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February Meeting: The Easthampton Show

Roger West

There was a change in venue this year. This show was held at the Pulaski Club, 78 Maple St, in Easthampton. The setup went quickly with a slab of plywood placed over a pool table and two other tables also in use. I always judge an orchid show in regards to ease of getting in and out of the venue. This place was the best by far. Smith school's site has been very good and the Cape show easy as well but a little more walking involved. As I get older, distance is important. The Tower Hill shows were the absolute worse with N. H. ok but held at different sites. The show tables were the best ever for a monthly meeting, loaded with blooming plants. There were colorful red and orange masdevallias, lots of phals and paphs, small stuff and many large cattleya blooms. As Steve and Joe presented the plants, I was in the back with the show architects Maryann and Mike. We kept looking at each other saying that plant would have been nice in the center display. Then the next plant was presented and we said that one is also very good. Would have, could have, should have. Hopefully next year will be the real thing. The three of us agreed that Liz's marvelous cymbidium would have won the best large specimen of the show. It was a wow plant! Second place was between Steve's large stenorrhynchus, 12 spikes, and a nice specimen of Bc Maikai. Easily the best bloom of the show was on a catesetum species that Joe brought in. Everybody stopped and admired the two blooms wondering what they were. As Steve described it during the show table presentation, "This is why we grow orchids!"

It was nice to get together as last month not many of us made it to the meeting. We have to thank Kasia for finding this little jewel of a place. The only business discussed was the April plant sale. For sale will be the last of Herb's plants around 80 or so. The sale site will probably be the parking lot at the Pulaski club in Easthampton. Tables and tents will be needed. Also, you can donate plants for the sale with all monies going to the club.

Show Table February 2022**Nancy Braymiller**

Dendrobium Regal Vista (Aussie)
Lc Spring Fires 'Lenette #3' X Pot. Martha Clarke
'Hawaii Trip'
Paph gratixianum

Marc Gray
Lepanthopsis acetabulum
Phal No ID (2 plants)

Ann Jordan

Dendrochilum glumaceum Kawamoto
Phal Alice Sharpe

Maryanne Laukaitis

Dinema polybulbon
Laelia canariensis 'Golden Glow'
Paph villosum
Pterostylis curta

Steve LaValley

Vanda falcata Kent (Neofinetia)

Alex & Holly Loss

Paph purpuratum

Zoe Loughman

Dendrobium Venus (?)
Ludisia discolor
Phal schilleriana

Joe Maciaszek

Brassocatanthe Hilda Takamatsu
Catasetum pileatum 'Jumbo Green Gold'
Cattleya Coronet 1902 (c cinnabrina X C
harpophylla)
Cynodes Taiwan Gold 'Orange'
Lc Hsin Buu Lady 'YT'
Lc Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'
Oncidium Lisa Devos 'Burgundy'
Oncidium Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'
Oncostele Firecat 'King Snake'
Oeoniella polystachys
Paph Cocoa Victoria
Paph Enzan Winston's Vale 'Yi-Yang Colorful
Clouds'
Phal schilleriana

Dave Marinelli

Dendrobium Robbie McInnes
Maxillaria elatior

Liz Marinelli

Cymbidium Ming 'Emperor'
Dendrobium petiolatum
Laelia rupestris
Lc Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'
Masdevallia Angel Heart
Masdevallia Red Shine

Steve Steiner

Barbosella cucullata
Dendrobium kingianum 'Big Foot'
Dendrochilum wenzellii
Lycaste Chiltern Hundreds
Lycaste Skinneri X lassioglossa
Masdevallia Angel Frost X Marguerite
Masdevallia Orange Glow
Mediocalcar decoratum
Paph Norita Hasegawa
Paph Spice Island 'Krull Smith'
Pleurothallis viduata 'Selby'
Propetalum mathina 'Elizabeth'
Pterostylis curta
Stenorhynchos speciosum

Roger West

Bc Maikai 'Grace'
Blc Melody Fair 'Carol'
BLC Ranger Six 'A OK' FCC/AOS
Cattleya trianae
Diacia Ethel's Paradise
Lc Prism Palette 'Rainbow'
Pleurothallis truncata
Rlc Bouton D'Or 'Lewis'
Rlc Gene's Dream 'Mendenhall'

Kasia Wynn

Vuyl. Melissa Brianne 'Tawny Tart'

Karen Steward

Dendrochilum cobbianum 'Cal'
Dendrochilum wenzelii



Catasetum pileatum 'Jumbo Green Gold'

Joe Maciaszek

Lycaste Skinneri X lassiglossa

Steve Steiner

American Orchid Society Second Annual Culture Day

Liz Marinelli

It turned out to be a perfect day for sitting indoors and listening to an AOS webinar about orchid culture. We were getting a big snowstorm, not as big as predicted but enough to keep us from venturing out, and not so bad that we lost power.

