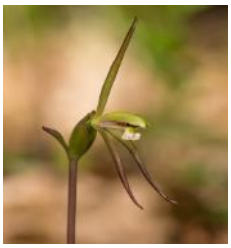

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~July Meeting at the Home of Joe and Marge Maciaszek~

55 Hendrick St. Easthampton MA

Joe's phone- 508-344-8492

Sunday, July 14 - 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.

June meeting at the Grays'

It was great to return to the Grays' beautiful home after a hiatus of several years. Rain had been in the forecast, but it did us the favor of moving out of the area before we arrived. There were many plants in bloom, and we all spent some time before lunch roaming around the property admiring the primroses, pitcher plants, pawpaws and others. Plants seem to love the environment at the Grays'- primroses growing abundantly, huge pawpaw trees... There were about 24 people attending, and the potluck table was overloaded with tasty contributions. Henry manned the grill and turned out plenty of delicious burgers and hot dogs- thank you, Henry! Steve S. and Marc presented the show table, which was bursting with blooms. It was a very fun afternoon- a big thank you to Marc and his mom Christine for all their preparations and for welcoming us to their beautiful part of Vermont.

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi Everyone-

Summer is here in full force with the hot weather and rain. I hope everyone had a good time at the June meeting at Christine and Marc's home. It is nice when we can get out to other members homes to enjoy some good food and company. It was unfortune that I couldn't make it there.

Marge and I will be hosting the next summer meeting at our home. We are looking forward to seeing everyone since it has been a while since we last saw many of you. I will have food for the grill so please bring other dishes to go along with hamburgers and hot dogs.

J & L will be having their summer sale on July 26-28. Tim Culbertson of Oceanside Orchids will be there. I was told by Cordelia that you can preorder from him or SVO and he can bring the plants out. I am not sure the best way to reach him for preorders, but I am sure if want SVO plants you order from their website and tell them Tim will be bringing them out.

Well not much else to say right now.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at my home in a couple of weeks.

Joe

June 2024 Show Table

Betsy Higgins
C. Kiritsubo Loveknot
Den. laevifolium
Cym. NOID

Lee Brockmann
Asco. Cherry Blossom (one of a kind seedling)
Asco. Cherry Blossom 'Omega'
Den. unicum (Thailand species)
Epic. Rene Marquis
Encyclia tampense

Steve Steiner
Dracula woolwardiae
Sobralia Mirabilis 'Luna Nueva'
Diplocaulobium tentacalatum
Den. victoria-regina
Promenaea xanthina
Pleur. pterophora
Phal. Tying Shin Flying Eagle 'Wilson'
Pleur. luctuosa
Lycaste tricolor
Brassia verrucosa
Den. pseudoglomeratum
Pleur. quadrifida 'Fox Den'
Oda. Debutant

Maryann Laukaitis
Brassia verucosa
Catt. Aurantiaca X Laelia cinnabarina
Catt. Tropical Pointer ‘Cheetah’
Encyclia bractescens
Meiracyllium trinasutum

Marc Gray
Lycaste Suave

JoAnn Skiba
C. forbesii x sib
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS

L. Reynolds
Phrag. Mountain Maid
Paph. Saiun (Paph. sukhakulii x Paph. wardii)
Colm. Wildcat
Paph. delenatii
Phal. NOID

Dave Marinelli
Paph. delenatii

Liz Marinelli
C. Hawaiian Wedding Song
Lycaste tricolor

J&L Summer Sale on the last weekend of July-JULY 26, 27, 28th

J & L Orchids
20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT 06612
https://jlorchids.com/

