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A note from the Desk of the President

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words during my surgery. I am on my way to full recovery.

We are coming to the end of another year at NSOS. When I started my term as president last year I had asked if any members had any ideas for speakers, demonstrations at the meetings or anything that you might like changed to please let one of the board members know so that it might be addressed. I want to let you know that we still want you to help us make this society the best it can be. Your input is important to NSOS.

The Members only Holiday Party and elections is fast approaching and all that are planning on attending must let us know how many will be attending so we have enough food. Harriet will be sending out a sign up for what food to bring and the count, this must be done by Nov. 26.

NUTMEG STATE ORCHID SOCIETY MENTOR LIST 2013

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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 **45 Members Present**

The meeting opened at 1:20 PM with Jeanne presenting the business portion of the meeting. Topics covered:

- 1) Orchid Gala – a good time was had by all! Tom presented the financial results showing an \$869 profit this year. The profit was lower compared to previous years primarily for two reasons; a much higher number of attendees resulting in more money spent by the society for the additional dinners, and additional funds spent on purchasing orchids. Plant donations by members was significantly less that previous year.

The attending members were asked if they wanted to have the gala again next year and the response was an enthusiastic ‘yes’.

- 2) MOS Show & upcoming society shows –
 - a. Board members Steve Calderon, Sandy Myhalik, Lydia Pan and Mark Kronenberg were absent from the meeting as they were taking down our display at the MOS show.
 - b. Diane Dean spoke about the upcoming shows which we usually attend: CAIOS (1/26), NHOS (2/8) and AmOS (2/22). She emphasized the need for plants, a minimum of 20, in order to create a display and the importance of members loaning their plants, even if it is just one, to ensure we can participate in these shows. She also reiterated the need for members to assist in away shows by volunteering to do take down. The members were also reminded of the importance of attending sister society shows so that they reciprocate in kind by participating in ours in March.

There was additional discussion to determine the members level of interest in attending all the shows described. The consensus was that we should plan on attending all three shows with final decisions made closer to when we have a better idea of whether we will have the plants and/or people to support the show.

- 3) Bus Trip – Jeanne discussed the potential for a bus trip in 2019, sometime during the April to June timeframe. The board is looking for input from the members for suggestions of possible destinations and the need to keep in within a reasonable amount of travel time. Shows like SEPOS would involve a 4-5 hr. ride one-way and would significantly increase the cost of the bus. A few suggestions were made including Roger Williams Park, the Boston Flower Show and Lyman Estates. Jeanne noted that reviews of the Boston Flower Show have not been positive in recent years. Members were asked to submit any suggestions, preferably as soon as possible, so that we may plan well in advance, potentially saving money on the bus rental in the process.
- 4) Jeanne thanked the donors of the plants for this month’s raffle. Plants were donated by Jeanne & Tom and Lydia & Mark. Additional plants, held over from the gala, which were purchased from A&P Orchids were also included in the raffle.
- 5) Alan covered the membership update reminding members to keep and wear their name tags at meetings. Name tags help facilitate conversation and help board member meet and greet new members. A sign-up list was passed around so that members could request name tags if they do not currently have them, as well as request a second name tag so that they can be conveniently kept in their cars so they always have them for future meetings.

- 6) Ginna reminded the members of the benefits of the AOS website for orchid culture and webinars open to the public. She also discussed the additional benefits AOS membership provides such as the monthly magazine, either in print or electronic, as well as access to the Orchids Plus database and member-only webinars.
- 7) Holiday Party – Members were informed that the party would be held again at Camp Happy Hill in Unionville. An email will be coming out soon from Walter & Harriet so that members can sign up to attend, and to bring an appetizer or dessert. The main meal will be provided by the society. Members were also reminded that the event is BYOB. No alcohol can be provided by the society.

A suggestion was made to have an afternoon, rather than an evening event, which was positively received by the attending members.

A question was raised about whether guests were permitted. Guests are not permitted because the event is largely funded by the society so it would not be appropriate to allow guests. However, if member wanted to bring their spouse the option is always available to sign up for a family membership, renewing early for 2019, which would allow them to attend.

The meeting closed at approximately 3:40pm

NSOS Board is looking for ideas for our annual bus trip. In the past we have gone to Black Meadow orchids in Chester NY, Piping Rock Orchids in Galaway, NY, New York Botanical Gardens in Bronx NY and to Rhode Island. If you have an idea of an interesting trip please let one of the board members know so that we can look into it and bring all suggestions to the membership for their vote. NSOS usually pays for the bus that day but the membership is usually responsible for any other expenses eg. meals, admission.

SPEAKER

Guest Presentation – Penny & Ameer Mustafa, of A&P orchids discussed Repotting, using Infinimix, a proprietary planting medium, and Management/Treatment of plant pests. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Plants were available for purchase by member before the meeting and after the presentation.

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.



