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November Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

Location: The Pulaski Club, 79 Maple Street, Easthampton

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi Everyone-

I hope we all had a good Halloween and are ready for the holiday season to begin. We had a good meeting in October, a small group of people showed up but a good selection of plants were on the show table. We are still looking for someone to take over for Steve Reardon as the treasurer, this is an important position and needs someone soon.

We also talked about the upcoming (now past) MOS show. I pulled plants off the table to bring for the Amherst display. Our display was a pretty good and we got second place for society exhibits. I am thankful for Liz and Dave who helped in setting up the display and Betsy Higgins for helping take down the display. We did pretty well- many ribbons and Liz of course got two trophies. One for best Cymbidium and one for best Odont. Congratulations and well deserved for your great growing.

We also will be needing individuals to help setup our display at the CAIOS show on Jan 19. I will not be able to help set up as I have a college professional day to attend. I will be able to help take down the display and take plants back.

The November meeting is also the meeting where you can get your free plant for the year. We will be giving out the last of the plants we acquired from Herb Fishman.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting.



Amherst Orchid Society display at the Massachusetts Orchid Society Show

Show Table October 2022

Lee Brockman

Dendrobium Hibiki
 Dendrochilum magnum
 Ctt. Jungle Beau 'Nathan'sReward'

Betsy Higgins

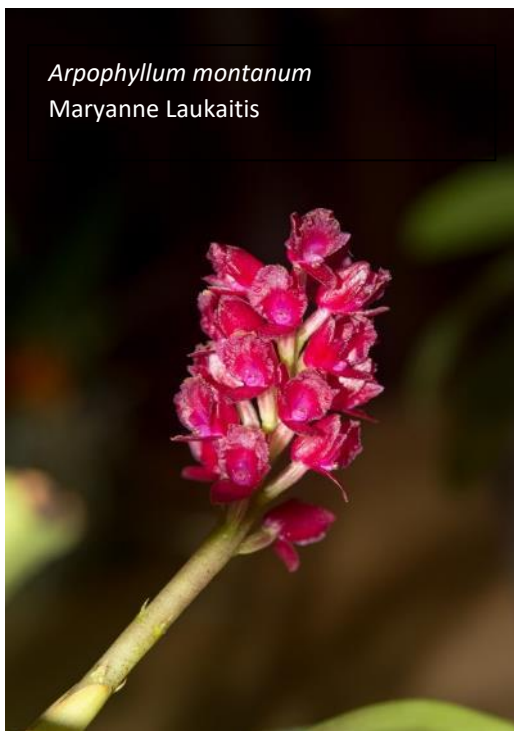
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 Miltasia Shelob 'Okika' (now Bratmia X Miltonia)
 Paph Puna Moon
 Pleurothallis viduata

Maryanne Laukaitis

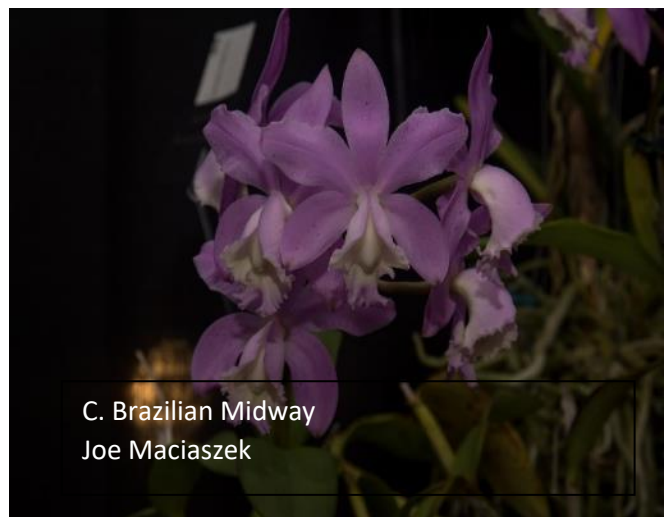
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 Coelogyne fimbriata
 Rhyncholaelia X Brassavola 'Jiminy Cricket'
 Zygo Jumpin' Jack

