



March 2024

# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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*Speaker at Meeting on March 17*

**Carol Klonowski**

**“Tolumnias, the True Miniature Orchid”**



Tolumnia is a genus formerly known as ‘equitant oncidiums’ up until 1986. They are true miniature orchids, fully grown at less than 8 inches, and have many different colors and patterns on flowers held high on slender spikes. The hybridization of this genus has been rapid and today there are many to choose from and should be a part of anyone’s collection.

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

She can recall going to monthly orchid society meetings at the Orchid Society of California. where orchid legends such as the late Frank Fordyce would be available to answer the many questions an eager hobbyist could ask.

After retirement from her career in Information Technology, Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for the past two decades and is currently a Fully Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Her love of travel and speaking programs combine with her orchid passion to allow her to visit, present talks, and judge orchids in shows across the USA and overseas.

*Meeting will be IN PERSON and via ZOOM*

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# Member Info

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### Web Site:

<http://www.southerntierorchids.org>

### Email address:

[STOSorchids@gmail.com](mailto:STOSorchids@gmail.com)

### Google Group (Listserv)

[STOSorchidgroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:STOSorchidgroup@googlegroups.com)

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernTierOrchidSocietyNY>

### Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/SouthernTierOrchidSociety/>

## STOS Calendar 2024

Meetings are 2-4 pm (1:30-2 is 'social time')

Location: Vestal United Methodist Church,  
328 Main St. Vestal, NY. Come to 'The Belfry' on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Elevator available.

**Jan 21** General Meeting via Zoom.

Speaker: Bill Goldner "Next Generation of  
Miniature Phragmipediums and other New  
Lines of Breeding"

**Feb 18** General Meeting In Person and via Zoom.

Speaker Ron McHatten

**Mar 17** General Meeting, Show Planning

Spring Online Auction Kickoff, Speaker Carol  
Klonowski on Tolumnias

**Apr 20-21** Orchid Show at Roberson Museum

**April 26-28** GROS Show (Rochester)

**May 19** General Meeting, Repotting Workshop

**June-Aug** Summer Break, no meetings or newsletters

**Aug. ??** Picnic at Hickories Park

**Sep 15** General Meeting with nominations for  
officers. **Fall auction** Live, in Person  
Set up at 1:00.

**Oct 20** General meeting, voting for officers.  
Speaker TBA

**Nov 17** General Meeting, Speaker TBA

**Dec 22** Holiday Party

## Memberships

can be paid online via Paypal (no account needed)

<https://www.southerntierorchids.org/>

Or at our meeting or mail a check to Angel Caoile,  
9 Burns Rd, Brooktondale, NY 14817



*Two orchids in the auction (provided by Laurel Shaefer)*

## *Spring Online Auction*

**Our Spring Auction begins right after our meeting March 17**

We will have a brief discussion of the auction, which runs from **4pm Sun 3/17 to 8pm Wed, 3/20**. There are **over 80 plants** for sale so there will be something for everyone. The Auction link will be emailed to STOS members (Google Group) before the meeting. It likely won't be ready until Sunday morning.

We think of our auctions as an opportunity for members to get plants at reasonable prices without paying shipping, which is huge when shopping online. Plants at shows can be quite expensive also. I do want to point out that prices are going up and so our auction starting prices have to rise as well. This is just the nature of the hobby. I hope you all find something you are delighted to have. Feel free to invite friends and relatives to bid, **but please do not post** on social media.

### **Our auction committee:**

Pete O'Connell, who is a long time STOS member now living in Key West. He has been on the auction committee with Jane Trey for many years. He does the ordering, organizes the spreadsheet of plants, gets photos of blooms, and fills out the online auction site. This is a lot of work but he is happy to help. Jane helps choose plants, picks up them from Fed Ex, takes photos of them (with help from Carol), cares for them until the auction, and is the pickup location afterwards. Also a big commitment. Let's thank both of them for their dedication to STOS. Auctions are a significant source of income for the club.

**The auction runs from 4pm Sun, 3/17 to 8pm Wed, 3/20.**

# Meeting Minutes

## **Attendees:**

We had about 12 people live and another 12 via Zoom

Minutes from the last meeting, as published in the newsletter, were approved.

