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The Newsletter of the **AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY**

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society

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FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE



AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Munson Memorial Library, 1046 S East St, Amherst

Members with last names starting with E, F, G and H please bring a snack to share

Upcoming meetings at Munson Library:

March 12

April 16

May 21

THE NATIVE ORCHIDS OF HAWLEY BOG

By Zoe Loughman

Last July, I took a trip to the Hawley Bog in Hawley, MA. The path through the bog is about half a mile out and back, mostly featuring a boardwalk.

The orchids encountered on this trip were *Platanthera blephariglottis* (AKA the white fringed bog orchid) and *Pogonia ophioglossoides* (AKA rose pogonia). There was even a peloric *Pogonia*!

In addition to the orchids, there were several types of carnivorous plants in bloom, including sundews, pitcher plants, and bladderworts. With the prevalence of birds, I'd imagine it's lovely for bird watching.

I've visited this site a few times, and each visit has been delightful. It's a bit out of the way for most people, but it's worth a trip if you're in the area. Each visit has been a leisurely walk lasting about an hour, stopping very frequently for photography, plant identifying, and appreciating the scenery. Of the handful of other visitors I've encountered while there, most people seem to spend much less time on their walk.

There are two trails visible from the parking area.

To get to the bog, do not take the narrow trail near the kiosk board. Instead, use the wide trail to the left of the parking area. There will be a sign near the beginning of the correct path that alerts you to video surveillance.

A handy resource on native orchids, where you can search by state or species: <u>https://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org/</u>







Pogonia ophioglossoides



Pogonia ophioglossoides



Pogonia ophioglossoides (peloric)



Platanthera blephariglottis

~2022 Scholarships Awarded~

The winners of the society's 2022 scholarships were Ashley A. Jones of Southampton, MA and Eve Lanzafame of Hadley, MA. Each of the recipients successfully completed their first semester of college. Congratulations!



Show Table January 2023

Bill Benner Pcv Walnut Valley 'Lime Stars'

Nancy Braymiller Brassocattleya MaiKai 'Luis' Phal No ID Paph No ID

Lee Brockman Catt No ID Dendrobium Patricia Johnson

Maryanne Laukaitis Cattleya hybrid (X Little Toshi) Cymbidium erythrostylum Cymbidium Oiso 'Reynella' Dendrochilum convallarium Laelia autumnalis Oncidium ornythorhyncum Paph insigne SC Crystelle Smith 'Aileen' AM/OS

Alex & Holly Loss Paph purpuratum

Zoe Loughman Catt Mareeba Tiger 'SVO Hot Spot' X Catt Comet's Tail 'Super Nice' Lc Tiny Treasure 'Star Amethyst' X Slc Lana Coryell 'Forevermore' Joe Maciaszek Cattleya Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade' Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

Dave Marinelli Isabelia pulchella

Liz Marinelli Habenaria L'Avenir Leptotes tenuis Masdevallia Pink Mist 'Pinky"\' Paph Sorcerer's Love

Carol Mentos Dendrobium glomeratum Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Moon' Rlc Amazing Thailand 'NN'

Steve Steiner Cymb Arcadia 'Golden Fleece' HCC/AOS Cymb M. Seriors X Golden Elf Dendrobium crepidiferum (sulawasiense) Dendrobium Katherine Epidendrum melanoporphyreum Laelia anceps Maxillaria coccinea Mediocalcar decoratum Pleurothallis truncata

Karen Steward Oncidium ornythorhyncum

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Show Supplement Section

February 2023

The Orchid Show Is Almost Upon Us! February 25 & 26 2023

Want to help with the show? Contact: Marc Gray <u>bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net</u> 802-348-7926

Volunteer Call!

We still need volunteers: for show setup, for during the show, for tear down and repacking the materials at the library on Sunday. If you can volunteer some time to help, please do! Even if you can't stand or lift things, we have spaces where you can sit and take admission money or sit and watch exits. Yes, we would sincerely appreciate your help. If you're not sure what to do, Contact Marc Gray at <u>bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net</u>, or at 802-348-7926

Setup Schedule

Initial work on the show will begin at 9:30 AM **Wednesday February 22** at the club library in the Munson Memorial Library in Amherst. We will be packing and transporting the materials needed to set up the show space at the Smith Vocational High School in Northampton. We should be at Northampton about 10 or 10:30.

Text it. Tweet it. Facebook it. Flyer it. Put the word out.

Attendance at the annual Orchid Show is the major way the Amherst Orchid Society supports itself. If we don't have enough attendance, we can't pay for newsletters, speakers, or keep lower dues.

