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50 Years & Growing

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, Nov.10, 2010

Time: 7:00 P.M. Socializing begins; Show & Sales Tables open.
7:30 P.M. Business meeting begins followed by the evening's featured event.

Place: Farmington Senior Center
321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT
(See pg. 21 for directions.)

Program: *Japan ~ Its People, Its Culture & Its Orchids*
Presented by Dr. Glenn Lehr
New World Orchids, Manchester, MI

Meeting Status: For notice of last-minute or inclement weather cancellation, visit our website www.ctorchids.org or call Judy Becker at (860) 435-2263.

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(never pay dues again!)**

**Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at (203) 263-2831 for more details.
A membership application is located on pg. 22 for your convenience.**

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.



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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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David Tognalli dto54@sbcglobal.net Windowsill & outdoor growing methods: Warm growers, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums & mixed genera.

Membership Policy

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.



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 10 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting:** *Japanese Orchids & Culture*, presented by Dr. Glenn Lehr, New World Orchids, Manchester, MI, 7:30 pm, Farmington Senior Center, Unionville, CT
- Nov. 13 Woodland Gardens Annual Holiday Open House:** 168 Woodland Gardens St., Manchester, CT. COS member Judy Arth will conduct a Basic Orchid Growing Lecture. Visit www.woodlandgardens.com for more details.
- Dec. 15 Connecticut Orchid Society Holiday & Mini-Auction:** 7:30 pm, Agriculture Experiment Station, New Haven, CT
- Jan. 2011 Old Saybrook Adult Education Class, 'Basic Orchid Growing':** Exact date TBA. COS member Sharon SmithDelisle will conduct the classes.
- Feb. 24 ~ 27 Connecticut Flower & Garden Show:** "Capture the Magic", 30th Annual Show, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT.
- Mar. 4 ~ 7 Van Wilgen's Garden Center:** "Escape to Spring", Gardening expo with many local vendors. COS will have an information booth at this event. North Branford, CT.

Marlow Orchids Fall Open House

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010

9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

Please note date change

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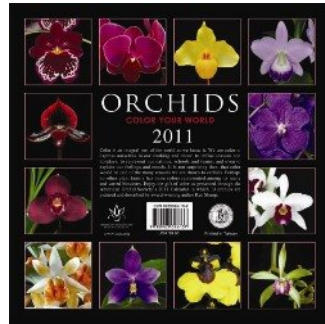
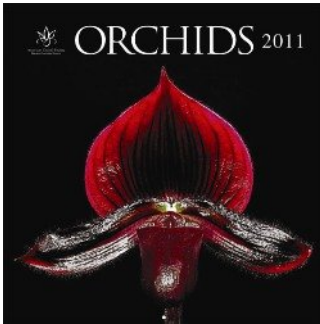
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As always, there will be free food and seminars.

Check the website in coming days for more details

www.marloworchids.com



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Around the Greenhouse -- Editor's keikis



Letters to the editor are always welcome. Your feedback about any issue that is on your mind will help us improve our Society, as well as the newsletter. Please write to me at editor@ctorchids.org.

The deadline for submissions to the Dec. issue of the newsletter is Nov. 19th.

New member welcome

The red carpet has been rolled out for nineteen new members who joined the society at our show this past month. Please welcome the following folks and take a minute to introduce yourself at the next meeting: Joe Bette, Tracey Brooks, Stephen & Helen Chodroff, Darlene Cucurello, Suzi Growrie, Devon Harrison, Patricia & Edward Laspino, Carol Lemmon, Catherine Mc Garry, Glenn Mc Geough, Terry Merola, Liberty Page, Ed & Stella Samuel, Lois Sawtell, Greg Sharp, Curtis Smith, Celeste Suggs, Judith Wilcox, and Daryl Yerdon—Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.



Time to renew your dues

It's that time of year again! Show your support for your society by renewing your dues early. The cost of membership remains the same: \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a family. Please note that a family is considered two or more people, such as a husband & wife. There is a membership form at the back of every newsletter. Take a moment and complete the form today—send it to Mary Rampone. You'll be glad to check this task off your "To do" list and COS will thank you for your early response.

COS Election time

A Nominating Committee consisting of Chair Ann Jesup, Dave Tognalli and Larry Kuekes are hard at work putting together a slate of nominees for the upcoming elections in November/December. As luck would have it all the positions on the Board of Directors are up for election. Everyone on our current board has served for two years except Nan Peschel. Due to health reasons Nan is not running for re-election. Our by laws state that no member may hold a term of office for more than two consecutive terms. If you have qualifications that would be a benefit to our society such as experience with book keeping or secretarial skills, leadership, advertising & management skills please consider running for one of the open positions. Your skills are needed very much to help our society continue to grow.

