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May Meeting

Roger West

We had a nice meeting last month. Many people were present and the show table was impressive with Paphs dominating. President Joe caught us up to date on New England orchid news. It seems as though Tower Hill wants to have an orchid display for a month or so next winter. This would be similar to what Longwood does every winter as they present an orchid extravaganza, when not much else is in bloom. I don't know how Tower Hill can pull this off without help from local societies. I for one will not volunteer. Longwood spends some to purchase plants for their displays and then sells them at the end. I doubt that they lose money on this adventure. Good luck to Tower Hill, I don't think this will be profitable. Joe also related the New Hampshire show will not take place on their usual Valentines date because of something called the N. H. presidential primary. Hopefully our society will get its show date in so that N.H. doesn't take it.

The other business was presented by a member with a request for a 10 minute question/answer period on orchid problems. Everybody agreed but if you listen to Steve and Joe presenting the show table, knowledge will be gained. When I started out, scared and hiding in the back, Bill Hutchinson's display table discussion was a tremendous aid in my orchid knowledge. It was brought up that we may bring back some of Bill's Q and A's that appeared in the monthly newsletter. I know that Bill would bring back questions when there was no new material. If not, pay attention to the display discussions and we will all learn.

Scholarship News

Our society's annual scholarships have been awarded, under the provisions of our bylaws ("...to promote the scholarship(s) to the high schools in Western Massachusetts"), to two young women from Easthampton High School. They were Ms Grace Levin and Ms Charlotte BanniganWhite. A big thank you to the members of the Scholarship Committee for their commitment in working through our club's scholarship process. A lot of leg work and time goes into this committee, as well as our other committees. We want to make sure the members of our Scholarship Committee know we appreciate all they have done and will continue to do.

Show table

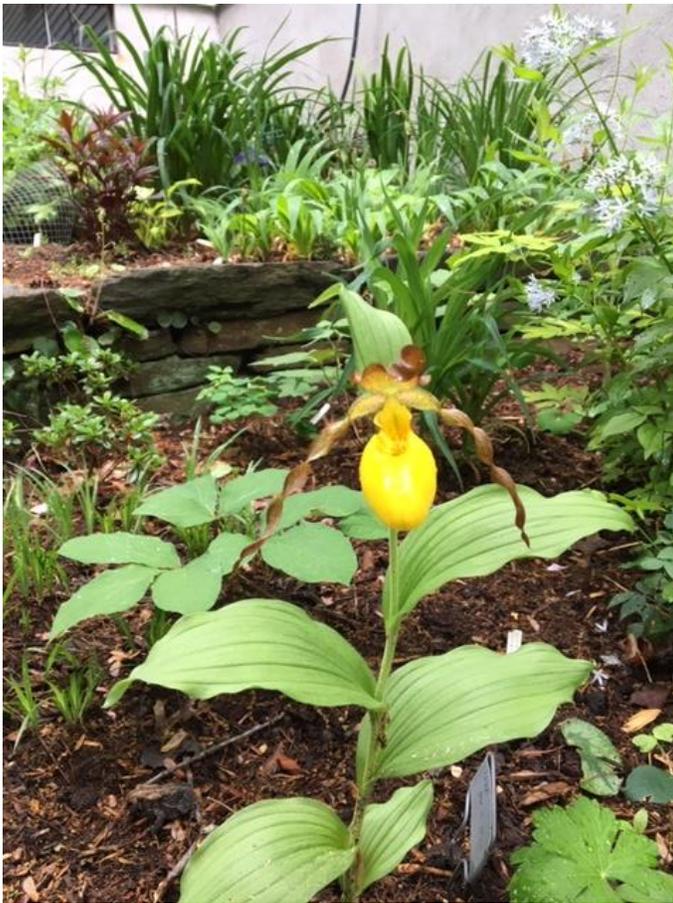
<p>Lee Brockmann Dendrobium aggregatum Dendrochilum ecallusum Phal (Sedirea) japonica</p> <p>Linda Coffey Gptm Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS Phal NoID</p> <p>Ed deVarenes Phal Sogo Vivien 'Golden Leaves' Pleruthallis viduata 'Selby'</p> <p>Betsy Higgins Blc Toshi's Magic 'Doris' Dendrobium Aussie's Chip Dendrobium (aggregatum) lindleyi Potinara No ID</p> <p>Joe Maciaszek Dendrobium victoria-reginae Phal Amazing Jewel Duguesclin X French Jewel Phal Hannaford's Pink</p> <p>Holly Rainaud-Loss Cymbidium No ID Dendrobium 'Nano Chip'</p> <p>Steve Reardon Schoenorchis gemmata Paph appletonianum ('Fox Valley' X self) Paph Fred Perfecte (Friedrich von Hayes 'Lehua River Elegance' HCC/AOS X President Fred) Paph hennisianum fma Christainsessii 'Back Sweep X self Paph Presidentail Flight (President Pink Fred 'Pink Aura' X Flighty Fred 'Amazing Pink') Paph Magical Contrasts (Love Song 'Contrasts' X Magic Pulsar 'The Schnoz')</p>	<p>Steve Steiner Bulbophyllum sp. Dendrobium aphanochilum X cuthbertsonii Dendrobium gonzalesii Dendrobium mohlianum Epidendrum Pacific Pride X Pacific Crest Lycaste aromatica Masdevallia Pacific Gold 'Burnt Orange' HCC/AOS Oda Debutant Paph Paeony 'Regency' Pescatoria lehmanii Promenaea crawshayana</p> <p>Marge Tanguay Epi Serene O'Neill (Epi Mabel Kanda X E. cordigerum) Phal Spunky</p> <p>Roger West Cattleya lawrenceana X mossiae Dendrobium Gratton Sunray</p> <p>Kasia Wynn Phal Little One Phal Magic Hat</p>
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Spotlight on the Show Table:

