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# **Next Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm Orchid Health Depart. opens. 7:00 pm Socializing begins & Show Table opens. 7:30 pm Business meeting begins followed by featured program.

**Please note:** 

Place: Farmington Senior Center 321 New Britain Ave. Unionville, CT (See pg. 25 for map & directions.)

Program: Building a Vivarium Workshop presented by John Hampton

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

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COS Membership Information : \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family New category: \$200 Individual or \$250 Family Lifetime Membership (never pay dues again!)

Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at (860) 649-7952 for more details. A membership application is located on pg. 26 for your convenience.

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## **Connecticut Orchid Society Mission Statement**

The Connecticut Orchid Society is an incorporated, non-profit association for the preservation and extension of knowledge concerning the conservation, ecology, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.

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#### **Connecticut Orchid Society Officers and Posts -- 2013**

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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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<u>David Tognalli</u> <u>dtog54@sbcglobal.net</u> 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.

#### **Content Acknowledgement**

All information, opinions, reporting and recommendations that appear in this newsletter are those of the editor, unless otherwise noted.

# **Upcoming Events**

Jan. 8 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!! 7:30 pm, Building a Vivarium Workshop presented by COS member John Hampton, Farm ington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT

- Jan 11 ~ 13 Cape and Islands Orchid Society 24th Annual Show & Sale, Orchid Garden, Sat. & Sun. 9—5, Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, 35 Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA (See pg. 18 of this newsletter for more details.)
- Jan. 17 ~ 20 Silva Orchids 25th Annual Open House, Silver Jubilee, 10:00—5:00 635 Wayside Rd., Neptune, NJ. Culture talks, daily raffles. (see pg. 19 of this newsletter for more details.)
- Jan. 18 ~ 20 North Jersey Orchid Society 46th Annual Show & Sale, Fri. & Sat. 9— 6, Sun. 9—4, Strawberry Blossom Home & Garden Center, 1364 Rt. 23, Wayne, NJ, Workshops, orchid vendors, flower arranging. (See pg. 20 of this newsletter for more details.)
- Feb. 7—10 Deep Cut Orchid Society Annual Winter Show, Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9—6, Sun. 9—4:30, Dearborn Market, 2170 Tr. 35 south, Holmdel, NJ. Ample parking and food on premises. Free admission. Orchid vendors, exhibits, free lectures. (See pg. 21 of this newsletter for more details.)
- Feb. 8 ~ 10 New Hampshire Orchid Society 22nd Annual Show Orchid Odyssey, Fri. 1 pm—7pm, Sat. 9am—5 pm, Sun. 9 am—4 pm, Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH. Admission: \$10 adults, \$6 Seniors (65+), Children under 12 or over 100: Free, 3-day Daytime Pass \$15. orchid vendors, exhibits, gifts, merchandise, workshops and speakers. (see pg. 17 of this newsletter for more details.)
- Feb. 13 Connecticut Orchid Society Monthly Meeting, Potting Clinic, NOTE MEETING LOCATION: Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT, 7:30 pm. Please bring clean pots for your plants. \$5.00/plant repotting fee includes potting medium.
- Feb. 21 ~ 24 32nd Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show, Connecticut Convention Center, East Hartford, CT, "Love in Bloom", Thurs. 10—7, Fri. & Sat. 10—8, Sun. 10—5, Admission: \$15 Adults, \$4 Children 5 -12 Over 300 booths, 80 hrs. seminars and demonstrations, three acres of convention displays.
- Feb. 22 ~ 24 Amherst Orchid Society Show, Smith Vocational High School, 80 Locust Ave., Northampton, MA, Sat. 9—5, Sun. 10—4.



AOS has gone digital. Starting with the January issue, Orchids is available for download to your computer, smart phone, pad or tablet. All you need is a valid email address connected to your membership and your personal login. If you have explored the members only section of the AOS website, you are all set! If not, there are instructions on the site how to set up your own account.

The Spring Trustees and members' meeting (including the annual elections) will be held in tandem with the San Diego Orchid Show in San Diego, California, March 21-23 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Meeting will be held between the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel and the Show. More information and registration will be available on the AOS website soon.

