



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

May 2021 Issue

May 2021 President's Message

Hi Orchid friends,

I hope this message finds you well and maybe even COVID vaccinated at this point! June is here, bringing us more hours of daylight than most other months, a sure indicator that most (if not all) your orchids should be in active growth.

Our last virtual gathering with Carrie Buchman's talk on Restrepia Orchids was such a delight. Unfortunately, there was no recording (my mistake) but I'm sure that won't be the last time we see those "buggy-like" blooms. Truthfully, I didn't know much about Restrepia's before I heard this presentation, but now I definitely know which ones I would like to try growing someday.

This month, we have Sergey Skoropad joining us, an Associate Judge at the Northeast Judging Center, and hobbyist extraordinaire, with 59 AOS awards! He will be speaking on 'Growing Award Quality Orchids without a Greenhouse.' When you get a chance, take a look at his Bio - - I'm sure you'll be "wowed" by all the orchid-related activities he engages in, from contributing articles to Orchids magazine, to traveling the world on Orchid excursions.

Also, a quick update: at our April meeting we spoke about hosting an in-house auction. After some conversation based on that input, we, the Board, decided to have an auction in the Autumn. Our members (that's you!) will be supplying the auction plants, so, please start perusing your collections for orchids you would like to donate and, or, make divisions, so that they are well established, come the Fall.

Lastly, this year has been like nothing I have ever experienced, but we made it through... together. June is our last scheduled meeting for the Society, until September. Hopefully, we can look forward to sharing our beautiful blooms in person again at our regular meeting location. How exciting that will be! Stay tuned for details.

See you all at our next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00pm. Remember, as always, the virtual meeting room will be open at 6:45pm for our monthly "Show & Tell."

Jaymie Santiago

Yellow Lady Slipper



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Meetings and Events 2021

Meetings, 7:00pm, Zoom Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

CJOS Monthly Zoom Meeting / Join Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom June Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86446505548?pwd=R2VsVGNNZlJFR2hQeHBkN01CT2VVQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 4650 5548

Passcode: 660894

Sept: Greg Griffis – Tolumnia

gregorygriffis.com

Oct: Wayne Hollenbach

Catasetums

<http://www.wadesorchids.com/>

Nov: Richard Ho - Novelty Phal's

[North Jersey Orchid Society](http://NorthJerseyOrchidSociety.com)

Dec: David Rosenfeld "Who Were These Guys"

Jan: Kim Feddersen Fair Orchids –

Paph's

fairorchids@aol.com

Feb: George Wallace 'A Night With

George'. A talk on how I grow with automated setups, terrariums, and LED lighting (with DLI).

March: Speaker: Peter Lin / Topic:

Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature

April: Speaker: Rachel Lemcke /

Topic: P.E.T Method

May: Speaker: Carrie Buchman /

Topic: Restrepias

June: Sergey Skoropad / Topic:

'Growing Award Quality Orchids Without a Greenhouse'

Business Meeting / Nominations and Budget

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June's Speaker:

Sergey Skoropad

Topic: Growing Award Quality Orchids Without a Greenhouse

He will speak about AOS judging, judging criteria, and how to prepare your orchids for judging. He will share many cultural tips how to grow fine orchids without greenhouse and will also present numerous plants from the orchid collection.

Sergey Skoropad and his wife Elena started growing orchids almost 20 years ago from small gift – paphiopedilum, from a friend. After becoming a member of AOS a few years later, he took this hobby seriously. Ten years ago, Sergey started researching to get AOS awards by growing orchids to perfection. In 2013 Sergey and Elena received their first AOS award for Paphiopedilum Misty Dell 'Elena's Choice' AM/AOS. Now, after 8 years of presenting their plants at different AOS judging events they have received 59 AOS awards, including a First Class Certificate and the prestigious National Award – The Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallis Award. Sergey and Elena are currently associate judges in Northeast Judging Center and also members of the North Jersey and Deep Cut Orchid Societies. They actively participate in many AOS members regional meetings, write articles for Orchids magazine, have attended the 20th World Orchid Conference in Singapore and have traveled around the world to find orchids growing in their natural habitat. In March 2020, Sergey created Virtual Orchid Judging Educational Exercise (www.virtualorchids.org) and is still running this national education exercise which has been a great addition to many judges and experts that could not attend live judging events in the last year.

Sergey and Elena reside in Morris County, NJ where they are growing over 300 orchids of wide variety without a greenhouse. Sergey is a professional jeweler and designer, and the president of S & E Design Corp (follow on Instagram @orchid.magic ; email: sergeskrpd@yahoo.com).

Members Virtual Show Table

Luanne Arico



BLC Dan O'Neil 'Jubilee'



Maxillaria tenifolia



Phragmipedium bessiae 521

Anne Skalka



Stanhopea

David and Joan Rosenfeld



Angraecum florulentum



**Paph Black Diamond (fairianum v. alba 'JF258#2'
x delenatii v. alba '#1')**



L. Zip (tenebrosa 'None Darker' x milleri 'Dr Koopowitz' HCC

David and Joan Rosenfeld (cont.)