The topic this year was Vandaceous orchids, which seemed timely since many of the plants that have come to the club from Herb Fishman's collection are vandas and many club members seem reluctant to grow them. The first speaker, Kim Fedderson of Fair Orchids in New Jersey, spoke mainly about culture. His aim was to dispel some of the myths that make vandas intimidating to the home grower. He pointed out that before he left his job to focus on orchid growing full time, his professional demands kept him away from his plants for long stretches of time. His plants did well with limited care, indicating that they don't need constant watering.

He stressed that success with Vandas begins with informed shopping. Like most genera, vandas come from a wide range of habitats and elevations, so in the northeast US we would want to seek out plants with origins in higher elevations (cool growing) rather than those from lowlands (hot growing). It's important to check the ancestry of hybrids, since too many hot growing ancestors can make a plant that would not be happy in New England. Species to avoid in large flowered vandas- sanderiana, dearei, luzonica. Those that are more temperature tolerant are coerulea, tricolor, cristata, denisoniana, lamellata, ampullacea and christensoniana. In addition, there are many intergeneric hybrids that are temperature tolerant. He recommended vandas that have been hybridized with members of the former Ascocentrum genera, as they are easier to grow and bloom. Any hybrid with more than 50% sanderiana should be avoided.

He had many cultural tips for growing vandas in the home. Indoors, place the plants where they will get maximum light. Once the nights stay above 55 degrees in late spring, Kim moves his vandas outside and brings them back inside at the end of September.

Potting: This is an important consideration in growing vandas indoors, since we often think of hanging plants with several feet of dangling roots that need to be watered with a hose. Kim uses baskets with a mix of



Experimenting with the glass vase technique

sphagnum and bark, not packed too tightly. For a small (3-5 inch basket) his mix is 80% sphagnum, 15% bark and 5% charcoal. For larger baskets (6-8 inches) he uses 60% sphagnum, 30% bark and 10% charcoal. Another interesting technique he recommends for growing vandas in the house is using a glass vase. Place the plant in the vase (bare roots in the vase, leaves above the top of the vase) and fill the vase with tepid water, then let it sit for 15 minutes. Pour out the water leaving ¼ inch in the bottom. Repeat this process every 4-6 days in the summer and every 7-10 days in the winter. Every third soaking should have some fertilizer mixed in.

Kim's talk lasted for about 45 minutes and contained lots of good information. There were three other speakers so with breaks the webinar lasted most of the day. All the speakers were excellent- I particularly enjoyed Brenda Oviatt's talk on African orchids. It was an enjoyable and informative way to spend a winter Saturday, and I will look forward to joining in again next year.

March Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

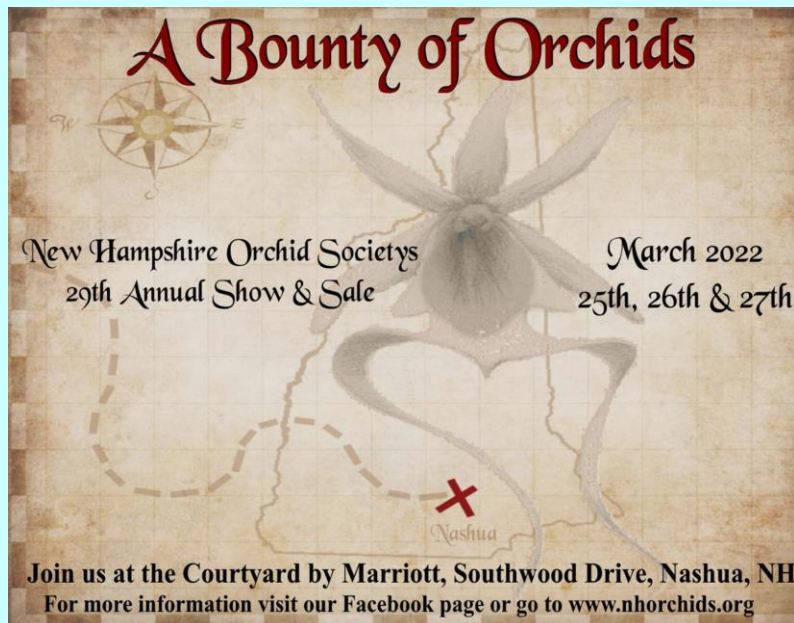
Location: The Pulaski Club, 79 Maple Street, Easthampton

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

*New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale
March 25th, 26th and 27th*

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Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 27, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday
Topic	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	More on Modern LED Lighting Answering Your Questions	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer



Coelogyne cristata- Bill Benner

