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## Next Meeting

Held at: Online

Info will be in your email.

## Featured Event

Be sure to log in to the meeting and help us plan our path for the year!

Come with your ideas!

# December 2021 Show Table

***Aerangis luteoalba var. rhodosticta***

***Angraecum distichum***

***Cattleya* Cariad's Mini-Quinee**

***Coelogyne rochussenii***

***Paphiopedilum* Heron's Faire**

***Paphiopedilum* hybrid ig. 'yellow'**

***Paphiopedilum* Jurgen Roth**

***Paphiopedilum* Odette's Wonder**

***Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Green Heart**

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| *Aerangis luteoalba var. rhodosticta* | C. Lesage | i, g |
| *Angraecum distichum* | C. Lesage | i, g |
| *Cattleya* Cariad's Mini-Quinee | K. Kuziel | i, g |
| *Coelogyne rochussenii* | C. Mizak | i, g |
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* c = cool, i=intermediate, w=warm

g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill

**Hey Everyone!  This Cym is for sale, $25.00** Contact Cheryl for details.

# HAVE IDEAS?

**If you have ideas about the direction of the future of the society, please consider joining the board!**

## Upcoming AOS Events

### Miltoniopsis—JudgingThe Pansy Orchid

Mark Whelan

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022
8:30 pm EST

### Greenhouse Chat January 2022

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022
8:30 pm EST

Orchid Q&A

### Judges' Forum

Jean Allen-Ikeson

Tuesday, January 25th, 2022
8:30 pm EST

Nomenclature and how it affects judging

### Evolution of LED Lighting

Kelly McCracken

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022
8:30 pm EST

LED lighting choices

Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022
8:30 pm EST

## Orchids in the News

# ‘Ghost’ orchid that grows in the dark among new plant finds

Hundreds of new species include pink voodoo lily and a ylang-ylang tree named after Leonardo DiCaprio

The ‘ghost’ orchid *Didymoplexis stella-silvae*, which gets all its nutrients in symbiosis with underground fungi. Photograph: Johan Hermans/RBG Kew

*Damian Carrington Environment editor*
*@dpcarrington*
Thu 6 Jan 2022 06.00 EST

Last modified on Fri 7 Jan 2022 13.03 EST

A ghost orchid that grows in complete darkness, an insect-trapping tobacco plant and an “exploding firework” flower are among the new species named by scientists in the last year. The species range from a voodoo lily from Cameroon to a rare tooth fungus unearthed near London, UK.

A new tree from the ylang-ylang family is the first to be named in 2022 and is being named after the actor and environmentalist Leonardo DiCaprio. He campaigned to revoke a logging concession which

threatened the African tree, which features glossy yellow flowers on its trunk.

The highlighted plants are among the 205 new species named in 2021 by scientists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and their collaborators around the world. All are vital parts of the planet's biodiversity and some may provide food and medicine.

Original article is linked here:
https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/jan/06/ghost-orchid-that-grows-in-the-dark-among-new-plant-finds

## December Christmas Party/ Meeting Minutes/Orchiata!

December Christmas Party: A great time was had by all! Looking forward to next year and hoping we can have everyone together safely once again!

Also, you will want to check out this offer from our esteemed member Christian Lesage:

Hi Everyone,

I am planning on placing an order for Orchiata through a wholesale distributor and would like to open up the opportunity for anyone in the club to take advantage of the discounted pricing. We have been using Orchiata in our greenhouse at work for

a while now and absolutely love the stuff, we blend it with Grow!t clay pellets and charcoal for additional aeration and the stuff will last for years. However purchasing through a retail distributor can be expensive, especially if you have many plants to re-pot. Wholesale we can purchase at a price break of $20 for a 35L bag, plus shipping. Previously they were packaged in 40L bags so these are a bit smaller than the old bags. If 35L is a larger quantity than you need, consider the 5L bags or see if another society member would like to split a bag. The more bags that ship together the cheaper the shipping. Listed below the different grades of Orchiata are as follows:

- Precision (fine) - 1/8”; to 1/4”;
- Classic (small) - 1/4”; to 3/8”;
- Power (medium) - 3/8”; to 1/2”;
- Power Plus (coarse) - 1/2”; to 3/4”;
- Super (extra course) - 3/4”;-1”;

$20ea for a 35L bag

$6ea for a 5L bag (Classic, Power, and Power+) ONLY

The same company also carries Spagnum Moss as follows:

- Premier ‘Strand’ 16” 1 kilo $280
- Premium 6” 3 kilos $84
- Classic length 4” 3 kilos $80

Also Tree Fern orchid substrate if anyone is interested:

- 40L bag for $42

We are aiming for a January order to be picked up at the February meeting. A pre payment for the cost of the items will be required to order. Since shipping is a moving target and dependent upon quantity, shipping cost will be calculated at

pickup.

I will be keeping track of orders and payments, you can contact me at:

christiandavidlesage@gmail.com

Checks are preferred and will be held until the order is placed.

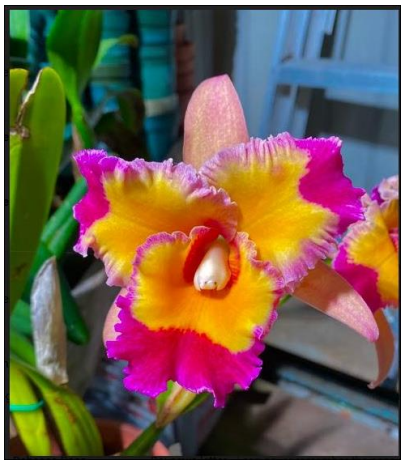
You will need to order and pay for your order by Wednesday Jan 12,2022

Regards,

Christian Lesage

Coelogyne Janine Banks ’Snow White’ HCC/AOS

Cattleya Tokyo Magic ‘Hihimanu’ x
Rhyncattleanthe Guess Who ‘SVO’



Rlc. Dick Smith ‘Aloha Spirit'

Rlc. Haw Yuan Beauty ‘Pearl’ AM/OSROC

**The beauties on this page came Tom Gregg.**

Cattleya percivaliana ‘Summit’, FCC/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.

**Sam Hinckley**samuelhinckley@comcast.net(860) 688-0943 (After 7:30 pm) Windowsill growing methods: Species & hybrids

**Glenn McGeough**mcgeough7@gmail.com(203) 482-3973Specializing in Cattleyas.

**Jeffrey Richards**jeffrey.richards@snet.net Greenhouse growing methods: Specializing in Paphiopedilums.

**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.comVivarium growing methods, windowsill Catasetums and species Phaleanopsis

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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.