



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

Although we will not be able to meet in person on June 13th, I have been in touch with Alan Koch and he has agreed to do a virtual presentation for us on Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture. Susan Usseglio is our Tech person and is putting together the Zoom part of the program. Sue is including instructions in this newsletter on how one joins a zoom meeting. Alan is offering plants as a pre-order to the virtual meeting. All orders receive a 10% discount and orders over \$100.00 a 20 % discount. Shipping varies between \$18-\$35 depending on the amount and size of the plants. The actual invitation to the Zoom Meeting, along with the join link and Alan's pre-order plant list, will be sent later in an email included in Lee's blog.

The Orchid Conservation Alliance also has virtual programs and has offered to work with us to set one up for our July meeting. We are all learning new ways of staying connected which is a good thing.

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NHOS MEETING NOTICE

The June 13 NHOS meeting will be held via ZOOM and (as planned a long time ago) will feature Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids as the guest speaker. Alan is also offering plants for sale as a pre-order. Please see the President's Message for details and ZOOM instructions for the meeting can be found on pages 11-13.

Please monitor <https://www.nhorchids.org/> for updates on NHOS events being impacted by the COVID-19 N.H. Governor's Orders.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our upcoming events calendar will be published again once COVID-19 restrictions have been eased and we have a better understanding of what events can be held and under what guidelines.

Member Orchids

(While we wait until we can get back together again, please feel free to send pictures of your blooming orchids to leighcoolidge@gmail.com and I'll try and get them into the newsletter)



Den. fimbriatum var. oculatum

Sub. by Thomas Gregg



Rhynchostylis retusa

Sub. by Leigh Coolidge

President's Message (Con't from Page 1)

Please check our friends of NHOS Facebook page and join the blog on our website for some incredible pictures of members orchids.

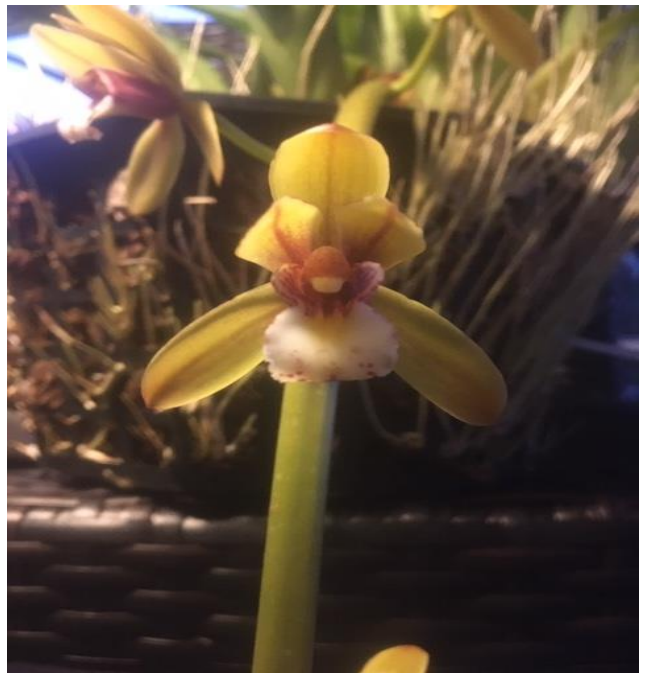
Several of us were able to meet on May 27th in the parking lot of the Old Bedford Town Hall to finally present Steve Tacopina with the Orchid Digest Diamond Award (seen Jean's article).

This award is usually given at our show but due to the virus, the show and subsequent meetings were cancelled. This was also a bittersweet moment because Steve and Michelle will be relocating to Savannah in June. They will be sorely missed but we wish them all the best in their new home.

In April, all of you were sent copies of a By-Law proposal for Electronic Meetings. This month you will receive a copy of the proposed changes to the entire By-Laws, either by email or snail mail. The Board and Committee Chairpersons have reviewed them. Please look them over and email me if you have comments. I hope to vote on them at our next live meeting.

As mentioned in the April newsletter, several Trustee and Board positions need to be filled for the coming year. Please let Andrea Deachman or myself know if you might be interested.

Anita



**Cym. Finlaysonianum
Sub. by Leigh Coolidge**

Ask the Judges

If you have questions for the judges, please submit them to newsletter@nhos.org.

