



## Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

August 10th, 2025  
Set up: 11am  
Business meeting: 11:30am  
Food to follow

Black Rock State Park

## Featured Event

**Potluck Picnic!**

## President's Message

This summer is certainly providing us with challenges in keeping our orchids happy! Despite extreme vacillating temperatures and downpours of rain, I'm managing to keep most all of them starting new growths and spikes. Hopefully you've all been able to do the same, whether indoors in air-conditioned environments or sheltered outdoors.

July is our summer break month, but on August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our COS Member Picnic at Black Rock State Park in Thomaston. A link will be posted on our website as well as a reminder email to be sent out for you to sign up and indicate food preferences and what you will bring for the potluck. The picnic is free for members, but if you'd like to bring a guest, the fee is \$5.00 per guest. We hope to see you there!

Our September 10<sup>th</sup> member meeting in Cheshire will be centered on Show preparations. We will have details on tasks we need volunteers to sign up for. October 8<sup>th</sup> will be our repotting clinic in Farmington.

See you there!

Mary Rampone

Co-President/Membership

***Vanda falcata* pink**



***Vanda falcata* Shutennou**



***Vanda falcata* white**



# 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](http://www.aos.org)

**Aug 7: Greenhouse Chat**

At 8:30pm

**Sept 11: Indoor Pest Management**

At 8:30pm

**Sept 23: Growing Specimen-sized  
Plants**

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](#).



## June Meeting Minutes

Our speaker was Tim Culbertson speaking on Masdevallias that you can grow... that is those that tolerate heat. Throughout the 80s and 90s people have been breeding warm growing Masdevallias. These plants are typically from high elevations and tend to be miniature, coming in very diverse colors and occurring from Mexico to the Andes.

Most have been bred for large flowers and bright colors. The species *infracta* brings warmth tolerance to breeding. This improves the tolerance of red-flowered species such as *coccinea*, *igneae* and *racemosa*. Other interesting species include the tubular *glandulosa* and blotchy *chaparensis*. *Vetchiana*, a bright orange, is also particularly important in breeding.

This resulted in hybrids, such as Ann Jesup, *vetchiana* by *infracta*. Others include Red Wing, Margarite, Hedwig and Elven Magic. Many, of course, were from J and L in Easton, such as Copper Angel, a *triangularis* hybrid. Kawada in Hawaii bred others, such as Maui Gold, Karen Muir, and Sunset Jaguar. Many of these warm growers do well even in the high temperatures of central California.

As far as culture, low salt water quality is important. He uses 20-20-20 fertilizer, keeps them in low light, and maintains relatively consistent lighting and humidity, characteristic of their habitat. He uses sphagnum.

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



### ***Zygopetalum* Exotic Purple Tiger 'Nina's Purple Beast' AM/AOS**



## June Show Table

<i>Catasetum</i> Desmond Dreisewerd	J. Chang	i/w, g/l
<i>Cattleya</i> Dolosa	I. Contreras	i, w
<i>Cattleya</i> Eximia	G. McGeough	i, g
<i>Cattleya gaskelliana</i> 'Charm'	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Cattleya maxima</i>	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Cattleya purpurata</i>	R. Schwartz	i, w
<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> var. <i>coerulea</i> 'Sweet Twilight'	C. Lesage	i, g
x <i>Cattleya purpurata</i> var. <i>werkhauseri</i> 'Blue Sky'		
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> semi-alba 'Canas Gorgas'	G. McGeough	i, g
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> var. <i>alba</i> 'Envigado'	G. McGeough	i, g
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> 'Fabio Nahas'	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Cattleya warscewiczii</i> semi-alba 'Marjorie'	G. McGeough	i, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> (Penang Little Magic x Touch of Gold)	M. Prasad	i, w
<i>Disa uniflora</i>	J. Chang	c/i, g/l
<i>Miltioniopsis</i> Rene Komoda	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Oncidium</i> AKA Baby	I. Contreras	i, w
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Gloria Naugle 'Burgundy' AM/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Magic Cherry	J. Meghani	i, w
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Prince Edward of York	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's Purple Mini'	J. Meghani	i, w
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's Purple with Spots'	J. Meghani	i, w
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's White with Spots'	J. Meghani	i, w
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's Yellow Mini'	J. Meghani	i, w
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Tall Tails 'Max' AM/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Sobralia</i> La Folie	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Stanhopea ecornuta</i>	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Vanda falcata</i> pink	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Vanda falcata</i> Shutennou	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Vanda falcata</i> white	J. Chang	i, g/l
<i>Zygonisia</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Zygopetalum</i> Exotic Purple Tiger		
'Nina's Purple Beast' AM/AOS	J. Chang	i, g/l

