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NSOS now has a mentor list and would like to add more folks going forward. We are looking for people that are willing to answer questions on something that you are familiar with pertaining to orchids. You do not have to be an expert, just able to help someone who has a question in your area of knowledge. We all have areas that we feel comfortable in that would be of great assistance to someone just starting out. If you wish to be added to our NSOS Mentor List, please send me a note: johndeered1923@gmail.com

BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 30 members attended.

The meeting hosted a show table of members' blooming orchids.

The business meeting was called to order by Sandy Myhalik at 7:15 PM.

Sandy welcomed new members and invited them to introduce themselves. Approximately one quarter of attendees were new members who came from various communities including Easton, Winchester, Coventry, West Hartford and East Hartford.

Sandy reported that the 2017 show yielded a net profit of \$4100 and thanked everyone who contributed to its success. The West Hartford Conference Center has already been booked for our 2018 show at the same time next year.

The Society's income pays for an annual bus trip. Two choices for this year's trip were put to a vote:

- 1) Newport Flower Show at Rosecliff, Newport, RI will include orchids in its show for the first time this year. Plant registrations are being solicited. Tickets (\$15/person) include entrance to the flower show and to Rosecliff mansion. Lunch is on your own. A luncheon/tea tent is available onsite. We would go on Friday, 6/23, which is the first day of the show. Travel time from Farmington is approximately 2 hours.
- 2) Duke Farms, Somerset, NJ has an Orchid Range exhibit consisting of a tropical rainforest orchid conservatory, additional orchid greenhouses and an outdoor native Cypripedium trail. Admission is free. There is an organic cafeteria onsite. Lunch is on your own. We would go on Tuesday, 5/23 when cyps should be in bloom. Travel time is around 3 hours.

Those present voted overwhelmingly for the Newport Flower Festival.

Ideas for a summer picnic were discussed but not finalized. Sandy asked for volunteers to host the potluck picnic – the host is not required to provide anything except space where we can gather. The J&L Orchids summer open house (exact date TBD) was suggested as another possible venue. Sandy will follow up with J&L's owner for more details.

Deb Spearot (formerly Deb Mullikin) showed the prototype for an NSOS tee-shirt made by Vistaprint.com. There does not appear to be a minimum order although a one-time set-up charge may apply for a new design. A number of members indicated interest, so next steps entail finalizing a design that includes the NSOS name and logo and finding out the options for printing on more than one color and style of shirt. In addition to taking orders from members, NSOS could also consider purchasing a stock of shirts for sale at our show. Ideas for a design should be sent to Sandy.

Sandy announced programs for the remainder of the year. In May, Kim Feddersen (Fair Orchids) will present on cool-growing orchids. Our bus trip takes place in June. No meetings are scheduled for July and August. In September, Kristin Uthus (New World Orchids) will speak about *Neofinetias*. The annual gala dinner and auction at Tunxis Plantation will take the place of an October meeting. Alan Koch (Gold Country Orchids) will return this November, topic TBD. Our December meeting is also our holiday party. (Updates will be posted to the NSOS website.) Members liked holding mid-winter meetings during the daytime, so future January and February monthly meetings will be shifted to Sunday afternoon; for the rest of the year, meetings will continue to be held the second Thursday evening of the month.

SPEAKER

Following the business meeting, Deb Spearot presented a program entitled “Bugs: Safety for you, your orchids and the environment.” Deb is certified as a Connecticut Master Gardener and holds a CT pesticide license. She has been growing orchids for 5 years, and cares for Herb Fishman’s extensive orchid collection. Thanks to Deb for an informative and practical presentation on how to recognize and eradicate common orchid pests without toxic synthetic chemicals (or as few as possible).

TREASURER’S REPORT

NSOS financial data is available to members upon request. Send your inquiries to our Treasurer, Tom Mierzejewski: tommajeski@comcast.net

Advertising in our NSOS Newsletter

Advertising is now open to members and businesses. The following rates apply: \$10/month business card size ad. ¼ page \$25, ½ page \$50. Members would get \$5 & \$10 off these rates respectively. A four line word ad for members would be \$2. Contact Walter Doehr if interested and send your check to Tom Mierzejewski, our Treasurer.