October's Featured Event

Japan ~ Its People, Its Culture & Its Orchids

**Presented by Dr. Glenn Lehr
New World Orchids, Manchester, MI**

Join us for a special presentation by Dr. Glenn C. Lehr about the orchids of Japan. This talk will encompass Japanese orchids, Japanese orchid shows, the people and cities; and the Japanese culture. Many native Japanese orchids are unobtainable outside of Japan. Through his business, New World Orchids, Dr. Lehr has endeavored to bring more than two hundred Japanese orchid varieties into the US. Some of these include several forms of *Sedirea japonica*, *Sophronitis* species, *Neofinetia falcate*, fifty varieties of *Dendrobium moniliforme* and many others. He has been a vendor and judge at the Grand Prix International Orchid Festival in Tokyo, Japan for eleven years and the World Orchid Festival in Japan for nine years.

Dr. Lehr lives with his wife Maria in Manchester, Michigan. He is one of the founding members of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society, served on its Board and was President for several years. Dr. Lehr started his commercial orchid nursery in 1997, New World Orchids. The original focus of the nursery was on the new world orchids of Ecuador, Colombia and Costa Rica.

Dr. Lehr will be selling Japanese orchids at the meeting, so come early for the best selection!

Visit www.newworldorchids.com to see what orchids are being offered. Preorder at the website and Dr. Lehr will bring your order with him to the meeting. That's a great way to save on shipping costs.

President's Message



President Cheryl Mizak

Hello

After weeks of show planning ORCHID HARVEST, at Van Wilgens garden center, was a huge success. The response from the public was extremely positive. The seminars and unique plants were enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped- we even had non members helping. One really exciting event happened at the show-- one of the founding members of the Connecticut Orchid

Society Richard Coyle stopped by to say hello and donate boxes of old Orchid Digests to our library. After the librarian has a chance to catalog the magazines they will be available for your reading pleasure.

COS has joined the Orchid Digest. Soon you will be able to borrow the magazine from our library.

We will be having an after -the- show review meeting Saturday, Nov. 6 th at 3:00 pm. Please forward any thoughts for improvement or better yet join us for the discussion.

This is the time of year when we ask for volunteers for the coming year. Being a member of the board gives you the opportunity to get to know fellow COS members, learn more about orchid growing and help the society. We have open slots from president to hostess (that's the person who gets the coffee perking) Maybe you would be willing to share a position. Dave Tognalli , Ann Jesup and Larry Kuekes will be handling the talent search.

It is hard to believe that the Xmas party is just around the corner. What better way to make room than to divide those plants that were so happy outside this summer, and now are squished into their place on the windowsill, bring them along for the mini auction.

This Month Dr Glenn Lehr will be speaking on Japanese orchids. Check out New World Orchids web site. You will be able to pre order and save on shipping costs. See you in Farmington on Nov 10th.

~ Cheryl Mizak
Pres.

October's Meeting Minutes



Judy Arth
Corresponding
Secretary

Farmington Senior Center, September 8, 2010

Due to a family emergency, our Recording Secretary Judy Arth was unable to attend the October monthly meeting.

President Cheryl Mizak called the meeting to order and gave a brief report on the status of our upcoming show and sale at Van Wilgen's Garden Center. Volunteers were asked for to help out with the show set up, hosting during the event and help with show take down. Members were reminded that it is still not too late to enter their blooming plants for the AOS judging at our show on Oct. 15th. Plant registration must be done online at our website, www.ctorchids.org. The cut-off date for entering plants is Thursday, Oct. 14th at midnight.

Cheryl then introduced our featured speaker, David Bird owner of Bird's Botanicals in Kansas City, Missouri. David grows his orchids in a commercial limestone cave. He gave an interesting talk about the unique conditions found in cave growing, mentioning that weather is not a concern—temperatures are easily maintained and humidity is also not a problem. Dave brought many beautiful orchids for sale and members enjoyed browsing through the selection.

After the talk the smaller than usual Show Table was reviewed. Everyone was encouraged to mark their calendar and be sure to attend our show on the 16th and 17th.