Kasia Wynn

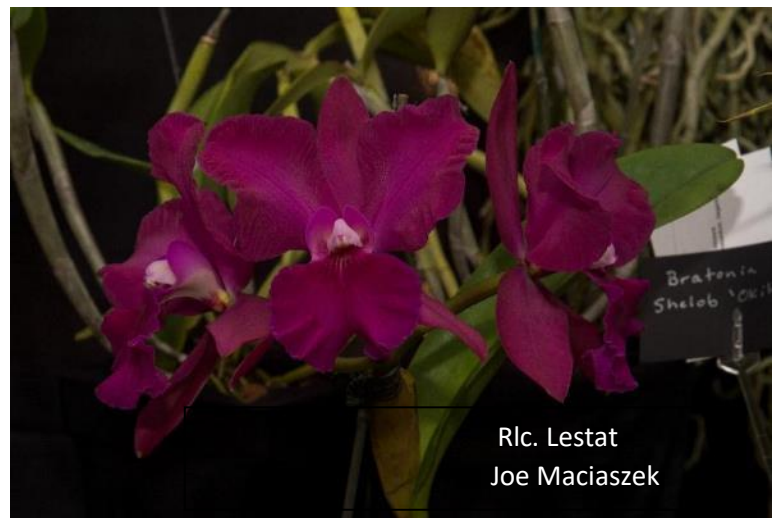
Phalaenopsis Kenneth Shubert



Arpophyllum montanum
 Maryanne Laukaitis



C. Brazilian Midway
 Joe Maciaszek



Rlc. Lestat
 Joe Maciaszek

Talcott Greenhouse at Mount Holyoke College

Liz Marinelli

Last week I happened to be in South Hadley and decided to stop by the Talcott Greenhouse on the campus of Mount Holyoke College to see what they had in the way of orchids. I had not visited there in many years, well before I had developed an interest in orchids. The greenhouse is not as big as the ones at Smith College or UMass, but it is nicely laid out and maintained, and has an interesting variety of plants.

Walking straight in from the front door, the first greenhouse room is mostly filled with bromeliads and cycads with a few orchids mixed in. The next room features a pond in the center filled with aquatic plants. This is the main orchid room, with baskets of large specimen plants hanging over the pond. The benches around the perimeter of the room are filled with orchids. Like many botanical gardens, Mount Holyoke is transitioning its collection away from hybrids to species. There were not a lot of plants in bloom when I was there, but the ones I saw were unusual species that were mainly



Spathoglottis gracilis

unfamiliar to me. The final room is a high-ceilinged conservatory filled with tall palm trees and banana trees, with ferns and begonias occupying the understory.

Heading back to the entrance, there are rooms to the left and right of the front door, filled with cool growing plants. The room to the left had several orchids, including cymbidiums that were sending up spikes.

The greenhouse at Mount Holyoke makes a pleasant stop, and could be part of a more extended visit to South Hadley. There are several specialty gardens surrounding the greenhouse, and an enormous European Beech tree near the library that is worth a look. Not far from the greenhouse there is a walking

trail around the upper pond. Mount Holyoke also has two museums- an art museum that is open most days

(check website for hours), and Skinner Museum, which is described as a “cabinet of curiosities” and is open on Saturdays in the spring and fall. The town center has several restaurant options and the Odyssey Bookshop is always tempting.

From Route 116, go east on Park Street, the greenhouse is on the right at the corner of Lower Pond Road. Parking is readily available and free. There are several parking spots just across from the entrance to the greenhouse, or you can park in the lot behind the Village Commons across route 116.



Campanulorchis globifera



Heterotaxis brasiliensis





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Our 3rd Orchid Culture Speaker Day



The AOS will be holding another popular Orchid Culture Day, December 4, 2022 beginning at 10AM EST. We are pleased to announce the schedule below:

- **Russ Vernon:** *Oncidinae: Concern, Confusion and Culture* - 10:00 -10:45
- **Peter T. Lin:** *Dendrobium Species and Culture* - 11:15 -12:00
- **Ron McHatton:** *A Special pre-recorded presentation of Orchid Pests and Disease, Updated* - 12:30 - 1:15
- **Tom Miranda:** *How Habitat Informs Culture: Lessons from a World Traveler* -1:45 - 2:30

We will have Spin the Wheel of Orchid Fortune for some prizes during the day.

Cost: \$30

Open to All - Tell Your Friends!

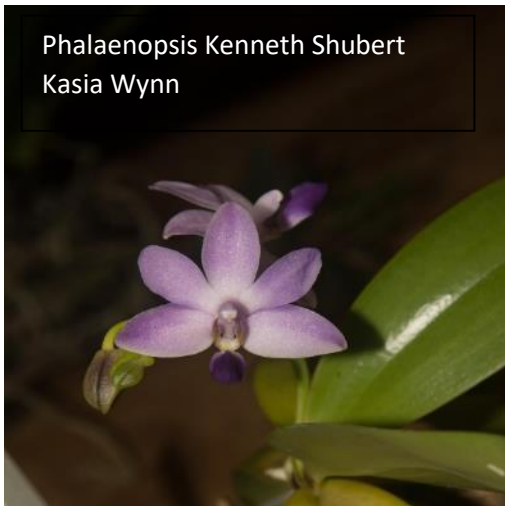
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