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Next Meeting

December 13

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

Holiday Party!!!

Message from the Prez:

Hi Everyone!

The cold weather is here to stay as the days grow ever shorter and if you are a tropical orchid this really slows down the pace of growth. December is the month of holding back and giving your plants a rest. While we may want to continue watering and watching our plants put on new growth, for most plants things have almost slowed to a halt. Be careful not to kill your plants with too much attention and care. That being said the indoor environment is much dryer this time of year and we still need to make sure that we keep roots hydrated and healthy.

You can really get creative with microclimates that help keep the humidity up; humidifiers, pebble trays, grow cabinets, fish tanks, and grow tents are all relatively inexpensive ways of making your home more hospitable to your plants and by extension improving your indoor comfort.

Last month we held our annual repotting clinic, and we hope that everyone enjoyed the evening. There was a splendid show table, a testament to all the attentive growers out there.

This month we tried out something new with the People's Choice Award, where everyone votes for their favorite plant on the show table. It was a tough choice picking a favorite with all the choice blooms, by popular vote the Winner was – Monnierara Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS grown by Dave Tognalli with Phalaenopsis bellina 'Crystelle' FCC/AOS grown by Jason Chang voted as the Runner Up. Congrats to you both. Dave made the interesting observation, "that both choices have also been given FCC'c from the AOS. Seems our members also know a good quality flower when they see one."

The proposed motion for an increase in club membership dues was put to a vote and passed unanimously. If you haven't renewed for 2024 now is the time, the easiest way is on the website through Paypal or at the next meeting you can see Mary Rampone to renew in person.

Our annual Holiday Party is coming up this month on Wed. December 13th at 7pm at the Farmington Senior Center. If you haven't signed up already or reached out to Mary please take a moment to look at the Holiday Flyer that went out. Once again, the club will be buying in entrees from a local restaurant and we ask that everyone bring either a side, salad, or dessert.

There will be a small fee of \$15 per person to cover the cost of the food, and we ask that you please RSVP if you will be attending so we order enough food

for everyone. Last year a very merry time was had by all so we hope to see you there!

The December meeting is also the time for annual elections. We will be voting on the following proposed officer slate; President: Christian Lesage & Mary Rampone, Vice President: Jason Chang, Treasurer: Suzanne Spinelli, Recording Secretary: Valerie DApice & Carla Koch, and Directors at Large: Rebecca Schwartz, Mike Wicki, and Karen Kuziel. There are also a number of appointed positions we would like to see filled if anyone is interested, most importantly we are still looking for someone to work with Suzy to learn the ropes as an Editor for the newsletter. If anyone is interested in designing and setting up our newsletter, we are looking for someone creative and motivated to take the newsletter and run with it.

Mark your calendars! Looking ahead to 2024 we are already working on our program of events if you have any topics of interest or ideas for meetings feel free to reach out. The winter months are always tricky with the potential for inclement weather, so we are planning our next two meetings with in-house speakers. On January 10 we are tentatively planning a talk on Orchid Viruses and on February 14 an Un-flasking Workshop. Stay tuned for the latest news or better yet come on out to the next meeting and hear it from the horse's mouth. See you all at the December Meeting!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

December 11 *Board Meeting 7pm*

December 13 **COS Holiday Party Farmington**

December 16 **The Northeast Judging Center, Judges Auction**

January 8 *Board Meeting 7pm*

January 10 **COS Meeting Cheshire: Orchid Viruses**

January 12-14 **The New Jersey Orchid Society Show & Sale**

January 20-21 **Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show & sale**

February 12 *Board Meeting 7pm*

February 14 **COS Meeting Farmington: Orchid Unflasking
Workshop**

February 16-18 **The Deep Cut Orchid Society Show & Sale**

February 22-25 **CT Flower and Garden Show Hartford, CT
November Show Table**

Aerangis mystacidii



***Bulbophyllum* Elizabeth Ann
'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS**



***Cattleya* Bow Bells 'Rex' AM/AOS**



***Cattleya* Nancy Off 'Linwood' AM/AOS**



***Cattleya walkeriana* 'Estrela Da Colina'
HCC/AOS**



Coelogyne fimbriata



***Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon**



Dendrobium platycaulon x sib



***Monnierara* Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'
FCC/AOS**



***Oncidesa* Sweet Sugar 'Angel'**



***Oncidium* Volcano Midnight 'Volcano Queen'**



***Paphiopedilum* Freckles 'Show Stopper'
AM/AOS**



***Paphiopedilum* Jurgen Roth**



***Paphiopedilum* Mr. Wonderful**



***Paphiopedilum* Petula's Sensation**



***Paphiopedilum* Stone Lovely 'Lucky Pick'
x *Paphiopedilum* Sorcerer's Prime 'Green Giant'**



***Phalaenopsis bellina* 'Crystelle' FCC/AOS**



***Phalaenopsis* hybrid ig. purple with stripes**



***Phalaenopsis* hybrid ig. royal purple**



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Malworth 'Orchidglade'
FCC/AOS**



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|---|-------------|------|
| <i>Aerangis mystacidii</i> | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Bulbophyllum</i> Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Cattleya</i> Bow Bells 'Rex' AM/AOS | J. Chang | i, g |
| <i>Cattleya</i> Nancy Off 'Linwood' AM/AOS | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> 'Estrela Da Colina' HCC/AOS | J. Chang | i, g |
| <i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i> | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Dendrobium platycaulon</i> x <i>sib</i> | S. Spinelli | i, w |
| <i>Monnierara</i> Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS | D. Tognalli | i, w |
| <i>Oncidesa</i> Sweet Sugar 'Angel' | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Oncidium</i> Volcano Midnight 'Volcano Queen' | B. Michaels | i, w |
| <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Freckles 'Show Stopper' AM/AOS | J. Chang | i, g |
| <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Jurgen Roth | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mr. Wonderful | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Petula's Sensation | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Stone Lovely 'Lucky Pick' | C. Lesage | i, g |
| <i>x Paphiopedilum</i> Sorcerer's Prime 'Green Giant' | | |
| <i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i> 'Crystelle' FCC/AOS | J. Chang | i, g |
| <i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. purple with stripes | M. Sporbert | i, g |
| <i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. royal purple | M. Rampone | i, g |
| <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Malworth 'Orchidglade' FCC/AOS | J. Chang | i, g |

* 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**

**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/10of-the-rarest-orchids-in-theworld/>

Mentor List

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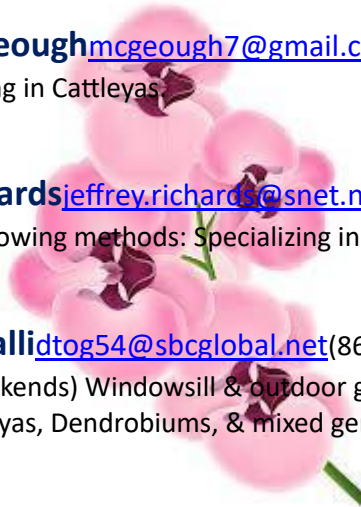
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COS Membership Dues: \$30/yr. Individual \$35/yr. Family

\$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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appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.