



Greater Whorled
Pogonia

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October 2016 Meeting
Steve Reardon

Membership Note from Steve Reardon, Treasurer

Individual dues in the Amherst Orchid Society are \$25.00

Family Membership (limited to two members in the same household) is \$30.00

October is normally our membership renewal month for the next calendar year. This year we will accept dues during October and November with the free orchid plant being picked up during the November meeting.

My helpful (frugal) hints this month:
Maryanne Laukaitis

Save your chop sticks from Chinese take-out food. Give the chopsticks a good scrub and rinse, use them for temporary plant stakes. Use a twisty tie from your store-bought bread bag. (Use better quality stakes and ties for plants going to a show!) If the paperboard take-out box has one of those little wire handles, remove it and use pliers to shape it into an S-hook for hanging mounted plants.

Got a sweet tooth? Save the thin foil wrappers from those bite-size milk chocolate kisses. They are handy for making a "slug guard." Gently fold the foil around the budding spike below the point where the petioles emerge from the sheath or leaf stalk. Slugs are loath to cross a metal material.

This year's Amherst Orchid Society Show will be held February 25th, from 9am - 5pm, and February 26th, from 10am - 4pm.

Our Club's annual plant sale was held at the Munson Library on Sunday, September 18. There was a Patriot's game at 1:00 p.m. and a few of us were a little anxious to catch a little of the game. Inside the sales area it was pretty warm and muggy, just what the orchids ordered.

Turnout was pretty thin, possibly the great weather had folks attending the Big E instead or enjoying one of the only remaining great weather weekends. Plant selection was fantastic. Everything from small to huge and everything in between.

Folks that attended had a fantastic selection to choose from. Culture and care were discussed between buyer, seller and other members. Most left with a new purchase or two (or more). I was able to see each person and their purchases, and I was amazed at the great quality of the plants and the buyers willing to try a new species or cross.

One vendor donated their proceeds for the benefit of our Club Library.
Thank You!

This year's plant sale raised \$225.00 for the Club. The amount will be applied to speakers programs, library and scholarship accounts.

Thanks to all that attended and made the day a fantastic one,
and oh...yes, the Patriot's won!

Show Table September 2016

George Collison

Phal Trader Joe #6

Marc Gray

Habenaria rhodocheila

Habenaria medusa 2 plants

Aerangis citrata

Dendrobium Micro Chip

Schoenorchis gemmata

Lepanthes telipogoniflora

Phal. Green Field Fortune Cat

Maryanne Laukaitis

Neofinitia falcata 'Casper x The Bride'

Sc Crystelle Smith 'Aileen'

Brassavola nodosa

Steve Steiner

Dendrochillum maganum

Paphiopedilum Yellow Tiger

Phragmipedium ainsworthii

Paphiopedilum dianthum

Paphiopedilum armeniacum x kolimpongi

Upcoming Events

Next meeting is October 16th, 2016 at 2 pm. Those with last names starting with Q, R, S, T, and U, please bring a dish to share.

October is membership month, so please bring your dues. Free plants will be distributed in November.

The Massachusetts Orchid Society is going to have their show coming up November 4-6. For more information, please check <http://www.massorchid.org/show>
