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## July Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

The July meeting will be held at the home of Liz and Dave Marinelli, 9 Overbrook Lane, Longmeadow MA

- **Date: Sunday, July 9**
- **Time: 2:00 p.m.**
- **The Marinellis will provide ice cream treats**

Directions from the north:

- Take 91 south to Exit 1 (route 5)
- Continue on route 5/Longmeadow Street to Williams Street, turn left on Williams Street
- Turn right on Laurel Street
- Turn left on Woodsley Road
- Bear right at the triangle onto Overbrook Road, at the next triangle bear left and our house will be directly ahead of you.

Directions from the south:

- Take 91 north to Exit 49, turn right on to route 5 north.
- Turn right on Williams Street
- Turn right on Laurel Street
- Turn left on Woodsley Rd
- Bear right at the triangle onto Overbrook Road, at the next triangle bear left and our house will be directly ahead of you.

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## President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi everyone-

We had another terrific weather day for our meeting on June 11th. Marc and I had fun repotting many orchids and helping a couple of individuals who brought orchids for repotting.

We had a lot of good food at the meeting, thank you to everyone who brought food to share with club members. I was glad to see we had a very nice show table, I shouldn't be surprised since we have so many great growers in our club.

It was nice to see many people come together and enjoy themselves at our home. There were several people who didn't make to the meeting I hope to see them at our next summer meeting.

I am still working on trying to get a tee shirts order going, hopefully I will have more info by the time of the next meeting. We are also still trying to get enough plants ordered from Lehua to place a group order for the club. <https://lehuaorchids.com/>

Also, very recently Marc and I were contacted by Beth West about Roger's remaining plants that she wants donate to the society. Marc and I will be collecting these plants and working on a plan of what to do with them.

I am looking forward to our July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Liz and Dave's home and all of the great plants that will be there.



*Cattleya lawrenciana X mossiae*

Maryanne Laukaitis

## Show Table June 2023

<p><b>Ed deVerenne</b> Rth Love Triangle (San Damiano X Chocolate Drop 'Doris')</p> <p><b>Aimee Hudon</b> Phal – No ID 'Limoncello'</p> <p><b>Judy Hudon</b> Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie'</p> <p><b>Maryanne Laukaitis</b> Catt lawrenciana X mossiae Epicatt Jackie Bright Paph villosum</p> <p><b>Dave Marinelli</b> Den Gatton Sunray Pot Little Toshie 'Gold Country' X Angel's Fantasy 'Solar Flare'</p> <p><b>Liz Marinelli</b> Lycaste consobrina Lycaste angelae Den Roongkamol Vejvarut Sarcochilus ceciliae</p>	<p><b>Ann Robinson</b> Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie' Zygonisia cynosure 'Blue Birds'</p> <p><b>Steve Steiner</b> Lycaste tricolor Masdevallia Angel Frost X Marguerite Masdevallia Orange Glow Miltonia Cutie 'Rodco' Miltoniopsis Bert Field 'Leah' Paph rothschildianum X wilhelminae Pescatoria klabochorum × coelestis Phal Joy Spring Canary 'Taipei' Phal Tying Shin Flying Eagle 'Wilson' Pleurothallis brighamii Promenaea Limelight Promenaea ovatilabeia Promenaea xanthina Prosthechea cochleate Trisetella pentex</p> <p><b>Kasia Wynne</b> Dendrobium Ueang Pheung</p>
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## J&L Summer Sale on the last weekend of July