Phrag Grande



Lycaste Leilani's Pink Hints (Kurt Servos 'Margo' x Gamora Ablaze 'Goliath' AM

Ed and Pam Frankel



Pot. Oro Verde 'Remar' AM/AOS
x Blc Marlene Lunquist 'Carmela' AM/AOS



Warawit Red



Irene Finney 'York' AM/AOS



Lc Pink Treasure 'Chalice of Life'
x C Harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen' mutation

Ed and Pam Frankel (cont.)



B. nodosa



C. Longwood Gardens

Chris Bevins



Bepi. Gordon Vickers



Blc. Robert and Michael x Lc. Sentasia

Chris Bevins (cont.)



Cattletonia 'Why Not Sir'



Ixyophora Viridisepala



Pot. Hoku Gem



Prosthecia Green Hornet 'SVO'

Very Important to all CJOS Members

Going Going Going (not gone yet)



We are going to have a fund raising auction in October. This is necessary to maintain the society's finances which will allow us to bring great speakers to our meetings.

So what do we all have to do? If you have plants that can be divided, make a division and donate in Oct. for the auction. Or if you have a plant that you would just like to donate, please donate. Please have a name and if possible a picture of the last bloom.

We will see later if this will be held in person at our Oct. meeting or we will do it virtually if covid is not sufficiently under control.



Upcoming Webinars

● Public ● Member Only



What Makes a Good Orchid Show Exhibit?

Marc Burchette

Tuesday, June 8th, 2021
8:30 PM EST

What are judges looking for when you set up your exhibits?

REGISTER NOW

LEARN MORE



Greenhouse Chat June 2021

Ron Moretton

Thursday, June 17th, 2021
8:30 PM EST

Orchid Q&A

REGISTER NOW

LEARN MORE



Greenhouse Chat July 2021

Ron Moretton

Tuesday, July 6th, 2021
8:30 PM EST

Orchid Q&A

REGISTER NOW

LEARN MORE

Please support the AOS and join.

AOS.org

How Do You Grow?

Each month, I would like to show a members growing methods/conditions. We started with ours. Please send me pictures of your growing conditions (summer/winter) edsharkf@yahoo.com No submission this month. Let's get some pictures of your growing space.

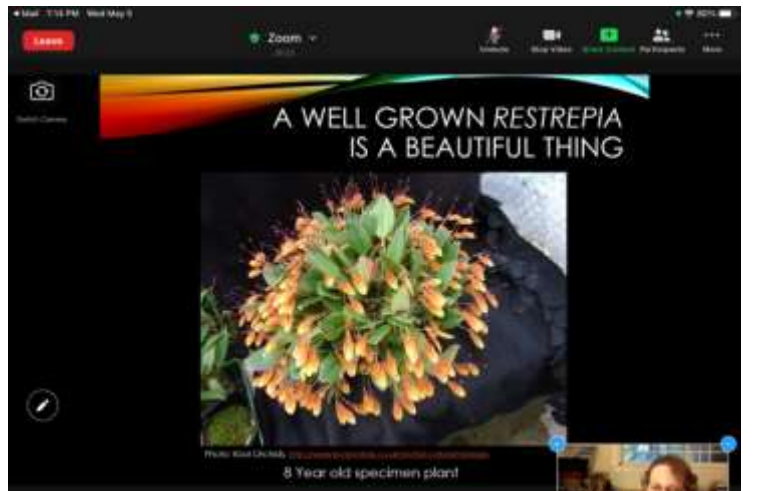
Terrestrial Orchid at Bowman's Wildflower Preserve

We found this Yellow Lady Slipper Orchid (*Cypripedium calceolus* var. *pubescens*) while on a walk at the at Bowman's Wildflower Preserve (New Hope, Pennsylvania) May 24th.



May's Speaker

Topic: Restrepias
By Carrie Buchman



Restrepia contorta



- The twisted restrepia
- From Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador
- Intermediate to cool grower




Restrepia brachypus




- The short-column foot Restrepia
- Found most commonly in Colombia, but also Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia
- Cool to intermediate grower
- Also known as *Restrepia striata*

LARGE VARIABILITY IN A SINGLE SPECIES
Restrepia guttulata



ANATOMY OF THE PLANT



- No pseudobulbs
- Thin paddle-shaped leaves
- Stems covered with overlapping papery bracts
- Fine roots
- Plants produce new leaves year-round
- Flowers are borne on single stems usually on the backside of the leaf.
- Leaves produce sequential stems & blooms
- Free flowering

POTTED – COLLAR METHOD



- Sphagnum moss "collar" to retain moisture-repot annually
- Crown not buried
- Moss, clay & air space help keep roots cool
- Clay pot – evaporative cooling
- Water when moss feels dry
- Stone in pot bottom for stability (if needed)
- Nice "bush" presentation, but flowers can hide under leaves

Restrepia muscifera

FROM SOUTHERN MEXICO TO NORTHERN ARGENTINA



- Found in cool moist forests of the Andes
- Humidity is high and temperatures cool to temperate
- Usually epiphytic; very infrequently lithophytic.
- Often found on tree branches near or over rivers & streams.