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**APRIL MEETING OF THE
AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY**

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Members with last names starting with U, V, W, X, Y and Z

please bring a snack to share

Upcoming meetings at Munson Library:

May 19

Show Table March 2024

<p>Ed deVarennes Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' Phal. Yi Yu Shiou</p> <p>Marc Gray Phal. NOID (x3) Sarcophilus Kulnura High 'Melba' x Kulnura Lemon 'Lemon I'</p> <p>Betsy Higgins Lycaste consobrina Maxillaria uncata Oncidium maculatum Pleurothallis viduata</p> <p>Aimée Hudon Maxillaria tenuifolia</p> <p>Judy Hudon Brassidium Fly Away 'Miami'</p> <p>Maryanne Laukaitis Dracula pusilla Laelia canariensis 'Golden Glow' HCC/AOS Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' HCC/AOS</p>	<p>Steve LaValley Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'</p> <p>Zoe Loughman Blc. Tropical Upgrade Lepanthopsis astrophora 'Stalky' Paph. venustum album</p> <p>Carol Mentos Den. pierardii x loddigessii</p> <p>Lynn Reynolds Miltassia Betty Ho Phrag. Rosalie Dixler</p> <p>Steve Steiner Den. hancockii Den. kingianum (x2) Fredclarkeara After Dark Lycaste Terry Kennedy Masdevallia hirtzii Trisetella regia</p> <p>Kasia Wynne Clowesia Rebecca Northen 'Grapefruit Pink' Phal NOID</p>
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March Meeting

It was a short meeting, among the topics discussed were:

- Re-cap of show expenses and income
 - Show set-up and volunteers
- Storage closet and show equipment

Steve S. and Marc presented the show table.

The Amherst Orchid Society display at the Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show