~ Submitted by Editor Sharon SmithDelisle

Show Table


Genus	Plant	Owner	Culture
<i>Aerangis</i> (<i>N. falcate</i> x <i>A. lawrenciae</i>)	biloba	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Aeridofinetia</i>		J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Angraecum</i>	erectum	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Brassocattleya</i> (<i>c. bicolor</i> x <i>B. nodosa</i>)	Binosa	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Doritaenopsis</i> (<i>Dtps. Kenneth Schubert</i> x <i>Phal. Viola cea</i>)	Purple Martin 'Champion'	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Odontobrassia</i> (<i>onc. cariniferum</i> x <i>Br. longissima</i>)	Kenneth Bivin	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Odontocidium</i> (<i>Odcdm. Rustic Bridge</i> x <i>Odcdm. Crowborough</i>)	Wildcat	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Watercolor Artist x Black Rook)		J. Richards	i
<i>Phalaenopsis</i>	<i>bellina</i>	J. Hampton	w-i, g
<i>Pleurothallis</i>	<i>stricta</i>	D. Tognalli	l, w
<i>Potinara</i> (<i>Slc. Judy Smith</i> x <i>Blc. Ocone e</i>)	Elaine Taylor 'Krull-Smith'	FCC/AOS D. Tognalli	l, w

Culture is as noted:

c – cool
w – warm
ws – windowsill

i – intermediate
g – greenhouse
l – lights

News, Notes & Happenings

Orchid Harvest Show & Sale a great success  The weather was perfect, a very seasonal fall weekend. Our guests enjoyed a beautiful display of orchids, attended a variety of presentations and demonstrations, and had an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of plants, artwork, supplies, clothing, books, pottery, etc.

Van Wilgen's has already asked COS to come back next year and do it all over again! **Many thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success.** It is a huge undertaking to put on a show. The planning and preparation is exhausting, but when a show is a success it all seems worthwhile. This was our first time at this new venue, but the turn out was good and all of our hard work paid off.

Orchid Harvest Show pictures



COS Bench Display



Piping Rock Orchids show display.

Out Reach Programs

Woodland Gardens Annual Holiday Open House, Nov. 13

Woodland Gardens, 168 Woodland St., Manchester, CT will hold their annual holiday open house on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Judy Arth will attend this event on behalf of COS and will be conducting a basic orchid growing class during the day helping growers with their orchid culture questions.

Old Saybrook Adult Education Class for “Basic Orchid Growing”, Jan. 2011 ~ date to be announced

COS has been invited back for a second season teaching basic orchid growing at the Old Saybrook High School. Sharon SmithDelisle will be conducting the class.

Connecticut Flower Show, Feb. 24 ~ 27, 2011

We need volunteers to man our booth at this show. The job entails greeting the public and handing out COS literature. Last year we also had a raffle plant on the table and guests were encouraged to fill out a raffle ticket. A winner was chosen from the raffle box on the last day of the event.

Van Wilgen’s Garden Center *Escape to Spring* Event , March 4 ~ 6, 2011

COS has been invited to participate in Van Wilgen’s second “Escape to Spring” gardening event. We will also need volunteers for this event. Again, the job involves greeting the public and answering their questions. We will probably have a sale table at this event and an orchid raffle plant.



Above, the COS Epiphyte Tree was one of the exhibits at our show. The tree has been residing at Sharon SmithDelisle’s home, where it spent the summer outdoors growing more lush every day.

Below, the garden & seating area around the Koi pond at Van Wilgen’s Garden Center during our Orchid Harvest Show.



New Species of *Platanthera* Discovered in West Virginia



Platanthera shriveri P.M. Brown
photo by J. Scott Shriver



Albert Shriver with one of his precious
orchids (1995).

Most of the time we are frustrated as we learn that native orchid species year after year are dwindling. Each year state government agencies report field trips to areas of known orchid populations where it is discovered that the orchids have fallen victim to yet another housing project or destruction by vandals, etc. So, it was a real surprise and source of great exhilaration when the Native Orchid Conference held at West Virginia University in Morgantown reported in October 2008 the discovery of a distinctly different, beautiful, frilly, purple orchid described as a new species of *Platanthera* and named *Platanthera shriveri* after Albert Shriver the gentleman who spent more than 10 years watching over and protecting this precious find. The orchid was featured on the October 2008 cover of the AOS magazine *Orchids*.

To learn more about this precious orchid, please visit the AOS website www.aos.org and click on the tab for conservation.

Photos and information obtained from the AOS website www.aos.org under the conservation tab.