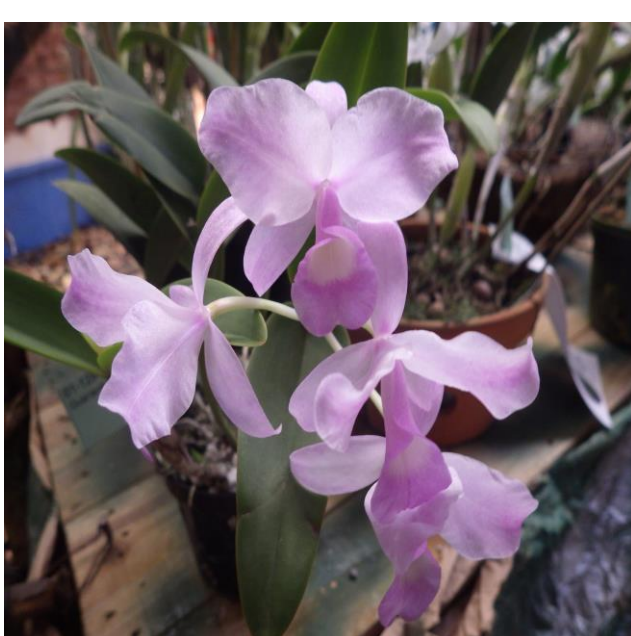
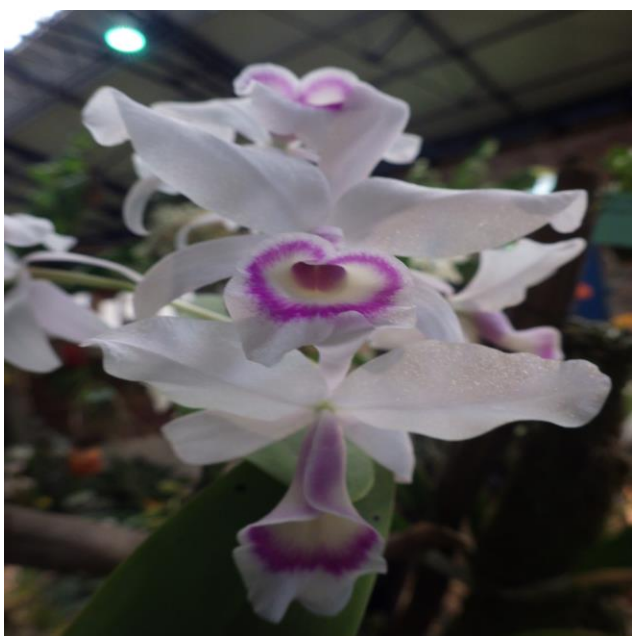
This month, we provide a response to the questions regarding Guarianthe (formerly Cattleya) skinneri posed in the May issue by newsletter editor Leigh Coolidge.

By Jean Stefanik, Accredited AOS Judge

“Thank you, Leigh for your question about your two plants of Guarianthe skinneri. The quick answer is that the name for both of your plants is officially recognized by Kew as simply Guarianthe skinneri. All of the other variety and form/a additions are not "officially" valid, according to Kew. Some, like alba, are more commonly used as horticultural names. The species has a very wide variety of colorforms and people create descriptive names for them, there are natural hybrids (grown in nature) as well as produced in greenhouses. These names are not "official", rather they describe the colors so that people will know what to expect from a plant not currently in bloom and to compare with others. The range of colors is endless and that's part of the charm of this species.

Guarianthe skinneri is the national flower of Costa Rica and found growing there in the wild. When judging shows there, there are whole huge exhibits with nothing except colorforms of this species. I've attached several photos so you can begin to appreciate the wide range of colorforms.



