



Greater Whorled Pogonia
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July 17 Meeting and Picnic at Roger's Home

The club will meet in Sunday 17 at Roger's home on Dacey Rd in Conway. I'm sure directions will be in the newsletter. You can start arriving around 1:00 pm. There is a picnic involved so bring something to share. This meeting will be a little different from the past. I will be selling about 50 of my best cattleyas. These will be mostly fall and winter bloomers. All will have at least one new growth but most will have 2 or more new growths. Many are big plants, all in great shape. There are a few showing blooming sheaths. There will be a silent auction for 4 of the plants. The silent deal is you make a bid and put it into a sealed container and at the end, highest bid gets the plant. I did this so we can put in a \$5 bid and not be frowned upon. The 4 plants are as follows:

C. Nancy Off"Linwood" Am/AOS it has 2 new growths in sheath, a very large white and wins a blue every show it's in. A good size plant

Bc. Maikai "Grace" This was last seen at the last February meeting with tons of blooms. This is a nodosa hybrid that has a nodosa fragrance. Last counted there are 20 new growths. A part of this plant won best in show at a previous Nutmeg show. Again, a large plant but not too tall, it had light purple blooms that lighten with age.

Ric Hawaii Stars "Pink Lace" Another nodosa hybrid but a mini, blooms are white and pink. It has 8 new growths.

Lc Busy Bev "Blue Jewel". This is a so called "blue", it is as blue as it gets in the cattleya world It is a compact grower with 4 new growths. I have not shown this plant but if I did it would have been purchased by someone. I think it has a quality bloom.

I hope this silent stuff will add a little excitement to the meeting. I know I'm excited, this should be a fun time and if you can't make it have someone put in a bid for you. There is some great quality to these plants.

Picnic at Roger West's July 17th at his house in Conway!

Time: Arrive any time after 1:00 p.m.

Bring:

- A dish to share (salad, dessert)
- 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.

American Orchid Society July Webinars



Sunday, July 17, 2022 2:30 PM EDT

Conservation of Orchids in Rwanda - Michael Tibbs will discuss what conservation efforts are being made to save the native orchids of Rwanda. *Member Exclusive Webinar.*



Tuesday, July 19, 2022 8:30 PM EDT

Greenhouse Chat, Mounting Orchids - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Have your questions answered by our resident orchid expert! Please send your queries to greenhousechat@aos.org two days prior to the chat. *Open to all.*

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi everyone-

We had great weather for our meeting on June 5th. Several individuals brought orchids for repotting and we helped them out. We took a large dendrobium and divided it for potting and selling the divisions.

There was a lot of good food shared by club members. We had a very nice show table unfortunately a few plants got knocked over by a couple random gust of wind. I hope the plants recovered OK.

It was nice to see many people come together and enjoying themselves at our home. I know Marge enjoyed giving members a tour of our home and gardens.

The sale was lukewarm at best. We had a few people outside of the club stop by to buy plants. We sold many of the bought plants but not all of them. Unfortunately not enough of the plants from Herb Fishman got sold and many came home with me again.

I am looking forward to our July meeting at Roger's home and all of the good food and plants that will be there.

Joe



Show Table June 2022**Betsy Higgins**

Burrageara Sunkissed 'Buttercup'
 Dendrobium Green Lantern 'Red Carpet'
 Dendrobium tannii
 Epidendrum Max Valley
 Epidendrum riclarens (Encyclia x Epidendrum)
 Lc Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty'
 Maxillaria tenuifolia
 Maxillaria uncata
 Oncidium Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'
 Pleurothallis viduata
 Zootrophion atropurpurean

Zoe Loughman

Haraella retrocalla
 Miltoniopsis Breathless 'Florence'

Steve Steiner

Brassia verucosa
 Chondrorhyncha lendleyana 'Frisky'
 Dracula polyphemis
 Epi Pacific Sunset X Candy Valley
 Paph haynaldianum
 Pleurothallis quadrida
 Pleurothallis speciosa
 Pleurothallis viduata 'Selby'
 Promenaea xanthine (2 plants)
 Promenaea ovatiloba X xanthina
 Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'

Marge Tanguay

Epi Max Valley
 Phal 'Yellow Treasure'



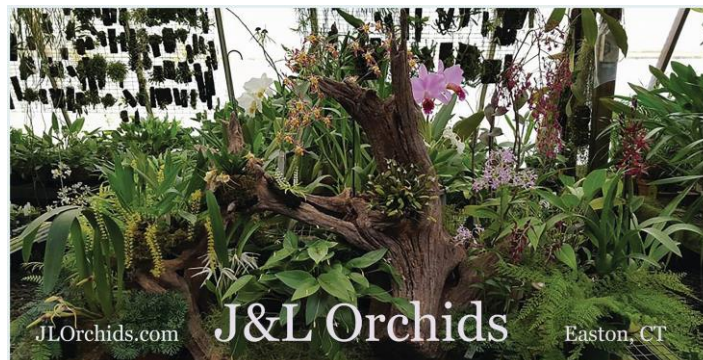
FEDERALLY THREATENED ORCHID DISCOVERED IN VERMONT



Botanists with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department confirmed that a population of small whorled pogonia—believed to be extinct in Vermont since 1902 and listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act—has been documented on Winooski Valley Park District conservation land in Chittenden County.

“Discovering a viable population of a federally threatened species unknown in our state for over a century is astounding,” said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Botanist Bob Popp. “It’s Vermont’s equivalent of rediscovering the ivory-billed woodpecker.”

The small whorled pogonia is a globally rare orchid historically found across the eastern states and Ontario. Previous searches for the species in Vermont have been unsuccessful. As with many orchids, little is understood about the species’ habitat needs. Populations in Maine and New Hampshire are found in areas of partial sun including forest edges and openings.



Summer Sale at J & L Orchids

July 29, 30 & 31; 10 AM to 5 PM

Guest Vendors: Orchidphile with cutting edge Phalaenopsis.

On Friday and Saturday- Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies and Waldor Orchids.

20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT



Upcoming Judging Events

Saturday, July 16, 9:00am

Northeast Judging Center - Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, Englewood, NJ

Saturday, August 6, 10:00am

Northeast Judging Center – Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA

Saturday, August 20, 9:00am

Northeast Judging Center - New Jersey Site