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Next Meeting

November 8th

Farmington Senior Center
321 New Britain Ave,
Unionville, CT 06085

Doors open
at 6:30pm for socializing and
the meeting starts at 7pm.

Featured Event

Repotting Clinic!

Message from the Prez:

Hi Everyone!

The days are growing ever shorter and your plants have probably noticed. While many orchids are equatorial and don't respond to changing daylength, they are cued into the temperature shift that accompanies it. Many of the flower sheaths that formed on new growths this summer are maturing and starting to show buds. Cooler growing species such as *Masdevallia* and *Pleurothallis* are recovering from the summer malaise. While many of my *Paphiopedilum* are starting to push up spikes which will flower on through the winter months. The change is refreshing as some species enter dormancy and others resume growth.

With this in mind it's time to alter our watering routines to account for the reduced watering needs of some species while others will need special attention to keep the humidity up as indoor levels plummet. Our talk last month by Rebecca was very engaging with plenty of practical tips for setting up your own Ikea grow cabinet.

Although as we all noted the prices have gone up a bit on the cabinets and materials, Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist are always a good way to find lightly used cabinets and shelves a bit cheaper. For those of us who struggle to make the conceptual leap from vision to reality the step-by-step photos Rebecca took to document the process made the project less daunting. It was interesting to hear from members who also have cabinets to see what the challenges and the benefits of using cabinets to grow orchids inside.

The November 'Re-potting Clinic' is coming up on Wed. the 8th at 7pm at the Farmington Senior Center, we apologize for any confusion that that last minute meeting change caused last month, it was caused by circumstances out of our control. As a result, we are meeting in Farmington in both November and December! If you are uncertain or intimidated about repotting your plants or just want to join in the fun this month's meeting should be a popular event.

We have a large amount of potting media that we mixed up for this event, with different formulations to suit a wide variety of plants. Media mixes, pots, and supplies will be available for sale to members at a reasonable price. Feel free to bring your own media and supplies, our orchid experts will be on hand to coach you in how to repot or divide your plant. If you would like someone to re-pot your plant for you we can also do that for a small fee of \$5 per plant.

This is a hands-on event so be prepared to dig in and get dirty! We will have extra pruners and repotting tools, but strongly encourage you to bring your own if you have them so we have enough to go around.

IMPORTANT NEWS AND INFORMATION!

As we approach the new year this is a reminder that it's time to renew your membership. This year we are proposing a dues increase to be voted on by the membership in attendance at the upcoming November meeting. The annual membership dues were set back in the early 2000's and as we all know the price of just about everything has gone up over the past 20 years. **We are proposing an increase from \$20 to \$30 for the individual membership, \$25 to \$35 for the family membership, \$200 to \$300 for the lifetime individual, and \$250 to \$350 for the lifetime family.**

The increase in membership dues will allow us to continue booking amazing speakers for the upcoming year without breaking the budget. If you have anything to say on the matter please come out and vote at the November meeting.

With that being said, we will also be finalizing the annual election slate to be voted on at the December meeting. We are looking for members who are interested in becoming more involved in the society to steer the future direction of the club. There are several appointed/elected positions open in the club that are part of the decision-making core of the club. After last year's elections we are looking for a Vice President, this is a good way to get your foot in the door and learn the ropes while working closely with the co-presidents and other officers.

We are also looking to fill several appointed positions such as a Recording Secretary to work with long time Secretary Karla Koch, an Editor to work with Suzie on the Newsletter, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Librarian/Historian. For an idea of the responsibilities and duties these positions entail take a look at the Position Description outline posted under the about page. So let your voice be heard and get involved!

See you all at the November Meeting!
Christian

Upcoming Calendar of Events

11/8/23 COS Meeting Cheshire: Orchid Repotting Clinic

12/13 COS Holiday Party Farmington

October Show Table

***Brassocattleya Binosa 'Kirk'* AM/AOS**



Cattleya C. G. Roebling 'Blue Indigo'



***Cattleya* hybrid ig.**



Cattleya intermedia fma. alba 'Hoyt'



***Cattleya* Cornelis' Love**



***Cattlianthe* Secret Love**



***Chysis* Maritza Bielicki x *Chysis* limminghei**



***Dendrobium* Baby Hibiki**



Guarianthe bowringiana



Habenaria rhodocheila



Ludisia discolor



***Paphiopedilum* Jurgén Roth**



Prostecchia radiata



***Rhyncattleanthe* Burana Beauty 'Burana'
HCC/AOS**



***Zygonisia Cynosure* 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS**



<i>Brassocattleya</i> Binosa 'Kirk' AM/AOS	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Cattleya</i> C. G. Roebling 'Blue Indigo'	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Cattleya</i> hybrid ig.	S. Spinelli	i, w
<i>Cattleya intermedia fma. alba</i> 'Hoyt'	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Cattleya</i> Cornelis' Love	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Cattlianthe</i> Secret Love	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Chysis</i> Maritza Bielicki x <i>Chysis limminghei</i>	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Dendrobium</i> Baby Hibiki	I. Contreras	i, w
<i>Guarianthe bowringiana</i>	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Habenaria rhodocheila</i>	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	B. Michaels	c, w
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Jurgen Roth	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Prostechea radiata</i>	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Burana Beauty 'Burana' HCC/AOS	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Zygonisia</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS	D. Tognalli	i, w

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

g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill



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>





Orchids in the News!

Click the link to learn more about the Rarest Orchids in the World! Check it out!

<https://www.aliiflowers.com/10-of-the-rarest-orchids-in-the-world/>

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

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