\* c = cool, i=intermediate, w=warm  
g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill

***Catasetum* Desmond Dreisewerd**



***Cattleya* Dolosa**



***Cattleya* Eximia**



***Cattleya gaskelliana* 'Charm'**



***Cattleya maxima***



***Cattleya purpurata* var. *coerulea* 'Sweet Twilight'  
x *Cattleya purpurata* var. *werkhauseri* 'Blue Sky'**





***Cattleya purpurata***



***Cattleya warscewiczii* semi-alba 'Canas Gorgas'**



***Cattleya warscewiczii* var. alba 'Envigado'**



***Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Fabio Nahas' AM/AOS**



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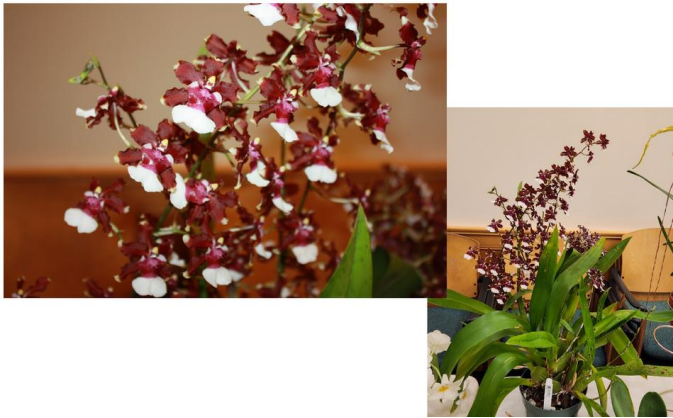
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**(Penang Little Magic x Touch of Gold)**



***Disa uniflora***



***Oncidium* AKA Baby**



***Paphiopedilum* Gloria Naugle 'Burgundy' AM/AOS**



***Paphiopedilum* Magic Cherry**



***Phalaenopsis* hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's Purple Mini'**





*Phalaenopsis hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's Purple with Spots'* *Phalaenopsis hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's White with Spots'*



*Phragmipedium Tall Tails 'Max' AM/AOS*

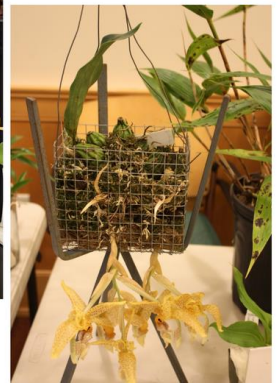
*Phalaenopsis hybrid ig. 'Jacqui's Yellow Mini'*



*Sobralia La Folie*



*Stanhopea ecornuta*



## People's Choice Winners

Winner - *Miltioniopsis* Rene Komoda – grower Christain Lesage

### ***Miltioniopsis* Rene Komoda**



Runner up - *Paphiopedilum* Prince Edward of York – grower Jason Chang

### ***Paphiopedilum* Prince Edward of York**





# Upcoming Events for 2025: COS and Beyond

## 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 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

Don't forget to keep an eye out for orchids! There are many growing this time of year. For example, this one is Broad-Leaved Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*). It is not a native orchid but it is widely naturalized. This one was found on the side of the road in Burlington.





## Mentor List

The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have.

**Sam Hinckley** [samuelhinckley@comcast.net](mailto:samuelhinckley@comcast.net) (860) 688-0943  
(After 7:30 pm) Windowsill growing methods: Species & hybrids

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Greenhouse growing methods: Specializing in Paphiopedilums.

**David Tognalli** [dtog54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtog54@sbcglobal.net) (860) 521-7249 (Contact  
Evenings & weekends) Windowsill & outdoor growing methods:  
Warm growers, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, & mixed genera.

**Rebecca Schwartz** [rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com) Vivarium  
growing methods, windowsill Catasetums and species Phaleanopsis

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## COS Membership Information

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](http://www.ctorchids.org) to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal.

Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at [COSMembership@earthlink.net](mailto: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.