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The Newsletter of the AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone-

It has been a long time since we have gotten together in person or via ZOOM. I hope everyone is doing well in all aspects of their lives. I am hopeful for us to be having meetings coming up soon. Summer get-togethers are being planned and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Marge and I will welcome the Amherst Orchid Society our home for the first of our summer events on Sunday, June 13. People can start coming at Noon and will we will plan on eating around 2:00. I will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill and will have coolers with water and soda for everyone. Please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert for everyone to enjoy. We have a few chairs but it will be better if you bring our own to make sure everyone has a chair.

Parking: the front and side of the yard and driveway can hold a few cars but there should be enough extra space across the street to park on Brittany Ln on the right-hand side of the road.

My address is 55 Hendrick St. Easthampton MA. This is right off 141 which is fairly easy to get from 91. My cell phone number is 508-344-8492 if anyone needs to contact me.

The monthly orchid judging by the Northeast Judging Center is set to begin again. The first Saturday of the month will be at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens in Boylston MA. The third Saturday will be in at the NJ site which is currently The First Church of Hanover, 14 Hanover Rd, East Hanover, NJ. Please let me know if have a plant you would like to have judged I am willing to bring them in, of course you are more than welcome to join us if you like.

The other day I attended a ZOOM meeting for the Coalition for Orchid Species and Ben Oliveros of Orchid Eros (Hawaii) was speaking. He gave a good talk on Cattleya species and what it takes to get them awarded. I have gotten a few of his plants from Maui Orchid Whisper Facebook site. They haven't bloomed but were healthy looking plants. On his web site he has a small listing of different Cattleya hybrids and a couple of species. Orchid societies' orders can get wholesale prices. So, I was hoping we could get a club order in. I will place the order and can front the cost and will get reimbursements as I deliver the plants. Please contact at my email address <u>maciaszek@gmail.com</u> with a list of plants if you are interested. These are 2" seedling and range in price from 8-15 dollars.

Well I hope to see everyone soon- Joe

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List of Plants Available to Order from Orchid Eros- Contact Joe maciaszek@gmail.com		
2" Species C. lueddemanniana semi-alba 'Excellente' C. percivaliana semi-alba amesiana x sib -	•	
2" Hybrids C. Mrs. Mahler x C. aclandiae nigrescens 'J C. Regina coerulea 'Suwada' x warscewiczi Rlc. Pamela Ann Oliveros x (Spanish Eyes x Rlc. Pseudo McDonald 'Gabriel Amaru'AM Rlc.(Spanish Eyes x Lakeland) x C. bicolor '	ii semi-alba coerulea - big blu (Lakeland)'Blood Orange' lg a /AOS x 'Sebastian' - lg fragrar	es - \$12 irtshade \$8 nt green - \$10
Primary Hybrids: 2": C. amethystoglossa 4N x loddigesii peloric C. dormaniana 'Fat Lip'HCC/AOS x bicolor C. leopoldii coerulea 'Kingston Mines'AM x C. trianae coerulea 'Miamai WOC' x luedd C. warscewiczii s/a coerulea x loddigesii co L. anceps v. guerrero x C. violacea s/a flam L. anceps v. lineata x C. violacea s/a flam L. anceps 'Roeblingiana'CHM x C. violacea	'Terpsichore' - \$10 x loddigesii 'House of Blues'Al emanniana coerulea 'Orchid B berulea 'House of Blues'AM/A nmea 'Mirtha Isabel'FCC/AOS - \$	M - \$12 Eros'AM -\$12 IOS - \$12 - \$12 \$12
~June Meeting at the	Home of Joe and N	Narge Maciaszek~

55 Hendrick St. Easthampton MA Joe's phone- 508-344-8492

Sunday, June 13- arrive any time after noon, hamburgers and hotdogs served around 2:00

Please bring:

- an appetizer, side dish or dessert
- your own chair

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And Coming Up in July...

Picnic at Roger West's July 18th at his house in Conway!

Time: Arrive any time after 1:00 p.m. Bring: A dish to share A folding chair

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.



Cypripedium Michael Steve Steiner

2021 Amherst Orchid Society Scholarship

Maryanne Laukaitis

The Annual Scholarship for 2021 has been awarded.

Two students from Amherst Regional High School are recipients: Jana Murphy and Nora Harris Both are interested in careers in sustainable agriculture and food systems to benefit mankind. Jana has been accepted at the University of Vermont, has worked and volunteered at Senior services food service, the Hitchcock Center for the Environment, and Brookfield Farm, among other extracurricular activities.

Nora Harris has participated in "Food and Farm Road Trip" exploring food systems from New York to New Orleans, Hampshire College Farm Camp, and competed on "As Schools Match Wits," as well as other diverse extracurricular activities.

We wish them both success in their intended careers.



BLC O'Brien Marc Gray



Renanthera Sunrise Marc Gray

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RLC Cordelia Maryanne Laukaitis



Leptotes bicolor Maryanne Laukaitis



Bletilla Brigantes Steve Steiner



Cypripedium japonicum **Steve Steiner**



Dendrobium thrysiflorum Marc Gray



Dendrobium trantuanii Marc Gray



Slc Shin Buu Lady 'YT' Maryanne Laukaitis



Lycaste campbellii- Steve Steiner



Pcv Key Lime Stars- Maryanne Laukaitis