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Orchid Show 2020 **Roger West**

I can't remember the last time I had as much fun as I did this show. Maybe because I spent more time at the show. Years past I was involved in the grand kids Saturday basketball games. Whatever the reason, it was a good time. Maryann, in the last newsletter, mentioned hey, let's have some fun with the show. I think everyone did especially the public. We had real good attendance, close to 1,500 and the orchids lived up to expectations. I ran into many familiar faces from the past, some elderly society members, some former veterinary clients of mine and even a brother and sister. I encountered four former clients of mine with their families, saying they had nothing better to do on a nice Sunday, so let's see the orchid show. Sadly, three of them were in walkers but they were all smiles. I remembered some of the old society members' names but not all. I even had a high school classmate stop and say hello. I ran into a current farmer from Colrain who completely surprised me by showing up. His wife has a few Phals and they saw the show notice in the Greenfield papers. Others said it was the Daily Hampshire Gazette where they saw things about the show. We have to give Kasia a lot of credit for getting the advertising out there. Steve Steiner said still nothing in the Springfield papers. I saw it on Channel 22's weather report on things to do with the weekend.

I think many people associate orchids with being a Phalaenopsis. They are sold everywhere in all the box stores, etc. These people come to the show identifying with Phals because they were probably given one during the many flower holidays. They get into the show and are simply overwhelmed with the multitude of orchid varieties to say nothing about the fragrances. It's stuff like this that makes me happy and should inspire the rest of us to keep this show going in the best presentation possible.



The set up started on Wednesday around 9. Steve LaValley and Marge were there and I showed up with my two grandsons. Thank God they helped, I don't know if Steve and I could have loaded everything without a stop at the hospital next to the school. Steve Riordan showed up at Smith's School and we set up the background

drapes. These were the new drapes that the club ordered and it was a breeze setting up, easiest time ever. Holly and Carol were putting the table skirts on when I left. I must say we had a great deal of help hauling everything back to Munson. That was nice. Whatever happened to the old drapes, I hope we are not hauling those things around if not being used, Steve's truck is full enough.

Friday was judging day and I enjoy it because there are usually new club members in my group. This year it was Judy and Margaret who I did not know but got to know them while judging. They were novices at this orchid game but probably learned through this experience. We judged the Cymbidiums and awarded the best to a two flowered white and green bloom that was in one of the Wardian cases. The best Oncidium was a Trichopilia species that Liz brought in. It had two flowering spikes and the two judges were in love with the plant. Then they looked at the backside of this plant and saw at least two more emerging spikes. I thought I would have to hose down the two judges. We also judged the Vandas but I don't recall which one was the best, probably something small.



As mentioned above the weekend show days were enjoyable. The public loved the show and all seemed happy. The sister societies had great displays and this next month of March we will be displaying at three of their shows. I will need plants other than mine and the Longmeadow connection. I will be running low on Cattleyas for the New Hampshire show and the late Connecticut show. We will need your plants to reciprocate the sister societies that had real nice displays at our show. The only show disappointment was not having Glen Decker's table full of Paphiopedilums.

Here are a couple of thoughts for future shows. The center design, leave it alone! It is great as is. The walk-through trellis is people friendly. No other New England show allows the public to get this close to the orchids. The Wardian cases are great and where did all those little guys come from? We could use a few more bright colors in there. The walk-through trellis was a little bare in the four upper corners. We need hanging plants up there. Two plants in each corner would work. A pendant blooming Cymbidium would work, a Sharry Baby would entice the senses and I know there were two of them in the center display and maybe Liz's Tricophilia. Steve Steiner had two large mounds of a Restrepia types at the Cape show that we hung on the light support. So this is the challenge to you growers out there. I don't think I can get my Catts to hang down, maybe an anceps or a Schomburkia. Lani, you used to have a Schomburkia or two.

Finally, congrats to the many members that were there all weekend. Marc Gray needs to be congratulated because this is probably a year-round job to get this show to where it has come. Great job, let's do it again!!

