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October Meeting of the Amherst Orchid Society

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

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Members with last names starting with E, F, G and H please bring
a snack to share

*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,
West Brookfield, MA 01585

Future meetings at Munson Library this fall: November 10, December 8

President's Message

Joe Maciaszek

Hi Everyone-

We had a good September meeting. The group was a little smaller than normal as several members couldn't make it. We had a business meeting talking about upcoming shows and payment of dues. There was a short question period from members about taking care of their orchids. Please always feel free to ask questions of club members. We are here to help educate each other and help you grow better plants.

The Massachusetts Orchid society is having their show on Nov. 8,9,10. We will need members to lend plants for the display as well as help with transporting the plants to Winchester and setting up on Nov. 7th. So please contact me or Liz about any plants you may have for the show. I hope Stacy and others will also be able to come and help with setup. The take down is on our meeting day, so we talked about having an early meeting on Nov. 10th so members can go to the take down of plants. That day would also be the day members would get their free plant for renewing their membership dues. Please bring your checks or cash to pay for your dues in October so the club knows how many plants to order for the giveaway.

I will be looking for members to step up and take over leadership positions for the club. I have mentioned before that I have been president for a long time, and other members have been in their positions for a long time. We are not following the club bylaws about term limits. I can't remember the last time we had an election for club leadership. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and help with the club business. I will not be running the meeting after the November meeting where elections should be taking place. So, I have one more president's message to write after this one. I am looking forward to seeing new members take over leadership of the club and hopefully changes in the way we run the club.

Looking forward to seeing members for our October meeting and seeing a full display table.

Joe

Submissions to the newsletter are always gratefully accepted!

Email photos, articles, book reviews etc to:

ewmarinelli@comcast.net

September 2024

Show Table

(Reminder: please fill out show table slips legibly)

Lee Brockmann

Stanhopea wardii

Liz Marinelli

Myrmecophila Mem. Louise Fuchs

Phrag. Fritz Schomburg 'Tim Marinelli'

Onc. no name (Trader Joes)

L. Barbara Tague

Dave Marinelli

Bulbo. dearei

Cat. White Reception 'NN'

Marc Gray

C. pabstii x Aloha Case 'Chang Hui' AM/AOS

Procatvola Key Lime

Den. glomeratum

Nancy Braymiller

Onc. 'Short Sherry'

Julie Miller

Bc. GreenBird (or C. Small World)

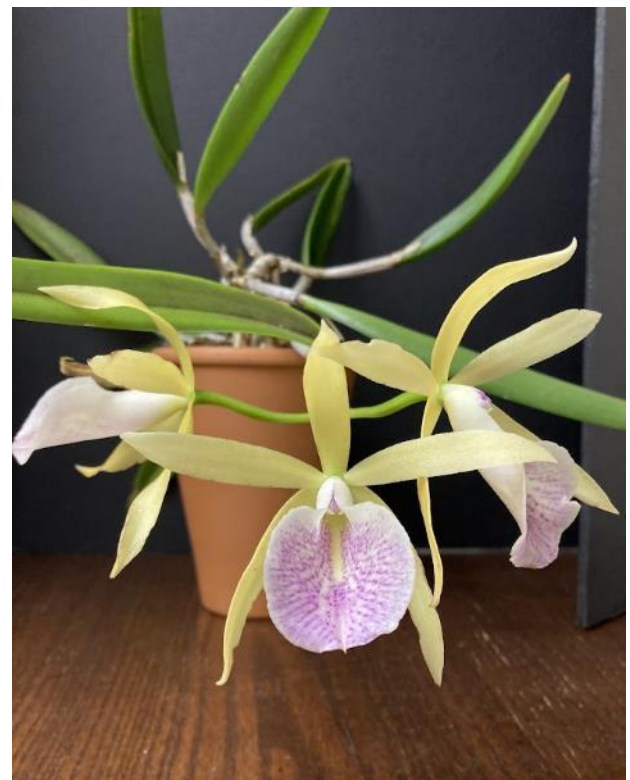
Steve LaValley

Phal. bellina

Phal. Mituo Little Dragon x Mituo Sun



Onc. 'Short Sherry'
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Liz Marinelli



Habenaria medusa
Betsy Higgins



Clowesetum JEM's Speckled Russ
Zoe Loughman



Spiranthes cernua
Marc Gray



Cattleya Aloha Case X Laelia dayana
Stacy Soldato



Lepanthes saltatrix
Zoe Loughman



Oncidium No ID
Betsy Higgins

Plant Supports

At the October meeting before we started the show table, Julie asked a question: when you repot a cattleya, how is the best way to hold it upright in the pot until enough new roots form to stabilize it? Once again, the opinions started flying fast and furious- it turns out there is more than one way to address that particular challenge! Thank you, Julie, for bringing questions to the meeting- they always get a great discussion going and lots of ideas get shared. We all end up learning something! Keep bringing questions, and I hope others will do the same.

Here are a few ways that members support a newly repotted plant:

Plant halo (Deb Spearot) Deb uses a ring made from a wire and attached to the side of the pot. The upper parts of the plant are held within the ring. They can be purchased from Kelley's Korner and probably other online sources. They can also be formed from wire.



Stones (Liz Marinelli) After I position the plant in the pot and fill in with bark, I place enough large stones around the plant to stabilize it. As the plant sends out roots I take the stones away. Used stones get sterilized in the oven with the clay pots so they can be re-used.