2017 Schedule of Meetings & Events

May 6, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

May 11, 2017 - Kim Feddersen - from Fair Orchids - Topic - Cool growing orchids - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 7 pm – 9 pm

May 20, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

June 2, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

June 17, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

July 1, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French dr, Boylston MA

July 15, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

August 5, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French dr, Boylston MA

August 19, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

Sept. 2, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

Sept. 14, 2017 - Kristin Uthus - from New World Orchids - Topic -TBD - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 7 pm – 9 pm

Sept. 20, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

Oct 7, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

Oct., 2017 - Orchid Gala

Oct. 21, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

Nov. 4, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French dr, Boylston MA

Nov. 9, 2017 - Alan Koch -- from Gold Country Orchids - Topic -TBD - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 7 pm – 9 pm

Nov. 18 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

Dec. 2 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French dr, Boylston MA

Dec. 14, 2017 - Holiday Party- Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 7 pm – 9 pm

Dec. 16, 2017 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Stamford - Bartlett Arboretum & Garden, Silver Education Center - 151 Brookdale Rd, Stamford, Ct.

Meetings are held at the Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 7 pm – 9 pm the Second Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted above or on our website

Monthly Checklist for May and June

Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.



Cattleya purpurata, formerly in the genus *Laelia*, is without a doubt one of the most stately orchids to bloom in this season. © G. Allikas

Paphiopedilum

The *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum* fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.



Paphiopedilum Maudiae is a perennial favorite slipper orchid.

Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular

watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.



Growing Healthy Orchids



Lycaste x micheli

'Everglades Amarillo' CHM/AOS grown by Everglades Orchids. Photo © G. Allikas

Healthy orchids are the result of a carefully planned culture regimen in which the plants are observed on a regular basis and grown in a clean environment. Many ailments can be quickly detected and dealt with before they affect other specimens in a collection. A few minutes spent each week checking plants is the best prescription for a clean bill of health.

An effective program begins with the purchase of vigorous orchids. Invest in specimens bearing green leaves devoid of black or yellow marks. The plants should be securely rooted in a mix that is firm, not mushy and acid.

Isolate new purchases for two weeks before adding them to a collection to prevent any insects or diseases from infecting other orchids. If any ill effects are noticed, take the plant back to the seller and ask for advice, or request a replacement.

Maintain a spotless growing area. Remove faded flowers and dead leaves promptly. Water early enough in the day so the plants and flowers dry by night. Do not let puddles of water accumulate. Operate fans or open windows (during warm weather) to provide adequate ventilation. Fertilize enough, but not too much, or weak growth, which is susceptible to insects and diseases, will result.

When an infection is noticed, act swiftly. Identify the culprit. Take the plant (or a sample leaf or flower) to an orchid society meeting, the nursery where the plant was purchased or a county cooperative extension service. Wrap the sick specimen in a plastic bag to prevent it from infecting plants at the destination. However, do not leave it in an unvented car in the summer, or an unheated car in the winter, or additional injury may result. The ailment will most likely be one of four basic kinds.

Insects

Aphids, scale, mealybugs, thrips and spider mites are a few of the insects that attack orchids. The first three are easily seen; the last pair require the aid of a magnifying lens. Talk with local orchid growers to learn how to identify these insects and their symptoms. New growth and buds are common attack points. Understand the insects' life cycles and apply repeated doses of a control to eliminate all phases. Soft, cottony mealybugs on this new *paphiopedilum* growth will deform the leaves. Prompt action is necessary to eliminate the insects.

Diseases

Fungi and bacteria injure orchids. A warm and humid environment with inadequate ventilation creates the perfect atmosphere in which fungi and bacteria thrive, causing soft spots, sunken areas on leaves, root rot and other ailments. Inadequate air circulation and damp conditions can induce *Botrytis cinera*, which ruins flowers with its fine speckling.

Viruses

Orchids are prone to viruses that can cause flowers to be abnormal. Typical symptoms are streaking of color and deformity of flowers, and irregular light and dark streaks in leaves. When uncertain if a virus is to blame, consult a professional. Businesses exist that will test orchids for the presence or absence of virus. Destroy virus-infected plants; viruses can infect other orchids and cause harm.

Viruses are spread by animal insect vectors, and by improper hygiene, such as ineffective sterilization techniques on recycled pots and clips, and cutting tools. When severing a flower cluster or dividing orchids, always sterilize the cutting tool by passing the blade through a flame or dipping in alcohol. Use disposable gloves on each plant to be divided.

Physiological Disorders

An imbalance of water, light and temperature creates symptoms of problems. For example, overwatering can cause roots to rot, and, because the plant cannot absorb water, the pseudobulbs to shrivel. The effect is noticed on the pseudobulbs, but the cause is in the medium. Frequently, a change in the care program will solve physiological ailments.

Once an insect or disease problem is identified, choose an appropriate solution. Do not reach for the nearest available pesticide. Consider effective options that will not harm the environment. A cluster of aphids on a cattleya shoot can be carefully wiped off with a cloth soaked in sudsy warm water. Dab away mealybugs lodged in a bloom sheath with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. Diatomaceous earth sprinkled on the medium discourages snails and slugs.

