It’s Show Time!

As I begin to write this column, it is Christmas morning and I’ve already shoveled the driveway in preparation to taking Christmas dinner to Tim’s mother in NYC. My world seems so peaceful; I can only hope the whole world can be peaceful as we head into 2018.

Our January meeting is **Tuesday, January 9**, and our own Richard Ho is speaking on variegated orchids; and if you cannot bring your plants to Rutgers on Wednesday Morning, please bring them to the Tuesday evening meeting and someone will take them and bring them to Rutgers on Wednesday for you. Be sure to pack your orchids in accordance with the weather!

Also, **at 5:30 PM, prior to the Tuesday Meeting**, we need cars to help take our supplies from our storage unit and bring them to Rutgers on Wednesday morning. Please contact me, if you can help, so I can give you the access information for the storage unit. By teaming up on this, we avoid renting a truck and the associated expense.

Bring any plant in bloom or that has interesting foliage (and is not in bloom) for our exhibit. If you’re proud of your plant, so are we! Don’t assume “something isn’t good enough”! If you can, email me a list of your plants as soon as possible. It would be helpful to know the flower color and size (width measurement) if you can as this is how the plants are classed in our new schedule. Email the most complete list you can, it’s easy to delete!

Be sure to groom your plants before you bring them to the meeting or to Rutgers:

- Clean the leaves with milk, lemon juice or leaf shine on a tissue to remove water marks and dust
- Inspect for bugs. Remember the bugs you bring, go home with everyone
- Trim brown leaf ends following the shape of the leaf
- Remove any spent or declining flowers; the exhibit is built on Wednesday and judged on Friday.
- If your plant is tippy or unstable, try to put it in a bigger pot with rocks or other material to provide stability.
- Make sure the plant name tag is legible and your name is somewhere on the label or pot.

On **Wednesday, January 10, starting at 9 AM**, the crew will set up for the vendors and other exhibitors and build the NJOS exhibit. Plants should all be present no later than 1 PM.

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Nancy Gerhardt and I will be putting orchids in their appropriate classes and completing our plant registration; getting labels on each plant and covering pots with Anita’s wonderful elasticized black pot covers. If all goes as planned, we will have an exciting new exhibit designed by Nate DiPinto and Bill Stender!

**Thursday January 11 starting at 9 AM**, we welcome our vendors and other exhibitors. This is a great opportunity to help your favorite vendor and get an early look at what they have to offer at the show, or to pick up your pre-orders.

**Friday January 12, starting at 8:00 AM**, our judges and clerks assemble and begin judging as soon as they’re ready because the show opens to the public at 9 AM. A light breakfast is available; and lunch is served after the completion of show judging. AOS judging starts around 1 PM.

**Saturday January 13, starting at 11 AM**, is fragrance judging and a full day of showing the public our amazing displays and awards.

Then, on **Sunday, January 14**, the show closes at 4 PM, and we immediately begin loading out the vendors and exhibits. In the past we’ve been done by 6:30 or so.

You can see that we need you, our members, to participate in whatever capacity you can. Remember, volunteering and putting plants in the show earns you reward points which yields NJOS coupons to spend at auction and raffles.

This is NJOS’ 51st show! A well-attended show is one of the ways we bring in new members and keep NJOS a vibrant thriving Orchid Society; but we can’t do it without your help. Won’t you come out and support the show and NJOS?

Thank you, Carrie

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[HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

*Wishing you and your loved ones*

*A Peaceful, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*

*Sergey and Elena Skoropad*
At our next meeting on **TUESDAY, January 9th,**
Richard Ho will give us an...

**“Introduction to Variegated Orchids”**

In this talk, Richard will discuss variegated foliage on orchids, what causes variegation, give an introduction on some of the marvelous variegated orchids, and how to care for them.

Richard will bring some variegated orchids to sell. So if you are as enamored of these fascinating plant forms as I am be prepared to buy some new plants.
The Irene Schwarz Memorial Award for Outstanding Service was given to Sandra Mackowiak who has worked tirelessly as Membership Chairperson and Secretary. Thank you Sandra for always being there. The Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence was given to Russ Polo who has been a long time NJOS Board member and volunteer. Thank you Russ for all of your help over the years.
New Guest Policy

Starting in October, we are instituting a $5 fee for non-members after their first visit. There is no change for a first-time visitor. Members who have not paid their dues are considered returning guests. Of course, you can pay your dues right then and there and avoid the extra fee. Dinner remains at $20 for members and non-member alike (unless Hanover Manor raises the price). The $5 does not apply to our auction nights and can be suspended by the Board at any time. Thanks for your understanding.