White *Phalaenopsis* decorated the Van Wilgen's Garden Center koi pond during our *Orchid Harvest Show*.



J & L's Show Exhibit . Notice the 1st place ribbon on the *Odontoglossum trilobum* hanging in the background.



A picture of the vendor sales area at our *Orchid Harvest Show*, Van Wigen's Garden Center, North Branford, CT. In the foreground is the COS sales table.



Above: Another view of the vendor sales area. Kelley's Korner table on the right and Piping Rock Orchids table on the left.



On the left: A delightful spot to sit and rest during the show.

From the COS archives

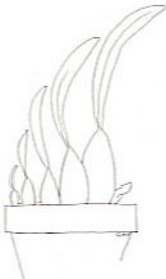
the way we were....

30 years ago this month ~

- ◆ The meeting was held on Nov. 12, 1980. President John Passander presided over the meeting. Nominating Committee Chairman Lee Soule suggested that the Society go back to 2-year terms for all Executive Committee Members. He said that the terms of office should be staggered so that only one half of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee members should change at a time.
- ◆ There were a total of 191 members in good standing.
- ◆ The checkbook balance as of October 30th of that year was \$1,837.18.

Website news ~ *greetings from cyberspace*

It's that time of year again! The COS elections are just around the corner...time to vote! Our website has a tab to make voting fast and easy. As soon as the slate of nominees is available, you may cast your vote. The deadline to vote is midnight, Dec. 14th. The results of the election will be announced on Wed., Dec. 15th at our holiday party. So, who will be our next COS president?! Log on and vote to make your voice heard.



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~ Deidra Crewe
Webmaster



Orchid Harvest Top Place Winners

Best Cattleya & Best Hobbist

CATTLEYA Alliance (Laeliinae)

Schomburgkia Wellesley

Exhibited by Tom Gregg, Cape and Islands Orchid Society

Best Paphiopedilum

Paphiopedilum Alliance (Cypripediae)

*Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz
(malipoense x delenatii)*

Exhibited by Glen Decker, Piping Rock Orchids

Best Vanda

Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance (Sarcanthinae)

Vanda luzonica

Exhibited by Judy Becker, Lauray of Salisbury

Best Phalaenopsis & Best in Show

Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phal. Sogo Lawrence 'F1839'

(Brother Peterstar x Brother Sara Gold)

Exhibited by Carrie Raven-Rieman, orchidPhile

Best Oncidium & Best Species

Oncidium Alliance (Oncidinae)

Odontoglossum trilobum

Exhibited by J & L Orchids

Best Dendrobium

Dendrobium Alliance

Dendrobium Ise 'Pearl'

Exhibited by Ulla Jurrissen, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies

Best Specimen & Best Lycaste Alliance

Lycaste Alliance

Maxillaria juergensii 'Mattie' CCM/AOS

Exhibited by J & L Orchids

Best Miscellaneous Genera

Bulbophyllum and Cirrhopetalum species, hybrids

Bulbophyllum grandiflorum

Exhibited by Daryl Yerdon, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies

Best Art

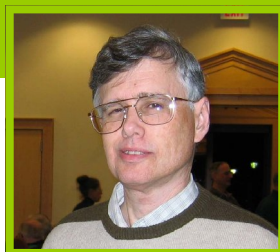
Needlepoint, Tapestry, Needlework, Sewing, Knitting, etc. original work

Yellow Phalaenopsis

Exhibited by Son Pho, Art Embroidered

Beginner's Corner

Editor's note: These columns were written by our previous editor Larry Kuekes and were run quite regularly over the past years. Larry's perspective is refreshing and some of our new members may welcome this introductory advice.



Larry Kuekes

Gas Attack

By Larry Kuekes

(This article first appeared in the Nov. 1991 newsletter)

A few winters ago, while I was visiting my parents, my mother had bloomed Cymbidium Ivy Fung 'Demke' (a "miniature" – only three or four feet across) and had brought it into the living room to enjoy. It had one spike in full bloom and another in early bud. The weather was cold and we made a fire in the woodstove. We left the stove doors open to see the cheerful flames, even if a little of the smoke did get out into the room. By the next morning, all the flowers on the cymbidium had wilted and fallen off. The flowers had only been out for a week or two and should have lasted for months. The other spike was unscathed and later bloomed OK. What happened?


Maybe it was heat or dryness. But most likely, the culprit was ethylene gas from the wood smoke.

