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August picnic at the Hudons'

A big thank you to the Hudons for hosting a fun barbecue for our August picnic! Their home in Russell is in a beautiful setting with a lovely back yard set up with bird feeders for bird watching, and an open area near the woods where reportedly wildlife often emerges. We had a good show table for the time of year (unfortunately we snoozed on the plant slips so we have no list), and there was plenty of friendly company for conversation. All the food was tasty- hamburgers, hot dogs and meatballs plus assorted side dishes and desserts brought by members. It was a very pleasant afternoon, thanks to the Hudons' warm hospitality.



September Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

Location: The Pulaski Club, 79 Maple Street, Easthampton

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

It's Time... to Pay Dues!

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

Rescuing Rootless Paphiopedilums

Liz Marinelli

On several occasions I have noticed a Paph that looks fairly healthy but stops growing. When I take it out of the pot, I see that the roots are dead. But the plant still looks better than I would think for having no roots and no pseudobulbs to draw energy from. So, is it dead for all intents and purposes but still has green leaves, or could it be revived? I had this situation recently with a *Paph delatanii*. I like the plant so I decided to research how it might be saved. Googling led me to this article from Orchid Digest: <https://www.orchiddigest.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Paph-root-growth.pdf>

The before and after photos accompanying the article are dramatic, so I thought it was worth a try. Roughly following their directions, I cleaned off the dead roots from the plant, sprayed it with Physan and located a small, clean plastic pot. I put a few stones in the bottom for stability, held the plant in the pot and filled it nearly full with sponge rock. I drenched the pot with Dyna-Gro K-L-N solution and set it in a plastic lid from a jar so that it would be sitting in about a half inch of solution. I flush with water and pour through more solution every few days. This was a month or so ago, and the plant has not declined any further, but I don't see any new growth yet. I'll take it out of the pot in a few weeks to check for roots.



I tried the same technique on a Phrag and a small vandaceaeous plant, both of which were doing poorly. They have both shown noticeable improvement, although I have not checked for new roots.

If anyone has had success rescuing a rootless Paph, please share your methods ewmarinelli@comcast.net

THE MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS



Cattleya violacea Photo Credit: Motohiro Sunouchi

World of Orchids
The Amazon

Orchid Show & Sale
October 21-23, 2022

Sons of Italy Hall
117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA

www.massorchid.org/show

Dates & Times:

Friday, Oct 21, 2022: 12:30 pm - 5 pm

Saturday, Oct 22, 2022: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, Oct 23, 2022: 10 am - 4 pm

Location:

[Sons of Italy](#)

117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA

Admission:

Adults \$10

Free to MOS members as well as children 8 and under

Purchase tickets [online](#) or at the door.

Large bags will be disallowed at the door. Please leave your backpack and large shopping bags in your vehicle. Same day re-entry is permitted.

<https://www.massorchid.org/show>

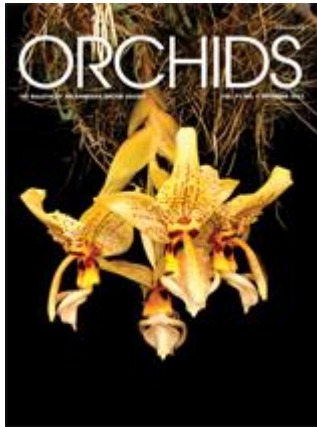


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September Issue of ORCHIDS



The September issue of *ORCHIDS* is now in the mail to current print members.

All Current AOS members can [log in to read it online now](#).

This month features the first of a two-part series on the parentage of two Hawaiian cattleya hybrids - C. Penny Kuroda and C. Hawaiian Fantasy. This paper builds upon the work of Laura Newton a few years back and further refines the likely parents. In July, the AOS lost a dedicated volunteer and gifted awards photographer, Greg Allikas.

This month features a two-page photograph spread of a small, but stunningly beautiful selection of the more than 2,500 award photographs he's taken over the last 25 years. David Rosenfeld continues his series "Who Were These Guys?" with an article on Conrad Loddiges and the House of Loddiges and we feature an article on Charles G. Roebling adapted from Erica Hannickel's new book *Orchid Muse* due out in December. Completely our features is an article by Dr. Joseph Arditti on crassulacean acid metabolism in orchids.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.

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When	Sept. 13, 2022	Sept. 19, 2022	Oct. 05, 2022
	8:30pm EDT Tuesday	8:30pm EDT Monday	8:30pm EDT Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Sept.10</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas	Those Amazing Masdevallias Compact cuties, species and culture
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee Accredited AOS Judge, President COC	Sandra Svoboda AOS Judge, AOS Past President, Orchid Digest Editor

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