Cypripediums grown by Steve Steiner

This month we are venturing far from the show table in order to appreciate some terrestrial orchids that are putting on a show this time of year. Steve Steiner has very successfully cultivated several species in a specially prepared bed behind his house. When Dave and I visited in late May, we saw *Cyp. parviflora*, *Cyp. kentuckiense*, and *Cyp. acaulae*. On a visit earlier in May, we saw *Cyp. Michael* and *Cyp. japonicum*.



Cyp. parviflora



Cyp. kentuckiense

Steve's *Cypripedium kentuckiense* has developed into a large specimen since he planted it as a single growth plant 7 or 8 years ago. The growths now stand about 24 inches tall and it displayed 12 five-inch flowers. It is situated in a raised bed filled with sandy soil. At the time he planted it, he put in some lime and leaf mold. When the leaves from nearby trees cover the bed in the fall,

he leaves them in place until spring when the pips emerge. The plants receive regular water and a light feeding of 10-10-10 every spring.

Near the *Cyp. kentuckiense* is a single growth of *Cyp. parviflora*. This plant received extra special treatment- it is planted in a gravelly mixture called scree that Steve purchased from a grower. In spite of this pampering, the plant has never produced more than one shoot. *Cyp. acaulae* is not planted in the raised bed, but is instead located next to a path through the trees in Steve's yard. It is surrounded by chicken wire to discourage hungry deer.

We usually focus on coddling our tropical plants and coaxing them to bloom in our houses and greenhouses, so it is impressive to see orchids that can overwinter in our harsh environment and return to bloom each spring.



Cyp. acaulae



Cyp. japonicum



Cyp. Michael

Join us at the Grays' house for the June 23, 2019 meeting

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT OUR USUAL DATE FOR A MEETING

The next meeting marks the move from the Munson Memorial Library for the summer. In June, the meeting will be held at the Grays' (Edwin and Christine) house in Vermont. The address is *260 Baker Brook Road, Williamsville, VT 05362.*

It'll start at 1:00 pm, and be a picnic. The Grays will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks, but ask that you will please bring side dishes that can accompany them. The following are directions to get to the Grays' house.

Come any time after 1:00 pm.

From the South:

Take I-91 North to Exit 1. (BRATTLEBORO, VT). At the bottom of the ramp go right. Go through 5 sets of lights.

After the 5th set of lights, follow signs for Route 30. The signs will lead you around a large triangular circle. After a left hand turn at one "corner," stay in the right hand lane. This will turn into a right-turn-only lane heading out of the circle. The road goes gently downhill through the Retreat Hospital then opens up into Route 30. Continue on Route 30 for 8 miles (after 6 miles, you'll pass a covered bridge on the right.) Take the left turn to WILLIAMSVILLE -SOUTH NEWFANE. After 2 miles, you will cross a cement arch bridge. Take a left at the end of the bridge. You are now in Williamsville. Go past the Fire House/ The Eatery on the right to the Post Office on the left with (red with white trim.) across the road to the right is BAKER BROOK ROAD on BAKER BROOK ROAD go for 1.3 miles, keeping the brook on your left. The Grays' house is on the right and is gray with black trim. In front are signs for #260 and BAKER BROOK ORCHIDS. We hope everyone can make it....

Picnic at Roger West's July 21st at his house in Conway!

Directions:

FROM THE SOUTH

Take Rt. 91 to exit 24. Take Rt 5 north to Rt. 116 North. Go North on Rt.116 into the center of Conway. In Conway, from the center of Conway, you will see a green road sign for Dacey Rd. and a sign for Conway Orchids. The Wests have a big farm with a large red barn.

FROM THE NORTH

Take Rt. 91 to exit 25. Take Rt. 116 North. Go North on Rt 116 into the center of Conway. In Conway, take a right on Shelburne Falls Rd. Exactly 3 miles from the center of Conway, you will see a green road sign for Dacey Rd. and a sign for Conway Orchids. The Wests have a big farm with a large red barn.

We hope everyone can make it!

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month *except for the month of August*. We usually meet at The Munson Memorial Library, 1046 South East Street, Amherst, MA. Meetings start at 2pm. Beginner programs occasionally start at 1:30pm.



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