



# NHOS Newsletter

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## President's Message

I was hoping to see all of you in May but with the Covid 19 cases still increasing in NH, it is unlikely we will be able to have a meeting in May.

Let's pray this is all over by June and we can all go back to life as it used to be when we could socialize with friends and family and go to the grocery store without a mask.

On a positive note, I have had time to rake up 7 wheelbarrow loads of acorns.

If any of you need any kind of help please reach out to the Board. We are here for you.

I can't wait to see you all again. Stay Safe.

Anita

## NHOS MEETING NOTICE

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, the May meeting has been cancelled!

For now, we will keep the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 13 on the calendar. Please watch the NHOS website for updates.

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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.

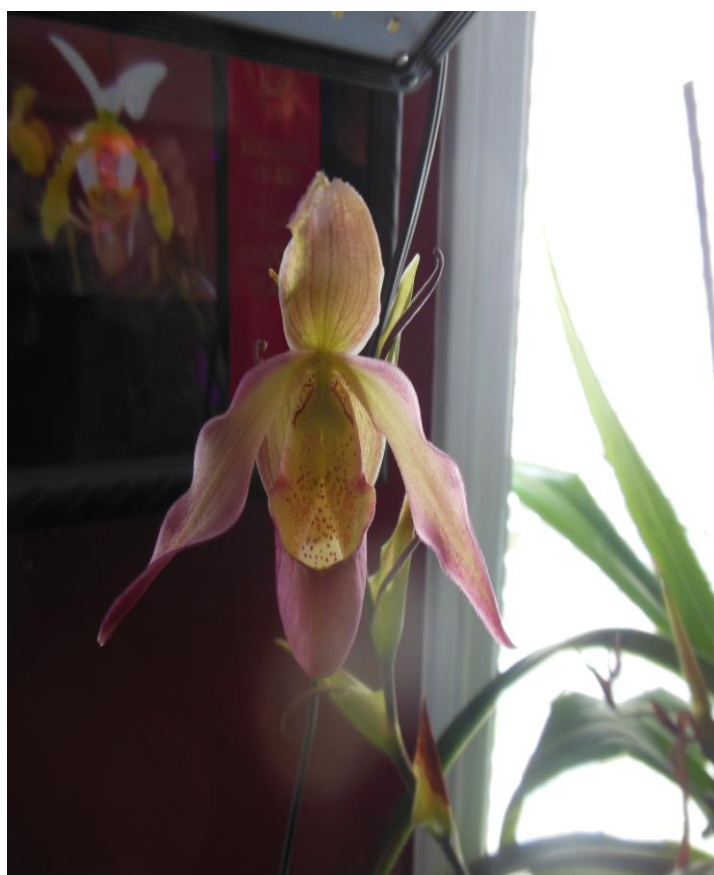
## Member Orchids

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



**Phrag. Sargent Eric, (Phragmipedium  
Eric Young x Phragmipedium  
sargentianum)**

**Bill Schinella**



**Phrag. Memoria Dick Clements (Prag  
sargentianum X Phrag. besseae) □**

**Bill Schinella**





**Rlc.Waianae Leopard x Catt.Why Not  
'Orange Paradise'  
Bill Schinella**



**Paph. Michael Koopowitz  
Donna Petitt**



**Lycaste Auburn Dark Beauty X  
Wyldecourt "Sir William Cooke"**

**George Newman**



**Lycaste imchootiana "Royal Blush"**

**George Newman**





**Lycaste skinneri x Jason Diamond**  
**George Newman**



**Arpophyllum spicatum**  
**George Newman**



**Epicyclia Serena O'Neill**  
**Leigh Coolidge**



**Recc. Honky Tonk Woman 'Chadwick'**  
**Leigh Coolidge**

## Ask the Judges

This will be our first attempt at a new newsletter feature where you, our readers, can submit questions about your plants to a panel of AOS judges. If you have questions for the judges, please submit them to [newsletter@nhos.org](mailto:newsletter@nhos.org).

This month's question is posed by newsletter editor Leigh Coolidge.

The judges' response will be published in the June Newsletter.

The species *Guarianthe skinneri* has multiple varieties and forms depending on where you pull your research from and I am trying to figure out what I really have.

I have had both of these plants for probably 10 years or more and I have divided each of them more than once since that time.

