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FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE



AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY

Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Members with last names starting with M, N, O and P please bring a snack to share

Upcoming meetings at Munson Library:

March 10

April 14

May 19

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hello Everyone,

The start of the 2024 show season began with the CAIOS show- there will be several more to come, more on that later. Our first meeting of 2024 went well with a very nice show table. We covered many topics during the meeting, one major one was the need for members to volunteer to help setup the Amherst orchid display at our sister society shows. Liz, Dave and I have been the major ones setting things up. We have gotten help from Stacy and Betsy and Marc with setting up or taking down the displays. It would be nice to have a large group that could take this on. I know Thursday setups aren't the easiest with schedules but with enough people it won't be a hardship on any one person. The New Hampshire show is coming quickly after our show, so it would be great if we could line up some helpers for setting up on Thursday, February 29.

Let's talk about the CAIOS show. It was a great show with many wonderful displays including the Amherst display. I left Liz and Dave in charge of setting up the display after I got the plants and staging material there. They did a great job placing the plants to create a wonderful display. While we didn't get the Show trophy (MOS got it) we at least had one nomination for the display. Plants in the display did well also. Many ribbons were handed out including several best in category. Liz got best Cymbidium for Cym. erythrostylum 'Magnificum' which also got best in culture. Liz also got best Lycaste for Lyc Leilani's Pink Hints. Zoe got best artwork for her Cyanotype – Clowesia. Congratulations to them for their hard work in growing the plants and creating the artwork.

Of course, our show is coming up in February from Wednesday 21 to Sunday 25. We will need people to help with getting material from the library to the school on Wednesday and setting up the room. Thursday we will be setting up the display so we will need helpers and of course everyone's plants. Friday is ribbon judging, so we will need a large number of people to help with that. Clerking for ribbon judging is a great opportunity to learn from judges about what makes a plant worthy of an award. Also, please think about a topic you might be able to present at the show. It would be nice to have a list of talks put together before the show so we can have those posted. The more people who volunteer the better the experience will be for everyone. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting for helpers and food supplies.

Orders for tee-shirts and the media have been placed. I hope to have the shirts and media at the meeting next week. The media orders were prepaid for so you can pick those up at the meeting or the show. Please make sure if you have not paid for the tee-shirt/sweatshirt please pay Steve before picking them up.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting or the show.

Joe

Show Table January 2024**Betsy Higgins**

Epidendrum porpax dark
 Den. flexuosum
 Paph. NOID
 Slc. Mem. Alvin Begeman
 Miltassia NOID
 Phal. NOID

Lee Brockmann

Rhv. Sardi Block-Breener
 Pot. Pop City 'NN'

Maryanne Laukaitis

Laelia autumnalis
 Stenorrhynchos speciosum 'CH' x Sib

Mike Walunas

Cym. traceyanum

Ann Robinson

Ludisia discolor

Carol Mentos

Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS

Ann Jordan

Paph. callosum x maudiae

Steve Steiner

Lycaste Cherish x Wild Sunset
 Barbosella coculata
 Pleurothallis truncata
 Lemboglossum rossii
 Pleurothallis sp.
 Paph. Odette's Oxyoron
 Epidendrum nocturnum

Zoe Loughman

Blc. Chris Tomaszekiewicz
 x Slc. Katherine Clarkson
 Paph Macabre Pleasure
 Den. New Hope Mini
 Den. Venus
 Den. New Hope Mini
 Ctt. Little Lana

