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Next Meeting

March 12th, 2025
Doors open: 6:30
Meeting starts: 7pm

Cheshire Senior Center

Featured Event

J&L Orchids

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

What a whirlwind of activity so far this year.

We attended the Cape and Islands Orchid Show in January, followed by Deep Cut and Amherst in February along with the Hartford Flower and Garden Show. Pictures of our displays are in this newsletter.

March is coming in with a bang: winter and spring combined in one week. Little green tips are starting to peek out of the ground, and the days are getting longer. This month we will have J & L Orchids from Easton, Connecticut joining us for our meeting March 12th at the Senior Center in Cheshire. We will send out pre-order instructions if you'd like to purchase from J & L and pickup at our meeting.

April we will have a presentation in Farmington by our own, Jason Chang, on Phragmipediums. He will show us how easy it is to grow and bloom these interesting orchids.

Mark your calendar for the CT Orchid Society Show and Sale to take place September 27th and 28th at the Bristol Senior Center.

More information to follow at our next meetings as we start to organize and prepare for this premier event!

Christian Lesage and Mary Rampone, Co-Presidents

Cape and Islands Display



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

Feb 5: Greenhouse Chat

At 8:30pm

**Feb 12: Inorganic Potting Media: Never
Repot Again Part 2**

At 8:30pm

March 5: Why Won't It Bloom?

At 8:30pm

April 3: Greenhouse Chat

At 8:30pm



Orchids in the News

Britian's Rarest Orchid Not Extinct: read more [here](#).

Orchid uses appendage to self-pollinate: read more [here](#).

Using Dogs to Find Orchids: read more [here](#).

New Australian Orchid Looks like a Cupcake: read more [here](#).

Northeast Judging Center Auction

On Saturday, May 3rd, the Northeast Judging Center will hold an orchid auction at its Northboro, MA site in support of our center's activities, which include facility rental fees related the monthly judging sessions that take place at First Parish Unitarian Universalist (Northboro, MA; First Saturday of the Month) and Flat Rock Brook Nature Center (Englewood, NJ; Third Saturday of the Month). Many special plants from our judges' collections, as well as premier orchid growers from around the US, will be available at this event.

We are hoping that you, as representatives in the societies who work with and support the Northeast Judging Center, can help us get the word out about this event. We are working with the folks at First Parish UU to see if we can get in earlier than our normal 10 AM set-up time but that is still to be determined, so more specific details will follow in the coming months. I would very much appreciate your help in publicizing the event, At this time, if you could put a 'Save the Date' notice in your newsletters, as well as make announcements at your member meetings, that would be most helpful.

Thank you for your help!

Bob Winkley, Vice-Chair

Northeast Judging Center

Hartford Flower Show Table



February Orchid Shows

Amherst



Deep Cut



Upcoming Events for 2025: COS and Beyond

March

March 10 Board Meeting 7pm
March 12 COS Meeting Cheshire: J&L Orchids
March 28-30 New Hampshire Orchid Society Show & Sale

April

April 7 Board Meeting 7pm
April 9 COS Meeting Farmington: Topic TBD

May

May 10 Mother's Day Orchid Sale
May 12 Board Meeting 7pm
May 14 COS Meeting Cheshire: Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids

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: Repotting Clinic and Supplies Sale

October

October 6 Board Meeting 7pm
October 8 COS Meeting Farmington: Show prep and Display design
October 11-12 Connecticut Orchid Society Show & Sale

November

November ? 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

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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Greenhouse growing methods: Specializing in Paphiopedilums.

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Evenings & weekends) Windowsill & outdoor growing methods:
Warm growers, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, & mixed genera.

Rebecca Schwartz rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com Vivarium
growing methods, windowsill Catasetums and species Phaleanopsis

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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: \$30/yr. Individual \$35/yr. Family

\$300 Individual or \$350 Family Lifetime Membership (never pay dues again!) Visit
www.ctorchids.org to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal.

Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at COSMembership@earthlink.net for details.

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Connecticut Orchid Society Mission Statement

The Connecticut Orchid Society is an incorporated, non-profit association for the preservation and extension of knowledge concerning the conservation, ecology, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.