## **Treasurer report** – Angel not present

Reminder to renew your membership – online form or in person

## **American Orchid Society (AOS) report** rep Bernice Magee not present. President noted that:

AOS site updated, updated the orchid care sheets are on our website

Their site is a very good source of information.

AOS is supporting orchid conservation, they are a good organization to support

Logo committee met and is looking for ideas for a new logo. Details were in the newsletter but if you are interested in designing or know someone who might be, get in touch with Ruth Allen. This is not a commitment, just an interest.

## **New business**

**Auction**, will be online this spring. Kickoff on March 17, right after our meeting. Ends March 20, Wed.

Plant pickup will be at Jane's house or for Ithaca folks we can arrange something closer.

## **Show**

- Dates are April 19-21. Setup on Friday April 19, 2-7pm. Judging Sat 9-12, we need clerks. Open Sat 12-5 Sun 12-4. Teardown 4-5 on Sunday, need many helpers for both days.
- Bring your blooming orchids! We need to have at least 2 displays.
- Registration – Announced our need for a backup for Renee who is good with Excel? A very big and very important job. (Note, Jeffery Hackett has volunteered)
- Bernice will be holding discussions about the education/childrens/orchid-gami/AOS table with people specifically interested in doing a shift at this table. Need about 6 people.
- will need about 8 people at the raffle/membership/greeting table.
- a general show meeting will be scheduled soon, early March perhaps (March 11)

## **GROS show**

April 26-28 the week after ours. We will need 2-3 people to setup on Thursday. And 2-3 people to take down on Sunday. And we need blooming orchids from many people.

Refreshment Break -Sell raffle tickets

Raffle - Run by Colin Dimon, made \$36. Several orchid plants in raffle

Show table - Many exceptional orchids

Guest speaker: Ron McHatten, "Orchid Diseases, Pests, Growth Issues, And More"  
introduced by Luis Matienzo

Minutes submitted by Carol Bayles

# STOS Orchid Show April 20-21



*Southern Tier Orchid Society*  
*Presents Their Fabulous 2024*

## Orchid Show

**Saturday April 20 12 – 5pm**  
**Sunday April 21 12 – 4pm**

**Roberson Museum**  
**30 Front St, Binghamton, NY**

*Exotic Orchid Displays*  
*Orchids for Sale*  
*Raffles*  
*Scavenger Hunts*  
*Tours and Advice*  
*Repotting Demo Sunday*  
*FREE*

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*Also visit the Roberson Museum and Science Center*

Time to start thinking about our annual show. This is our biggest event of the year and we need everyone to be there to make it a success. Mark your calendars now.

Setup is Fri April 19, 2pm – 7pm

Judging is Sat April 20 9am-12

We need clerks!

Open to public

Sat 12-5 and Sun 12-4.

Cleanup Sun 4-5.

We must be out by 5.

We need people to help set up tables, set up displays, help with registration, clerk for judges, man the raffle table, man the education table, help with scavenger hunt, help with Orchid-gami, lead tours, hold potting sessions, help with raffles, help clean up.

You will have a great time, guaranteed!

We will have signup sheets for various positions at the meeting on Sunday. These will also be available online until the show. Stay tuned for more info.

We will have posters on Sunday for hanging around town and will email them to members as well.

We also have road signs to post along popular routes in the area. They will be available at the meeting or by contacting Jane Trey.

# *What is wrong with this article or Don't believe everything you read*

Below is an excerpt from Southern Living magazine, Jan/Feb 2024 issue, "Miami's Orchid Man," (Vizcaya Museum and Gardens). Thanks to Bernice Magee for sending this in.

## **Secrets to Success**

*Cahiz outlines his essentials for the sometimes-finicky flower*

### **The Right Amount of H<sub>2</sub>O**

"Too much water will kill the plant faster than a lack of it, so err on the dry side," he notes. One easy metric? Poke your finger into the soil: If it's dry, water; otherwise, leave it alone.

### **Comfortable Surrounds**

"You don't want to give an orchid too much light; you might burn it," warns Cahiz. "If you put it next to a window in a kitchen or bath, the humidity of those rooms will help." For locales with colder winters, he recommends keeping it inside.