Let’s continue our beautiful Plant Table

Bring your blooming plants to the January meeting and let us take them to the show to be part of our display.

Receive 1 point for having them on the Plant Table
And another point for having them in the display.

Start earning points today ☺
### Cattleya Alliance
- **Bc. Little Marmaid ‘Janet’**  
  Pat Freeland
- **Blc. Goldenzelle ‘Lemon Chiffon’ AM/AOS**  
  Anne & Dave Safarewitz
- **Blc. Doris Allen ‘Waldor’ AM/AOS**  
  Anne & Dave Safarewitz
- **Scl. Richard Stone**  
  Jane Schwocho
- **Blc. Kuan Miao Chen**  
  Lowell Jacobs
- **Bc. Hawaiian Agenda ‘Florida Winter’**  
  Lowell Jacobs
- **Lc. Puppy Love ‘True Beauty’**  
  Bill Bodei

### Cypripedium Alliance
- **Paph. Hilo Glory ‘JF096 #1 x Paph. Charlesworthii ‘Thanksgiving’**  
  Mary Ann Denver
- **Paph. Po Tree**  
  Deb Bodei
- **Paph. Hsinying Majakun**  
  Sergey & Elena Skoropad

### Oncidium Alliance
- **Oncidium Serendipity ‘Starry Sky’ HCC/AOS**  
  Sergey & Elena Skoropad

### Phalaenopsis Alliance
- **Phal. Sturitiana ‘Sogo’**  
  Mary Ann Denver
- **Phal. Sasquatch ‘Sakura’**  
  Bill Stender
- **Phal. Ox Sunkist 'Ox1637' AM/AOS**  
  Bill Stender

### Pleurothallid Alliance
- **Masdevallia nicaraguanae**  
  Deb Bodei
- **Masdevallia Golden Monarch**  
  Sergey & Elena Skoropad

### Sarcanthinae Alliance
- **Vanda Jordan Richman ‘Pinchai’**  
  Alan Kenwood

### Miniature
- **D. Moniliforme**  
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  Lisa Choplo
- **Bulb. Crassipes**  
  Carol & Maurice Garvey
- **Pot. Little Fortune Dancing Girl**  
  Trudy Bliesath
- **Dendrochilum Uncatum**  
  ?
- **Phymatidium tillandsioides**  
  Mary Ann Denver

### Other
- **Habenaria Pegasus**  
  Richard Ho
- **Stenoglottis Andromeda ‘Theta’ x Saturn ‘Delta’**  
  Richard Ho
- **Fredclarkeara After Dark Svo ‘Black Pearl’**  
  (Page 3)
  Paul Bundarin
- **Cyc. Barthiorum ‘Pink Dove’**  
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The North Jersey Orchid Society, Inc. is a non-profit, educational organization, dedicated to the sharing of knowledge, information and instruction concerning the culture of orchids, their hybridization, conservation, display, arrangement, and exhibition. We are an affiliated member of the American Orchid Society (AOS), Joint Presidents Council (JPC), and Orchid Digest. North Jersey Orchid Society, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3)of the Internal Revenue Code.

The objectives of the Society are to promote, carry on and aid in the development, improvement and preservation of orchids; to disseminate information concerning the culture, hybridization or development of orchids; and generally to extend the knowledge, production, use and appreciation of orchids of any kind in any manner.
AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

It’s been a year filled with challenges from Mother Nature for many of our members and we’ve all been witness to the devastation that can come so quickly and be so overwhelming. We heard story after story of “orchid friends” being there for each other. Whether it be loaning a generator or providing temporary shelter, you were there. “Orchid friends” are good friends to have and we’re thankful to have you as a part of the AOS. We hope that you and your family are well and safe. We want to offer our gratitude and appreciation for all of you who provided support to others in need.

We were excited to hear from the Membership Committee Chair, Graham Ramsey, that the committee has been hard at work developing an AOS Member Survey that is scheduled for distribution to all AOS members in the first part of January. We are asking you to share this with your society members and tell them to be on the lookout for the e-mail. One of the primary goals of the AOS is to increase member satisfaction and membership participation. The AOS wants to hear the “Voice of the Members.” This will be an opportunity to tell the AOS about your orchid interests, your expectations as a member, and how you value the exclusive benefits of your AOS membership. Also, let your members know that as incentive for responding, three participating members are going to win a one-year printed member-ship extension. We look forward to hearing from everyone. Once the survey has been completed and results are in, we plan on sharing the data results with our affiliates so that they can benefit from member feedback and use the information to grow membership, and improve programs that will help retain existing members.