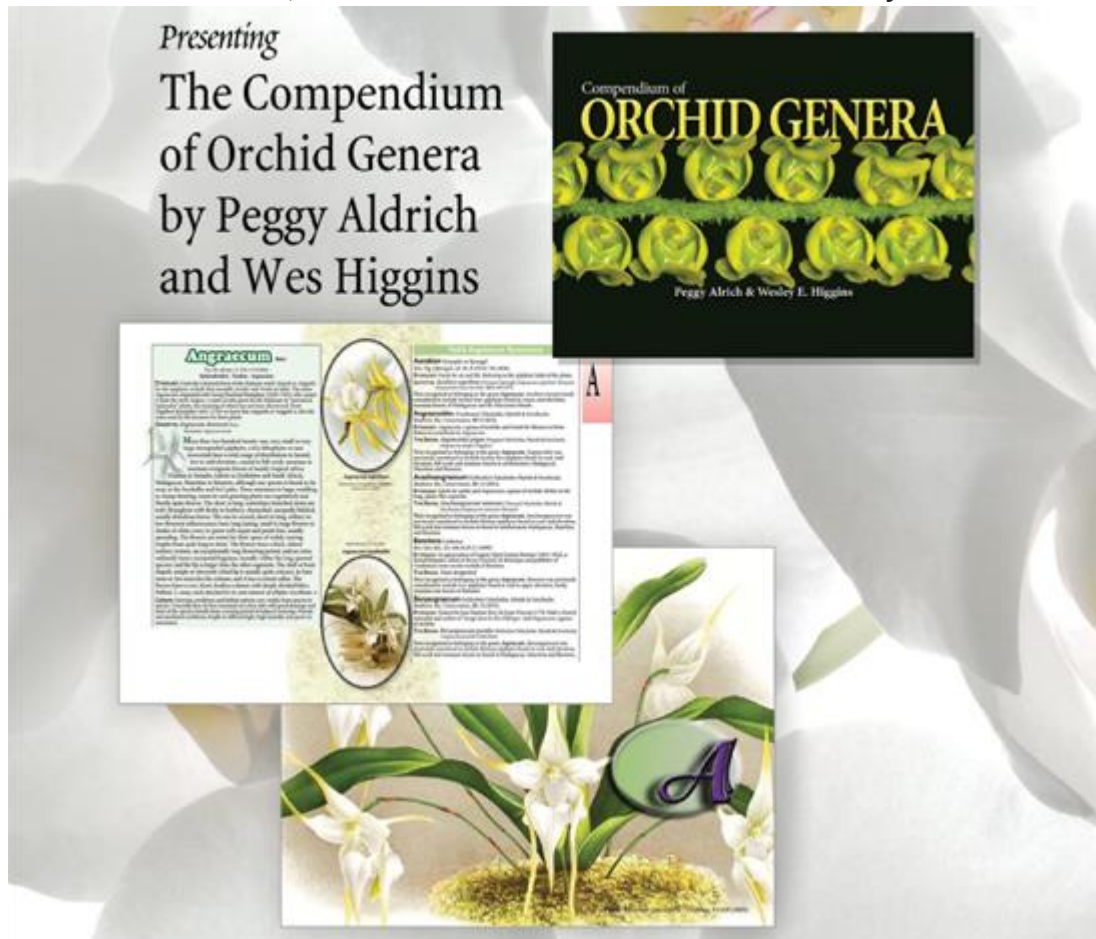


AOS NEWS



American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.

A \$99 value, now at a 50% discount for a limited time only!



The book is now available for purchase and just in time! As we enter Phase 1 of re-opening in our area, we will be able to return to our offices and start sending out orders starting this week.

Original orchid color plates abound in this distinctive Orchid Encyclopedia by Peggy Aldrich and Wesley Higgins, a marvelous and artistic creation in landscape format of 500 pages.

Original orchid discoverer and date are listed as well as the Etymology and Generitype of more than 2000 orchids along with a easy to read description of growth

habits, countries and regions within countries of origin. The plants and flowers are aptly discussed and the authors give colors and varieties found in various areas of note. Sepals and petals along with special features of lips complete the beautifully described notes. Of note in the book are the synonyms the orchids have had over the years, and those that were, and are, invalid even today. A modern twist to the encyclopedia features a general culture description which helps even a veteran grower understand the some of the nuances of the particular plants being discussed. What is absolutely beautiful is the collection of artwork of each of the plants done in color plates, many by the original artist or from an original collection and dated. Many of the drawings illustrate entire flowers, with all their separated parts. This book would be a welcome and beautiful addition to any orchid grower's collection, a stunning work and artistic treasure.

The book is 600 pages long, hardbound, and 8 1/2 x 11 in landscape format.

The retail price for this book is \$99.00, but for a limited time, American Orchid Society members may purchase the book at a 50% discount. Just make sure you are logged into the website when placing your order.

You can [order it online](#) now for \$49.50* !

Just visit www.aos.org, or you can place an order with us over the phone at (305) 740-2010. We are available Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5:30PM EST.

***Plus shipping and insurance. Regular 10% membership discount does not apply on top of the 50% offer.**

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	June 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	June 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	July 14, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	How to Successfully Grow Coelogyne	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Charles Wilson AOS Judge, Committee Member Education and Conservation	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

To view **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED:** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

*Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram
and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.*

If you want to view independently from home, you can join live on your computer, or mobile device.