Long enough that I have no clue where I got them but most likely source would have been a society member auction so they are likely divisions from plants owned by a current or former NHOS member.

Below is a pictures of both plants side by side. On the right is the plant labeled *Catt. skinneri* f. *alba* 'Debbie' while the one on the left is labeled *Catt. skinneri* var. *oculata*. I don't think the *oculata* is correct and now I'm wondering about the Debbie too.

From the descriptions I've been able to find, "oculata" (which means roughly "eye") is also sometimes referred to as "alba oculata" and should be entirely white with a rose or lavender color deep in the recess of the throat or the "eye" only. My plant has the eye but it also is NOT white. It has what I refer to as a "purple haze" throughout the flower parts. It really is quite stunning when you add in that beautiful *skinneri* crystalline shimmer.

I don't believe it has enough color to be considered "coerulea" and I believe "semi-alba" refers to color only in the lip so I'm wondering if it might actually be form *albescens*? (which roughly means fading to white)

*Question #1 is "what do the judges think this is and why?"*

'Debbie' is listed in most references as an *alba* form (as does my tag) but I have also seen it listed as a semi-*alba* which would mean coloration on the lip. Mine is pure white (no colored eye observed in any flower) EXCEPT maybe 1-2 flowers in a cluster (but not every cluster) has a very faint purple haze just in the lip.

*Question #2 is "Do the judges believe this is a true alba form even though it may exhibit some slight coloration?"*

*Question #3--- Can the judges help us understand the difference in usage between the terms "variety" and "form"?*





**Guar. Skinneri var. oculata (left) and  
f. alba 'Debbie' right**



**var. oculata**



**f. alba 'Debbie'**

## AOS NEWS



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Until we meet in person again - Orchid lovers everywhere will find ways to get their shot of orchid adrenaline.

What else can we do while we wait this out? Spend intimate time with our orchid collection. Enjoy the proliferation of blooms this time of year brings. Share your blooms on Instagram, Facebook and your society websites.

Remember to check in with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/americanorchidsociety?igshid=16ixfciczky01)!

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What else can we do while we wait this out? Support orchid vendors with mail order purchases and gift card purchases, if offered. We want to see them come through all of this to keep us happy in our passion for orchids. The [Orchid Source Directory](http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-source-directory.aspx) is a good place to start. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-source-directory.aspx>

What else can we do while we wait this out? Increase our knowledge. A new shipment of [The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture](https://secure.aos.org/Products/353-the-american-orchid-society-guide-to-orchids-and-their-culture.aspx) has arrived at headquarters. Though access to our offices at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is limited at this time, and shipping is delayed, this is the perfect time to order a copy of this publication. Bulk discounts

apply. <https://secure.aos.org/Products/353-the-american-orchid-society-guide-to-orchids-and-their-culture.aspx>

What else can we do while we wait this out? Comb through the [AOS website](http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer.aspx). Contained therein is more information that anyone can digest at one sitting. Choose from a multitude of drop down menus for early dining. Have questions? Here are some answers. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer.aspx>

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>

What else can we do while we wait this out? Read orchid tales. There are a few good orchid themed books to distract you. I suggest *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid*, written by an author local to my area, Craig Pittman. It is a story about the discovery of *Phragmipedium kovachii*. Another engaging read might be *Deadly Slipper: A Novel of Death on the Dordogne* (one in a series of four) by Michelle Wan. There is always *The Orchid Thief: A True Story of Beauty and Obsession* by Susan Orlean, and *Orchid Fever: A Horticultural Tale of Love, Lust and Lunacy*, by Eric Hansen. For a little orchid history and the obsessive hold orchids have over us, you might consider *Orchid: A Cultural History* by Jim Endersby.

Most of these publications can be found on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) either in print, Kindle or audiobook. Don't forget to choose Amazon Smile. You can help the American Orchid Society simply by shopping at Amazon through their Amazon Smile program. Just go to <http://smile.amazon.com> every time you shop at Amazon. When you checkout for the first time, you will be asked to designate your charity. Type American Orchid Society in the search bar - We appear as "American Orchid Society Inc."

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>May 12, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>May 21, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Thursday	<b>June 16, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>June 23, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Australian Dendrobiums	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Growing Coelogyne
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Fred Clarke</b> AOS Judge, Orchid Hybridizer & Greenhouse Owner	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Charles Wilson</b> AOS Judge, Committee Member Education and Conservation

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