Stephen LaValley

Paph. Oriental Appeal
 Paph. Lianitier Shall Jiaho Chenny
 Paph. 449



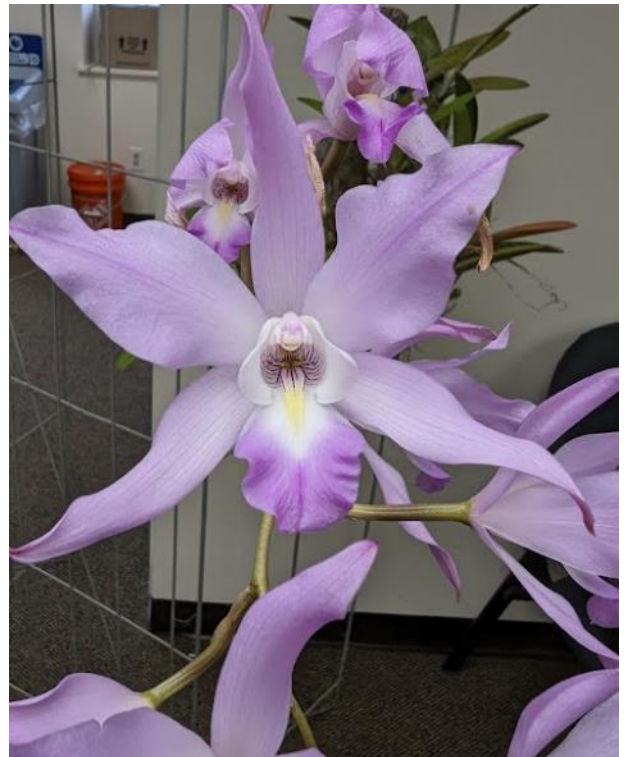
Paph Odette's Oxymoron
Steve Steiner



Miltassia Nold
Betsy Higgins



Pleurothallis truncata
Steve Steiner



Laelia autumnalis
Maryanne Laukaitis



Rlc Exotic Valentine
Stacy Soldato



Slc Mem. Alvin Begeman
Betsy Higgins



Paph callosum x maudiae
Ann Jordan



Laelia anceps 'Flock of Butterflies'
Maryanne Laukaitis



Cymbidium tracyanum
Mike Walunas



Paph Prime Child
Betsy Higgins



Amherst Orchid Society Display at the Cape and Islands Orchid Society show

The Six Horticultural Groups of Dendrobium (as posted by a member of Orchidboard.com)

Thanks to Lee Brockman for forwarding this to us.

As classified by Rebecca Tyson Northern, there are 6 groupings that describe the differences in growing needs of Dendrobiums. I am paraphrasing to avoid copyright infringement.

Type I (*deciduous, so-called nobile type*) intermediate to warm in summer, cool to cold in winter, full winter rest. Examples: *D. nobile*, *D. chrysanthum*, *D. wardianum*.

Type II (*deciduous*) intermediate to warm all year, full winter rest. Examples: *D. speciosum*, *D. aggregatum*, *D. findlayanum*, *D. heterocarpum*, *D. superbum* (anosmum), *D. parishii*, *D. pierardii*.

Type III (*persistent*) intermediate to warm summer, cool in winter, no winter rest - simply reduce water. Examples: *D. densiflorum*, *D. fimbriatum*, *D. thysiflorum*, *D. farmeri*.

Type IV (*persistent*) cool all year. Short suspension of water early autumn. Examples: *D. bellatulum*, *D. secundum*.

Type V (*persistent*) Intermediate all year. No rest. Examples: *D. antilope* and hybrids of type V and type VI.

Type VI (*persistent*) warm growing all year. Restrict water twice during year. Examples: *D. phalaenopsis*, *D. bigibbum*, *D. superbiens*.



Dendrobium Venus
Zoe Loughman

It's Show Season!

New Hampshire Orchid Society Show

March 1-3

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show

Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17

Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show

April 5-7

Connecticut Orchid Society Show

April 19-21

A poster for the New Hampshire Orchid Society's 31st Annual Show & Sale. The background is a vibrant cosmic scene with a purple and blue orchid in the center. The text is white and bold. The top line reads 'New Hampshire Orchid Society Presents'. Below that, 'COSMIC COLORS' is written in large, stylized letters. The bottom line reads '31st Annual Show & Sale March 1st - 3rd, 2024'. At the very bottom, it says 'Join us at the Courtyard by Marriott, Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH' and 'For more information visit our Facebook page or go to www.nhorchids.org'.

**New Hampshire Orchid Society
Presents**

COSMIC COLORS

31st Annual Show & Sale March 1st - 3rd, 2024

Join us at the Courtyard by Marriott, Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH
For more information visit our Facebook page or go to www.nhorchids.org

Dates & Times

Friday, March 1, 1 PM to 5 PM.

Saturday, March 2, 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, March 3, 9 AM to 4 PM



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Show Supplement Section

February 2024

The Orchid Show Is Almost Upon Us! February 24 & 25 2024

Want to help with the show? Contact: Marc Gray bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net 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 bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net, or at 802-348-7926

Setup Schedule

Initial work on the show will begin at 9:30 AM **Wednesday February 21** at the club storage room 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 bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net
or (802)348-7926

Wednesday Feb 21, 2024

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 22, 2024

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.

3 PM- Cut off for the plants to be brought in. No plants allowed after this time.

Friday Feb 23, 2024

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 24, 2024

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 25, 2024

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 in the display 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 20.**

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.

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 ewmarinelli@comcast.net. 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. If you do not use email, call Liz at 413-575-4714 to read the list over the phone.

Questions about where a plant should be classified in the schedule?

ewmarinelli@comcast.net

Preparing the “Club” Display- All Hands On Deck!

Maryanne Laukaitis

Set-up of our society display will be **Thursday, Feb 22, 2024**, 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 25, 2024**.

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 **3:00 PM, Thursday Feb 22, 2024** 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 ewmarinelli@comcast.net if you have questions regarding registering your plants.