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

ALL webinars are recorded and available to view at your leisure.

GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

WHEN YOU JOIN AOS, DON'T FORGET TO MENTION YOU ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF NHOS!



Extension

Plant Health Webinar Series for Green Industries and More

May 18, 2020

Plant Health Webinar Series for Green Industries and More

Thursdays, June 4 to July 9, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost: Free!

The UNH Cooperative Extension Landscape and Greenhouse Team is offering six different pesticide credit webinars. One NH pesticide credit is available for each night. You can attend as many or as few as you like. [Register](#) and select the sessions you would like to attend. You will receive an email with a link to the webinar.

- *Choosing pesticides and using pesticide info to make good decisions* - presented by Jonathan Ebba, UNH-CE Landscape and Greenhouse Field Specialist for Hillsborough County - **Thursday, June 4, 2020 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- *Pour-throughs, pH and potential acidity* - presented by Jonathan Ebba - **Thursday, June 11, 2020 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- *Tips for diagnosing plant problems* - presented by Dr. Cheryl Smith, UNH-CE Plant Health State Specialist - **Thursday, June 18, 2020 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- *Calibrating and calculating a spray tank* - presented by Jonathan Ebba - **Thursday, June 25, 2020 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- *Landscape weed management* - presented by Emma Erler, UNH-CE Education Center Program Coordinator - **Thursday, July 2, 2020 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- *Some benefits of applying silicon to plants* - presented by Dr. Muhammad Shahid, UNH-CE Greenhouse and Nursery Production State Specialist - **Thursday, July 9, 2020 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Register

NHOS 2020 Diamond Award Presentation

Congratulations to Steve Tacopina on receiving the annual Orchid Digest Diamond award

It is with great pleasure that the New Hampshire Orchid Society has awarded the 2020 Orchid Digest award to Steve Tacopina. Steve has been a member of NHOS since 2006. Steve has been very active and has served on the Executive Board as Trustee, Vice-President, President, and Past- President.

Steve has volunteered at times as Librarian, Nominating Committee Chairperson and Risk-Management Chairperson. He can always be relied upon to help with our annual show from set up to tear down, giving tours and manning the co-op table sales.

As a member of the Education and Conservation Committee, Steve has been instrumental in promoting the educational goals of the New Hampshire Orchid Society by helping to develop our relationship with the University of New Hampshire's Macfarlane Greenhouse orchid collection in the past, and hopefully now with another local college. He avidly participates in observing native orchids in their natural habitat and in the supportive screening of applicants for the NHOS Grant program.

Steve has been growing orchids for over 20 years. He has experimented with strategies for modifying growing conditions, including terrariums and systems for humidity control and optimal growing conditions. He is always available to assist in the emergency dispersal of orchid collections when members have passed, temporarily storing orchids until new homes for them can be found.

Steve will be sorely missed as he relocates to warmer climate but we wish him well and great success in the future.



**Congratulations Steve! (Unfortunately, due to COVID gathering restrictions, Steve became the first recipient to receive his award in the Town Hall parking lot and not under the disco ball at the annual show ballroom dinner in front of hundreds of attendees dressed in evening gowns and tuxedos. – ed.)
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A Note from the Diamond Award Winner

To my friends at NHOS:

As you may know by now, my wife Michelle and I have decided to move south and relocate to Savannah Georgia. We will be closing on our home in Hooksett on June 4 and begin our new adventure when we close on our new home in Savannah on June 8.

This new chapter in our lives is both exciting and bittersweet. In the age of Covid19 we have been socially isolated which makes closure with my friends and colleagues in the Society extremely difficult for me.

As a NHOS member since 2006, I have had an opportunity to learn from perhaps the best orchid enthusiasts in the business, been privileged to serve as your President, serve on the Board in various roles and have been part of the conservation, library and risk management programs.

I have totally enjoyed and cherish my time with NHOS, hearing from expert speakers both from within NHOS and from outside speakers, working the annual show giving tours and manning the COOP table, laughing hysterically at the antics of our auctioneers during our auctions (you know who you are LOL!!), working with an extremely dedicated group of who share the passion for orchids and totally enjoying the camaraderie of this wonderful organization.

I will, of course, be bringing a small collection of orchids with me and have already been in touch with the Deep South Orchid Society which coincidentally meets in Savannah. For the new members or hobbyists reading this, remember to bring those plants to the show table each month as that is how you learn and grow in the Society.

As Michelle and I move forward I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your passion, giving me the opportunity to learn from you all and most importantly your friendship.