Happy Thanksgiving

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Meeting

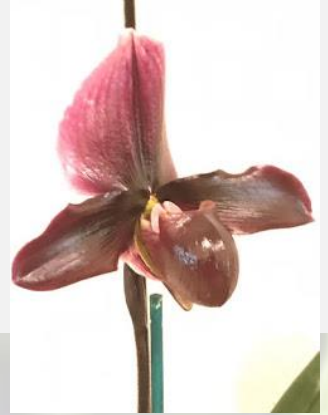
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SHOW TABLE

ORCHID NAME	GROWER	CULTURE	NOTES
Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'	Ted Zamojski	windowsill	
<i>Mokara Princess Blue</i> 'Blue Velvet'	Ted Zamojski	windowsill & lights	
<i>Onc. Halau Volcano</i> <i>Splendor</i>	Peg Steinis		No Scent
Hwra. Lava Burst 'Pacific Sunrise'	Michael Sadlon	Windowsill	
Pot.Mem Frank Stoutenberg (Blc. Kinza x Sc. Beaufort)	Jeff Nieter	Greenhouse	
<i>Blc. Kinza</i>	Jeff Nieter	Greenhouse	
Slc. Wendy's Valentine 'Jume'	Jeff Nieter	Greenhouse	AM/AOS

November Show Table





2018 Schedule of Meetings & Events

Dec. 1,, 2018 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

December 2, 2018 – Elections and Holiday Party - Lions Club Camp Happy Hill, 87 W. Avon Rd., Unionville @ 1 pm – 4 pm

Dec. 15, 2018 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

Meetings are held at the Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm the First Sunday of each month unless otherwise posted above or on our website

2019 Schedule of Meetings & Events

Jan. 5, 2019 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

January 13, 2019– Carri Raven, the orchidphile - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm

Jan 19, 2019 - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

January 26- 27, 2019 – Cape and Island Orchid Show - The Resort & Conference Center of Hyannis 35 Scudder Ave.

Feb, 2, 2019 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

February 3, 2019– Kin Feddersen - Topic: “Yes you can grow Vandaceous” -Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm

February 8-10, 2019 – New Hampshire Orchid Society Show - Courtyard Marriott - 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH

Feb. 16, 2019 - - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

Mar. 2, 2019 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

March 3, 2019– Show Prep - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm

Mar. 16 – 17, 2019 – Nutmeg State Orchid Society “Come See Our Bloomers” Show and Sale – West Hartford Conference Center - 50 S Main St, West Hartford, CT 06107

Apr. 6, 2019 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

April 7, 2019– Joanna Eckstrom – Topic: “What is my orchid telling me now” - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm

Apr, 20, 2019 - - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

May 4, 2019 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

May 5, 2019– Topic: TBD - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm

May 18, 2019 - - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

Jun. 2, 2019 - Noon Northeast Judging Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960

Jun. 2, 2019– Topic: TBD - Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT @ 1 pm – 4 pm

Jun. 15, 2019 - - Noon - Northeast Judging Center, Tower Hill Botanical gardens, 11 French Dr, Boylston MA

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Monthly Checklist for November and December

Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature

fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.



Cymbidium ensifolium produces delicate flowers with a delightful citrus fragrance.

Cymbidium

Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for

about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex

This is the season for plants in *Oncidium* section *crispum* from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Paphiopedilum

The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. *Paphiopedilums* are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike

While *paphiopedilums* rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With *paphiopedilums*, especially, "cleanliness is next to godliness" and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

Phalaenopsis

Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in *phalaenopsis*. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our *phalaenopsis* will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest.

A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a "bloom booster"-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or

crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.



Neofinetia falcata will thrive in cooler temperatures and produce graceful vanilla-scented flowers.

Vandaceous Genera

Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules.

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



Robert Hirnyk Memorial Library

	TITLE	AUTHOR
1	Book of Orchids	Withner, Dr. Carl
2	Botanical Orchids and How to Grow Them	Kramer, Jack
3	Complete Guide to Maine's Orchids	Kenan, Philip E.
4	Exotic Orchids -- Successful Indoor Gardening	Rittershausen, Wilma
5	Expanding Your Orchid Collection	Rentoul, J. N.
6	Field Guide to the Orchids of Britain and Europe	Williams, John & Andrew
7	Flowers of the Amazon Forest	Mee, Margaret
8	Forgotten Orchids of Alexandra Brun	Cribb, Philip
9	International Book of Orchids	Hunt, P. Francis
10	Miniature Orchids	McQueen, Jim and Barbara
11	Orchid Genera Illustrated	Sheehan, Tom and Marion
12	Orchids	Black, Peter McKenzie
13	Orchids	Menzies, David
14	Orchids -- A Guide to Cultivation	Cribb, Dr. Philip & Bales, Chris
15	Orchids -- Natural History & Classification	Dressler, Robert L.
16	Orchids -- Wonders of Nature	Kijima, Takashi
17	Orchids at Kew	Stewart, Joyce
18	Orchids from Seed	Thompson, P.A.
19	Orchids of Africa	Stewart, Joyce & Hennessey, Esme F.
20	Orchids of Asia	Eng Soon, Teoh
21	Slipper Orchids	Hennessey, Esme F. & Hedge Tessa A.
22	Southern African Epiphytic Orchids	Ball, John S.
23	The Specialist Orchid Grower	Rentoul, J. N.
24	Wild Orchids of Britain and Europe	Davies, Paul and Jenne
25	Orchid Pests and Diseases Guide	American orchid Society
26	Growing Orchids Guide	American orchid Society
27	Understanding Orchids	Cullina, William
28	Orchids Made Easy	Levesque, Ryan & Laura
29	A Guide to Orchids of the World	Hodgson Paine Anderson
30	An Introduction to the Orchids of Mexico	Wiard, LeonA.
31	1990 Awards Annual A.O.S.	American Orchid Society
32	Orchids For Everyone, A Practical Guide	Williams, Dumbelton, Bilton, et al