The AOS proxy card for the annual elections was included in the January issue of Orchids. If you are not planning to attend the meeting in San Diego in March, please return your vote to AOS Headquarters at your earliest convenience so your vote may be counted at that meeting. An important part of membership is the privilege of voting.

The Affiliated Societies Committee would like your tips, suggestions and/or ideas on how you grow your societies' membership and methods you have to keep your society's members active and engaged. Please send them to the affiliated\_societies@aos.org email address and we will organize and catalogue them on the Affiliated Societies section of the AOS website so we can all share your successes.

Best wishes and happy growing for 2013.

Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



# 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 <u>editor@ctorchids.org</u>.

The deadline for submissions to the Feb. Issue of the newsletter is Jan. 25th

**Blooming Plants Needed**... The start of a new year begins a new round of orchid shows. COS supports it's sister orchid societies by participating in their shows whenever possible. That means we need blooming plants...lots of blooming plants. Please help us by loaning your lovely babies for a few days. The shows are beginning right now and will run to the end of February before things begin to slow down. If you think you'll have a few orchids in bloom during the next couple months, please let Cheryl Mizak know. If need be, we can arrange to pick up and return your plants to you. Please call (203) 264-6096 if you can help out.



# **January's Featured Event**



# COS Monthly Meeting Date Change (January only):

Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 pm Farmington Senior Center

# Building a Vivariam Workshop

COS member John Hampton will lead a workshop on building a Vivarium. A vivarium is an enclosure similar to a terrarium suitable for raising and observing plants or animals. John raises South American frogs for a hobby in

addition to growing outstanding orchids. John has discovered that a vivarium is an excellent place to grow and bloom certain kinds of orchids; far more convenient than a terrarium. Please join us for a demonstration on setting up a sustainable orchid growing environment in a vivarium. You may also wish to visit our website



www.ctorchids.org for a list of supplies and local suppliers of vivariums and equipment. Bring your own gear to the meeting and John will be glad to help you set up your vivarium.

# **Presidents' Message**

Happy New Year

The holidays are behind us. The days are already getting

longer. New growths and flower sheaths are starting to emerge. As we start to fill our new 2013 calendars with important dates, make sure to take note of the various COS activities scheduled for the coming year.

We have been asked to exhibit at several orchid and flower shows over the next few months. Without everyone's help doing set up, take downs, sharing blooming plants and creative display ideas none of this would be possible. I thank everyone who helps. This is a great way to get to know other members & get first selections from vender plants when doing set up. The extra help is always appreciated.

This month member John Hampton will guide us on assembling Vivariums that is a terrarium with animals. This should be a fun workshop. As a reminder we will be meeting on Tuesday Jan  $8^{th}$ 



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# **December's Meeting Minutes**

Carla Koch Recording Secretary

Dec. 12, 2012 Meeting -

The last meeting of 2012 was a very enjoyable holiday party with lots of delicious pot-luck dishes contributed by our members. Interim President Cheryl Mizak briefly talked about the upcoming shows for the new year and made a pitch for blooming plants for our displays at these shows. She then turned the meeting over to the Nominating Committee Chair Dave Tognalli.

Dave read the list of nominees for the various open positions on the board. He explained that he has been unable to find anyone willing to take on the duties of president. Cheryl Mizak has agreed to continue on as interim president while Dave continues to search. A new face, Donna Quill, has agreed to run for vice president. Judy Arth and Carla Koch have agreed to continue on as treasurer and recording secretary. Roger Heigel was willing to continue in the capacity of director-at-large. Ben Esselink volunteered from the floor to fill the second director-at-large position. Dave Tognalli then asked for a show of hands for approval of this slate and it passed unanimously.

After the business meeting there was a great little mini-sale of plants and crafts. A very pleasant time was had by all.

