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June 2016 Picnic at the Grays in Vermont

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In place of our regular meeting, on Sunday, June 12th, Ed, Christine and Marc Gray hosted society members with a cookout at their Vermont home. A little stone fire pit was glowing as Ed played head chef frying burgers and hot dogs for our small crowd. Side dishes contributed by members were delicious! That little camp fire was appreciated, and a number of members huddled around it at various times, since the wind was blustering the whole time and temperatures hovered in the high 50sF.

If you never have attended a picnic at the Grays' you've missed Venus Fly Traps, Sarracenia "pitcher plants", and the cheerful swaths of primroses in bloom around the little ponds. Orchids and tropical plants are summering outside, lined up in their pots, or hanging from tree branches. It's a fascinating collection.

The meeting included a discussion of the new Orchid Fest at Smith Vocational in Northampton, MA. The show table was a bit smaller than usual, but the plants and blossoms were very impressive and showed a nice range of genera and colors.

The society would like to heartily thank the Grays for their annual hospitality, good food and beautiful setting. It was definitely worth a trip to their woodland hide-away.

Happy Birthday, Verda Dale!

Verda Dale, the Society's longest standing member will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 31, 2016.

The Amherst Orchid Society wishes Verda a Happy Birthday, and congratulates her on a long and extraordinary life!

Picnic at Roger West's House on July 17, 2016

Roger West

The July meeting will be at my place in Conway. Sorry that I miss the get together up at the Gray's but I was mowing hay all day. My wife, Beth, will supply desserts and drinks for the gathering. If you have never been to my place you have missed a very quiet area with many flower gardens. There are daylilies and hostas all over the property, of course they are all specimen size. The swimming pool is available for those who still dare wear a bathing suit. I may have a few Cattleyas for sale and other members usually bring up a few plants to sell. Directions are: coming into Conway on Route 116, you take Shelburne Falls Rd.(green road sign) and go out 3 miles on Shelburne Falls Rd. You will see a large opening with fields and a big red barn on the hill. The road sign says Dacey Rd. and we are the only place on Dacey Rd. Hope the weather is good, if not we will be in the garage. Hope to see you! Please bring potluck dishes to share!







Show Table June 2016

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Cattleya mossiae
 Dendrobium unicum
 Lycaste aromatic
 Enanthleya Jackie Bright
 Epidendrum falcatum

Steve Steiner

Promenaea ovatiloba x xanthina
 Promenaea xanthina
 Promenaea Ben Berliner
 Promenaea Crawshayana
 Paphiopedilum Bernice
 Paphiopedilum William Ambler
 Miltoniopsis Lorene 'Black Rain'
 Dendrobium pseudoglomeratum
 Galabstia Green Tyger(Pabstia jugosa x Galeottia grandiflora)

Steve LaValley

Phalaenopsis Keneth Schubert
 Phalaenopsis violacea
 Phalaenopsis coerulea

George Collison

Oncidium Heaven Scent

Marge Tanguay

Epicyclia Serena O'Neill
 Phragmipedium Gail Dytrych 3N
 Paphiopedilum Armeni White
 Bifrenaria tyrianthina
 Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Burgandy Blush'

Upcoming Events

Next meeting is July 17th, 2016 at Roger West's house. Read above for directions to Dacey Road in Conway, MA. Please bring a dish to share; dessert and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a swim suit if you want to take advantage of the swimming pool.