### **Good Tunes**

Give your flowers a playlist. "I listen to 1970s and 1980s punk bands, but that's my taste," he says. "My father used to blast jazz, and the plants were happy! Play the music you like, and—believe me—they'll love it."

### **Plenty of Time**

"If you bring home an orchid from the store, remember that it's a living thing," says Cahiz. "It takes a while for it to adapt to new conditions."

### **A Little R & R**

Once it's no longer flowering, he advises to "cut the spike as close as you can to the plant." That way, another spike can't sprout up and rob it of much-needed rest. From there, care for it as usual. "Then just wait until next year for it to bloom," says Cahiz. "Don't worry; it'll come up. That's the good thing about orchids. They'll surprise you!"

Not bad, just a little simplistic. The use of the word 'soil' got me. It is not easy to poke your finger into bark media. But yes, too much water is worse than too little. Music? Play the music you like and you will love it, but I don't know about your orchids. Orchids adapt very slowly to your house. Some, especially if blooming, may suffer a few lost flowers.

Another spike? He must mean a branch. Most of us enjoy a new branch of blooms. I assume he is talking about Phals. Do orchids need rest? They bloom and rest on their own schedule, we don't have to deprive ourselves of blooms. And, your orchid may surprise you by NOT blooming next year! -- Carol

# Logo Competition

Calling all **designers, artists, and orchid enthusiasts!** The Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) seeks your talent to create our brand-new logo! Members, family, and friends of STOS are **invited to submit their contact information to [STOSorchids@gmail.com](mailto:STOSorchids@gmail.com)**

**The committee is looking for** an iconic symbol that embodies the elegance and unique charm of orchids, while also reflecting the vibrant spirit of our community. Whether you envision **a delicate orchid blossom or a bold, abstract interpretation**, we encourage you to unleash your creativity and submit your design.

## Here's why you should join the competition:

- **Showcase your talent:** Get your work seen by a dedicated community of orchid lovers and design professionals.
- **Make a lasting impact:** Your logo will be used on all our publications, website, and marketing materials, leaving a lasting mark on the STOS legacy.

## Key considerations:

- **Theme:** While orchids are central to STOS, feel free to explore **abstract interpretations** that capture the essence of the society.
  - **Usability:** The logo should be **versatile and easily reproduced** in various sizes and formats, including print and digital media.
  - **Originality:** We encourage **unique and creative designs** that stand out from the crowd
- **Full details and submission requirements will be available on our website on or about April 1, 2024.**

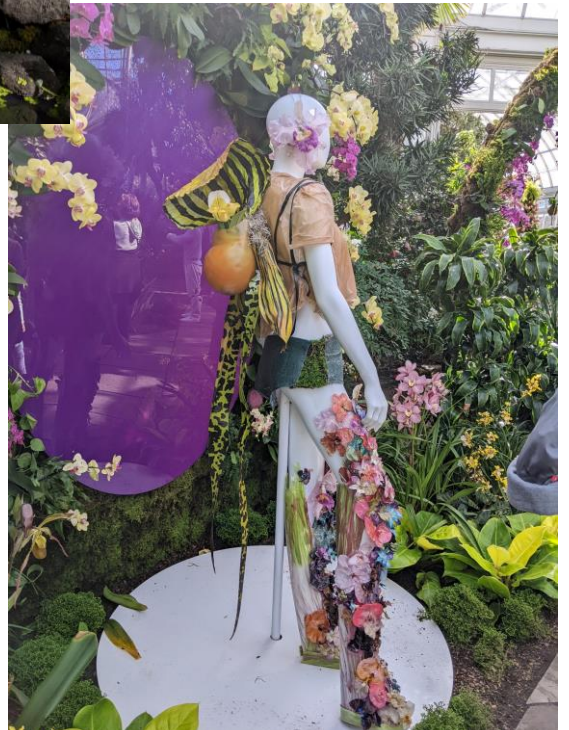
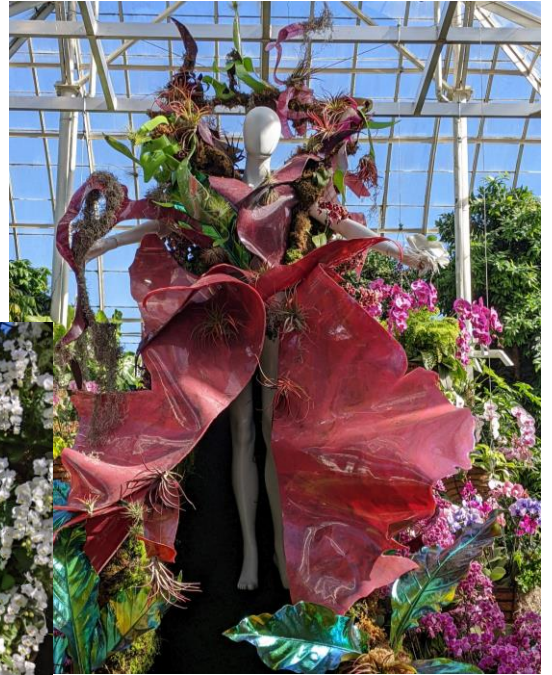
**Logo committee members:** Ruth Allen (chair), Jean Mint, Sam Hance, Linda Mittel, Renee DePrato, Loi X Tran