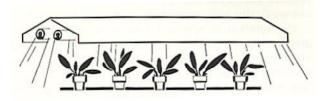
(Minutes were summarized for Carla by editor Sharon SmithDelisle)



# **December Show Table**

<u>Genus/Parentage</u>		<u>Owner</u>	<u>Culture</u>		
Aliceara Tahitian Danc (Aliceara Vashon x Oi		J. Becker nithorhynchum)	i,g		
Brassidium Nittany Go ( Brs. verrucosa x Onc		J. Becker	i,g		
Oncidium Hula Halau		J. Becker	i,g		
Oncidium Twinkle (cheirophorum x soto	anum)	D. Tognalli	i,W		
Oncostele (syn,. Wilsonara) Aloha Sparks 'Pacific Flame' J. Becker i,g Ons. Lorraine's 14th WOC x Onc. Redhot Sparks					
Paphiopedilum		J. Becker	i,g		
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Marlene Lundquist 'Orange Delight' D. Tognalli i,w Classy Lady x George King					
Culture is as noted:	c – cool w – warm	i – intermedia g – greenhous			

v – warm ws – windowsill i – intermediate g – greenhouse l – lights



# News, Notes & Happenings



New vice president Donna quill got a kick out of Roger Heigel's clever x-mas tree ornaments.



New members Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pendleton discuss which plants to purchase from the sale table.



Judy Arth (on left) examines a choice orchid from the sale table. Rosemary McCallum and Dottie Kern (on right) are helping Judy decide.



John Hampton (center) shows Mary Rampone (on right) some photos on his cell phone.

# Holiday party photos

# **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.

Going to Pot, Part 2 Potting Mix



Larry Kuekes

Perverse plants that they are, orchids will grow in anything except soil. This has generated endless discussion on the "ideal" potting mix. Various substances are extolled by different authors as if they had found the Holy Grail. The truth is that orchids respond to a combination of factors including potting mix, frequency of watering, fertilizer, and others, so which mix works best for you depends on the rest of the culture you provide.

What to Use. As a beginner, use bark (medium-size) to start with. You can experiment later with other mixes.

Bark. Orchids grow naturally on bark on tree limbs, of course, but in pots bark behaves differently. Paradoxically, the advantage of using bark is the same as the disadvantage: it decomposes. Brand new bark absorbs hardly any water. However, after a month or two the surface of the bark starts to break down, resulting in a rich, organic, free-draining mixture which is ideal for orchid roots. Eventually the bark completely decomposes into compost, which holds too much water and will rot the roots. Plants like cattleyas will grow over the side of the pot and need to be repotted before that happens, anyway.

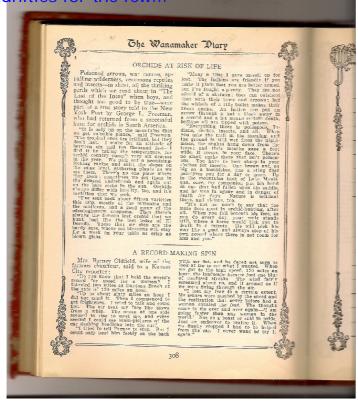
Tree Fern. Coarse tree fern hardly decomposes at all and has excellent drainage, so it's almost impossible to overwater. However, it holds very little water, so you have to water it often. Many people mix bark with coarse tree fern: the bark holds some water and the tree fern helps extend the time between repotting. Fine tree fern is another story: it packs together and stays wet. One of my early mistakes was to pot a vuylstekeara in fine tree fern, which I figured was a good match for the plant's thin roots. The mix held far too much water; the roots rotted and the plant expired. I've since learned that the thinner the roots are, the coarser the potting material should be.

Between a Rock and a Hard Place. People have grown orchids on lava rock, gravel, styrofoam peanuts, even chunks of rubber tires. The advantage of these substances is that the mix never breaks down, so you only have to repot when the plant outgrows the pot. The disadvantage is that you have to use a complete fertilizer, which provides all the nutrients the plant needs, including micro-nutrients (other than nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) which normally would be provided by the decomposing medium. Also, gravel can make the pots very heavy; conversely, styrofoam is so light that the pots may tip over too easily. Tie One On. Some of the best-grown orchids I've ever seen have been mounted on cork slabs or tree branches. However, these generally have to be watered every day, which is too much work if you water at the kitchen sink like me.

Living Fossils. Back in prehistoric times, when dinosaurs roamed landscapes of giant ferns, orchid growers used to pot in osmunda. Some books still recommend potting in osmunda. Their authors are known as "living fossils". No one uses osmunda these days.