Show Table February Meeting 2020

Lee Brockman

Ctmds Dragon's Glade

Dave Marinelli

Phal cornu-cervi f. Chattalade

Liz Marinelli

Dendrobium X kingianum 'Trident'

Roger West

C. Louise B. Off 'Waldor'

C. Princess Bells

Rlc King's Ransom 'Monopoly'



ROSETTE AWARDS 2020/OTHER AWARDS

BEST LARGE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Laelia anceps 'Flocks of Butterflies'	Maryanne Laukaitis (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST MINIATURE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Rlc Eye Candy 'NN'	Conway Orchids (Roger West)
BEST ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Tricopilia suavis	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW	Phalaenopsis NOID	Nancy Shedrick (New Hampshire Orchid Society)
BEST SMALL PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW	Phalaenopsis Liu's Triprince 'KF#4'	orchidPhile
BEST CYMBIDIUM IN SHOW	Cymbidium goeringii 'Tian Cao'	Carol Mentos (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST DENDROBIUM IN SHOW	Dendrobium Lisa Turner 'Emma Marie'	Tom Gregg (Cape and Islands Orchid Society)
BEST LYCASTE IN SHOW	Maxillaria tenuifolia	Ann Pfaff (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM IN SHOW	Paphiopedilum Leeanum	Mike Badia (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST PHRADMIPEDIUM IN SHOW	Phragmipedium warscewiczianum var. humboltii	Mike Badia (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST PLEUROTHALLID IN SHOW	Pleurothallis nephroglossa	Ann Chepjian (New Hampshire Orchid Society)
BEST VANDA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Rhynchostylis gigantea fma. Alba	Marlow Orchids
BEST MASDEVALLIA IN SHOW	Masdevallia xanthina	J & L Orchids
BEST MISCELLANEOUS GENERA IN SHOW	Dendrochilum wenzelii	Kelly's Korner Orchid Supplies
BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT IN SHOW	NO AWARD	
BEST ARTISTIC EXHIBIT IN SHOW	Porecian Ceramic Tray	Debra Landrey (Nutmeg State Orchid Society)
BEST LARGE SPECIMEN IN SHOW	Dendrobium Lisa Turner 'Emma Marie'	Tom Gregg (Cape and Islands Orchid Society)
BEST SMALL SPECIMEN IN SHOW	Dendrochilum curranii	J & L Orchids
BEST WINDOWSILL/FLOURESCENT LIGHT IN SHOW	Dendrobium pendulum	Mike Badia (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
BEST PLANT IN SHOW	Dendrochilum wenzelii	Kelly's Korner Orchid Supplies
PRESIDENTS AWARD	NO AWARD	
AOS SHOW TROPHY	J & L Orchids	J & L Orchids
ORCHID DIGEST AWARD	NONE GIVEN	



2020 Ribbon Awards for Amherst Orchid Society Members

plant	ribbon place	exh. #	person name
Aloha Enterprises			
Blc Fuchs Orange Nuggett 'Lea'	2nd	1	Aloha Enterprises
C. Hawaiian Beau 'Gold Country'	3rd	1	Aloha Enterprises
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Duvalara Sloawesi 'Crown Fox' AM/AOS	2nd	1	Aloha Enterprises
Epc. Joseph Romane 'Roman Holiday' AM/AOS	2nd	1	Aloha Enterprises
Lc. Jennifer Off 'Joan' HCC/AOS	3rd	1	Aloha Enterprises
Maxillaria maleolens	2nd	1	Aloha Enterprises
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Paphiopedilum Pink Elegance	1st	1	Aloha Enterprises
Phalaenopsis Sparkle	1st	1	Aloha Enterprises
Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'America'	3rd	1	Aloha Enterprises
Conway Orchids			
Bc Binosa 'Ice Shave'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
Bsn. Maikai 'Grace'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
C. Drumbeat 'Heritage'	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
C. Frenchy's Melange 'Cylvia'	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
C. Louise Odom 'Odom's Orchids'	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
C. Melody Fair 'Carol'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
C. Nancy Off 'Linwood'	3rd	9	Conway Orchids
C. Odom's Snowfall	1st	9	Conway Orchids
C. Prism Palette 'Rainbow'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
C. trianaei 'Collin'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
Epic Don Herman 'Spots'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'	3rd	9	Conway Orchids
Lc Busy Bev 'Blue Jewel'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Bouton D'Or 'Lewis'	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Clown Show 'Lakeview'	3rd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Eye Candy 'NN'	1st	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Eye Candy 'NN'	3rd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Gene's Dream	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter'	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Malworth 'Orchidglade'	3rd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Momilani Rainbow 'Waldor'	3rd	9	Conway Orchids
Rlc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie'	2nd	9	Conway Orchids
Amherst Orchid Society			
	2nd	13	Amherst Orchid Society