~Thanks to the setup team- Stacy, Betsy, and Liz~





Paph venustum album
Zoe Loughman



Dendrobium Love Memory 'Fizz'
Ed de Varennes



Blc Tropical Upgrade
Zoe Loughman



Phal No ID
Marc Gray



Lycaste Terry Kennedy
Steve Steiner



Fredclarkeara After Dark
Steve Steiner

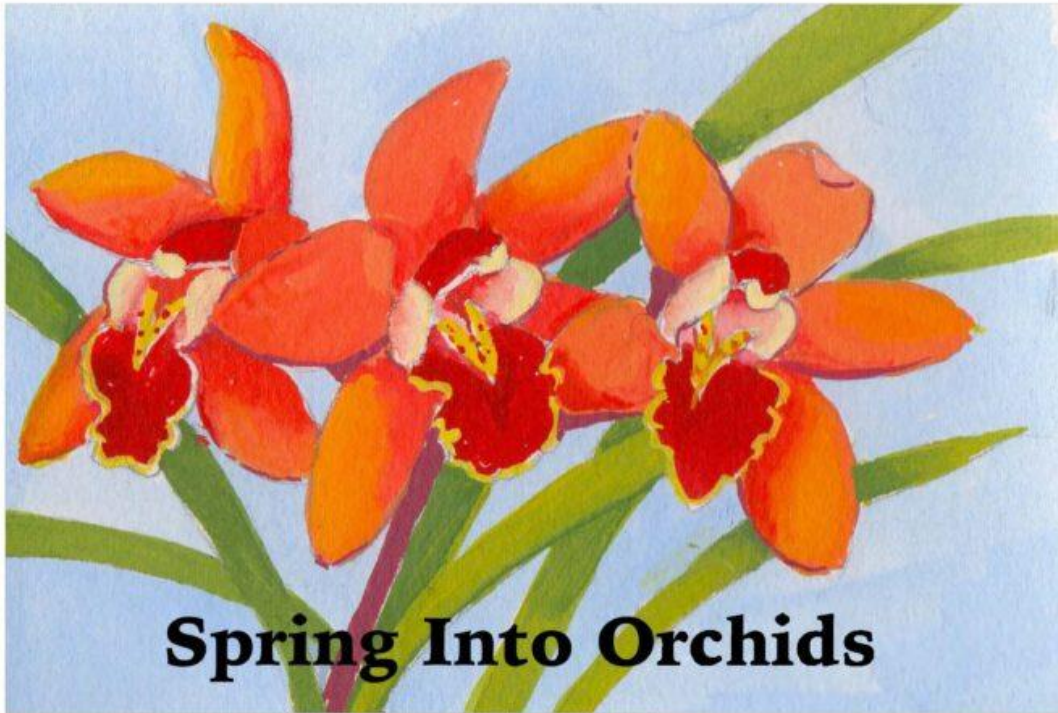


Brassidium Fly Away 'Miami'
Judy Hudon



Clowesia Rebecca Northen 'Grapefruit Pink'
Kasia Wynne

CONNECTICUT ORCHID SOCIETY



Spring Into Orchids

ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

BRISTOL SENIOR CENTER

240 STAFFORD AVE.

BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

Saturday, April 20th, 12-5 and

Sunday, April 21st, 10-4

Displays, vendors, lectures, prizes

Admission \$5.00, children under 12 free

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Orchids in the News:

[Study shows orchid family emerged in northern hemisphere and thrived alongside dinosaurs for 20 million years](#)

In a new study published in *New Phytologist*, scientists at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, along with partners in Latin America, Asia and Australia, present an updated family tree of orchids, tracing their origins to the northern hemisphere some 85 million years ago. Not only does the study shed new light on their complex and fascinating evolutionary history, but the study's authors hope their findings will help inform future orchid conservation planning.

[Orchid thought to be extinct in UK discovered on rooftop of London bank](#)

An orchid thought to be extinct in the UK has been discovered growing on the rooftop of an 11-storey London bank.

The small-flowered tongue-orchid has not been sighted in the UK since 1989, when a colony was found in Rame Head in Cornwall.

