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**MARCH MEETING OF THE
AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY**

Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Members with last names starting with I, J, K and L please bring a snack to share

Upcoming meetings at Munson Library:

April 16

May 21

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi Everyone

Most importantly I want to thank everyone who helped out in our show in any way whether it was for clerking ribbon judging; bringing in plants for the displays; providing food for us to eat; helping at any of the stations around the show. It was due to the collective effort of everyone that we were able to pull off a great show. We had a great turnout for the show- we had around 1435 paying attendees, which is due to all of the various advertising we and you did. It was nice to see many familiar faces coming through the door that have been regulars at our past shows. It was great to see so many happy people eager to get in and see the plants. There wasn't any time that the show was really dead, we had a steady flow of people entering and leaving the show.

I would like to specially thank the hard work of several people. Marc who works very hard in the background before, during and after the show to make sure so many things get done. Liz and Dave who took on entering the plants for ribbon judging, a major job for the show. Marge who knows so much of what needs to be done to set up the show. To Maryanne, Mike and the whole team who set up the display. I know there were many of you who helped out with the display and setting up the tables and curtains the day before. Steve Reardon who gets the plants for the raffle table and take care of all of the finances. I know this is only a partial list of the people who gave a major contribution of time and talent to the show, just know I appreciate all the club members who helped out in any way throughout the show.

The Amherst Display was nicely done this year (as it is every year) we were fortunate to have several of Roger West's *Cattleyas* in the display. I missed and many attendees missed seeing Roger's massive display of *Cattleyas*. A few members purchased some of the plants as Roger said he didn't want them back after the show. I hope we can keep these plants healthy and blooming well for many shows to come, to honor and remember everything that Roger did for the society for the past few decades.

The Judges were impressed with our display and enjoyed working with the various clerks. I also heard from many of the clerks that they enjoyed the team they were working on. I hope this encourages more members to want to join in on the judging process. During AOS judging we gave out three plant awards and the Show trophy, to the Amherst display. We gave two cultural awards one Liz for her *Dendrobium petiolatum*; and the other to Chuck and Sue Anderson for *Coelogyne (Dendrochilum) smithianum*. A flower quality award was given to *Phragmipedium* Frank Smith. The Amherst display won the Show trophy so congratulations to the whole team for a great display.

It's Show Season!

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show

Saturday March 18 and Sunday March 19

Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show

March 31-April 2

Connecticut Orchid Society Mothers' Day Sale

May 13



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Coming in the March issue of *Orchids* magazine:

- The orchids of Saudi Arabia
- The hybrid genus *Catcycia*
- Variation in *Cattleya mossiae*
- For the novice- soaps and detergents
- Collector's Item - *Epidendrum mainauanum*

New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show

Steve Steiner



For those of you who have not yet had your fill of orchid shows, the New York Botanical Gardens are having their 20th annual orchid show until April 23rd. I went there, a few days after the end of our show. The show always features thousands of plants distributed throughout the 2-acre greenhouse. About 75 percent of the plants are Phals. There are numerous new patterns. They tend to be clustered with about a dozen plants in a cluster. Scattered throughout are some large specimen plants, probably from the collection of the garden. Many, but not all plants are labeled. There are a fair number of Paphs and Cymbidiums and an area of Bletias. Only a few Vandas and oncidium hybrids. There are also permanent plants in the greenhouse, many of which are also in bloom including two giant vines, a Thunbergia species with panicles of red and yellow flowers, and a Jade Vine with panicles of turquoise flowers that was just coming into bloom. Tickets are expensive (\$35 plus parking). If the weather permits, be sure to visit the 2 acre rock garden and the native plant garden which is filled with Trilliums and Cypripediums. Arthur Avenue (where Little Italy has moved) is less than a mile away. If you can go during a week day, the crowds will be much less.

Scenes from the 2023 Amherst Orchid Society show-



Best in Show- Paph villosum
Maryanne Laukaitis







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2023 Rosettes and AOS Awards

BEST LARGE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Blc Melody Fair	Betsy Higgins (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST MINIATURE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Sophranitis coccinea	J and L Orchids
BEST ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Tricopilia suavis	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW	Phal Timothy Christopher 'Bedford' x vietchiana 'Bedford'	Rob and Marsha Richter (Massachusetts OS)
BEST SMALL PHALAENOPSIS IN SHOW	Phalaenopsis Lignther Happy Shell	orchidPhile
BEST CYMBIDIUM IN SHOW	Cymbidium Mem. Amelia Earhart 'Scott Valine' HCC/AOS	Fair Orchids
BEST DENDROBIUM IN SHOW	Dendrobium Micro Chip	Connie Lentz (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST LYCASTE IN SHOW	Lycaste macrophylla subsp. orinocenes	Steve Steiner (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM IN SHOW	Paphiopedilum villosum	Maryanne Laukaitis (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST PHRADMIPEDIUM IN SHOW	Phragmipedium Andean Fire	Tina Balog (Cape and Island Orchid Society)
BEST PLEUROTHALLID IN SHOW	Barbosalla cucullata	Steve Steiner (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST VANDA ALLIANCE IN SHOW	Vanda Pachara's 'Delight'	Sandra Myhalik (Nutmeg State Orchid Society)
BEST MASDEVALLIA IN SHOW	Masdevallia Aquarius	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST MISCELLANEOUS GENERA IN SHOW	Coelogyne usitana	Robert Dudley (Nutmeg Orchid Society)
BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT IN SHOW	Ellen Coss Kennedy/Minot's Ledge	Ellen Coss Kennedy/Minot's Ledge
BEST ARTISTIC EXHIBIT IN SHOW	Amherst Orchid Society	Amherst Orchid Society Artistic Exhibit
BEST LARGE SPECIMEN IN SHOW	Phragmipedium Andean Fire	Tina Balog (Cape and Island Orchid Society)
BEST SMALL SPECIMEN IN SHOW	Dendrobium petiolatum	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST WINDOWSILL/FLOURESCENT LIGHT IN SHOW	Dendrobium Micro Chip	Connie Lentz (Amherst Orchid Society)
BEST PLANT IN SHOW	Paphiopedilum villosum	Maryanne Laukaitis (Amherst Orchid Society)
PRESIDENTS AWARD	Jumella arachnantha	Chuck Crisler (New Hampshire Orchid Society)
AOS SHOW TROPHY	Amherst Orchid Society	Amherst Orchid Society
BEST SPECIES IN SHOW	Tricopilia suavis	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
ORCHID DIGEST AWARD	NONE GIVEN	
HERITAGE AWARD	NONE GIVEN	

American Orchid Society Awards

Coelogyne smithiana (Dendrochilum smithianum) CCM/AOS 84 points	Chuck and Sue Anderson (New Hampshire Orchid Society)
Phragmipedium Frank Smith HCC/AOS 77 points	Mike Badia (Massachusetts Orchid Society)
Dendrobium petiolatum CCM/AOS 83 points	Liz Marinelli (Amherst Orchid Society)
Amherst Orchid Society display AOS Show Trophy 83 points	Amherst Orchid Society

