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The Newsletter of the **AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY**

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Conway Holiday Party

Roger West

It was a nice party, similar as if we were at Munson but a little crowded around the display benches. All seemed to be in a festive mood with plenty of food and good cheer. A few highlights are as follows. Joe and Marc brought up from Hartford about 30 plants to be sold and the vandas were especially nice with most in bud or carrying blooms. Most of these plants were purchased and probably more to follow in the future meetings. Another wow was a very large jade plant on my porch that was loaded with blooms. The winter is my cattleya blooming time and there were many in bloom. The best highlight was the display area. The quickly put together benches were loaded with flowering orchids. Maryann brought in six large laelias, all mounted that were magnificent and they were hung around the room on curtain rods. I'm glad my wife didn't see that! This was our largest display since the February show.

Only one topic was discussed and that was the February show. There were pros and cons about putting on the show. I think most would like for the show to go but the cons had some interesting thoughts. The only thing that was agreed upon would be a decision had to be made at or before the January meeting if we even have a meeting. As I'm writing this a few days before Christmas, the club is planning to display at the Cape show in January. I will be going down to setup and will need plants. As usual everything depends on the virus and where it leads.



Show Table December 2021**Lee Brockman**

Brassavola perrinii "Reuben 25" X B. perrinii
'SVO 15'

Liparis grossa

Nancy Braymiller

Brassocattleya Maikai 'Louise'

Oncostelopsis Leopoldo 'Corona King'

Paph insigne

Phrag 'Eric Young'

Maryanne Laukaitis

Cymbidium erythrostylum

Dendrobium tetragonum

Lc Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'

Laelia albida

Laelia anceps

Laelia autumnalis

Laelia gouldiana

Laelia praestans

Rlc Cordelia

[Rhynchovola](#) Jiminy Cricket

Joe Maciaszek

Catt. Persepolis X Rlc Blanche Aisaka

Catt Cariad's Mini-Quinee

Cymb. Wine Delight

Oncidium Black Beauty

Encyclia bothianum

Steve Steiner

Bolea ecuadorana

Bulbophyllum dearei

Dendrochilum javeri

Lycaste Chiltern Hundreds

Phrag Acker's Beauty

Pleurothallis alvero

Restrepia brachypus

Scaphosepalum gibberosum

Roger West

Whole greenhouse!

Karen Steward

Dendrochilum formosanum

Susan's Phal





CANCELLED

The Show Committee of the Amherst Orchid Society regrets to announce that the Annual Orchid Show and Sale is cancelled for February 2022. It was determined we cannot go forward with the Show in good conscience due to various complications and requirements by the venue and the city of Northampton to cope with the Covid19 pandemic. Our foremost concern is the safety of our membership and those who would attend the show, so we believe this is the correct decision for the year 2022.

Also Cancelled.....

The Cape and Islands Orchid show that was scheduled for the weekend of January 22-23 has been cancelled

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

As 2021 comes to a close we have had a lot struggles this past year; not having a show or regular meetings; and sadly we lost a few long time members of the society, who we will greatly miss. I am glad we had a great gathering at Wests' house for our Dec. meeting. I would like to thank Roger and Beth for opening their home to us and for their great hospitality. They and our members provided a great meal for everyone to enjoy. There was a large gathering of members for the time of year and COVID related issues going on. We also had a great show table that was also overflowing, with plants all around the room.

We talked about upcoming shows for next year but of course a lot has changed in the last few of weeks. The Amherst OS board of directors has decided to cancel our show due to COVID spreading and high numbers in our area. The CAIOS has also decided to cancel their show. So, there won't be any show displays to set up for a while. There might be a NHOS or NSOS show in March if COVID numbers start coming down and a new variant doesn't show up. I would like to remind everyone that we should all be wearing masks during our next meeting. I hope everyone in the club is also vaccinated and has gotten their booster shot. I know of several people who have gotten COVID recently who were vaccinated but not boosted. While being vaccinated is no guaranty against catching COVID it will hopefully make the illness much less severe.

I hope there might be some way to set up an orchid sale somewhere in the area as we still have a lot of plants to try and move out of Herb Fishman's greenhouse. Deb Spearot informed us that Herb passed away on Dec.19 which was sad to hear. The family has told Deb they want the greenhouse emptied by Jan 31 and heat will be going off by then. Marc and I went to the greenhouse and picked up more plants for the club to sell. Please let me know if anyone has an idea of where we could set up a sale of these orchids. We would have to try and advertise so we get people to show up and buy them of course.

Also, the new 4-volume *Compendium of Miniature Orchids* is available for purchase if anyone is interested in acquiring a set for themselves for only 200 English pounds. Here is the link for information about this <https://tinyurl.com/5yzf4m9b>. According to an email Steve Reardon has received, society orders of 10 books or more get free shipping. So 3 sets would get free shipping. I believe Steve Reardon has already purchased a set for the club's library.

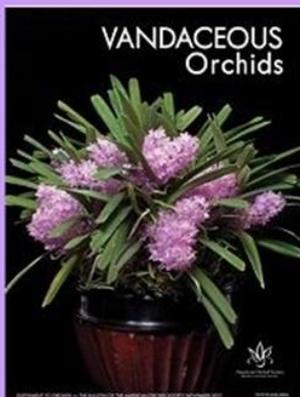
January Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

Location: The Pulaski Club, 79 Maple Street, Easthampton

Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Those whose last names start with A to E
please bring a snack to share.



AOS Speaker's Day

Pour Your Coffee and Prepare Brunch!
Enjoy a Day with these Delightful Speakers

Explore the Virtual World of Vandaceous Orchids

SATURDAY, January 29, 2022

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4834617917122351119>

Start Time 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)
\$30 USD

Building on the 2021 Bodacious Vandaceous Orchids Magazine Supplement,
this is an opportunity to learn more about the VANDA family of orchids.

Tune in to presentations by four distinguished speakers.

- 1) **Kim Fedderson** from *Fair Orchids*: Yes, You Can Grow Vandaceous Orchids at Home
- 2) **Jason Fischer** from *Orchids Limited*: The Culture & History of *Vanda falcata* (formerly *Neofinetia*)
- 3) **Bob Fuchs** Pres. of *RF Orchids*: The Latest Trends in Vanda Hybridizing
- 4) **Brenda Oviatt** from *Botanica Ltd.*: Angraecoids - Conservation and Culture