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Next Meeting

June 11th, 2025
Doors open: 6:30
Meeting starts: 7pm

Farmington Senior Center

Featured Event

Tim Culbertson
Masdevallias

President's Message

If you are a Facebook fan, no doubt you have seen lots of postings about *Cypripedium acaule*, the pink lady slipper orchids that have popped up around Connecticut. We've had sightings up near Burr Pond in Winsted and many others. There is also the yellow form *Cypripedium parviflorum*. If you are lucky enough to find and enjoy them, do take some pictures!



With our summer break approaching fast, followed by our own COS Orchid Harvest Show & Sale in September, we'll have a busy couple of months despite the meeting break. We will need to prepare our potting mediums over the summer for our sales table with the help of a few of volunteers.

Coming up this month we have Tim Culbertson of Oceanside Orchids speaking to us in Farmington about *Masdevallias* you can actually grow! I know I've had my challenges with these lovely orchids, so I am really looking forward to getting good growing tips and new ones to try.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming COS events:

- August 10, Sunday: Summer Picnic at Black Rock State Park in Thomaston
- September 10, Wednesday: Cheshire – Show Prep and volunteer assignments
- September 26, Friday: setup our display in Bristol for the show. A FUN event we hope all will attend and help!
- September 27/28, Sat/Sun: COS Orchid Harvest Show & Sale in full swing – Please volunteer. We have lots of different tasks and time slots to accommodate your availability.
- October 8, Wednesday: Farmington – Repotting Clinic
- November 12, Wednesday: Cheshire – Bill Bodei – Using the internet to retrieve accurate orchid info
- December 10, Wednesday: Farmington – Holiday Party

See you there!

Mary Rampone

Co-President/Membership

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

June 3: Greenhouse Chat

At 8:30pm

June 10: Best Orchids to Grow Indoors

At 8:30pm

**June 19: Juzgamiento de Orquideas
AOS**

At 8:30pm

July 2: Greenhouse Chat

At 8:30pm



Orchids in the News

New rare wild orchid seen in UK for first time in 100 years: read more [here](#).

Three new orchid species endemic to Costa Rica and Panama discovered: read more [here](#).

Some orchids can reproduce without ever opening their flowers: read more [here](#).

How Orchid Hunters Complicate Colonial Narratives: read more [here](#).

May Meeting Minutes

Our speaker was Alan Koch of Gold Country orchids, talking about Dendrobiums. This is an enormous genus with many varied plants from small to large. White Dendrobiums are often used for lays in Hawaii. These warm growing Dendrobiums are often a hybrid of gouldii by phalaenopsis, UH322. By including the antelope type of plant the flowers last longer. Many Dendrobiums found in local stores are the warm growing type.

One large group of Dendrobiums is Latouria. This includes Dendrobium aberrans, a tiny plant with long lasting flowers; atrovioleaceum, lasting eight months; red and green convolutum; orange and white bellatulum: and hybrids such as Roy Tokunaga. Some, such as Sanderae album and moniliforme, prefer it cool.

Another well-known group are the nobile types. They need a chill to do well and bloom and some growers even pull the leaves off at the end of the year. Newer hybrids, such as Super Ise, are not as fussy about temperature. A good many others prefer a cool dry winter, such as aggregatum, jenkinsii, or kingianum. This is because of the monsoon seasons in Asia and replicates what happens in nature. New Guinea orchids, such as cuthbertsonii, prefer coolness and low-salt water.

Recent cultivars are easier to grow such as Bardo Rose. Newer Australian hybrids are easiest to grow. Plants such as Proud Appeal combine latouria, phalaenopsis, and antelope types for an adaptable plant. Others include White Grace and Hawaii Stripes.

