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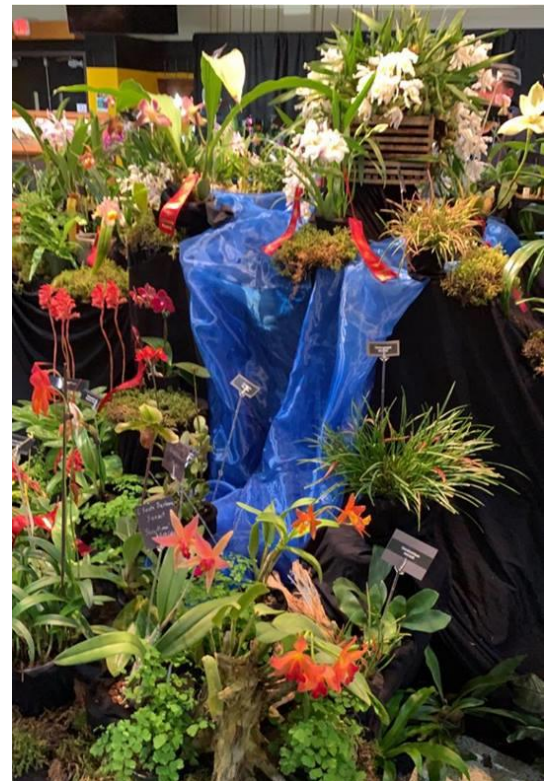
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Orchid Show 2019

Roger West

Prior to the show there seemed to be a bit of apathy that ran through the club. The clip boards get passed around and only the clerking board gets filled out. We don't want to listen to Marc and his vendor problems. You probably don't want to hear my annual plea about hauling the show stuff in and out of Munson. Despite all of the above the job gets done seemingly with the same characters as in past shows. In my opinion this was one of our better shows. The displays were better than normal. The Connecticut and Mass displays were large and well put together. Mary Ann's and Mike's club display was very accessible. You could get up close to all the orchids and the walk through the trellis was different but in a nice way. The entire display seemed to have a natural flow to it. Steve Steiner put together the terrarium with the inside plants looking as fresh on Sunday as the day he placed them in. Late in the show I was talking to the admission guys and they reported that attendance was around 1,300, a big increase from last year's showing. The vendors had to be happy with those numbers. My few hours at the show saw a very happy and engaging public. The smiles, the over worked cell phone cameras and the many young people made all our efforts worth it. I ran into 8 previous club members who are no longer active but wanting to indulge in some February beauty. Better yet, I remembered all their names. Each year I run into people from my past veterinary days and we reminisce. I have forgotten their names but thankfully they introduce themselves. Maybe the best compliment came when somebody call me Bill Hutchinson. That was "rather interesting", Bill's legend lives on.





I was on the Paph judging team with Bob Hesse and learned a few things but better yet I enjoyed talking with Bob about some of my past awards. If you want to know how to present a Paph, looked at Glen Decker's display and see how he does it. The best Cattleya was C Nancy Off. It was the one with the large white blooms in the Mass display. You may recall that at our September auction, I sold a Nancy Off with a mention that this white Cattleya never gets beaten

in all the winter shows. My Nancy Off won a blue at the Cape show but not the best Cattleya. The best was won by somebody with the name of Mary Ann with her L anceps "Flight of Butterflies" that was well displayed and the show's best. The

darling of our show was a pink Compantia grown by Liz Marinelli. It had gorgeous pink blooms. Liz, you are starting to get a reputation!

Here are a couple of thoughts for future shows. There should be a pot for the best species of the show. All the other New England shows have this award. We need new lights for the center display. The old ones are wobbly and not adjustable. Need lights that are height adjusted. Somebody out there must have an answer to this problem. A new class should be established for newcomers to the orchid world. This would be only one class but would include all genera and based on the growers ability to present a nice plant. Be proud everybody, this was a job well done.



Amherst Orchid Society Display – Thanks to our volunteers

Maryanne Laukaitis

About a month before our Annual show, I was quite worried that there would not be as many plants for our Society display. I know that other folks, as well as myself, had some bloom too early and some running late – the no-shows. The show committee members were relieved to see that there were plenty of entries to fill our large center-of-the-floor display. Once again, the judges awarded our display a show trophy for excellence!