Current Logo

# Orchid Show Humor

The New York Botanical Garden (Bronx) is having their annual orchid show and the theme this year is *'Florals in Fashion.'* I couldn't resist sharing a few of the thematic displays.  
--Carol Bayles





## Show Table

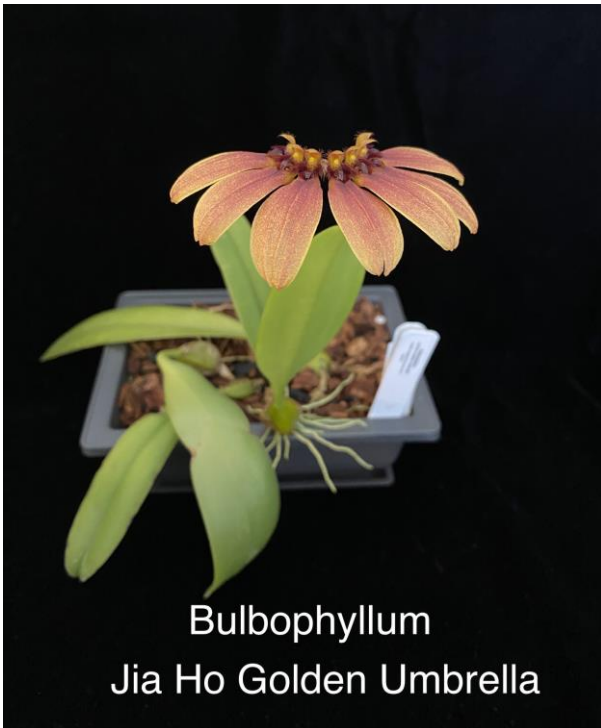


Laeliocattleya (LC.) Within Reach 'Mayday' x  
C. loddigesii Dominic lam. -- Kenneth Peck



*Diodonopsis erinacea*

John Zygmunt



*Bulbophyllum*  
Jia Ho Golden Umbrella

Likes it hot, a hybrid -- John Zygmunt



*Masdevallia*  
*decumana*

Likes shade, cool, cloud forest , Ecuador, Peru.  
Species -- John Zygmunt

## Show Table



Farmer's Market in Hawaii. Selling price is \$19. -- James Rowley



This Dendrobium flower came with my dinner at a small restaurant in Gorham, NH -- Carol Bayles



Wilsonara (Wils.) Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' Holiday Plant 2022. -- Carol Bayles



Miltoniopsis (Mps.) Lycaena 'Stamperland' AM/RHS. From Fall 2020 auction, to replace the one I had that died. It has 2 more spikes. – Carol Bayles