Next Month: what kind of pot to use. (This article first appeared in Jan. 1990)

# Opportunities for the few..



COS member and Recording Secretary Carla Koch sent the editor this scan from a page of the Wanamaker diary dated 1912. Carla says that she came upon this quite by chance and found it very interesting. She says it is about the style of orchid collecting at the time. Flasking was still not invented yet not until about the 1920's so most orchid collecting was from the field. Only the Rothchilds, et al., could afford orchids in those days, hence "rothchildianum", etc. in plant names! As Carla said, we are all lucky to have the opportunities we do. Many thanks to Carla for sharing this interesting bit of insight on orchid collecting of the past.



### January: The Month of New Directions By Thomas Mirenda Winter Brings a Slower Pace and Time to Enjoy the Flowers

After enduring a year of partisan quibbling, soaring energy costs and a wildly oscillating stock market, we can finally start to feel a sense of optimism. No matter who you voted for or where you fall in the political spectrum, its clear that some changes are coming and that we will be going in some new, hopefully positive, directions. We can all be proud of the historic nature of our new administration and look forward expectantly to finding solutions to some of the world's most vexing problems over the next few years.

In the orchid world, the downturn in the economy has been the catalyst for some high-profile casualties among orchid businesses and sagging membership to local orchid societies. Hopefully, this is the nadir of a new upwardly mobile cycle. The test of how we weather the tough times is upon us. The legacy of commitment of today's orchid community will be apparent in a few short years. It may seem frivolous to focus on our orchid hobby during hard times, but orchids are more important than you think. They are charismatic representatives of the plant world when it comes to conservation, equally if not more compelling than animals are to the survival of habitats and entire ecosystems. I wonder how many places have been saved from destruction or deforestation because someone found rare orchids there.

The Smithsonian and the AOS are committed toward the advancement of orchid education and conservation and I'm proud to be part of both of these organizations. I want to cordially invite all of you to visit the Smithsonian this year. (editors note: reference to a Smithsonian orchid exhibit from a previous year has been deleted here.) I guarantee you will see orchids in a different way.

**Flowers Everywhere** It may seem odd that at this time of year, when orchids need the least water, fertilizer and daily care that they should be blooming so profusely. This month marks the beginning of the peak flowering season for many commonly grown orchids, such as phalaenopsis, cymbidiums, dendrobiums and cattleyas. This is why so many orchid shows and exhibits, including the Smithsonian's joint exhibit with US Botanic Garden, commence this month. With so much glory in the greenhouses, we must take special care to groom and stake our plants so that inflorescences don't obstruct each other. Staking takes on ebven more importance when moving or displaying plants. An unsupported inflorescence can easily break in transit and become entangled with other spikes, causing mechanical damage on Blooms. A little effort now can prevent heartache later on the way to the show table.

Something in the Air One of the most important things to remember this month is humidity. Even though most plants require less direct watering, the need for heating in most greenhouses and growing spaces dries out air dramatically. Supplement humidity with atomizers, pebble trays and light misting. Keeping plants away from direct contact with dry heat is extremely important. One autumn, long ago, we had an award-winning vandal hung high in the path of the greenhouse heater. One cool autumn night, the heater clicked on for about an hour or so and fried that poor plant beyond recognition.

**Frosty Phalaenopsis** Definitely a contradiction in terms. If phalaenopsis flowers are exposed to cold for a brief period, even seconds, the delicate floral tissues will experience cellular damage and start to droop alarmingly. Once this happens, the flowers will nor recover and sometimes if exposed to the cold long enough, the entire plant will slowly perish over the next few days. If you're transporting plants in freezing weather, wrap them in a plastic bag or pack them in a Styrofoam-lined box to protect them . Cymbidiums are much more tolerant of cold weather, and can be transported in the inclement conditions for brief periods without damage, but even they shouldn't be allowed to freeze. If you can, warm up the car in the garage or other protected area before loading your orchids. Try to do like wise after the meeting or exhibition when bringing them home.

Look Who's Growing Many pleurothallids, including masdevallias and draculas, are growing really well in the absence of summer heat. Take advantage of this time to repot or up-pot those specimens that are thriving. It's much too stressful to do so when they're struggling in the summer. Keep these plants separate from dormant and semi-dormant plants as they will need more water and occasional fertilizer at this time.