33	Orchids in Australia	Kerr, Ronald
34	Dendrobium Orchids of Australia	Upton, Walter T.
35	The Orchid	Hunt, Kijima
36	Orchids of Vanuatu	Lewis, Cribb
37	The Cattleyas and Their Relatives Volume II. The Laelias	Withner, Carl L.
38	The Cattleyas and Their Relatives Volume I. The Cattleyas	Withner, Carl L.
39	Exotic Orchids in Australia	Jones, David L.
40	Exotic Orchids in Australia (paperback)	Jones, David L.
41	Orchids of South Australia	Bates, Weber
42	Expanding Your Orchid Collection	Rentoul, J.N.
43	Dendrobiums an introduction to the species in cultivation	Schelpe, Stewart
44	Orchid Growing in the Tropics	OS of SE Asia (Singapore)
45	Beautiful Thai Orchid Species	Kamemoto, Sagarik
46	Cultivation of Autralian Native Orchids	Richards, Wootton, Datodi
47	Growing Orchids The Australasian Families	Rentoul, J. N.
48	Growing Orchids The Cattleyas and other Epiphytes	Rentoul, J. N.
49	Miniature Orchids	McQueen, Jim and Barbara
50	Growing Orchids The Hybrid Story	Rentoul, J. N.
52	Growing Orchids The Specialist Orchid Grower	Rentoul, J. N.
53	The Astonishing Stanhopeas:the upsidedown orhids	Greer, Barney
54	Native Orchids of Taiwan (English and Tai)	Su, Horgg-Jye Ph.D.
55	Japanese Indigenous Orchids in Color(Non English)	Hashimoto/Kanda
56	Exotic Orchids in Color (Non English)	Hashimoto/Kimura
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60	A Revision of Dendrobiu Section Oxyglossum	

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62	Native Orchids of Peninsula Malaysia	Teo, Chris K.H.
63	Genus Phalaenopsis (Orchid Digest, V.1)	Sweet, Herman R., PHD
64	Miniature Orchids	Northern, RebeLavarack,
65	Dendrobium and Its Relatives	Harris, Stockercca Tyson
66	Vandas: Their Botany, History, and Culture	Motes, Martin R.
67	Sarcochilus Orchids of Australia	Upton, Walter T.
68	Indian Orchids: Guide to Identifiatiion & Culture V. II	Pradhan, Udai C.
69	Orchids of India	Rao,A.S.
70	Orchidaceae: Genus—Coelogyne, Botanical Survey of India	Das, Jain
71	Quality Stream of Cattleya 1980's (Jap and Eng)	Jusekisha
72	Asian—with pictures)	
73	Masdevallias:Gems of the Orchid World	Gerritsen & Parsons
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Victorian Beauty

Cape and Islands Orchid Show and Sale

**Saturday, January 26 & Sunday, January 27,
2019**

9am - 5pm

at

The Resort & Conference Center of Hyannis
35 Scudder Ave.
(Off the West End Rotary)

Admission \$10

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Dine Among Orchids Pre-Show Banquet Menu

Friday January 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Welcomed

Details provided as soon as available

28th New Hampshire Orchid Society Show and Sale

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February 8–10, 2019

Speaker program and free guided tours daily.

Exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork, and more

Dates & Times

Friday, February 8 - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 9 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 10 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Awards ceremony Friday, February 8, 5–7 p.m.

Cash bar, general admission price applies

Free photographer access 8–9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday only

We will have a great schedule of [Educational Programs](#) again this year. All talks are free to show guests. Check out the schedule and plan accordingly!

Dinner Party Among the Orchids, Saturday, February 9, 6–9 p.m.

Location

Courtyard Marriott
2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH
603-880-9100

[\[Map\]](#)

To make a reservation at the Marriott, please go to:

[Book your group rate for the New Hampshire Orchid Society Show](#)

American Orchid Society Northeast Judging Center Orchid Auction

Save the Date!

December 15, 2018

Plant preview

9:30am

Bidding

starts

10:30am

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