**Your friend,
Steve Tacopina**

ZOOM MEETING FOR NHOS

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a [web](#) conferencing platform that is commonly used for audio and/or video conferencing. It is designed for one-on-one or group calls.

What is a Zoom Meeting?

Zoom Meetings are the audio and video conferences that allow two or more people to communicate online using a computer or phone.

How does Zoom Work?

You don't need a paid subscription to start using Zoom. In fact, if someone else sets up the Zoom Meeting and invites you, all you need to do is follow the instructions in the email invitation to start using Zoom. You'll need to click a link to install the Zoom app.

What Equipment Do I Need to Use Zoom?

To use Zoom you will need one of the following:

- **Computer.** Windows or Apple computer with speakers and a microphone

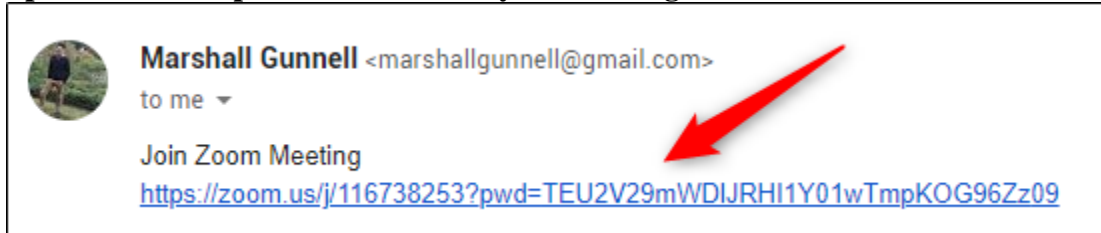
- Mobile Device. iOS or Android

How to join a Zoom Meeting using the Email Link from your computer or Smart Phone

When a host sends you an invitation, you'll receive that invitation via email. The first link in the message is the "Join Zoom Meeting" link. Click that link.

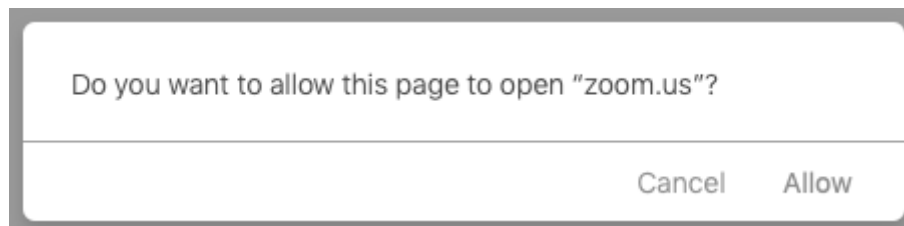
Step 1: Open your browser and log into your email account.

Step 2: Find and open the email from your meeting host that contains the invite link.



Once selected, you'll be brought to the Zoom meeting. Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app otherwise you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.

Step 3: Click on the invite link and Zoom will redirect you to a webpage. This webpage will ask you to download the Zoom app on your device whether you are using a desktop or a mobile device.



Step 4: Once the application is downloaded on your desktop, install and open it. Zoom should automatically open the meeting in concern. If that does not open, head over back to your email ID and click on the invite link. You will now see a prompt to open the link in the Zoom app.

Open Zoom?

https://zoom.us wants to open this application.





Join a Meeting

Sign In

Click “Join a Meeting”

You should now be connected to the meeting in question and you will be able to communicate with all your team members.

Step 5: Similarly, if you are a mobile user, the meeting should open inside the Zoom app as soon as it is installed. If that does not happen, you can click on the invite link again and you will be directly taken to the Zoom app.

Zoom Invitation

Sample Zoom Invitation:

From Susan Usseglio>

Date: Sat, Apr 4, 2020 at 8:56 PM

Subject: Invitation to a Zoom meeting for

To: participants userid’s

Hi Everyone!

I have scheduled a ZOOM meeting for Saturday June xx, 2020 @ 11:00 AM See you all then. Susan

Susan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NHOS Speaker Presentation

Time: June xx, 2020 (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/369846712?pwd=MGk4OFZnd0hxZmhjcEhwOHRUNHhoQT09> (This is the link that will be used for the downloading of the Zoom software and connecting to the zoom Meeting.)

Meeting ID: 369 846 712

Password: 403702

(If you already have Zoom software installed you can also connect to the meeting using the Meeting ID and Password. Just launch Zoom app and enter the Meeting ID and Password.)

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