Stay Engaged Orchids give us so much joy during the winter months when the garden is barren and unavailable. Their lovely forms, hues and scents keep us linked to the natural world at the time we most need and treasure such connection. For me, orchids have always been my touchstone through the winter season; let them be yours as well.



Thomas Mirenda

(Thomas Mirenda is the orchid collection specialist at the Smithsonian Institution. Tom invites you to contact him via his e-mail: <u>MirendaT@si.edu.</u> Photo taken from Feb. 2008 edition of *Orchids*, photographer unknown.)



Dear COS Friends,

World-class procrastinator that I am, I've finally built a permanent structure to house my orchids – a small shade house. It only took me two years. Oh, I had figured out what I wanted ages ago, and had even drawn up plans, but what finally made it happen was a visit in December by friends from Connecticut, Gary and Suzanne. After a week, Suzanne had to go back, but Gary had another week of vacation that he had to use or lose, and where better to use it than Hawaii?

Gary is much handier than I am, and when he heard about the shade house plans, he said he would help me build it. Actually, he did 90% of the work, and I helped. In any case, after a few days and numerous trips to Home Depot, it was finished, and I couldn't be more pleased.

For those of you unfamiliar with the term, a shade house is like a greenhouse, but open to the elements, with a roof that provides the partial shade that orchids like, but still lets the rain in. It's a good solution for tropical locations like Hawaii where you can grow orchids outdoors, but you just need to provide some shade.

In the old days, people used strips of lath (the kind that was used in plaster walls) to provide shade, and the structure was called a lath house. Nowadays people use shade cloth. Instead of commercial shade cloth, I used fiberglass window screening. I have found that two thicknesses of it provide about 50% sun and 50% shade, which is good for most orchids.

The structure covers a 9' x 12' patio at the side of my house. The frame is built of 2 x 4s, and the roof of 2 x 2s (they only have to support the window screening). The roof overhangs to provide more shade, so the roof area is  $12' \times 16'$ . Also, I hung window screening on the south side of the structure to shade that side. Orchids that like more shade are in the center, and orchids that like more sun are on the east or west sides where they get some direct sun in the morning or afternoon. I've even hung some pipes on the sunnier sides of the structure to suspend Vandas and other hanging orchids.

Although 9' x 12' is tiny compared to many greenhouses and shade houses that I've seen, it's much bigger than my previous temporary solution. Of course, given my orchid addiction, the only question is, how long will it take before the shade house is packed full and I need to build another? Larry Kuekes

(I)



The frame under construction



The finished structure



Some orchids (mostly Dendrobiums) in bloom in the shade house. Apparently they like the ocean view.



A generous donation helps a generous cause...

From <u>The Greenville News</u>: **Three greenhouses that once housed about 3,500 orchids** are headed for a Mauldin garden where volunteers are using the latest techniques to grow organic fruits and vegetables for the hungry.

Kurt Studier said he is downsizing his orchid collection and donating the greenhouses to Generous Garden Project. (*Editor's note: The Generous Garden Project is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization based in Greenville, South Carolina that grows fresh produce for people in need.*) **The greenhouses are together worth about \$185,000** — the largest donation the Greenville financial adviser has ever made, he said.

"The main reason I'm doing this is because it will help feed people," Studier said.

Bo Cable, the project's president, said the greenhouses will go up at the nonprofit's site at 161 Verdin Road and help triple production *(of organic fruits and vegetables).* 

"I'm just humbled that he chose us and to donate to us," Cable said. "He could have easily sold them and made a good amount of money, but he has a heart for the community."

Generous Garden Project brings together volunteers from a broad range of backgrounds to grow produce that is donated to ministries and food pantries. The group began less than two years ago on land behind The Wild Radish health store and has since expanded to another site in Taylors.

(This article was submitted to the newsletter by interim president Cheryl Mizak. Many thanks

to Cheryl for this interesting information about an usual donation to a very worthwhile organization.)

## Marketplace

Need some supplies for repotting? As a service to our members, COS now offers a wide range of supplies at the Sale Table. Supplies may be ordered in advance, but must be picked up at a monthly meeting. Prices are only slightly above wholesale, no taxes and no shipping fees—what a deal!