You can also e-mail this pdf form or print the form out and mail it to the office in Coral Gables: http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate_201710.pdf

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It’s really wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that’s enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what’s blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Don’t forget to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what’s going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you. If he doesn’t have the answer you need, he will find it for you.

THE JANUARY 2018 AOS CORNER – From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee (dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com).

Shooting Stars and Everlastings ~ By Ken Slump

This is a re-print of an article from Orchids Magazine. It is still as useful today as it was when Ken first wrote it.

Orchids Offer a Range of Flower Longevity

It is interesting to consider how long any flower should or could last if it is not cut from the plant. Certainly the stems, roots and foliage of most plants are much more durable than their flowers.

When you think of such temperate plants as the tulip, crabapple or rose, perhaps a week at peak bloom is all you can hope for, or maybe 10 days if the weather is favorable. Of course, the effective life of any particular blossom or inflorescence varies considerably throughout the plant kingdom. The range may be demonstrated by familiar examples, such as the daylily {Hemerocallis cultivars}, with blossoms that last for only a day or so, to the strawflower (Helichrysum species), which produces flowers with vivid bracts that effectively retain their color indefinitely when dried.

It is probably safe to say that most of the orchids popular with hobbyists produce flowers that are at their most beautiful stage for a week or perhaps two. Yet orchid flowers show considerable diversity in floral life as well. While none may be quite so durable as the strawflower, some orchids produce flowers that are effective for weeks or even months, while others, as does the daylily, last just a day.

A couple of orchid genera quickly come to mind when one considers flowers of particularly brief duration. Even though their flowers are fleeting, both enjoy popularity. The Cattleya alliance genus Sobralia is a prime example. There are about 100 species described. The plants are mostly terrestrial and are native to tropical regions in Central and South America. Their cane-like stems typically mass into a shrubby habit. Among the species, plant stature varies from 2 or 3 feet (.6 to .0 m) in height to some that tower 9 to 12 feet (2.75 to 3.7 m) tall.

Many Sobralia species produce flowers that are large, showy and colorful. For a few years, I have been trying to cultivate a half dozen species in the landscape of my subtropical garden in South Florida. Even though it would be a stretch to say that they have thrived, a couple of them produced a number of blossoms this past summer. Sobralia decora has performed the best. My cultivar has a pale violet-pink coloration rather different from others I have seen. I was particularly pleased when my Sobralia leucoxantha flowered. Its large white flowers are accent by bright yellow in the throat of the lip and, indeed, are reminiscent of a white cattleya. Both of these species' flowers last just a day, but each inflorescence produces a succession of them.

Sobralias generally do best in semi-shaded intermediate conditions. They need to be kept moist in the root zone, which may be my primary difficulty with them, as my soil is sandy. I am considering moving the ones I have back to pots. Friends have told me that they have had good success growing them here in a mix formulated for terrestrial orchids.

Stanhopea is another genus of evanescent orchids. What they lack in floral longevity, however, is more than compensated by their floral intrigue. There are more than 50 species that range from Mexico to Brazil. They are epiphytic and most will thrive in intermediate conditions. Open wire baskets, lined with sphagnum, suit them best, as many inflorescences are produced basally and project downward.

The flowers of stanhopeas must be seen to be believed. They are among the most amazing of all orchids and defy description.

Most last but a day or two, and many are fragrant. Nearly any of...
the species makes a worthy horticultural subject and every orchid grower should try at least one. For me, the bold coloration and large flowers of Stanhopea tigrina are hard to beat. When it comes to floral longevity, few orchids can outperform contemporary phalaenopsis hybrids. I have enjoyed some for more than three months. That is not to imply that each flower lasts that long; however, from the time the first flowers open until the last of an inflorescence fades can easily span most of a season. Indeed, the human eye, which seems to thrive on fresh images, can begin to tire of such long-lasting flowers before they are spent.

