



Greater Whorled Pogonia

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Conway Picnic At the West Home

The weather turned out better than forecasted. A nice breeze buffeted everyone under the maple trees. Marge monitored a short meeting concerning the September auction. Prior to the meeting, I sensed that there was concern about this auction actually taking place. A few members did not want to purchase plants and end up getting stuck with a monetary loss on them. In the end an auction will take place on the second Sunday in September at Munson library. All auction plants will come from member donations. All money will be going to the club. Hopefully we can get about 40 plants for the auction and have some fun with them. I wasn't at the March auction (at Ct. show along with Ann and Troy) and 75 plants were auctioned off and this was too many. Members told me things were kind of dragging at the end. I promised to donate 15 cattleyas and you will see in the plant descriptions, they are really nice.

There was a good amount of display plants with a dark reddish-purple phal of Carol Steiner's dominating all others. The early shade talk centered on Marge having a bear stealing a sealed tub containing 30 pounds of bird seed from her deck and hauling it out onto the back lawn, smashing it open and diving in. Marge sent Henry out banging pots and pans to scare the beast away. Henry succeeded but the bear ended up coming around the house ending up behind Henry to get at the bird seed, but noise prevailed and Henry and Marge survived. Henry said the bear was probably a two year old and weighed about 400 pounds. What the hell is Marge feeding this beast to weigh this amount at such a young age? Oh well, she feeds her orchids quite well. This story generated other bear stories. Steve LaValley related his experience with bee hives, electricity and bears. Alex had a teenage story of him working on his father's multitude of bee hives. The story centered on his calm father handling the bees and wild afro-headed Alex and his lack of patience with the bees. I can imagine a hippy Alex and those stinging bees. The stings from the bees and his father must have smarted and so the easy conversations continued under the shade on a delightful afternoon.

Roger's Cattleyas for the Auction

The following will mostly bloom for our winter show. They are either duplicates of my show plants or a division. Most were repotted in late April. These are real nice and hate to see them go but I'm trying to cut back. I'm not getting any younger and it kills me as I have not purchased any plants since I brought one plant at last years orchidfest. I used to love it when a box of plants arrived, oh, the anticipation of what was inside that box. You can view most of the following by looking on Orchidwiz.

Bc Binosa "Kirk" AM/AOS growing in a 10 inch basket, two new bifoliate growths, green with purple lip, stunning when in bloom, this is nodosa x bicolor. Blooms for our show

Rlc Dal's Rapture "Water Colors" A large semi-alba, was in my Feb. display, two new growths in a 9 inch pot. This is real good

C labiate “Sherwood Forest” AM/AOS This is a large shapely pink/lavender for a species, blooms in Dec, has two new large growths on a tall plant, growing in 12 inch pot, needs a greenhouse because of its size. One of the nicest shaped labiatas around.

Lc Moon Miss “Lunar Dawn” HCC/AOS This is a division from a large plant that I divided in April, it has one new growth, I’m keeping the one with 3 new growths. It is in a 6 inch pot, pink blooms with a white lip, blooms in late fall. Another stunner!

Rlc Georg King “Serendipity” AM/AOS If you are going to have one Cattleya in your collection this is the one! Absolutely gorgeous, salmon-orange blooms that are large. Steve Steiner’s favorite Cat. It’s in a 7 inch pot with 2 large growths in sheath, winter bloomer. I have other George Kings but this is the best one.

Rlc Hilda Takamatsu Pinkish/white/splashes will have cluster of blooms. Growing in a 10 inch basket, three new growths, blooming for the show. This is Maikai x Mari’s Song

Lc Orlades Grand “Yu Chang Beauty” Am/AOS A very large semi-alba. Has bloomed for our show, growing in a 9 inch pot with two small growths.

C Nancy Off “Linwood” AM/AOS The very best white, does not get beat in any N. E. show. Always in bloom in Feb, Two new large growths in 7 inch pot. I have two plants and they are the same, which one will be the best white for our show?

B Little Stars A division of a large plant that I divided in April, there were 6 divisions from this plant. Growing in a 4 inch pot with 4 new growths. Incredible night fragrance. Does not grow tall.