Rhizome clips (Lee Brockman)

Materials: 12-gauge wire from HD or Lows or hardware store. Needle nose pliers & or wire cutters. My nnp have a wire cutting part.

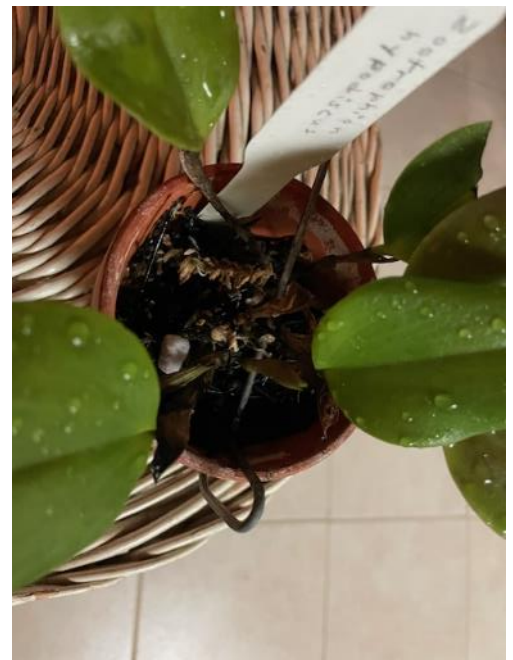
I grab the wire between my thumb and forefinger to measure just where I need to make my bend for my clip. (remember for later) I let the wire hang about 3/8" longer that the rim is deep. Then measure the diameter of the pot, add a bit more for safety, & cut the wire. (measure twice, cut once).

Make a u bend in the wire with enough on the short side long enough to go down the outside of the pot 3/8" below the pot rim. Pinch the bend tight, though it should be able to go down the pot edge. Bend the end of the short wire towards the long leg just enough to catch the pot rim.

Bend the long "leg" of the wire 90 degrees, about 1/2 the length of the short leg.

Put the rhizome clip in the pot & tighten the bend so it would hold. Cut the long leg to fit in the pot.

Take it out & repot your plant. Put rhizome clip back into the pot across the orchid leads to hold them in



THE MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS



World of Orchids
Old World vs. New World

www.massorchid.org/show

Show & Sale
November 8-10, 2024

Sons of Italy Hall
117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA

All Photos: Eric Hunt



<https://www.massorchid.org/show>

Dates & Times:

Friday, November 8th 12:30 - 5 pm

Saturday, November 9th 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, November 10th 10 am - 4 pm

Vendors:

**Waldor Orchids
Ecuagenera
Andy's
J & L
Oceanside
Coldbrooke Pottery**



Monthly Meeting - Special Auction for Chuck Wingate

- When
 - **October 12, 2024**
 - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Location
 - Bedford Old Town Hall, 70 Bedford Center Rd, Bedford NH

This will be our very special auction of plants from the collection of Chuck Wingate. Many are rarely seen, hard to find species. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire orchids that were grown by one of our expert growers.

You can view the full catalog of plants to be offered at: [Auction for Chuck Wingate Jr. \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com)

The list of plants to be offered will be updated frequently so be sure to check back often to view the latest updates.

Don't forget to explore the library

One of the benefits of membership in the Amherst Orchid Society is access to our extensive library of nearly 400 books about all aspects of orchid growing. Name the genera or topic and you will no doubt find plenty of resources in the library. If you haven't checked it out, it's in the storage room to the left of the entrance door.

Congratulations to Lee Brockman for having her *Habenaria medusa* selected as the New Hampshire Orchid Society Plant of the Month!

From: IOSPE

Common Name The Medusa-Like Habenaria [refers to the side lobes of the lip]

Flower Size 3 1/2" [9 cm]

Found in China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Borneo, Java, Sulawesi and Sumatra in grasslands at elevations around 400 to 800 meters as a medium sized [in flower], hot to warm growing terrestrial with 4 to 5, lanceolate, acute, subcordate basally leaves that blooms in the spring and summer on a terminal, to 16" [40 cm] long, many flowered inflorescence.



This species needs a long dry winter rest from leaf fall [in September] to the arrival of new growth [in March]. With the new growths arrival it is time to water and fertilize regularly until it blooms from June to August.

Peter T. Lin's tutorial for Habenaria.

1. When the leaves yellow and die in December, I stop watering the plant. In January, I unpot the plant and inspect the tuber.
2. I make sure the tuber is firm and has no sign of rot. The growing point is on the right side of the picture. If the growing point has rotted the tuber is lost.
3. The bottom of the tuber is usually rounded and smooth
4. I pot the tuber with the growing point facing up, and about 1/2" under the soil. For the soil I use Pro Mix. If you cannot determine the growing point, place the tuber on its side. The soil is slightly moist.
5. Cover the tuber up to 1" with soil. Make sure to label the plant. I also list the size of the tuber and quantity of tubers in the pot.
6. All freshly repotted.
7. I place the pots in a zip lock bag to maintain humidity during dormancy. If you do without the bag the tuber can desiccate.
8. I place the bag inside the house where it is warm. I will periodically check for new growth in a month or two. Once they sprout, I place the pot back into the growing area with medium light. Usually they sprout in April or May.
9. Fertilize w/Osmacote, etc. & keep moist but not soggy. They should bloom in Aug or Sept.