## Show Table – Sam Hance



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*Bl. Yellow Bird*



*Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'No. 703'*



*Porroglossum  
dalstroemii*

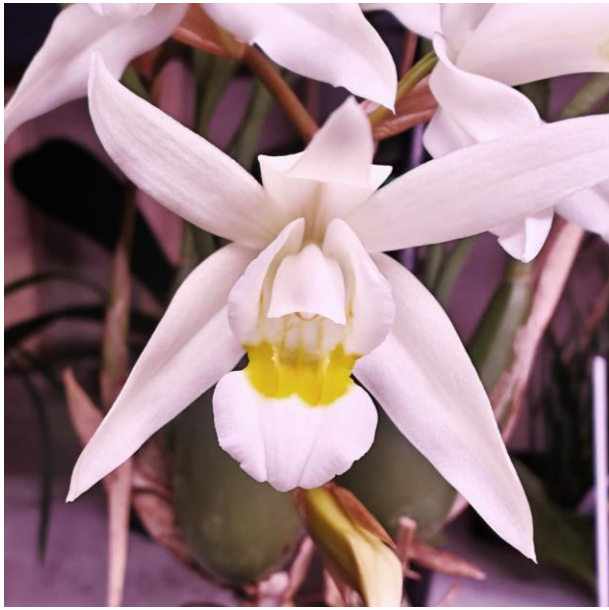


*Dinema polybulbon*

## Show Table – Sam Hance



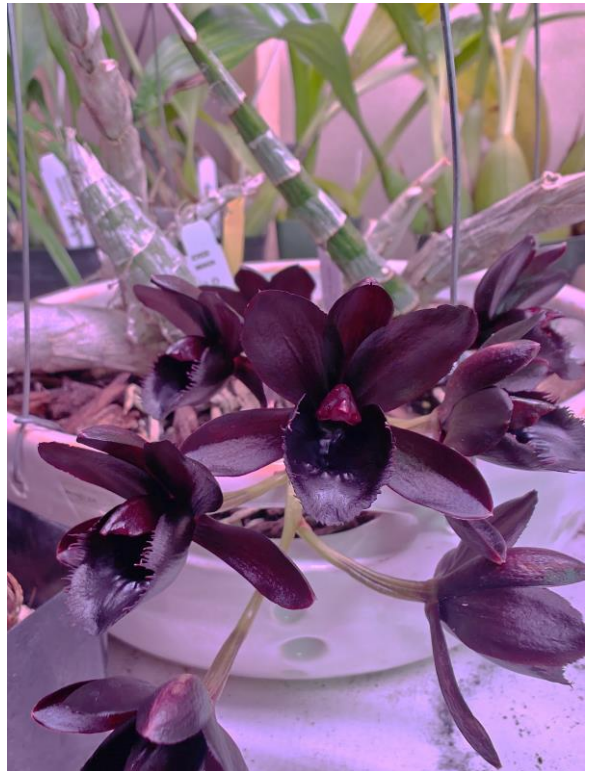
## Show Table – Jeffrey Hackett



Coelogyne 'Unchained Melody'  
(Cristata x flaccida)



Encyclia thienii x cordigera



Fredklarkeara After Dark "Black Pearl"

## *Show Table – Sharon Voorhees*



Oncidium (Onc.) Tsiku Marguerite#1



Odontocidium Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'



Tolumnia Red Berry

# Show Table – Linda Mittel



Cattleya 'Spring Fragrance'



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QF Paph acomodonium x argus



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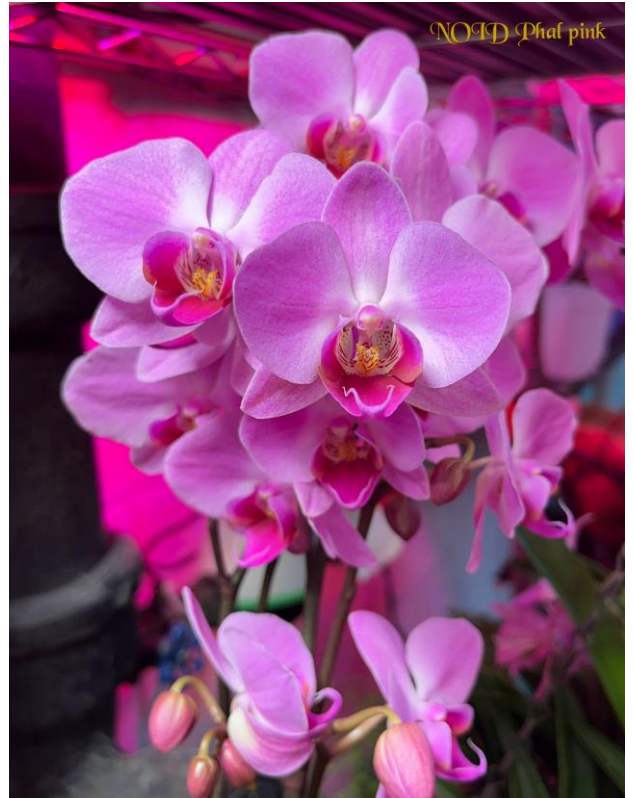
NOID Phal white with dark maroon throat