The Dendrobium branch of the orchid family also includes some with durable blossoms. Interestingly, some of the longest lasting are the *Dendrobium bigibbum* (Dendrobium phalaenopsis) types from Section *Phalaenantha*. The parent species are found in New Guinea and Australia and their flowers resemble small phalaenopsis blooms. Flower color varies from purple to pink and white. Horticulturally, they require bright light, warm conditions and a dry winter rest. Keep them tightly potted or grow them on slabs. Most of their inflorescences are beautiful for easily a month or more.

Another group of dendrobiums with long-lasting flowers is Section *Latouria*. This clan includes about 50 species ranging from the Philippines to Samoa, the majority of which are found in New Guinea. Many have closely spaced spindle- or club-shaped pseudobulbs with the foliage and flowers produced near their ends. The flowers of some of the larger-flowered species within this group tend to be nodding and they often have petals that are twisted. In recent years, selective breeding has produced considerable improvement in both flower form and carriage. Many of the hybrids are tolerant of a variety of conditions so long as the light is filtered and the plants are kept somewhat moist. Flowers are said to last six to 10 weeks or more on many of them. The hybrid *Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga* (*atroviolaceum × johnsoniae*) is a good example.

But it is not just genetics that makes a flower long lasting or not. Nutritional and environmental conditions affect floral longevity as well. Excessively hot and dry conditions will usually shorten flower life. Somewhat cooler, humid environments will generally encourage blossoms to last a few days longer.

A plant that is nutritionally deprived will often produce short-lived flowers, if it flowers at all. This was brought home to me with my plant of *Vanda Pachara Delight* (*Karulae × Gordon Dillon*).

I do not grow many vandas because I tend to lack the time and dedication needed to provide the daily watering and regular fertilization that makes them thrive. My *V. Pachara Delight* was a gift a few years ago and seems to be a game little plant as it regularly produced a spray of five or six dark violet flowers that lasted about 10 days, despite my neglect. Last spring, I resolved to take better care of the plant and upped my commitment to its moisture and nutritional needs. The change was dramatic. The plant began to develop sturdier roots and more of them. Its last flowering produced an inflorescence of nine blossoms that were beautiful for about three weeks.

Perhaps someday, through botanical gene therapy, we can have a *Stanhopea* flower that lasts as long as a phalaenopsis. Until then, look after the environmental and nutritional needs of your orchids as well as you can, so that the flowers they produce will last as long as possible.

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find all of the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM
EST Open to all

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send you questions to stillisch@cox.net by Saturday, January 6th.

Register now using this link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1556190869831035136

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

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Encourage new membership to AOS. Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that they refer (note: membership renewals don’t count). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the *AOS Membership Application Form*, check the box “yes” to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, most importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to: AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

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Remember to let your members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources at their disposal making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful. Digital Access To Over 350+ past issues of Orchids magazine extending back to 1932!
Calendar of Orchid Society Meetings:

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
**Deep Cut Orchid Society**  
Monmouth Reform Temple, Tinton Falls, NJ

2nd Tuesday, 8 pm  
**Greater Westchester O.S.**  
216 Halstead Ave. Harrison, NY

2nd Wednesday,  
**Manhattan orchid Society**  
SLC Conference Center, 15 West 39th St., 3rd Fl. NYC (btwn. 5th & 6th Aves.) 212-244-8888

2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm  
**Long Island O.S.**  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, 11801.

2nd Sunday, 1:30 pm  
**Mid Hudson Orchid Society**, Union Presbyterian Church, Newburgh NY

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
**Staten Island O.S.**  
All Saints Episcopal Church, 2329 Victory Blvd., Staten Island NY

3rd Thursday, 7 pm  
**Ramp O.S.**  
Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, Englewood, NJ

3rd Saturday, 10 am  
**AOS Northeast Regional Judging**, Bartlett Arboretum, 151 Brookdale Rd. Stamford, CT 06903 Call John Sullivan 201-891-6657

4th Tuesday, 7 pm  
**Jersey Highlands Orchid Society (JHOS)**  
Bristol Glen, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, NJ 07860

Please call ahead to confirm date and location before attending. Some societies do not meet in the summer.

HELP US GROW OUR SOCIETY

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GROWING ORCHIDS OR JUST ADMIRE THEM.

THEY CAN TRY US OUT AND JOIN IF THEY LIKE US.

Editors Note

Deadline for the **FEBRUARY 2018** newsletter is **JANUARY 24th**.

Please submit your articles before the due date to me directly at anitagibaldi@optonline.net.

E-mail errors or corrections to the editor anitagibaldi@optonline.net.