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Next Meeting

Wednesday March 9, 2022

Held at Online
Information will be in your email
and this newsletter.

Featured Event

A Presentation re: The
Philippines

By
Bill Thoms

Attending Virtual Meetings

The link that is in your email will launch in browser, but make sure you are not using Internet Explorer.

Safari, Chrome, and Firefox are fine.

If your computer does not have a microphone, you can call in using this phone number and pin: +1-571-392-7650 PIN: 590 260 3944.

It's not hard, honest! Hope to see you there!



Good news everyone!

This Cym is still for sale, \$25.00 with proceeds to benefit the club. It's no longer in bloom, but take a look at these photos!

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 Webinars

All webinars from 8:30-9:30PM EST

Registration at www.aos.org

There are many things going on at the AOS.

Here is a link to their calendar

<https://www.aos.org/news-events/event-calendar.aspx>

The NYBG is having its Orchid Show this Spring! More info on below! [NYCBG Orchid Show 2022!](#)

And their site: [NYBG Orchid Show](#)



Orchids in the News

Endangered Orchid Newly Discovered in Ecuador!

An astounding new species of orchid has been discovered in the cloud rainforest of Northern Ecuador.

<https://phys.org/news/2022-02-endangered-science-orchid-ecuador-commercial.html>

Messages From The Orchid Desk

Hello Everyone!

1: We are looking for a newsletter editor. Suzy is our temporary editor but we would like someone to take over the newsletter.

2: There will be an email for the club membership to submit articles, photos, etc. going out on the 15 of the month and will be due a week later. These will be included in the following month's newsletter (at the discretion of the editor).

3: [New Hampshire Orchid Society](#) [Courtyard Nashua](#) They are having their show!

Will need blooming plants set up & take down teams, they excited to be able to once again host our annual orchid show

Show Dates March 25, 26 and 27, 2022

Friday 1pm to 5pm, Award presentation will begin at 5pm

Saturday 9am to 5...

4: No show table this month as Dave is away on a well-deserved vacation.

And some sad news...

With deep sorry, good orchid friend and life member of the Connecticut Orchid Society Ben Esselink, has passed away. Many will remember Ben's smile. He always seemed to find beautiful ribbon winning blooming orchids to put in the society's orchid displays.

There will be a memorial service April 26th in New Britain.



This month's Speaker Bio

Bill gives talks nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics ranging from his specialty, "Bulbophyllums", to General Orchid Culture which is a favorite of most new growers. They all are presented in a funny style that helps growers understand how the plants work and they all revolve around the Culture of Orchids. He helps the beginner grower with lots of advice about fixing problems and has a wealth of accumulated information for the more advanced grower, too!

This meeting, the talk will be on Bill's trip to the Philippines in 2009 where he climbed mountains (sort of) and risked life and limb (maybe) to bring back a new species of orchid which will be shown at the meeting (true story). It is a wonderful and interesting journey into the deep jungles to see new orchids in their natural habitat.

Many people say he is one of the best speakers they have ever heard. See for yourself.

He has published a new book, Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY? (\$65) And has a 5-year-long EBook of almost every aspect of orchid growing and showing. Tons of videos of orchids growing under all sorts of conditions, repotting, fixing problems and lots of other stuff. It also has a 1500-photo folder with the most detailed photos you have ever seen. (\$69.95).

Also he has graciously given us a 20% discount on all products from March 1 – 31. Promo code COS

February Meeting Minutes

Christian was our presenter at the February meeting. He did an excellent series of videos with Sue Kennedy at her greenhouse in Litchfield. There he showed proper methods of potting orchids.

He explained the difference between monopodial and sympodial orchids, In other words, upright-growing phalaenopsis versus cattleya orchids, which form a series of pseudobulbs. First a Phal was cleaned and repotted, and then a complicated overgrown Catt was extracted from its basket, cleaned and divided. He dips successive plants in a bucket of disinfectant called Zeritol. It is a quaternary disinfectant. Some dust with cinnamon. Dark, hollow, or mushy roots should be removed. Green, firm roots are fine. Different media were discussed, such as moss, bark, and orchid mounts. Bark is soaked before use. Interestingly, he said not to use drainage pebbles that will affect the plant, such as marble chips. River rock is OK. You can test moisture with a bamboo skewer, or pencil, by pushing it to the bottom of the pot and waiting five minutes. If it is moist, the plant doesn't need water.

Dave has planted orchids in a colander!

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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(After 7:30 pm) Windowsill growing methods: Species & hybrids

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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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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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