Ethylene is a gas produced by incomplete combustion and also produced by living things, such as ripening fruit. It seems to be a chemical messenger in the vegetable kingdom and can initiate flowering or fruiting. In orchids, unfortunately, it causes sepal wilt and bud drop, and, in general, makes flowers age prematurely. It has no effect on leafy growth.

Sepal wilt is a condition seen in cattleyas and some other genera where the sepals wilt prematurely, though the petals and lip continue in good condition. It can be caused by incredibly small concentrations of ethylene: a few parts per billion in the air. Larger amounts can cause bud drop in many different kinds of orchids.

Coal miners used to bring canaries into the mines for early warning of poisonous gases. The canaries would die before the gases reached toxic levels for humans. It would be nice if we had a plant equivalent to detect ethylene among our orchids, but, unfortunately, the "canaries" are the cattleyas themselves. Nothing else is so sensitive to such small quantities of the gas.

Ironically, in bromeliads, ethylene is beneficial – it triggers blooming. Books on bromeliads always recommend enclosing them in a plastic bag along with a ripe apple to force blooming. But be aware that not just apples give off ethylene. Almost all ripening fruits and vegetables do.

How can you avoid exposing your orchids to ethylene? In the greenhouse, heaters should be vented to the outside, of course. Don't use unvented kerosene heaters except in an emergency if your main heater fails, and then expect ethylene 

damage (which is better than losing the plants, of course). Don't grow orchids in your garage (car exhaust contains ethylene).

Inside the house, try to keep budding and flowering orchids away from your gas stove, and from ripening fruits and vegetables. It's easy to forget and put a tomato on the kitchen windowsill to ripen, when you also grow orchids on that windowsill. However, don't panic and give up eating fruits and vegetables. Damage from them is unlikely as long as your house has some ventilation. When you use your fireplace, avoid keeping orchids in the same room. Ditto for woodstoves if used with the stove door open.

Ethylene is really a very minor orchid problem, and not one to lose sleep over. Unless you're in the predicament of the grower who lived next to a busy super-highway and complained that ethylene from the exhaust was damaging his orchids. In that case, you have two choices. Either move away, or take up growing bromeliads.



More Orchid Harvest Show pictures

On top & bottom left: The sitting area around the koi pond.

Bottom, right: Judy Becker and a Van Wilgen's associate watch the fun as show set-up begins.





Drawing by Gordon W. Dillion

November Checklist

By Robert M. Scully


Short days and cold nights necessitate adjustments for both plants and growers. Many temperate areas will experience their first snow this month while virtually all have seen the first frost.

Now that the orchids are back in the greenhouse where they can be protected from adverse winter elements, benches and racks are crowded. Plan to spend extra time organizing plants so that all are exposed to optimum light levels. Be especially wary of insects; typically, it is almost as if the “bugs” have a seasonal cue too, knowing that they can best escape notice when the grower is preoccupied with outdoor conditions. So, change your focus. Be vigilant inside; turn leaves to look for pests and eradicate them quickly when they are found.

Commercial growers face these same challenges in the winter. When visiting a commercial greenhouse, remember that the grower will probably appreciate your touring the facilities without a large purse or bulky camera bag that may whack the plants that overhang the crowded benches along the narrow aisles. If in doubt about the grower’s preferences on this point, ask; your concern will be appreciated.

As we see new flowers emerging, the natural tendency is to touch them, if for no other reason than to position them for better viewing. But when doing so, remember that the front surfaces of most orchid flowers are susceptible to marking from the natural oils on your hands. So, if you must handle the blooms, do so from the back, sliding the peduncle between your fingers. If the plants is yours, tie up the bloom spike so that the presentation does not invite handling.

Cattleya With the show season fast approaching, now is the time to begin organizing your soon-to-be-groomed entries. Re-tie each specimen to be sure that the newly produced growths are adequately supported. Position cattleyas with the lead (newest growth) facing the direction of the principal light source; in South Florida, this would typically be southeast. New growths of *Cattleya skinneri* may already have some dried sheaths; do not remove them.

Phalaenopsis The first signs of the new flowering season are evident. Observe emerging racemes (casually referred to as spikes by most of us) between the 

lower leaves near the base of the plant. As these spikes push upward, you may need to carefully guide them out from the leaves; do this using a stake or even a straw since it will not take much to adjust the spike's direction. When the spike is about 10 to 12 inches tall, put a permanent stake in place. Tie the spike to it loosely for directional guidance and support. This same tie can be gradually moved up the stake (to about 12 inches) as the spike lengthens. Always keep the string's point of contact with the spike at least 4 inches below the growing tip. Additional ties will likely be necessary as the spike elongates. Recall from previous columns that you should not be moving the plant around during the period of spike development; changing the plant's orientation to its light source will cause the spike to twist.