None of the show or display appears without the team effort of all who work the Annual Show. (Previously, I've tried to name everyone who contributes, but I know I'll miss some names, so please forgive my lack of a list.) Society members pitch in to creatively position the sawhorses and panels, yards of black drapery, put lights into position, decorate with moss, arty wood pieces, and ferns – and wrestle each pot into a black “sock” or drape. It's great to experience the spirit of cooperation, collaboration and good humor.

On behalf of show committee and the Society, I thank everyone who took part in assembling, draping tables and vendor area, door sentries, reception table volunteers, plant-baby-sitters, and “behind-the-scenes” administrative task tacklers. Oh yes, and those schlepping supplies to and from our Munson Library storage space. Let's thank Kasia Winn who coordinated all the food that club members devoured. It takes the effort of many...Pat yourselves on the back and congratulate yourselves for a successful show. Let's do it again next year.....

ROSETTE AWARDS 2019/OTHER AWARDS

BEST LARGE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Cattleya Nancy Off 'Linwood' AM/AOS	Linda Abrams (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST MINIATURE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Encylia mariae	Jeff Feldman (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Comparettia macroplectron	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW	Phalaenopsis Sogo Yukidian	Sandy Myhalik (Nutmeg State Orchid Society)
BEST SMALL PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW	Phalaenopsis IGN 'Pinwheel'	Sandy Myhalik (Nutmeg State Orchid Society)
BEST CYMBIDIUM IN SHOW	Cymbidium IGN 'Joans Gift'	Lydia Pan (Nutmeg State Orchid Society)
BEST DENDROBIUM IN SHOW	Dendrobium cuthbertsonii	J & L Orchids
BEST LYCASTE IN SHOW	Lycaste Abou First Spring	Steve Steiner (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM/PHRAGMIPEDIUM IN SHOW	Paphiopedilum Malipoense	Piping Rock Orchids
BEST PLEUROTHALLID IN SHOW	Platystele ortiziana	Steve Steiner (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST VANDA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Asocenda Hybrid	Brigitte Fortin (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST MASDEVALLIA IN SHOW	Masdevallia nidifica	J & L Orchids
BEST MISCELLANEOUS GENERA IN SHOW	Clowesa Grace Dunn 'Chadds Ford' AM/AOS	Anne Pfaff (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT IN SHOW	no award	
BEST ARTISTIC EXHIBIT IN SHOW	Purple Silk Pillow Cattleya's	Grace Emporia
BEST LARGE SPECIMEN IN SHOW	Wilsonara Petit Port 'Woolsey' x Geneva Red 'Rosie'	Tom Gregg (Cape and Islands Orchid Society)
BEST SMALL SPECIMEN IN SHOW	Masdevallia nidifica	J & L Orchids
BEST WINDOWSILL/FLOURESCENT LIGHT IN SHOW	Cattleya Nancy Off 'Linwood' AM/AOS	Linda Abrams (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST PLANT IN SHOW	Cattleya Nancy Off 'Linwood' AM/AOS	Linda Abrams (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
PRESIDENTS AWARD	Comparettia macroplectron	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
AOS SHOW TROPHY	Amherst Orchid Society	
ORCHID DIGEST AWARD	None given	
HERITAGE AWARD	Cattleya Catherine Patterson 'Henry'	Roger West (Conway Orchids)

Next Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society....

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 pm
Munson Memorial Library, 1046 S. East Street, Amherst, MA
Those with last names starting with E, F, G, H please bring a dish to share

Upcoming Shows

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show

Saturday March 16- 12 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday March 17- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

West Hartford Conference Center, 50 S. Main St, West Hartford, CT

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

Connecticut Orchid Society Show

Saturday March 30- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday March 31- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bristol Senior Center, 240 Stafford Ave, Bristol, CT

<http://ctorchids.org/?p=1147>

Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show

April 5-7

<http://www.sepos.org/annual-show.html>