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March Meeting 2018

March 18, 2018 – Meeting and Plant Auction

Our March meeting was light on business, discussing some points of the past show and the upcoming Summer Orchid Fest in July 2018, and other upcoming events. The show table was moderate, though beautiful and varied, for the Nutmeg Orchid Society show in Connecticut, was going on that weekend, and some members plants were there. Roger West was in Connecticut, dismantling the Amherst display, so he did not attend the meeting. His dedication to set-up and transporting plants to shows is greatly appreciated.

President Joe quickly ran through the show table, so we could get to the main focus: auctioning of plants which were generously donated by Janet Price. She is dealing with an illness and decided that she could not give her plants proper attention. Janet kept a handful, and Roger kindly picked up the rest and housed the orchids until the auction. There were two large tables filled with plants, some in bloom, and more plants on the floor. President Joe was auctioneer and Steve Reardon, Treasurer, kept track of the final bids and money collection. There were a number of “No ID” plants, quite a few Phals and Cymbidiums, and some very desirable species and hybrids. Bidding on the unidentified plants was slow, but eventually picked up. While bidding on some of the more special plants was rather fierce, members good naturedly bumping up the prices and cajoling each other. All plants found new homes, and even new members were on their way with a small collection. There were so many plants, the meeting ran about half an hour late.

The Amherst Orchid Society heartily thanks Janet for her thoughtfulness and generosity in donating her plants. Per Janet’s wish, proceeds of the auction will be used toward bringing in an expert speaker. We wish you the very best, Janet!

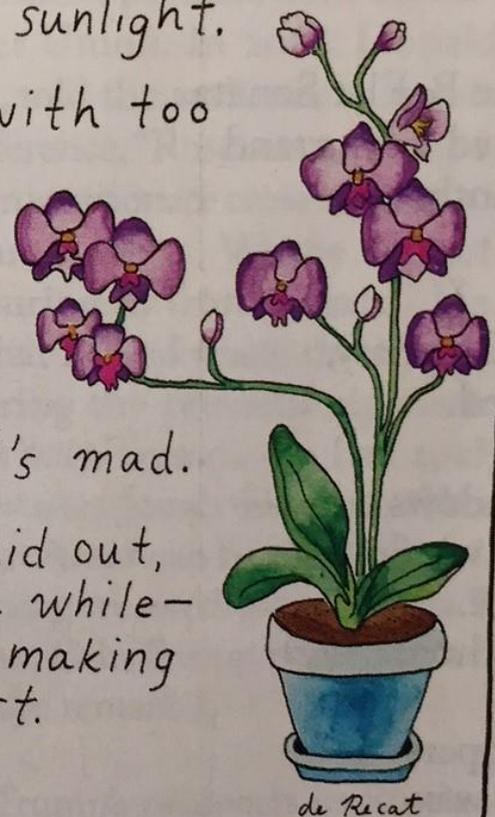
Book recommendation – Maryanne Laukaitis

There is nothing better than a good book to read right before bedtime, and if that book is about orchids, so much the better. I'd like to recommend "Orchids, A Cultural History," by Jim Endersby, published in 2016 by University of Chicago and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

This book will not really tell you too much about keeping those plants on your windowsill, but will fill you in on the details behind myths, legends, symbology, and history, not to mention that you will get a detailed course in the development of Linnaean nomenclature. If that doesn't sound interesting enough, you will be treated to the myth of "Orchis," from which the word "Orchid" is derived. OK, some of this gets a bit academic, and it may read slowly, but it picks up as different, juicier, topics are addressed: orchidmania, aristocrats and the botanic explorers, Darwin, deceptive-sexy-dangerous orchids as portrayed in Victorian fiction and later in film, a sociologic look at orchids and the changing role of women and femininity in the Victorian period, and finally endangered orchids that concern us today. The illustrations catch your attention with traditional scientific color plates, historic photos, and fantastical art from some of those imaginative fictional stories. I'll be re-reading this one... ..

CARING FOR YOUR NEW Orchid

1. Do not deprive the orchid of sunlight.
2. Do not bombard the orchid with too much sunlight.
3. Do not touch the orchid.
4. Do not look at the orchid.
5. Do not ask the orchid why it's mad.
6. Do not forget to take the orchid out, like, to a movie, every once in a while—something that shows you're making some semblance of an effort.
7. Do not overwater the orchid.



Show Table January 2018

<p>Bill Benner Coelogyne cristata Cymbidium Last Supper Procatavola Walnut Valley 'Lime Stars'</p> <p>Laurie Genereaux Dendrochilum ? No ID</p> <p>Marc Gray Cymbidium Pepita 'Royal Gem' Dendrobium Cream 'Ace' Dockrillia (Dendrobium) striolatum (2 plts)</p> <p>Mariah Groux Dendrobium Micro Chip</p> <p>Maryanne Laukaitis Cym. Oiso 'Reynella' Oncidium Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'</p> <p>Joe Maciaszek Dendrobium trantuanii Lepanthes caladictyon Paph (Hellas X Spring Hills) Phal Nobby's Pumpkin</p> <p>Liz Marinelli Dendrobium Love Memory 'Fizz'</p> <p>Carol Mentos Dendrobium pierardii X loddigesii</p> <p>Kathy Puckett Acianthera aphthosa Dendrobium kingianum alba</p>	<p>Steve Steiner Lycaste Highland Peak 'Cooksbridge' Lycaste Rakuhoku Masdevallia Orange Glow Phrag. Pink Panther Pleione formosana Pleurothallis grobyi Pleurothallis viduata 'Selby' (2 plts) Restrepia roseola Trichoglottis pusilla</p> <p>Marge Tanguay Brassavola nodosa 'Mas Mejor' X nodosa 'Remar' Cattleya amethystoglossa ('H&R' AM/AOS X 'Supreme' AM/AOS Epc. Kyoguchi 'Fumi' Galeopetalum Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS Leptotes bicolor Paph. lowii ('Uncle Frank' Am/AOS X 'Hsinying') Paph. venustum f. meaurianum ('Maybrook' AM/AOS X sib) Phal. Kouda Twinkle 'Dusty's Midnight' HCC/AOS (schilleriana X Malvarosa Valentine Pearl) Phal. 'Red Eye'</p> <p>Kasia Wynn Cymbidium georingii 'Tian Cao' (mini species) Phal. Magic Hat</p>
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Upcoming Events

Upcoming meetings for AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY at the Munson Library

April 8, May 20, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9