



Greater Whorled Pogonia

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A Few Native New England Orchids

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I took this photo while canoeing on July 4, 2020. It is *Platanthera grandiflora*, a native bog orchid which is found in wet areas, the borders of ponds, streams, lakes, and sphagnum bogs. It was at Tully Lake in the upper most section. (Tully has 700 acres of open water and wetland and is managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers.) Also in the area are *Pogonia ophioglossoides*, or the Rose Pogonia, and suspected Northern tubercled bog orchid, *Platanthera flava*, accompanied by native carnivorous pitcher plants and sundews, and cranberries. To see these types of orchids, one needs to have water proof boots, or a canoe or kayak, and lots of Good Luck.

Generally, orchids native to New England start blooming at mid to late June with terrestrial *Cypripediums*, then the bog orchids early to mid July. Late August to September will be the time to look for *Spiranthes cernua*, in damp meadow situations, not bogs. Also late Summer into Fall blooming are *Corallorhiza maculata*, which is a woodland species. *Corallorhiza odontorhiza* is a diminutive, very rare species, occurring in woodlands, and blends so well into the leaf duff, you can easily walk right past it!

Goodyera pubescens, Downy Rattlesnake Plantain, is a somewhat common orchid whose leaves hug the ground in a flat rosette, marked attractively with white veining. It blooms with a single spike of tiny white crystalline flowers. You can find them in woodlands, sometimes in very dry locations and other times next to a stream, or on disturbed soils. One also finds a European native which is naturalized here, called *Epipactis helleborine*, which pops up unexpectedly in woodlands, and even in bark mulch in front of your local bank. The farther north you go in New England, the later the blooming period will be for the various species.

Have fun, go for a hike or a boat ride, Keep your eyes open, maybe you'll stumble upon some little botanical treasure. A good resource for orchid identification is <http://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org/>



June Virtual Meeting on Zoom

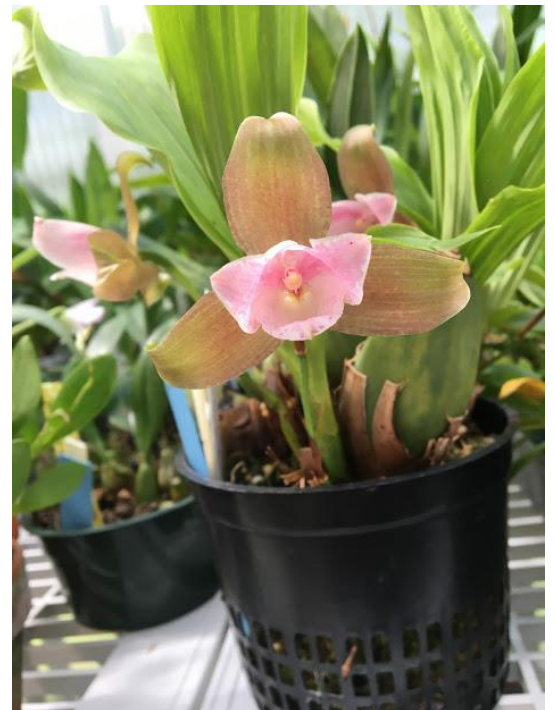
Liz Marinelli

The month of June was beautiful, but it brought another disappointment for our club: The picnic at the Grays' was cancelled. Once again some of us turned to a zoom meeting for a dose of orchid chat and a peek at blooms at members' homes. After some chat on various topics we turned our attention to our virtual show table and saw some beautiful plants, "all dressed up with no place to go".

- Dave Marinelli- Dendrobium Gatton Sunray
- Connie Lentz- Phal Mini Cranberry
- Steve Steiner- Phal violacea indigo, Phal Ying's Black Eagle, Phal Joyspring Canary, Dendrobium lawesii, Paph, haynaldianum, Lycaste macrophylla, Colax jugosa, Chondrorhyncha lendyana, Promenaea xanthina, Dendrobium pseudo glomeratum, Cochlioda sanguineum, Paph Julius, Pleurothallis pterophora. He also showed a 6 ft tall Jack-in-the-Pulpit growing in his garden.
- Joe Maciaszek- Phal YangYang Blue Angel, Zygostates alleniana
- Betsy Higgins- Dendrobium Blue Foxtail, Den Green Lantern, Blc Toshie hybrid.
- Kathy Puckett- Restrepia striata, Promenaea xanthina, Neofenetia hybrid.
- Liz Marinelli- Phal QF Mini, Den albosanguineum, Lycaste angelae

We hope that our regular meetings will resume in September, but so far there is no news on that topic. If you would like to be included in future zoom meetings this summer and possibly into the fall, send your email address to Liz at ewmarinelli@comcast.net.

Lycaste angelae



New From the American Orchid Society

Recently recorded webinars include: *Coelogyne Culture*, *Australian Dendrobiums With Fred Clarke*, and *Best Practice for Buying Plants*

Featured articles in the July issue of *Orchids*-

- The Orchids of Bhutan
- The Genus *Spathoglottis*
- The orchids of Guanahacabibes National Park in Cuba

Cattleya purpurata var *carnea*



Share photos of your blooming plants on the club's website-
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