Tell everyone how much you are looking forward to the show. Tell them about being able to buy plants at the show, about the fabulous displays put on by local clubs (the space is jam-packed with displays!), and the wonderful informational speakers. An educational, family-friendly experience.

Show Timetable-

Questions: Marc Gray <u>bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net</u> or (802)348-7926

Wednesday Feb 22, 2023
9:30 AM- meet at library to pick up show supplies.
10/10:30 AM- arrive at Smith Voc; set up backdrops and tables, drape tables. Club members only. No plants or individual displays on this day.

Thursday Feb 23, 2023

9 AM Finish table set-up
9:30 AM- Plants can be brought in at this time.
10 AM- Bring in donated food about this time.
4 PM- Cut off for the plants to be brought in. No plants allowed after this time.

Friday Feb 24, 2023

8 AM- All clerks need to be here at this time. If for some reason you cannot make it you MUST let Joe Maciaszek know at Maciaszek@ gmail.com or 508-344-8492

9 AM- Judging starts, continues until done. Followed by lunch for the judges.

10 AM- Food for the judges' lunch to be picked up and delivered by this time or earlier.

Saturday Feb 25, 2023

8:45 AM- Anyone who is signed up for a 9 AM task, please arrive early so you can get to your places and have your job explained to you BEFORE we open.

9 AM- Show opens

5 PM- Show closes

Sunday Feb 26, 2023

9:45 AM- Anyone who is signed up for a task please arrive early so you can get to your places and have your job explained to you BEFORE we open the doors.

Pre-registration FAQ's

Why should you pre-register your plants?

Because your plant tags will be waiting for you on Thursday morning when you get to the Show. If you don't pre-register, you may have a long wait for your tags.

How many plants should you pre-register?

All of the plants that you might end up bringing. It is much easier to delete tags than to type and print them on Thursday. After your plants are tagged, just bring back the tags that you won't be using and we'll delete them. You can still add plants on Thursday, but that puts you in the waiting line.

How late can you pre-register? The deadline for pre-registering plants is 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21.

Where do I find the digital forms? The forms will be sent to club members and other exhibitors in an email, along with the judging schedule.

Why should you use the digital forms? That's the fastest and most accurate way to get your information to us. Handwriting can be hard to read, so there is a better chance that your tag will match what you wrote if it is typed.

Where do I send the digital forms? Save the forms as a word document and send as an attachment to Liz and Dave Marinelli at <u>ewmarinelli@comcast.net</u>. If you are not able to use the digital forms, send the list of your plants in an email. Information should include Genus, species, and the class where the plant is entered from the judging schedule.

Questions about where a plant should be classified in the schedule? ewmarinelli@comcast.net

Show Vendors

J&L Orchids- <u>https://jlorchids.com/</u> Orchidphile- <u>https://www.facebook.com/Orchidphile/</u> Fair Orchids- <u>https://www.fairorchids.com/</u> Mathilde Duffy Art- <u>http://www.mathildeduffy-artist.com/</u>

Please Pre-Register Your Plants!

The club show officers request that plants be pre-registered by **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**. See above for an important message about plant pre-registration.

Preparing the "Club" Display- All Hands On Deck! Maryanne Laukaitis

Set-up of our society display will be **Thursday, Feb 23, 2023**, beginning mid to late morning. We need volunteers to unload the sawhorses, panels, etc from the truck. If you feel up to this more strenuous part of the job, please join in. If you can't do heavy lifting, then we still have draping and decorating which takes a little creativity...and it's fun, too! We'll have the terrarium, introduced in 2016, which needs delicate attention, arranging plants inside and careful ID labeling of plants.

Please lend attractive natural materials, such as oddly shaped wood, to accent the display. Cut greenery, such as ivy and other evergreens, are useful too. Bring items which are easily had carried (without a forklift!) We can also use plain green house plants (not in bloom) in nice condition for filler. A Norfolk Island Pine is always welcome. Empty pots, crates and buckets are appreciated as pedestals for show plants, too. Please label all materials with your name on the back or underside! Be prepared to pick up lent items and take away at clean-up **4 PM Sunday Feb 26, 2023.**

We hope you'll join in the set-up- it's fun- Bring your creativity!

Show Plant Delivery

Final deadline for plant delivery for judging is **4:00 PM, Thursday Feb 23, 2023** at Smith Vocational High School in Northampton, MA. The vendors' deadline for plant delivery and setup is 6:30 PM.

Contact Liz and Dave Marinelli <u>ewmarinelli@comcast.net</u> if you have questions regarding registering your plants.