cat 'Red Cat'**



Cattleya Canhamiana* var. *coerulea



***Cattleya mossiae* var. *reineckiana*
sv. *coerulea***



***Cattleya mossiae* *coerulea* 'Woodlawn'**



***Cattleya mossiae* 'Rapturevine' HCC/AOS**



***Cattleya mossiae* *semi-alba*
'Aurora' AM/AOS**



Cattleya mossiae 'RE Patterson'



Cattleya warszewiczii 'Meteor'



Cattleya warszewiczii 'Columbo'



Cattleya warszewiczii sanderiana 'Isabel'



Cattleya warszewiczii 'Halo'



Cattleya warszewiczii alba 'Envigado'



Cattleya gaskelliana var. *mosca* x self



Cattleya leopoldii trilabelo



Cattleya aclandiae



Cattleya schilleriana



***Cattleya* Circle of Life 'Red Halo'**



***Brassocattleya* Morning Glory**



***Rhyncholealiocattleya* Stippled Sunset**



***Rhyncholealiocattleya* California Queen x
Rhyncholealiocattleya Loud Nine**



Rhyncattleanthe Nancy Smith



Rhyncattleanthe Martha's Sunburst



Vanda denisoniana

Vanda Gregg Scott



Chiloschista nakornpanomensis

Aerides houlettiana

Bulbophyllum lasiochilum x septemtrionale



Dendrobium Super Ise



Dendrobium devonianum



Dendrobium Super Ise



Dendrobium Spider Lily



Dendrobium Oma's Delight



Dendrobium Australian Artist



Dendrobium farmeri



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
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COS Membership Dues: \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family

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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.