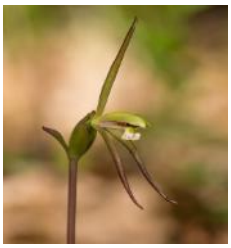

Greater Whorled Pogonia

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August Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

~At the Home of Greg and Judy Hudon~

215 Woodland Way, Russell MA

Cell phone- 413-427-0876

Sunday, August 11- arrive any time after 1 p.m.,
Hamburgers, hotdogs and chili served around 2:00

Please bring:

- an appetizer, side dish or dessert
- your own chair

Parking: In the driveway and front tree belt

Directions to the Hudons' Home, 215 Woodland Way, Russell MA

From the mass pike take exit 41, Westfield. At the light, take right on Elm St. (Rt 10&202). About 1.4 mi, turn right on Franklin St. (Rt. 20). This will change to Russell Rd. Follow about 1.5 mi. Take a left on Lloyds Hill Rd. At the stop light take a right on Western Ave. After passing Stanley Park and Westfield State University. Bear left at the fork and continue into Russell. At the town line this changes to General Knox Rd. Follow about 1.6mi, and take left on Woodland Way. 0.4 mi. on the left is our home. There is parking in the driveway and the front tree belt. Arrive anytime after 1:00 and we plan on eating about 2:00 followed by the meeting. Please bring chairs and a side dish as we will be serving burgers, dogs and chili. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Here is my cell number if needed 413-427-0876.

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi everyone,

We had some pretty good although hot weather on the day of our meeting in July. Marc and I had fun dividing a *Cymbidium tracyanum* and *Bifrenaria harrisoniae. S*everal members took home a piece of these plants.

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, we had three tables that were used to display plants. This shouldn't surprise anyone as we have so many great growers in our club. I was surprised that so many plants were in bloom in July.

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

I hope when we get back to our regular meetings in September there will be members who want to take over leadership positions for the Amherst club. We have had the same group for a very long time and it is time for new members to step up and take over leading the club. I believe election should be held in October or maybe November.

I am looking forward to our August meeting at Greg and Judy's home and all of the great plants that will be there.

See you there,

Joe

Show Table July 2024

Ed deVarnnes
Ctsm. Melana Davidson 'Fox' x Ctsm. Dentigrianum 'SVO Cutie'
Den. Hsinying Tobazuki

Betsy Higgins
Den. laevifolium
Eria globifera
Habenaria Erich's Pink Thing 'Flower Power'
Otaara Hwa Yuan Bay 'She Shu'
Phrag. Cardinale 'Rodney Wilcox Jones'
Slc. Mem. Alvin Beggman 'Poem'

Judy Hudon
Onc. Golden Red Star
Phrag. Young Lindley

Alex Loss and Holly Rainaud-Loss
Paph. Macabre Romance

Zoe Loughman
Bulbophyllum barbigerum
Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann
Paph. henryanum
Potinara Naomi's Delight

Dave Marinelli
Den. Mountain's Butterfly Kisses
Epidendrum parkinsonianum
Maxillaria montantha

Liz Marinelli
C. tenebrosa x sanguiloba
Chondrorhyncha lendyana
Cleisocentron gokusingii
Cuitlauzina pendula
Phal. NOID

Carol Mentos
Den. laevifolium
Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice

Joann Skiba
Rhynchobrassoleya Copper Queen

Stacy Soldato
Den. Hawaiian Punch
Phal. bellina var. coerulea
Phal. Sogo Berry 'Blueberry'
Potinara Higher Multiplier x Potinara Loud Nine

Steve Steiner
Angraecum Grandalena
Calanthe tripillata
Chondrorhyncha lendyana 'Frisky'
Den. lawesii (x2)
Den. purpureum
Lycaste Jan Ragan 'Midas Touch'
Miltoniopsis Bert Field 'Leah'
Onc. leucochilum 'A'
Paph. Bernice
Paph. Crouching Tiger
Paph. rothschildianum x wilhelminae
Pescatoria cerina x dayana
Pleurothallis convallaria
Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy
Promenaea stapeloides

Habenaria radiata (variegated)
Steve LaValley

Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice
Carol Mentos

Ctsm. Melana Davidson 'Fox' x Ctsm. Dentigrianum 'SVO Cutie'
Ed deVarennes

Onc. Golden Red Star
Judy Hudon

Paph. henryanum
Zoe Loughman

Habenaria Erich's Pink Thing 'Flower Power'
Betsy Higgins

Angraecum Grandalena
Steve Steiner

Promenaea stapeloides
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C. tenebrosa x sanguiloba
Liz Marinelli

Phal. bellina var. coerulea
Stacy Soldato

Epidendrum parkinsonianum
Dave Marinelli

Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann
Zoe Loughman

The Native Plant Trust's 40 Year Effort to Save the Small Whorled Pogonia

A segment recently aired on NPR that is of interest to New England orchid enthusiasts- one of their reporters visited a cluster of the rare Small Whorled Pogonia with a member of The Native Plant Trust.

There are only about 3000 of these orchids in the world, and the site they visited contained about 300 plants. The Native Plant Trust is making efforts to monitor the populations in New England, the locations of which are kept secret to prevent poaching. They have also tried some tactics to encourage the plants to thrive, such as thinning the tree canopy above the plants to allow in more light. The complete article can be accessed here: https://www.wbur.org/news/2024/07/26/small-whorled-pogonia-rare-wild-orchid

Thank you, Maryanne, for sending this along.

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