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# Show Table – Linda Mittel



## Show Table – Ines Cramer



3 Gorgeous No id Phals



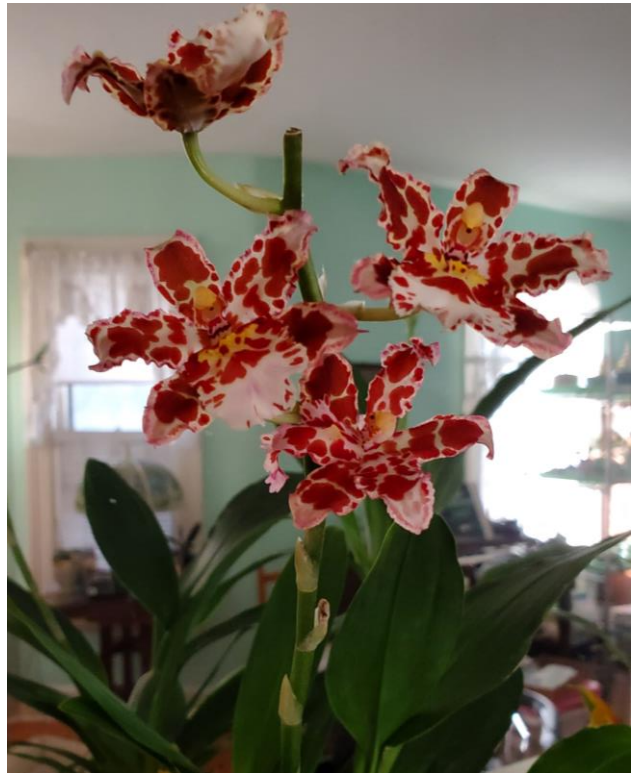
Columnnea 'Hot Lips' (not an orchid)



## Show Table -- Anne Quain



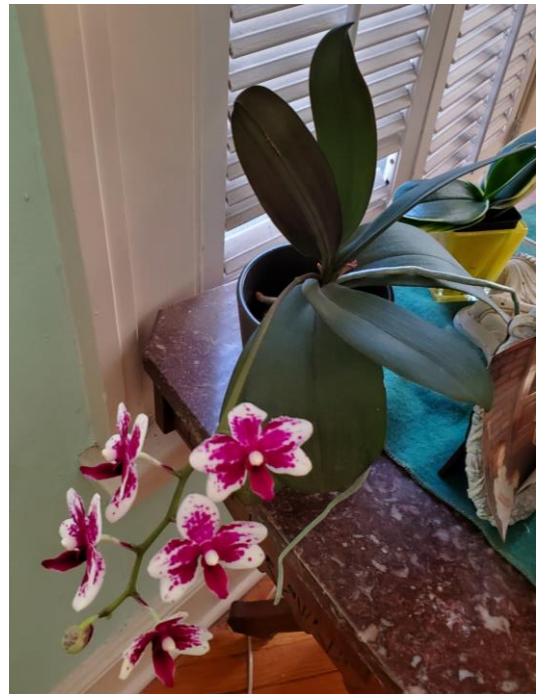
Cynoches (Cyc.) chlorochilon 'Giant Swan'



Oncidium (Onc.) Eye Candy 'Pinkie'



Zygonisia (Zns.) Cynosure 'Blue Bird'



Lost Tag. Very reliable bloomer and blooms in this lovely arch

## Show Table – Laurel Shaefer



Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.) Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lennette'



Cymbidium (Cym.) Koushu Fire



Mini Phal no id



Mini Phal no id

## Show Table



No id mini Phal – Laurel Shaefer



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Lost Tag -- Anne Quain



No id Phal -- Maria Guzman