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Next Meeting

December 14, 2022

Farmington Senior Center

321 New Britain Ave.
Unionville, CT 06085

6:30 PM – Set up
7:00 PM – Meeting and
Holiday Party begin

Featured Event

Club Holiday
Party!!!



COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL COS HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: DECEMBER 14, 2022 AT 7:00 PM WHERE:

FARMINGTON SENIOR CENTER

321 NEW BRITAIN AVENUE FARMINGTON, CT 06085

MENU: CHICKEN MARSALA, STUFFED SHELLS, SALAD, APPETIZERS
AND DESSERTS!!!

(SALAD, APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS PROVIDED BY MEMBERS)

\$25.00 PER PERSON

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BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

IF LEAVING MESSAGE OR TEXT, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE
BRINGING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT.

Northeast Judging Center Auction List is out!

AOS Northeast Judging Center Judges

The Northeast Judging Center annual Fundraising Orchid Auction is **Saturday December 17 at Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood NJ**. The auction will start at 9:30 am. The plant lists and slides with flower pictures are attached. All are welcome, and there will be a light breakfast and snacks available. The Nature Center does have limited parking, so carpooling is encouraged. If you arrive and the parking lot is full, you can park on the public streets at the entrance to the Nature Center and walk up the hill.

There is something for everyone here – big, small, species, hybrids, conventional, & bizarre - as well as a sterling silver Phalaenopsis necklace. In addition to the listed items, there will be a set of books – the 5-volume set of *Native Ecuadorian Orchids* by Callaway Dodson. This set is no longer in print and used copies are priced over \$1000; we'll be starting the silent auction for this set at \$350, a bargain! Come check it out.

Hope to see you there. Please pass this information along to anyone else who might be interested. Everyone is welcome

Links: [NEJC Judges Auction Flyer 2022](#)

[2022 12 auction list pdf](#)

[2022 12 auction slides](#)

Notes from the November meeting

Our November meeting featured Cordelia Head from J and L Orchids speaking on miniature orchids for the home. She has many years of experience growing extremely small orchids of all sorts and can advise us expertly, as one of the former owners of J and L.

She said that good things come in small packages. It is certainly true that you can fit more in this way. They also have marvelous foliage in many cases, with textures and colors that larger orchids lack. For orchids under lights and on window sales she recommends a humidity tray. A terrarium with a fan in the vicinity can also serve as a mini greenhouse for many orchids. There are vivariums and orchid cases custom built as well. A mounted plant can be placed in a glass vase or stood up in a pot to add extra humidity. She suggested putting a round pot in a square pot with crocking at the bottom. Here water can pool at the base and provide extra humidity to the plant above. Clay pots stay cooler. Also, hydrogen peroxide is an effective fungicide. She uses a 3% solution. There is also a product called xerotrol which is similar. Sometimes, after watering, she uses the peroxide once a month to prevent infection.

She showed a great variety of interesting orchids. With dendrobiums, for example she noted that they like to be dry and bright and are often deciduous, requiring a cool dry rest. Examples of these are moniliforme and mobile. Others, such as phalaenopsis and aberrans and laevifolium, want to be warm and don't need drying out. Bulbophyllums, Aerangis, Angraecums and others were discussed. Of course, Pleurothallids, which are an important part of J and L, were featured. They like to be moist and shady in a terrarium situation. Masdevallias such as glandulosa, constricta and decumana; Draculas, Dryadella, Trisitella, and the minute Lepanthes all enjoy this culture.

She also touched on Laelia, Sophronitis (now Cattleya), Isabellia and other cattleya alliance species, finishing up with Oncidiums. All of these prefer it brighter and dryer.

November 2022 Show Table Listing

Cattleya Eximia var. coerulea 'Sea God'

D. Tognalli i, w

* c = cool, i=intermediate, w=warm

g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill

Some photos from our last meeting!

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





Dave and Mary at the November meeting.



This is a photo of our speaker's table.

Thank you to Christian Lesage for these beautiful photos!



HAVE IDEAS?

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

Upcoming AOS News and Events

Click on this link below

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

More Orchids in the News

An Essay on Orchids!

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/nature-studies-our-love-for-orchids-is-exactly-what-makes-them-so-vulnerable-a6861391.html>

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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