Occasionally it is necessary to rely on a chemical, especially when many plants are involved. Some growers plan regular spray programs to control insects and diseases. Houseplant insect sprays are handy to spot-check a single plant, especially in the home (but remove the plant from the growing area prior to spraying); more elaborate systems may be employed for larger operations.

Before spraying, be forewarned that some chemicals will damage flowers. The oil carrier (usually xylene) in emulsifiable pesticides can injure flowers or plants, often in conjunction with high temperatures.

Frequently repeated applications are necessary to eradicate all traces of an insect. Be prepared to spray two or three times at seven-to 10-day intervals.

Before applying any chemical:

Write down the phone number of a physician or a local poison control center.

Make sure no people or pets are in the area. Keep them away from the spray site for 24 hours.

Move orchids grown indoors to a well-ventilated area.

Read the label directions.

Make sure the substance is recommended for orchids.

Be certain the toxin is the right one for the job.

Wear appropriate clothing to protect yourself.

Know how to dispose of the unused toxin.

Clean yourself thoroughly after applying any toxic substance.

Clean the equipment and then store it beyond the reach of curious hands.

Make sure the area has been replenished with fresh, clean air before family, friends and pets re-enter the area.

Some orchids benefit from being placed outdoors for the summer. Before their return indoors in the autumn, thoroughly inspect each specimen to prevent any unwanted guests from entering the growing area. Once indoors, populations of aphids, mealybugs, spider mites and other insects increase dramatically in the warm and moist environment. Inspect the container's sides, drain hole, developing buds and all of the foliage, especially the undersides of leaves, where insects often lurk. Spend the time to understand how orchids grow during each season. Then should a problem arise, it can be dealt with effectively in a way that is safe for the plant, the owner and the environment.

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New England Summer Orchid Fest



The Amherst Orchid Society is again pleased to host the
2nd Annual

2017 New England Summer Orchid Fest !

Friday, June 23rd, 12-5pm & Saturday, June 24th, 9-5pm, 2017

The Fest will be held indoors at Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School located at:
80 Locust St (Rt. 9), Northampton, MA 01060.

(Just off Interstate 90 by connecting to Interstate 91)

Centrally & conveniently located for all of New England !

The 2017 New England Summer Orchid Fest will feature:

- **AOS-sanctioned Judging: Saturday, June 24th, beginning at 12 Noon**
(We encourage all Fest attendees to bring their orchids for AOS award consideration – plants should arrive by 11am Saturday to be registered for AOS judging)
- **An On-Site Food vendor with assorted lunch, snack and beverage offerings**
- **Workshops on culture: presented by our vendors & expert society members**

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING !

Orchid Plant Vendors will include:

- **orchidPhile (CT):** Specializing in miniature and novelty Phalaenopsis orchids
- **Piping Rock Orchids (NY):** Specializing in Paphiopedilums & Phragmipediums
- **Marlow Orchids (NY):** Species including Angraecoid, Bulbophyllum & other genera.
- **Fair Orchids (NJ):** Specializing in Paphiopedilum & smaller Vandaceous plants
- **Gold Country Orchids (CA):** Specializing in mini & compact Cattleyas
- **Flora-peculia (Toronto):** Specializing in Japanese orchids & orchid species
- **Waldor Orchids (NJ):** Specializing in Cattleyas & Oncidinae
- **J&L Orchids (CT):** Specializing miniature species & hybrids
- **Plus:** an additional surprise vendor or two, TBA

Non-plant vendors will include:

- **Grace Emporium (RI):** orchid embroidered apparel & accessories
- **Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies (NH):** Specializing in orchid media and supplies

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Annual New England Summer Orchid Fest

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The New England Summer Orchid Fest will feature:

- American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned Judging on Saturday, June 24th, starting at 12 Noon. Any vendor or Fest attendee may bring their own plants for AOS judging (plants should arrive by 11am to be registered for AOS award consideration)
- The Comfort Zone Food Truck serving a variety of fresh gourmet pretzels, sandwiches, refreshing drinks & more!
- Parking & Admission to the Festival are FREE!

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- Fair Orchids: Specializing in Paphiopedilum & smaller Vandaceous plants
- Gold Country Orchids: Specializing in mini & compact Cattleyas
- flora-peculia: Specializing in Neofinetia, Japanese orchids & orchid species

Non-plant vendors will include:

- Grace Emporium: orchid embroidered apparel & accessories
- Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies: Specializing in media and material for orchid growing

Vendors may be contacted for pre-ordering.

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- Piping Rock: www.pipingrockorchids.com
- Gold Country: www.goldcountryorchids.com
- Marlow: www.marlowsorchids.com
- Fair Orchids: www.fairorchids.com
- Flora-peculia: www.florapeculia.ca
- Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies: www.kkorchid.com
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