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The Newsletter of the
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October Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

The October meeting will be held at the home of Liz and Dave Marinelli, **9 Overbrook Lane, Longmeadow MA**

- **Date: Sunday, October 17**
- **Time: 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting will be outdoors weather permitting, otherwise we will meet indoors. We ask that only those who are vaccinated join us indoors, and all please wear a mask indoors.

Directions from the north:

- Take 91 south to Exit 1 (route 5)
- Continue on route 5/Longmeadow Street to Williams Street, turn left on Williams Street
- Turn right on Laurel Street
- Turn left on Woodsley Road
- Bear right at the triangle onto Overbrook Road, at the next triangle bear left and our house will be directly ahead of you.

Directions from the south:

- Take 91 north to Exit 49, turn right on to route 5 north.
- Turn right on Williams Street
- Turn right on Laurel Street
- Turn left on Woodsley Rd
- Bear right at the triangle onto Overbrook Road, at the next triangle bear left and our house will be directly ahead of you.

Phone: 413-567-2164, cell 413-575-4714, 413-519-4701

It's Time.... to Pay Dues!

All members who pay their dues at or before the October meeting will receive a free plant at a future meeting.

\$25.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for family

Send a check payable to Amherst Orchid Society Membership, 157 Shea Rd,
West Brookfield, MA 01585

American Orchid Society News

Annual supplement free to American Orchid Society Members coming in November....



Vandaceous Orchids
Supplement to volume 90, Orchids magazine

ROBERT FUCHS *Large-flowered Vandas*
 ROBERT FUCHS *Smaller Flowers, Dazzling Color: Breeding with the Former Ascocentrum*
 MARTIN MOTES *The Other Vandas: New Directions in Breeding*
 JIM COOTES *Philippine Renanthera Species*
 PATRICK VUURMAN *Rhynchostylis and Its Hybrids*
 GARY YONG GEE *Aerides*
 STIG DALSTOM *Cool-growing Vandaceous Orchids of Bhutan*
 KEN JACOBSEN *Growing Award-winning Sarcochilus*
 JASON FISCHER *Influenced by the Wind Orchids: Hybrids of the Former Neofinetia*
 SYNEA TAN *Growing Award Winning Vandas in My Basement*

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Please consider making a donation.



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THE MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

World of Orchids
The Caribbean



Tolumnia triquetra
Photo Credit: Eric Hunt

Show & Sale
October 22–24, 2021

Sons of Italy Hall
117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA

www.massorchid.org/show

Dates & Times:

Friday, Oct 22, 2021: 12:30 pm - 5 pm

Saturday, Oct 23, 2021: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, Oct 24, 2021: 10 am - 4 pm

Location:

[Sons of Italy](#)

117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA

Admission:

Adults \$10

Purchase tickets online soon or at the door.

COVID19 INFO:

Masks will be required for all visitors to the MOS Show per Winchester regulations.

Last Update: 9/5/2021

Please check the Massachusetts Orchid Society website prior to visiting the show in case of covid-related changes: <https://www.massorchid.org/show>

~ In Memoriam ~

Judith "Judy" Collison (nee Funk) (1942-2021)

Judy Collison, a mother, teacher, generous friend to every soul lucky enough to meet her, died on August 19, 2021, at age 79, after 40 years of marriage with her beloved husband George. The cause was congestive heart failure.

Born a Jewish girl to Jewish parents, in 1942 in Budapest, she faced a hazardous future. Her mother, Rose, left the infant Judith at Jewish Hospital that placed Judith in one of the 24 Wallenberg safe houses, which were organized by the Swiss ambassador, Raoul Wallenberg. As a means of protection, Wallenberg printed formal documents declaring all Jews citizens of Sweden. At age 2 she was one of only 4 children that survived a Nazi storm trouper attack on that house. She was scarred for life by 3 bullet wounds. She was found and nursed back to health by her Aunt Giselle. Judith lived with Giselle and Henry Benschath until 16. Rose, who attempted to escape by train, was captured and imprisoned at Auschwitz, survives Judith today. Her father was killed digging trenches for Nazis on the Russian front. Able bodied Jews were conscripted for this dangerous work.

At 16 Judith was flown to the USA by military transport, and met up with her mother. Judith later lived in New York and attended City College, where she met and married Harvey Feder, with whom she had three children, Dan, Steve and Amanda. After her divorce from a difficult marriage, she moved with her children to Amherst, MA, where she attained a doctorate in critical thinking at the University of Massachusetts. In 1981, she married a fellow doctoral student George Collison from Holyoke MA.

She attained a distinguished academic career, in mathematics education and critical thinking. She taught at University of Massachusetts, Westfield State University, Williams College, and Rutgers University, as well as working in various international settings.

In 1998, she and George adopted three orphans, Gregory, Evelyn, and Benjamin, from Eastern Hungary after the death of Judith's stepfather Henry Benschath, a world class graphic artist. She wanted to give back for the kindness he had shown her. Judith and George lost one of the adopted children, Evelyn, to the H1N1 virus at age 20.

Judith passed from this life peacefully completing a time here on earth with humility, grandeur, compassion, and righteousness on August 19, 2021 at 9:45 pm at Bay State Medical Center. She was attended by her husband, sons Daniel and Steven, and a family friend.

She brought wisdom and love to all who were most fortunate to meet her. We grieve and are all diminished by her passing.

Judy is survived by her husband George Collison of Amherst, Massachusetts; her mother Rose Friedland of Bal Harbour, Florida; brother Frank King of Israel, children Daniel Feder (Rachel Feder) of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Steve Feder (Amy Winston) of Edgecomb, Maine, Mandy Feder-Sawyer (Larry Sawyer) of Red Bluff, California, Greg Collison of Amherst, and Benjamin Collison of Northampton, Massachusetts; grandchildren Louise (Ross Keyes), Henry, and Lucas Feder, Josee

Winston-Feder, Nicole Hana (Kevin Hana), and Miranda Welle (Robert John Welle II); and great-grandchildren Howard Keyes, Eloise Hana, and Lorne Hana. Judy was predeceased by her daughter Evelyn Collison. She is also survived by "special" family members, Mike and Tanya Barrette and their children, Erich and Cynthia of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Judith was buried on September 11, 2021 at Wildwood Cemetery, Amherst, MA. The service and interment were private.

Phrag. Pink Panther



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