Phalaenopsis Nobby's Shadowy 'Burma Jade'	2nd	13	Betsy Higgins
Miltassia NOID	1st	13	Betsy Higgins
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Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	3rd	13	Betsy Higgins
Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	2nd	13	Betsy Higgins
Brassavola Little Stars	3rd	13	Carol Mentos
Cymbidium goeringii 'Tian Cao'	1st	13	Carol Mentos
Cymbidium goeringii 'Tian Cao'	1st	13	Carol Mentos
Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi fma. Chattaladae	2nd	13	Dave Marinelli
Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'	3rd	13	Dave Marinelli
Oncidium Irish Mist 'Winter Green'	2nd	13	Holly and Alex Loss
Oncidium Irish Mist 'Winter Green'	3rd	13	Holly and Alex Loss
Cymbidium 'Mini Lucifer'	1st	13	Holly and Alex Loss
Dendrobium Nano Chip	2nd	13	Holly and Alex Loss
Vuylstekera 'Mellisa Brown'	3rd	13	Kasia Wynne
Painting Galeopetalum Starburst 'Parkside'	2nd	13	Kaylee Hamar
Lambara Five Acres	2nd	13	Liz Marinelli
(Lc. Sun Mist x Slc. Kaul Starbright) x C. Landate	3rd	13	Liz Marinelli
Phragmipedium Hanne Popow	3rd	13	Liz Marinelli
Amesiella monticola	1st	13	Liz Marinelli
Trichopilla suavis	1st	13	Liz Marinelli
Cymbidium Ming 'Emperor'	1st	13	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium petiolatum	2nd	13	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium Star King 'Irvine'	2nd	13	Liz Marinelli
Masdevallia Geneva Spots	3rd	13	Liz Marinelli
Masdevallia Aquarius	3rd	13	Liz Marinelli
Paphiopedilum dianthum	1st	13	Lynn Reynolds
Paphiopedilum dianthum	2nd	13	Lynn Reynolds
Oncidium Sharry Baby	3rd	13	Lynn Reynolds
Oncidium Sharry Baby	3rd	13	Lynn Reynolds
Epicatanthe Volcano Trick	3rd	13	Marge Tanguay
Laelia anceps 'Flock of Butterflies'	1st	13	Maryanne Laukaitis
Paphiopedilum villosum	1st	13	Maryanne Laukaitis
Oncidium Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'	1st	13	Maryanne Laukaitis
Cymbidium Cherry Blossom 'Profusion'	2nd	13	Maryanne Laukaitis
Dendrochilum tenellum 'Dr. Bill Hutchinson'	2nd	13	Maryanne Laukaitis
Pterostylis curta	3rd	13	Maryanne Laukaitis
Bc Binoso 'Ice Shave'	3rd	13	Roger West
Lepotes unicolor	2nd	13	Steve Reardon
Paphiopedilum Odette On High	3rd	13	Steve Reardon
Paphiopedilum Notito Hasagawa	1st	13	Steve Steiner
Phragmipedium Living Fire	3rd	13	Steve Steiner
Trichoglottis pusilla	3rd	13	Steve Steiner
Masdevallia whiteana	3rd	13	Steve Steiner
Lepanthes Sherry Bridyham	3rd	13	Steve Steiner
Dracula pusilla	2nd	13	Steve Steiner

Restrepia guttulata	3rd	13	Steve Steiner
Scaphosepalum gibberosum	2nd	13	Steve Steiner
Lepanthes Sherry Bridyham	1st	13	Steve Steiner
Platystele ortiziana	2nd	13	Steve Steiner
Lycaste Chittern Hundreds	2nd	13	Steve Steiner
Lycaste Abou First Spring	1st	13	Steve Steiner
Lycaste Lucianii	1st	13	Steve Steiner
Stenorrhynchus specious	1st	13	Steve Steiner
Stenorrhynchus specious	2nd	13	Steve Steiner
Artistic Display	3rd	14	Marc Gray

It's Show Season!

