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April Meeting

Emily Petitt

It was a nice afternoon that everyone gathered for the April meeting. There was a reasonable crowd, and a rather full show table, filled with a variety of different blossoms. They were mostly phals, slippers, catts, dendrobiums, and the like. I could be wrong, but I think those might just be what blooms best around now.

Steve Reardon discussed our bank accounts after the show. It was a positive discussion, actually. We have enough cash in reserves to get a speaker, but our issue lies in scheduling. Because we have our meeting on a Sunday on an off-week, it's not cost-effective for speakers to wait around for our meetings, so we miss out on the circuit of the big national people. Once again, it's been proposed that we move our meetings, but the people in charge of looking into it weren't at the meeting weren't there. Alternatively, we spoke of getting some of the somewhat local growers like Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids and Carri Raven-Riemann of orchidPhile.

Finally, it was discussed that we are entering our vacation from the Munson. May marks the final month that we will be in the library for the summer months. Please note that June, we will be up in Vermont at the Gray's family home for a picnic meeting. It was suggested that July might be up in Conway at Roger's, though nothing is certain, and we have no idea where August's meeting will be.

Obituary

Mary Adele "Della" (Tonelli) Kelly, from South Hadley, entered into eternal rest and peace on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Born in Springfield on April 8, 1931, she was a resident of Chicopee for 60 years, before moving to South Hadley. She was a person dedicated to her family. Della graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1951 and worked as a Registered Nurse at Mercy Hospital in ICU/CCU as well as doing private duty nursing and Home Care Nursing. In addition to her work as a RN, she also enjoyed selling CopperCraft and Avon Products. After her children were grown, she returned to school and received an Associate degree from Holyoke Community College and a Bachelors Degree from Elms College. As an avid gardener, she could often be found outside in her gardens, weeding, transplanting or harvesting vegetables. She was more than willing to share her knowledge and plants with anyone who shared her interest. Della also had a passion for orchids and enjoyed being a member of the Amherst Orchid Society. When her children were younger and active in dance, she was on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Valley Regional Ballet Company. Della is survived by her second husband, John "Jack" Kelly of South Hadley and predeceased by her first husband Jean "John" Houle of Holyoke. She is survived by her 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Donations can be made, in her name, to the Amherst Orchid Society.

A donation was made to Amherst Orchid Society by Della's nephew, Joseph Craven, and her friend Judith Tracy, for which we are very grateful.

Show Table April 2017**Joe Maciaszek**

Phalaenopsis Trader Joe 'Happy Birthday'

Kasia Wynne

Miltonidium Carnivale 'Rio'

Phalaenopsis Home Depot 'Throw Away'

Phalaenopsis Magic Act

Connie Lentz

Phalaenopsis NOID

Paphiopedilum Petula in Pink

Phalaenopsis NOID

Ann Jordan

Phalaenopsis NOID

Marge Tanguay

Phragmipedium Nichole Tower

Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball'

Jackfowlieara Appleblossom

Zygopetalum Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS

Dendrobium rhodostictum x Aussie's Chip

Steve Reardon

Schoenorchis juncifolia

Paphiopedilum Franz Glanz

Paphiopedilum Memoria Jacob 'Jake Piloto'

Paphiopedilum Jim Asher

Dendrobium aberrans

Promenea Seal Rock

Carol Steiner

Phalaenopsis Ox Black Face

Donna Pettitt

Paphiopedilum Deperle

Mariah Groux

Paphiopedilum Odette's Flair

Marc Gray

Dendrobium schoeninum

Plectochilus Richard Jost

Paphiopedilum Spotglen x moquetteanum

Phalaenopsis Meen Estrelle

Phalaenopsis NOID

Phalaenopsis violacea Big Red x Big Red

Phalaenopsis Grosbeak 'Sweet Fragrance'

Paphiopedilum Petula's Jewel

Restripia lansbergii

Troy Jordan

Seidra Jappnica Mini Maru Noshima

Leilani and Harold Norman

Cattleya Aquil-Finn 'Natures Best'

Cattleya Bryan Wheeler 'Grandson'

Cattlianthe Trick or Treat

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Memoria Grant Eichler

Rhynchobrassoleya Cracklin Rosie

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Owen Holmes

Steve Steiner

Lycaste Terry Kennedy

Dendrobium gonzolesii

Vanda Princess Mikasa 'White Angel'

Paphiopedilum chamberlianum v. sumatro

Masdevallia Angel Glow

Dendrobium Love Memory 'Fizz'

Lepanthes caprimulgus

Phragmipedium schroderii 'Bolin'

Paphiopedilum armeniacum

Paphiopedilum Bernice Johnson x rothschildianum

Paphiopedilum Oto

Dendrobium mohlianum

Pleurothallis viduata 'Selby'

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting is Sunday, May 21st at 2 PM. Those with last names starting with M, N, O, and P, Please bring a dish to share.

Redlands International Orchid Festival May 19, 20, 21 9-5 each day

<http://www.redlandorchidfest.org/>

Open House at Piping Rock Orchids

Open House, Picnic, & Guest Speakers Saturday ~ June 3rd, 2017 ~ 10:30 AM

2270 Cook Road ~ Galway, NY

<http://www.pipingrockorchids.com/open-house-at-piping-rock-orchids.php>

June 11, 2017: Annual Picnic @ the Grays in Vermont