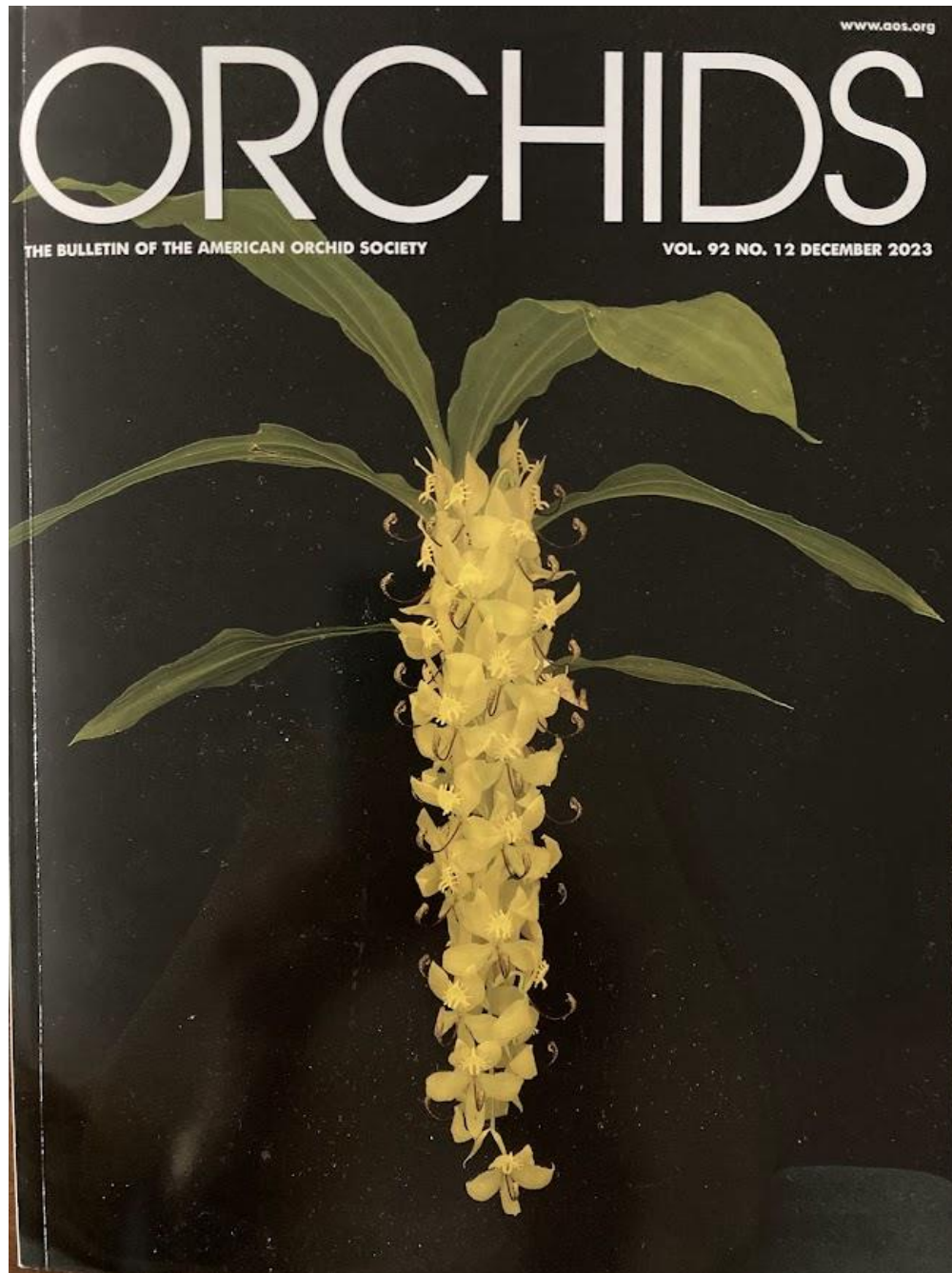
The Cornish colony was destroyed through land mismanagement in 2009, leading to the assumption that the flower had gone locally extinct in the UK.

[My law-breaking mission to save Britain's endangered orchids](#)

Ben Jacob looks back on his lifelong passion for Britain's native orchids, and reveals why he has risked heavy fines and even prison to save them

~Thanks to Maryanne Laukaitis for spotting these articles

***Orchids* magazine December 2023 cover photo
by Amherst Orchid Society president Joe Maciaszek**



FRONT COVER

Cycnoches díanae 'Ruth' AM/AOS grown by Ralph Wahl and photographed by Joseph Maciaszek. The plant was awarded on November 19, 2022 at the Northeast judging center's Morris Township (NJ) monthly judging.



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Excerpts from Tom Mirenda's Monthly Checklist, April 2023:

- **SPRING HAS SPRUNG:** It is often a good strategy to move much of your collection outside sometime during this month (for us in the Northeast, toward the end of the month, weather forecast permitting). The day to night temperature differential is beneficial, and mimics montane conditions.
- **PUT UP AND POT UP:** It's important to respond to the flush of new roots that occur on plants in the spring with fresh new media. Signs that re-potting is needed are weeds growing in the pot and growths extending beyond the edge of the pot.
- **SHOWING UP:** Keep blooming plants indoors in a dry space to try and avoid spotting from fungi such as *Botrytis*.
- **NATIVE AND GARDEN ORCHIDS:** Although it may be a bit early for many of them, now is the time to enjoy the emergence of many species and hybrids that will bloom in May and June. Protect garden orchids from threats such as rodents and mollusks, not to mention clumsy feet.

Coming in the April 2024 issue of *Orchids* magazine:

- 2022 AOS Annual Awards
 - For the novice: Repotting Phalaenopsis by Sue Bottom
 - Collector's Item: The Bucket Orchids (Coryanthes)