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**September Meeting of the**  
**Amherst Orchid Society**

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

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

*Mark your calendars for future meetings:*

**October 13, November 10, December 8**

## President's Message

**Joe Maciaszek**

A big thank you to the Hudons for hosting our unofficial August meeting at their home in Russell with a fun barbecue. It was my first time at their home, it is a beautiful setting in a wooded area with several bear proof bird feeders set up for bird watching. We had a small group of people at the event and had a good show table for the time of year. There was plenty of friendly conversation going among the members who were there.

Maryanne brought up her desire for some help with the scholarship. She has not gotten a lot of applications no matter what she has tried. We will need to talk more about this at our meeting.

Thanks to Greg for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs, and to Judy for her chili, as well to all the members who brought side dishes or a dessert.

Marge and I had a great time there as did other members, thanks to the Hudons' warm hospitality. I hope they are willing to host again next year.

We will be back at the library in September- looking forward to seeing everyone there. The show season will be starting up again with the MOS show in November. So, start grooming your plants and getting them ready for the show. I hope members will help with bringing plants to the show again this year.

Joe

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### Root Rescue



This is a picture of a tiny plant (*Angraecum equitans*) that had no roots a year ago. I put it in a pot with perlite and set it in a shallow saucer, then I drenched it with a solution of DynaGro KLN. Now not only does it have lots of roots, it has a small keiki growing at the base. I have tried this technique with other plants with varying degrees of success, this one has been the most successful. Definitely worth a try for rootless plants.

-Liz



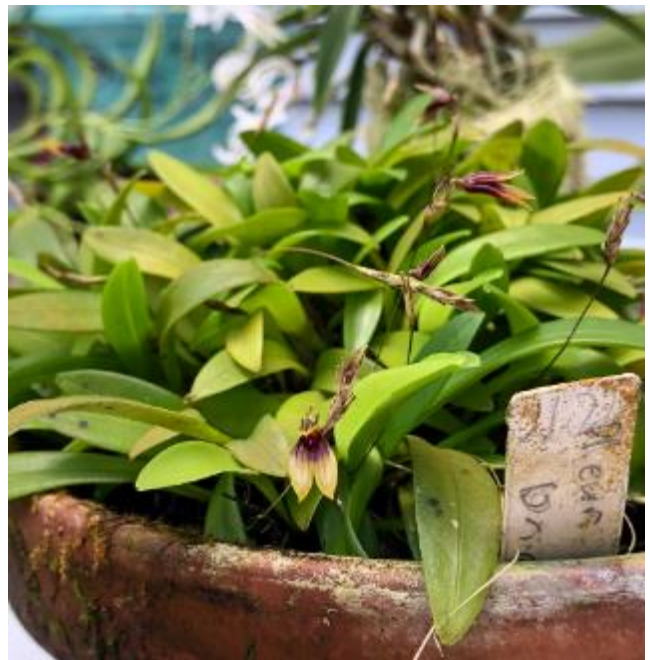
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Ed deVarnes



*Paph Shireen*  
Maryanne Laukaitis



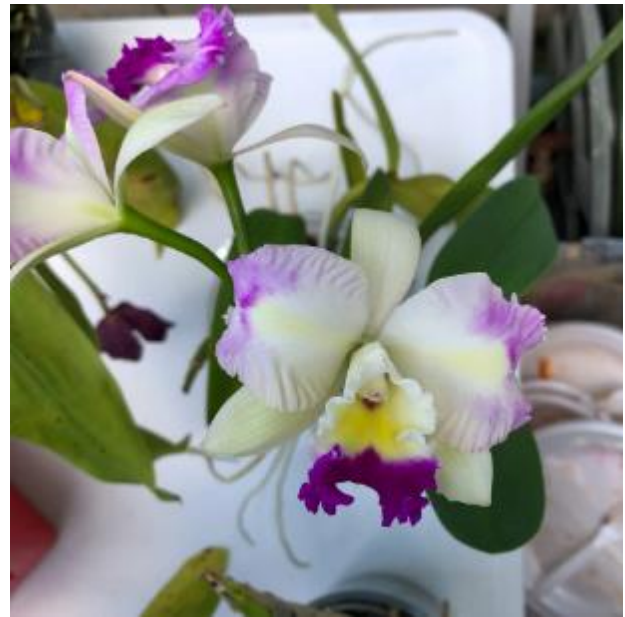
*Vanda (neofenetia) falcata*  
Maryanne Laukaitis



*Pleurothallis brighamii*  
Steve Steiner



*Phal Mahinhin*  
Steve Steiner



*Cattlianthe Memoria Clara Molnar*  
Ed deVarnnes



*Pescatobollea bella OR*  
*Pescatoria Strawberry Fair*  
Steve Steiner



*Phrag. Memoria Mariza Rolando*  
Liz Marinelli



*Stanhopea wardii x oculata*  
Steve Steiner



*Gomesa radicans*  
Steve Steiner



*Diplocaulobium chrysotropis*  
Dave Marinelli



*Rlc. Memoria John Odom 'Carmelia'* AM/AOS  
Stacy Soldato



*Dendrobium glomeratum*  
Marc Gray



*Cattleya alaorii*  
Liz Marinelli



*Dendrobium griffithianum*  
Dave Marinelli

Do you have a plant in bloom  
that won't make it to a meeting?

Send a photo to

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or text it to

413-575-4714

## *Two videos that are worth your time-*

### **Does Nature Have Rights? | WILD HOPE**

Maryanne sent a link to this PBS documentary that she found fascinating, it contains stunning photography of orchids, pollinators and amphibians in the wild places of Ecuador.

<https://www.pbs.org/video/does-nature-have-rights-wild-hope-ar12yp/>

### **Virtual Tour of the Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection**

This virtual tour, led by Justin Kondrat, SGOC Lead Horticulturist, will give you a rare look into how large-scale collections are managed and persevered. Collections like SGOC are a vital conservation resource offering protection to species from a variety of threats including habitat change and over collecting. SGOC is maintained within the Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Facility in Suitland, Maryland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c402J6lz8kl>

## **It's Time... to Pay Dues!**

*All members who pay their dues at or before the October meeting will receive a free plant at the November meeting.*

\$25.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for family

Send a check payable to Amherst Orchid Society Membership, 157 Shea Rd,  
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