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## **December Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society**

***Holiday Potluck- Bring a dish to share!***

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

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.



**Future meetings at Munson Library: January 14, February 11**

## President's Message

**Joe Maciaszek**

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone!

We had a good November meeting- lots of people showed up for the free plants given to members who have paid up their membership for next year. There was a pretty good selection of plants from Gold Country Orchids. There were some left over plants that Marc potted up. These will be available at the next meeting if someone didn't get their plant, and for sale if we have plants left over.

We talked about the MOS show and how we had a small but nice display. Liz got the Best Paph. for Paph. helenae and got an AOS CCM award for Phrag. Fritz Schomburg. Well done, Liz! Your plants always have great culture which show your dedication to your plants. You should give the club a talk one of our meetings.

We also talked about upcoming shows with the Cape and Islands show coming up soon on the weekend of Jan 20 and 21. Show setup will be Jan 18 with AOS judging on Jan 19. We have our meeting before then, so if you have plants for the show bring them to the meeting. Those doing the setup can take the plants home. You could also keep them at home if you want, and arrange for them to be picked up later in the week if you are worried about the plants going in and out of the cold too many times.

The December meeting is of course our holiday party pot luck, so bring your favorite dish to share with club members. We normally have a delicious spread of food at this meeting. We will also have a signup sheet for club tee-shirts for those interested in buying one. We need to get a good number of people signing up for tee-shirts if we are going to be able to place an order.

Our show is coming up in February and we will need plenty of volunteers for that event. We normally get good participation so I am not too worried about that. We will need to start getting the word out about the show once we get the fliers printed. Hopefully everyone will put them up around their towns so we can get lots of attendees for the show.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting-

Joe

Show Table November 2023

<p><b>Marc Gray</b>  Den. nobile  Paph. Petula Aflame  Phal. NOID</p> <p><b>Betsy Higgins</b>  Dendrochilum saccolabium  Ludisia discolor  Paph. Puna Moon</p> <p><b>Maryanne Laukaitis</b>  Catt. Crystelle Smith 'Aileen' AM/AOS  Cym. erythrostylum</p> <p><b>Steve LaValley</b>  Paph. Jewel Pink</p> <p><b>Zoe Loughman</b>  Angraecum distichum  Catasetum gladiatorium x semicirculatum  Cycnoches warszewiczii  Lepanthopsis astrophora 'Stalky'  Onc. Cherry Fudge  Paph. Macabre Pleasure  Phrag. Eumelia Arias</p>	<p><b>Joe Maciaszek</b>  Cym. Golden Vanguard 'Emperor'  Paph. Macabre Dream  Paph. Spicerianum  Phrag. QF Nolene</p> <p><b>Deb Spearot</b>  Onc. NOID</p> <p><b>Steve Steiner</b>  Epidendrum melanoporphyreum  Maxillaria scopiodes  Restrepia chocoensis  Restrepia trichoglossa  Scaphosepalum gibberosum  Scaphosepalum swertifolium</p>
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*Cymbidium erythrostylum*  
Maryanne Laukaitis



*Catt. Crystelle Smith 'Aileen' AM/AOS*  
Maryanne Laukaitis



*Phrag. QF Nolene*  
Joe Maciaszek



*Scaphosepalum swertifolium*  
Steve Steiner

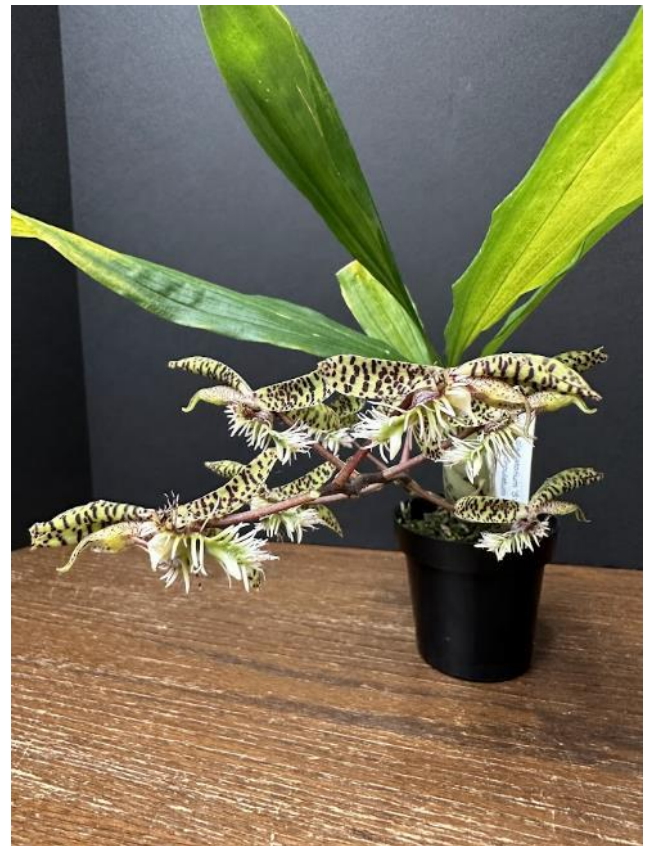


*Cycnoches warszewiczii*  
Zoe Loughman





*Paph Petula Aflame*  
Marc Gray



*Catasetum gladiatorium x semicirculatum*  
Zoe Loughman



*Epidendrum melanoporphyreum*  
Steve Steiner



*Angraecum distichum*  
Zoe Loughman

## Show Season Has Begun!

Mark your calendars for the winter 2024 show season:

Cape and Islands Orchid Society- January 20-21

Amherst Orchid Society- February 24-25

New Hampshire Orchid Society- March 1-3

Nutmeg State Orchid Society- March 16-17

### A few pointers from Tom Mirenda's monthly checklist for November (Orchids Magazine):

- Cymbidiums and Phalaenopsis are now in spike, this is the time to ensure the best position for those inflorescences. Their growth has shifted to the production of flowers, so overwatering and feeding can have the unwanted effect of encouraging foliage production. It is best to withhold fertilizers on plants that are expected to make spikes at this time.
- The sheaths of Cattleya alliance plants can sometimes restrict the emergence of the flowers. You may need to very carefully peel back those sheaths to release the blooms.
- Complex Paphs are elongating budding stems of what are often massive flowers, such flowers will need staking as they develop or they can present in a droopy fashion.
- Drying of deciduous dendrobiums and nobile types begins around now. Without dry rest many orchids such as catasetums, Cycnoches, lycastes, habenarias and others will succumb to rot. It is important to observe which plants in your collection are in active growth now and which have shut down for the winter. Then water them (or not) to their best advantage.
- This is a good time of year to go through your collection and cull plants that are not thriving or never bloom. It is to the plant's benefit to be re-homed to someone with the conditions that would make the plant thrive.