JULY 28, 29 & 30th, 10 am - 5 pm

J & L Orchids  
20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT 06612

<https://jlorchids.com/>





*Promenaea xanthina*  
Steve Steiner



*Miltoniopsis Rouge 'Picardie'*  
Ann Robinson



*Zygonisia cynosure 'Blue Birds'*  
Ann Robinson



*Rth Love Triangle*  
Ed de Varennes





*Lycaste angelae*  
Liz Marinelli



*Epicatt Jackie Bright*  
Maryanne Laukaitis



*Paph rothschildianum X wilhelminae*  
Steve Steiner



*Pescatoria klabochorum x Pescatoria coelestis*  
Steve Steiner



## Spotlight on the Show Table:

Dendrobium Ueang Pheung

Grown by Kasia Wynne

On the show table at the June meeting, there was a blooming dendrobium that I had only seen in pictures. The small plant had many lovely orange flowers, large for the size of the plant, arranged attractively around the perimeter. Was it *Den. jenkinsii* or *Den. aggregatum*? They both look similar. The tag said *Dendrobium Ueang Pheung* which is a cross between the two species. I have owned a *Den. Jenkinsii* for about 6 years and it has not bloomed once. I was advised not to even try *Den. aggregatum* because our climate in the northeast is too cool. So I was intrigued to see this plant blooming so beautifully.

According to [Orchidspecies.com](http://Orchidspecies.com), both parent species are found in some of the same areas in Asia. *Den. aggregatum* has more flowers per inflorescence and is a larger plant. The hybrid combines the smaller size of the *jenkinsii* parent with a high flower count from *aggregatum*. In addition, it is said to be easier to bloom than the parents and more tolerant of intermediate temperatures.

Here's what Kasia has to say about growing *Den. Ueang Pheung*:

"I've had this little guy for about 5 years, just before covid came around. I'm pretty sure I got it from J&L during one of our shows. Since I grow on the windowsill, I thought I'd try it because it's a mini. It took about a year for it to bloom the 1st time. It blooms every year but it is not always consistent with the number of blooms I get. This year it has done really well. I don't know why the difference because I haven't changed where it sits. I've repotted it once about 2 years ago using a clay pot. I use small fir bark potting mix but add some sphagnum moss to it. It has doubled in size. It gets bright indirect light every morning and then the sun moves around the house so the light is there but not the brightest. Once a week I run it under the kitchen faucet using tepid water. I don't put my orchids outside, too afraid of the bugs."





# Insect Pests: Club Members Share Their Remedies

Liz Marinelli

Unfortunately, insect control is always a timely topic for anyone who is a plant hobbyist. I mentioned in the last newsletter that I would be soliciting members' remedies at the meeting, and so I did. As people were describing their favorite insect control methods, it became clear that there were two lines of attack—one for scale and another for everything else (aphids, mealy bugs, etc) Everyone agrees that scale is the worst and requires vigilance and systemic pesticides to defeat it.

- Maryanne starts with the simplest remedy first- alcohol mixed with water and soap. She then moves to neem oil for more serious infestations, then a granular systemic, then Bayer 3-in-1 (note: The product that was known as Bayer 3-in-1 is now called BioAdvanced 3-in-1)
- Steve Steiner uses Merit combined with Talstar GH for bad infestations. These are powerful insecticides so he always wears a respirator when he applies them.
- Joe soaks cinnamon in alcohol, then combines it with Dr Bronner's soap and neem. He uses Malathion and orthene for more serious problems.
- Mark mixes alcohol with soap to use as a spray. He emphasizes that plants should not be sprayed with any product on a hot sunny day. He also uses 3-in-1.
- Marge uses Orthene and Bayer.
- Steve Lavalley uses a systemic for scale. He also shared Bill Hutchinson's recipe for a homemade insecticide: ¼ alcohol, ¼ water, ¼ neem, ¼ original Listerine
- Liz uses Safer's insecticidal soap for aphids and minor pests. For scale, remove all visible insects, use a toothpick to scrape scale from crevasses. Then pour 3-in-1 over the roots and spray the plant with insecticidal soap. Make a note of which plants were treated and when, and keep a close eye on those plants, re-treat at the first sign of scale.



The consensus is to check plants often and carefully, and go after scale as soon as you see it. If you use a systemic make sure to read the label carefully and follow instructions for mixing and application, use protective clothing if recommended. Don't spray in the heat of the day since that could damage the plant. If anyone else has some good pest fighting tips, send them in for a future newsletter [ewmarinelli@comcast.net](mailto:ewmarinelli@comcast.net).