A Selection of *Phalaenopsis japonica* and *Vanda falcata*



From the May Show Table

May Show Table

<i>Brassia</i> hybrid ig.	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Catamodes</i> Dragon's Blood	J. Chang	i/w, g/l	
<i>Catasetum</i> Francisco Berrios Gines	J. Chang	i/w, g/l	
<i>Cattleya</i> Canhamiana var. <i>coerulea</i>	D. Tognalli	i, w	
<i>Cattleya</i> Chili Sauce	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Clive Brown 'Full Moon' (Horace x Orpetii)	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Cosmic Candy x <i>Cattleya</i> Cosmic Angel	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Itsy Bitsy	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Lawre-Mossiae	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Million Kiss	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Minibeau	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> <i>semi-alba</i> 'Aurora' AM/AOS	G. McGeough	i, g	
<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> 'Blue Two'	G. McGeough	i, g	
<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> 'Mrs. J. T. Butterworth' FCC/AOS	G. McGeough	i, g	
<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> 'Rapturevine' HCC/AOS	G. McGeough	i, g	
<i>Cattleya tigrina</i> 'Sunbar Giant' FCC/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l	
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> 'Colombo'	G. McGeough	i, g	
<i>Enanthleya</i> Golden Sunburst	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Epidendrum</i> Yellow Magnolia 'SVO' 4N	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Galeandra greenwoodiana</i> x self	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Lycaste</i> Buttercup	Z. Loughman	i, l	
<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Breathless	Z. Loughman	i, l	
<i>Oncidium</i> hybrid ig.	Z. Loughman	i, l	
<i>Oncostelopsis</i> Brazilian Sun 'Samba'	K. Perssonatti/K. Ward	i, l	
<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>	J. Chang	i, g/l	
<i>Paphiopedilum thaianum</i>	Z. Loughman	i, l	
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Diane's Mini'	D. Eichelman	i, w/l	
<i>Phalaenopsis japonica</i> syn. <i>Sedirea</i> (two examples)	J. Chang	i, g/l	
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Pylo's Sofia 'Peter's Pride' HCC/AOS	J. Chang	i/w, g/l	
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Yukidian	D. Tognalli	i, w	
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yaphon Black Snake 'Mainshow #3'	J. Chang	i/w, g/l	
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hanne Popow	G. Plude	i, l	
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Stairway to Heaven 'Viognier' AM/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l	
<i>Rhyncholealia digbyana</i>	G. McGeough	i, g	
<i>Rhyncholealia glauca</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Rhyncholealiocattleya</i> Arnie's Life (<i>Cattleya</i> Circle of Life x <i>Rlc.</i> Paradise Rose)	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Rhyncholealiocattleya</i> Loud Nine	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Rhyncholealiocattleya</i> Rosebud 'Queen of Splash' HCC/AOS x <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Dream Circle 'SVO' AM/AOS	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Cattleya</i> Sacramento Jewel x <i>Rhyncholealiocattleya</i> Circle of Nine	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Thunia alba</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Vanda ampullacea</i>	M. Sabolcik	i, g	
<i>Vanda falcata</i> syn. <i>Neofinetia</i> (four examples)	J. Chang	i, g/l	

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

g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill

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***Catamodes* Dragon's Blood**



***Catasetum* Francisco Berrios Gines**



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***Cattleya* Chili Sauce**



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(Horace x Orpetii)**



***Cattleya* Cosmic Candy x *Cattleya* Cosmic Angel**



***Cattleya* Itsy Bitsy**



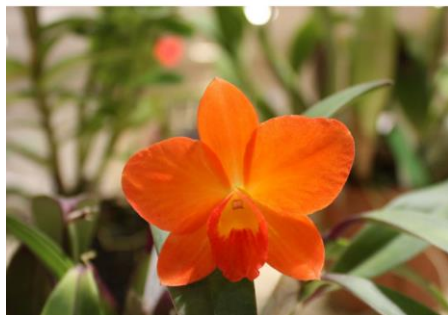
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***Galeandra greenwoodiana* x self**



***Lycaste* Buttercup**



***Oncidium* hybrid ig.**



***Oncostelopsis* Brazilian Sun 'Samba'**



***Paphiopedilum* rothschildianum**



***Paphiopedilum* thaianum**



***Phalaenopsis* hybrid ig. 'Diane's Mini'**



Phalaenopsis* japonica syn. *Siderea



***Phalaenopsis* Pylo's Sofia 'Peter's Pride' HCC/AOS**



***Phalaenopsis* Sogo Yukidian**



Phalaenopsis Yaphon Black Snake 'Mainshow #3'



Phragmipedium Hanne Popow



Phragmipedium Stairway to Heaven 'Viognier' AM/AOS



Rhynchoalealia digbyana



Rhynchoalealia glauca



Rhynchoalealiocattleya Arnie's Life
(*Cattleya* Circle of Life x *Rlc.* Paradise Rose)



Rhynchoalealiocattleya Rosebud 'Queen of Splash' HCC/AOS
x *Rhynchoalealiocattleya* Dream Circle 'SVO' AM/AOS

Rhynchoalealiocattleya Loud Nine



Cattleya Sacramento Jewel x
Rhynchoalealiocattleya Circle of Nine



Thunia alba



Vanda ampullacea



Vanda falcata syn. *Neofinetia*



People's Choice Winners

Winner - *Miltoniopsis* Breathless – grower Zoe Loughman

Miltoniopsis Breathless



Runner up - *Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Colombo' – grower Glenn McGeough

Cattleya warscewiczii 'Colombo'



Upcoming Events for 2025: COS and Beyond

June

June 9 Board Meeting 7pm

June 11 COS Meeting Farmington: Tim Culbertson from Oceanside Orchids

August

August 4 Board Meeting 7pm

August 10 COS Summer Picnic Black Rock State Park

September

September 8 Board Meeting 7pm

September 10 COS Meeting Cheshire: Show prep and Display design

September 26 Connecticut Orchid Society Show & Sale Setup

September 27-28 Connecticut Orchid Society Show & Sale

October

October 6 Board Meeting 7pm

October 8 COS Meeting Farmington: Repotting Clinic and Supplies Sale

November

November 1 - 2 Massachusetts Orchid Society Show & Sale

November 10 Board Meeting 7pm

November 12 COS Meeting Cheshire: Topic TBD

December

December 8 Board Meeting 7pm

December 10 COS Meeting Farmington: Holiday Party

Subject to Change

Orchids in situ

In May and into early June, the slipper orchids bloom here in Connecticut. However, Rebecca was in the south of France in May, which gave her the opportunity to find some French orchids. And to catch the last of the pink slippers here in Connecticut when she returned home.



The first two are the bee orchid (*Ophrys apifera*), and the last is a pyramid orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*). Both were found in the Camargue region of France.

Below is a slipper orchid, found in Burlington, CT.



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

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