Vanda Few vandas flower during this month; but with all of the plants being moved around in the greenhouse, be sure to locate your vandaceous genera with careful attention to light. Generally, vandaceous orchids should be given maximum available illumination; hang them above the benches of cattleyas. If you have *Rhynchostylis gigantea*, look for the inflorescences which are emerging now for a January flowering, the main bloom period for these foxtail orchids.



(Reprinted from the American Orchid Society's magazine "Orchids", Nov. 1992, pg. 1132. Robert M. Scully has been a frequent contributor to the "Orchids" magazine over the past years.)



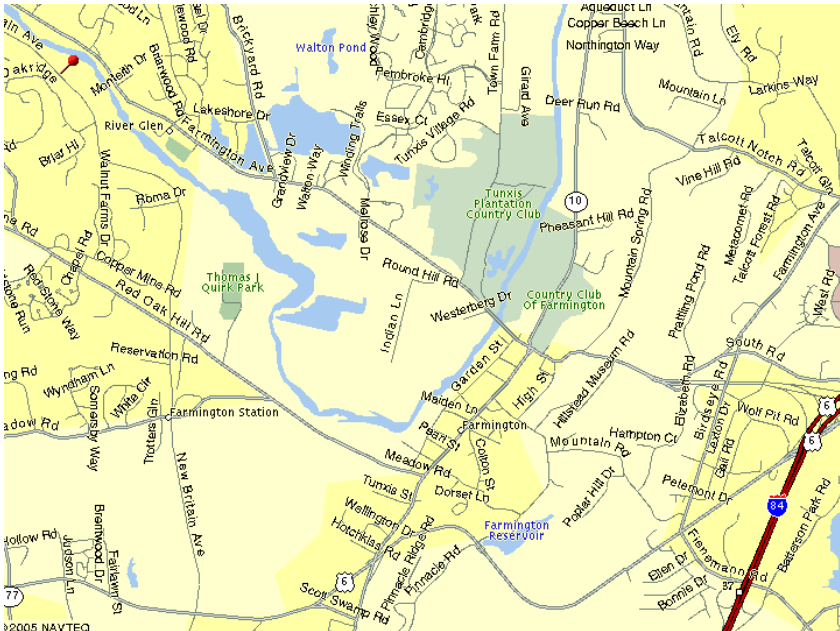
Orchid Harvest Show display

Directions to Farmington Senior Center 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, CT

From the North or East: Take I-84 west from Hartford to exit 38 (Rt. 6). Proceed west. Turn right onto New Britain Ave. Farmington Senior Center is at 321 New Britain Avenue next to the police station.

From the South: Take Rt. 9 north to I-84 west. Proceed as above.

From the West: Take I-84 east to exit 37 (Fienemann Rd.). Turn left on Fienemann Rd., go over the highway, then turn left onto Rt. 6. Follow Rt. 6 west. Turn right onto New Britain Ave. Farmington Senior Center is at 321 New Britain Ave. next to the police station.



Connecticut Orchid Society Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. # _____ E-mail: _____

(Information provided to the Connecticut Orchid Society is not sold, shared or given out)

Membership choice: *Single \$20/yr. ** *Family \$25/yr.**

Single Lifetime Membership \$200

Family Lifetime Membership \$250

Newsletter delivery preference: *U.S. Mail* *E-mail*

** Please include an additional \$10 fee for postage costs for U.S. mail delivery of your newsletter. E-mail delivery is free of charge, please provide your e-mail address above.*

At this time I would only like to receive the next three newsletters & directions to the meetings.

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- *Complete the information required above.*
- *Tear this form out of the newsletter.*
- *Fold in half.*
- *Insert your check payable to : “Connecticut Orchid Society”, for membership amount.*
- *Tape on three sides.*
- *Mail to COS (Address is printed on the back of this form) .*

Membership includes the monthly COS newsletter, monthly meetings Sept. through June with a featured speaker or educational activity, a vote at the annual election of the Board of Directors, opportunities to volunteer for many exciting orchid related activities, and COS sponsored field trips, clinics & shows. Join us!! You’ll be glad you did.

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