## **COS Potting Supplies Price List**

Basket –4" square slat w/hanger	\$3.00/ea.
Charcoal chips (4 scoops/bag)	\$2.00/bag
Coconut Husk (medium size chips) <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cu. Ft.	\$10.00/bag
Coco Tek Coir 150 g. bag	\$5.00/bag
Dyna-grow fertilizer Grow 8 oz.	\$7.00/ea
Dyna-grow fertilizer Bloom 8 oz.	\$7.00/ea.
Grow More Orchids Food 1.25 lb.	\$6.00/ea.
Hydro rocks (one gallon bag)	\$3.00/bag
Mesquite slabs for mounting orchids	\$1.00 /ea.
Orange Guard Insect Spray 32 fl. oz.	\$9.00/bottle
Orchid Bark mix (Cattleya/Dendrobium/Oncidium) 2 gal.	\$5.00/bag
Orchid Bark mix(Cymbidium/Phalaenopsis) 2 gal.	\$6.00/bag
Orchid Bark—small 2 cu. ft.	\$25.00/bag
Orchid Bark – medium 2 cu. ft.	\$25.00/bag
Orchid Bark mix (cattleya/Dendrobium/ Oncidium) 1 cu.ft	0
Orchid Bark mix (Cymbidium/Phalaenopsis) 1 cu. ft.	\$22.00/bag
Physan 20 plant insecticide 8 fl.oz.	\$10.00/ea.
Plant labels (set of 25 yellow or white)	\$ 3.00/set
Pots – round, green, plastic 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " (set of 10)	\$ 4.00/ set
Pro-Teckt plant fertilizer 8 oz.	\$ 7.00/ea.
Rhizome clips—large	\$ 0.50/ea.
Rhizome clips – small	\$ 0.25/ea
Shagnum moss – ¼ lb. block	\$ 8.00/ea.
Superthrive Vitamins-hormones 1/2 fl. oz.bottle	\$ 3.00/ea.
Thermometer – digital min/max.	\$22.00/ea.
Tree Fern (medium) <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cu. ft.	\$ 3.00/bag
Water breakers	\$ 5.00/ ea.
How we measured quantities:	
<sup>1</sup> /4 cubic foot mix or bark will fill approximately:	(15) 4" pots
· ·	(8) 5
	(5) 6

Contact Cheryl Mizak at (203) 264-6096 to preorder.

- (8) 5" pots (5) 6" pots
- (3) 7" pots
- (2) 8" pots



#### New Hampshire Orchid Society 22nd Annual Show Feb. 8—10, 2013 Fri. 1:00—7:00, Sat. 9:00—5:00, Sun. 9:00—4:00

## Radisson Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH

#### Admission: \$10 adults, seniors (65+) \$6 Children under 12 or over 100: Free 3 Day Daytime Pass \$15

Orchid exhibits, floral displays, plant vendors, door prizes, instant raffles workshops and speakers.



Rhynchostylis gigantea

# Cape & Islands Orchid Society

24th Annual Orchid Show Orchid Garden January 12th & 13th 2013 Saturday & Sunday 9–5 Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis

35 Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA 02601 (West End Rotary) — Near the Melody Tent)

## Reservations are Being Accepted for Our Preview Dinner Party

Friday, January 11th at 6pm Dine Amidst the Orchid Displays





# 25th Annual Open House

Thursday, January 17th-Sunday, January 20th 2013

10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

We are celebrating the 25th year of our Annual Open House!



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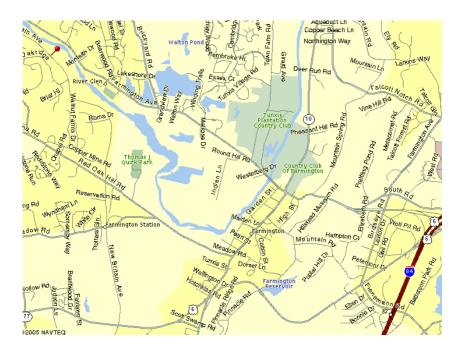


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**From the North or East:** Take I-84 west from Hartford to exit 38 (Rt. 6). Proceed west. Turn right onto New Britain Ave. Farmington Senior Center is at 321 New Britain Avenue next to the police station.

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