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~June Meeting at the Home of Joe and Marge Macíaszek~

55 Hendrick St. Easthampton MA

Joe's phone- 508-344-8492

Sunday, June 11- arrive any time after 1:00,
the meeting will begin at 2:00

Please bring:

- an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share
- your own chair

Parking: the front and side of the yard and driveway can hold a few cars,
but there should be enough extra space across the street to park on Brittany Ln
on the right-hand side of the road.

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hello Everyone

We had a great albeit short meeting last month. The show table was very nice but not as filled as some months. We didn't have a lot of new things to talk about just mentioned the same stuff from the last meeting.

We are still hoping to do a club order of new tee shirts. If you are interested in a new shirt, we will have a signup sheet for them at our next meeting. I will be getting information on costs and what designs we can get on them.

We also talked again about doing a club order with Lehua Orchids in Hawaii. They are mainly a Paph. and Phrag. business. Please check out their website and if you want some of their plants bring a list to the next meeting and a check to pay for them. We would need to get a order up to 30ish plants to try and get their discounts prices. So far, a couple of people have given Steve what plants they would want. Let's see if we can get the order to the 30 we would need.

<https://lehuaorchids.com/>

Our next Amherst club meeting will be at my home in Easthampton on Sunday June 11. The meeting will start at 2 but people can come over after 1 as I will be getting ready to help with repotting plants. Feel free to bring plants you wish to repot, we can take care of them as well. I will have some media ready and an assortment of pots.

I will have food off the grill for members to enjoy so feel free to bring a dish to share with club members. We have a several chairs but it will be better if you bring your own to make sure everyone has a chair.

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Show Table May 2023

<p>Nancy Braymiller Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie'</p> <p>Judy Hudon Phal 'Farmstand Rescue'</p> <p>Maryanne Laukaitis Catt aurantiaca X Laelia cinnabarina Rlc Cordelia Dendrobium loddgesii Encyclia bractescens Procatavola Key Lime Stars</p> <p>Zoe Loughman Dendrobium Love Memory 'Fizz'</p> <p>Joe Maciaszek Dendrobium victoria-reginae Oncidium Sharry Baby Oncostele Catante 'Orange Kiss' Phrag Young Lindley 'Dave Marinelli'</p>	<p>Dave Marinelli Potinara Mem. Irene Feil 'Fuchsia'</p> <p>Liz Marinelli Dendrobium Firebird 'Stardust' Lycaste tricolor Masdevallia Cassiope Oncidium Croesus Paph appletonianum Phal Liu's Cute Angel</p> <p>Ann Robinson Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie'</p> <p>Kasia Wynn Paph delenatii Phrag Cardinale</p>
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Rlc Cordelia
Maryanne Laukaitis



Spotlight on the Show Table:

Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie' Grown by Nancy Braymiller

Many of us have been enticed by the stunning flowers of a Miltoniopsis and brought one home from a show or sale only to have it limp along for a few years and eventually take its leave. Miltoniopsis have a reputation as being difficult to grow, and many have lived up to their reputation. Which is why Nancy's plant Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie' caught everyone's attention on the May show table. It had 5 spikes and numerous blooms giving it the appearance of a lush bouquet.

The genus Miltoniopsis occurs in the mountain cloud forests from Costa Rica to Peru. The three species (vexillaria, roezlii and phalaenopsis) that are used most in breeding are found only in Columbia. An interesting aspect of Miltoniopsis hybrids is that the large array of colors and patterns is the result of continued crossing and re-crossing of hybrids containing only these three species. Nancy's plant, Miltoniopsis Rouge, is 98% vexellaria and roezlii with 2% phalaenopsis. It's the influence of Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis that contributes the waterfall pattern that is so prized in Miltoniopsis.



Here's the story behind Nancy's Miltoniopsis, along with some tips for growing success:

"I bought the plant last Summer (2022) at the sale the AmOS had at Sugarloaf Gardens in Sunderland last June. Roger West was minding the sale table (the one with the orchids we bought from Kalapana Orchids) and he recommended that I buy this particular plant as it had three growths and a spike, so I did. It now has 5 spikes including those in bloom. Last year's bloom time was in the summer and this year it started to spike in early April.

I repotted it September 18, 2022 as it had finished blooming. It came in a 3-4" pot. I repotted it in small fir bark layered with sphagnum moss. I added a few small charcoal chunks and perlite. I used a 5" round transparent plastic pot that I added holes to. To make the holes, I used a soldering iron.

I grow the plant under high-intensity LED lights in my house in a room with a lot of light. When it is in bloom then it is on my kitchen windowsill facing North. I grow it in the temperature of mid-range 60 degrees at night and low

70s during the day.

What I feed it: I use the MSU formula fertilizer at the rate of one scoop per gallon, March through October and 1/2 scoop November through February. The only winter rest it gets is the 1/2 dose of MSU formula fertilizer.

This is my feeding schedule:

Week 1 - 1 scoop MSU fertilizer and 1 TBSP repotme's Quantum-Orchids probiotics

Week 2- 1 scoop MSU and 10 milliliters organic kelp liquid fertilizer

Week 3 - MSU and Quantum again, same amounts

Week 4 - flush only



HELP!!!!

Your fellow growers need your advice....

Scale, aphids, mealy bugs- we have met them all!

What are your best solutions for insect control on your orchids? Benign home remedies or powerful insecticide, we do not judge.

Send your advice to ewmarinelli@comcast.net or chat at the next meeting.
The results will be compiled in a future newsletter.

Potinara Memoria Irene Feil 'Fuchsia'
Dave Marinelli



Phal 'Farmstand Rescue'
Judy Hudon





Oncostele Catante 'Orange Kiss'
Joe Maciaszek



Lycaste tricolor
Liz Marinelli



Paph delenatii
Kasia Wynne



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