C Horace x Rlc William Farrell Average size blooms of a salmon/orange color. 2 new growths in a 7 inch pot, blooms for our show. Divided in April.

Rlc Jennifer Off “Joan” HCC/AOS I have two plants, both the same. This one has a new growth in an 8 inch pot. Large splash of purple/maroon color. Look up this photo, could be the best of all of my offerings. Don’t sleep on this one because it is probably the best. Was in the Club’ display with one bloom opening with many other buds, last year. A judge told me it would be granted an AM/AOS if all the remaining buds developed as large as the one in bloom.

Rlc Memoria Grant Eichler “Lennett” AM/AOS A very, very large purple in a 6 inch pot with a new growth in sheath. Winter bloomer.

Ctt Jewel Box “Dark Waters” HCC/CCM/AOS Greenhouse required! Growing in a 12 inch basket. You saw this plant at the May meeting with a boat load of red blooms. Was awarded a couple years ago a CCM at the Ct show also the best plant of that show. As of this writing there are 20 new very small growths. Will bloom in May so you have some growing to do. This past June I had to remove the top wooden pieces of the basket because of the plants size. Have fun dividing this monster after its next blooming.

New species of orchid discovered in Peruvian jungle

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The recently discovered orchid species "*Andinia tingomariana*," found by a group of Peruvian botanists in the central Amazonian forest of Peru at the Tingo Maria National Park

Botanists have discovered a new species of orchid in Peru's central Amazonian rainforest, the country's national parks service announced Tuesday.

"The new species of orchid was recently discovered in the Tingo Maria National Park" in the Huanuco region, the parks service SERNANP announced.

The orchid is classified as belonging to the *Andinia* genus and was discovered in area of the Bella Durmiente (Spanish for Sleeping Beauty) mountain, which is a prominent feature of the Tingo Maria National Park, it said in a statement.

Set in the middle of Peru, the area is marked by mild weather with an annual average temperature of 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit).

Fragrant and delicately beautiful, there are around 30,000 different species of orchid around the world, around 10 percent of them in Peru.

Around 240 can be found in the Tingo Maria National Park, which was created in 1965.

"This kind of discovery highlights the natural heritage of the country and demonstrates the good standard of conservation of the park," said Lorenzo Flores, director of the Tingo Maria National Park. The orchid was given the name "*Andinia tingomariana*" by the US Department of Biological and Ecological Organisms in honor of the protected natural area where it was discovered.



The Tingo Maria National Park in the central Amazonian forest of Peru



Read more at: <https://phys.org/news/2018-08-species-orchid-peruvian-jungle.html#jCp>

Show table July 2018

Marc Gray

Dendrobium hybrid
Encyclia John Brunton
Lysudamuloa Red Jewel 'Sweet Baby'
Promenaea stapeloides
Promenaea xanthine
Vanda Sandra Johnson

Maryanne Laukaitis

Aerides odorata
C. forbesii
C. maxima
Nageliella purpurea

Kathy Pucket

Encyclia ionocentra
Phymatidium tillandsiodes

Steve Steiner

Aspasia lunata
Bulbophyllum (Hapulahilus) speciosa
Calanthe tripillata
Chondrorhyncha lindleyana 'Frisky'
Macroclinium (Notyla) escobarianum
Paph. Rothschildianum X wilhelminae
Pleurothallis flexuosa
Pleurothallis convallaria
Pleurothallis luctuosa
Promenaea paranaensis
Promenaea crawshayana
Promenaea stapeloides
Restrepia sp. (hotsubutae?)

Carol Steiner

Phal. Ox Black Face

Karen Steward

Angraecum didiere

Marge Tanguay

Galeopetalum Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS

Roger West

C. tenebrosa 'Bill's Gift'
C. purpurata carnea form

Laurie Richards

Dendrobium Nanochip

Upcoming Events

Upcoming meetings for AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY at the Munson Library:
 September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

The meeting on September 9 will be a club auction

Plants up for auction will include many from Roger West (see list above) plus contributions from Piping Rock Orchids, Orchidphile, Kelly's Korner, and members of Amherst Orchid Society