Mark your calendars and plan a road trip:

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show

Saturday March 21 and Sunday March 22

<http://www.nutmegorchids.org/2020-NSOS-Show-Info.html>

New Hampshire Orchid Society Show

March 27-29

<https://www.nhorchids.org/event-3642670>

Connecticut Orchid Society Show

April 4-5

<https://ctorchids.org/?p=1490>

The Best \$10.00 I Ever Spent – Maryanne Laukaitis

Liz, our faithful newsletter editor, and excellent grower, asked me to write something about my *Laelia anceps* “Flock of Butterflies.”

Laelia anceps is probably my favorite orchid species due to its resilient and reliable nature. I had been in the orchid society for only a year or two, when I found my ‘Butterflies’ on the members’ sale table. I had read something about it being tolerant of cool temperatures, so I picked it up and asked the seller, Dan Ladd, about how to treat it. He said it was native to high elevations in Mexico, subject to frequent rainstorms, and needed to dry out between rains. It was already mounted on a large stick, which I think is oak and had 5 or 6 pseudobulbs. The price was right - \$10 - sold.



‘Butterflies’ hangs in my tiny attached greenhouse in a south east exposure, high up near the glass, in all seasons except summer. It gets misted, or hosed with plain old well water when it’s warm enough, and allowed to dry out for days at a time in winter when temperatures are too low to water. *L. anceps* withstands temperatures between 25F and 100F. ‘Butterflies’ survived the 2011 Halloween ice storm when we lost power for 4 days. In late May, I hang it outside where it gets full sun for at least half the day.

‘Butterflies’ gets MSU type commercial fertilizer plus seaweed extract when I have that mixed up for all the other orchids. I use a pump sprayer to apply the solution and place a bucket under any plant I’m spraying to catch the drips. (I put used solution on outdoor ornamental plants, not on other orchids to avoid any cross contamination.) I keep chickens, so I occasionally apply some manure too, but only outdoors in summer.

‘Butterflies’ has been relatively free of pests, but when I notice unwanted visitors, I have used the home remedy of spraying this solution every 3 to 4 days: 50% water, 50% isopropyl alcohol, a dash or so of dish detergent or Dr. Bronner’s peppermint soap. Spray every 3 to 4 days and keep plants out of the sun until dry if you use this.

I named my *L. anceps* “Flock of Butterflies” even though it has never gotten an AOS or CMM award. (Steve Steiner says you can do so if your plant does not already have a hybrid or varietal name.) The

growth habit of the long spikes, arrangement and shape of the blossoms led me to the name. Many growers complain about the long reaching spikes, and I actually did too, at first. Then, I decided that the arrangement is quite striking and reminded me of the inventive mobiles I saw at art museums by Alexander Calder. Nature knows best, so long spikes get the blossoms out of the foliage of any tree or shrub the plant is clinging to, in order to attract pollinators. When not in flower, *L. anceps* is fairly compact with shorter pseudobulbs and leaves than most large Cattleyas.

“Butterflies” has grown to nearly cover the stick mount, puts out a dozen spikes at a time, and blooms reliably in late January into February. It has gone, in different years, to a Cape and Islands show, New Hampshire, and our own Amherst show. It has won several “Best Catt” awards and a Best in Show.

I chalk up my success with ‘Butterflies’ to choosing a plant with requirements I can accommodate. I added a white form of this species and other *Laelia* species, as well as hybrids to my collection. The *L. anceps* parent usually imparts its temperature tolerant nature to the offspring, but may shift blooming time depending on the other parent. I tell everyone who will listen to do some research and choose plants based on what conditions you can provide before making your next purchase. Good luck and happy growing.

The Next Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society...

...Will be on **Sunday, March 8, 2:00 p.m.** at Munson Memorial Library. Members with last names starting with M, N, O and P please bring a dish to share.

Visit the American Orchid Society Website to learn about the “Wild Orchids Forever” stamps that were recently released by the US Postal Service

<http://www.aos.org/news-and-events/wild-orchids-forever-stamps.aspx>