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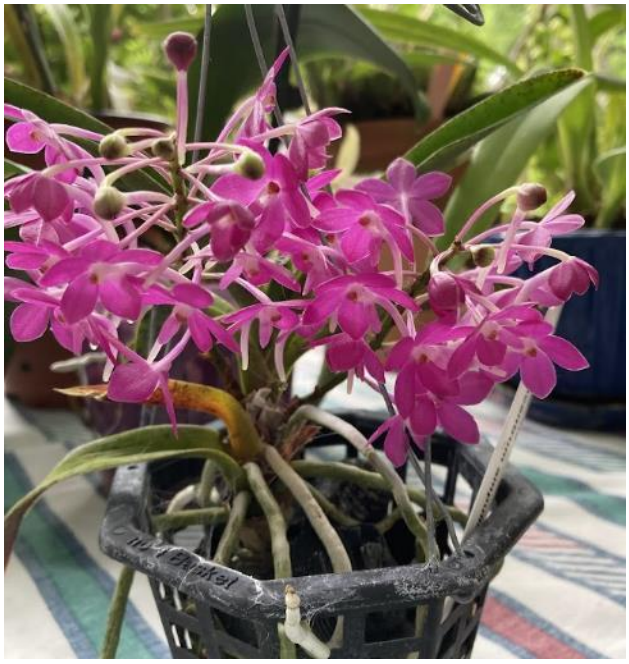

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Dendrobium Gatton Sunray
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Steve Steiner

Promenaea xanthina
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Spotlight on the Show Table: Encyclia bractescens grown by Maryanne Laukaitis

The Encyclia bractescens I brought to the meeting/picnic at Marc's and Christine's (Marc's Mom) was purchased at least 16 years ago from Ernie Jolin, who is a former club member. I always admired Ernie's plants, and when he had a little 3-inch pot of the E. bractescens for sale at a meeting, I jumped on it. It was small but vigorous and climbing out of the pot. I had no idea what it needed. I generally check the 'orchidspecies.com' website. It said it likes a basket. So, I moved it to a 4-inch square basket soon after. The website also says it grows cool to warm, in Mexico and the middle Americas. It likes to dry out quickly, and needs a dry winter rest. Well, that is just what it's getting in my very cool little g'house. I fertilize now and then but not much. It's one of the least demanding plants I have. It gets mostly sun in all seasons. Last year, the small pseudobulbs continued to climb over the edge of the original basket. I notice that the roots prefer to grow out sideways, and not downward. So, I had Mike (brilliant woodworker that he is) add a one layer 'frame' at the top of the basket - like a shallow porch, so it could continue outward growth.

The E. bractescens flowering begins in mid to late spring on delicate multi-floral spikes, florets are sort of pink and brownish, which dangle over the basket edges in chandelier fashion. The blooms last for at least a month. (The orchidspecies.com description says it is fragrant, but I do not pick up any scent.) After flowering, it is sent outside to 'summer-camp' with other non-bloomers.

BONUS PLANT

Also grown by Maryanne

Meiracyllium trinasutum (say that 3 times fast! or challenge yourself to spell it!)

This little plant drew attention at the picnic too. It's a 'membership' plant from Gold Country. I chose this one while all the other members were picking over cattleya hybrids, and more familiar orchid names. I think I had seen this somewhere on the internet and knew it could be mounted. So, I claimed it, took it home and mounted it as soon as I found a suitable piece of hardwood. It's miniature to small size, growing very slowly. Its magenta-colored blooms are reminiscent of cattleya flowers, but are tiny, less than the size of a dime, blooming spring to early summer. (Sorry, no scent.) The leaves are smallish, thick and sturdy, compatible with life on a mount and tolerates a few days with no water. Its range is Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvadore at higher altitudes, so it tolerates winter cool, dry conditions. I usually bring it into a sunny kitchen window during the coldest winter months. Otherwise, it's in the cool g'house and camps outside during summer months.

Do you have a blooming plant that doesn't make it to the show table???

A plant that blooms for a short time and doesn't last until the next meeting?
A plant that's too big to transport to a meeting?

Email the photo to ewmarinelli@comcast.net, or text to 413-575-4714 and we will try to include it in the newsletter.