



Greater Whorled Pogonia

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July Meeting and Picnic at the home of Joe and Marge Maciaszek

55 Hendrick St, Easthampton, MA

Sunday, July 13 - arrive any time after 12:00, meeting at 2:00

Please bring: an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share as well as 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

Save the date!

August's meeting will be at the home of Judy and Greg Hudon, info to follow in next month's newsletter

Message from the Co-Vice President

Aimée Hudon

The Grays hosted a wonderful gathering up in Vermont for our June meeting. We had great weather to view the primroses and enjoy sitting by the pond while hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked on the fire. Thank you to Marc and Christine Gray for hosting and thank you to everyone who showed up with a delicious dish to share – it's always a treat!

Around 20 people came out for the picnic and we had an impressive show table to admire (even if the show table list does not look very full). To those whose orchids did not make the list, we still appreciate them! I will try to have more slips available for the next meeting. Stacy was able to bring in several beautiful blooms and we were also happy for her to bring her mother along for the festivities.

The next meeting will be on July 13th at Joe and Marge Maciaszek's house in Easthampton, MA.



Photo credit: Stacy Soldato

J & L Orchid Summer Sale

Last weekend in July – Friday July 25th to Sunday July 27th

J & L Orchids

20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT 06612

More info at: <https://jlorchids.com/jl-summer-sale/>

On July 7th the Berlin-Peck Memorial library will be hosting Dr. Jennifer A. Nelson for a talk titled “Flowering Patterns in Lady Slipper Orchids”

July 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 at 234 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT

More info at: <https://berlinpeck.org/events/flowering-patterns-in-lady-slipper-orchids/>

Native Species Alert!

Maryanne Laukitis

Keep an eye out for these native orchids that only bloom in July. They grow in wet boggy places and mostly in sphagnum moss. People can look for them at pond and waterway edges. You may need to go barefoot...wear tall waterproof boots or take a boat to cruise along the water's edge. Of course, please do not pick or try to relocate any native orchids as they are protected by law, have very specific needs and likely resent root disturbance.

- Purple: *Platanthera grandiflora* - easy to see if they are blooming because of the showy color. Nearly invisible if not in flower. Relatively rare. (Photo credit: Mike Laukitis)
- Green: *Platanthera clavellata* "Northern club spur orchid" - even in bloom they are difficult to find as they blend right into the green mosses and foliage around them. You may need a hand lens to appreciate the tiny florets once you do locate them. Usually occurring in groups and fairly common - once you know where to look. (Photo credit: Maryanne Laukitis)
- Pink: *Pogonia ophioglossoides* "Snakemouth orchid" or "Rose Pogonia" - found in the same types of boggy locations and is much more prolific and easier to spot. They can occur as singles or in patches of dozens at a time. Look for them late June into mid-July in Massachusetts. (Photo credit: https://carnivorousplantnursery.com/products/rose-pogonia?srsId=AfmBOoqXGicSXeCi_sHDGLBh89qRB4zEWHY63_XZ0t6jjWLlcWEQ9Lnq)



Show Table June 2025

Lee Brockman

Vanda Roll on Red

Bletilla NoID

Judy Hudon

Miltoniopsis NoID

Maxillaria tenuifolia

Maryanne Laukaitis

Encyclia bractescens

Lycaste aromatica

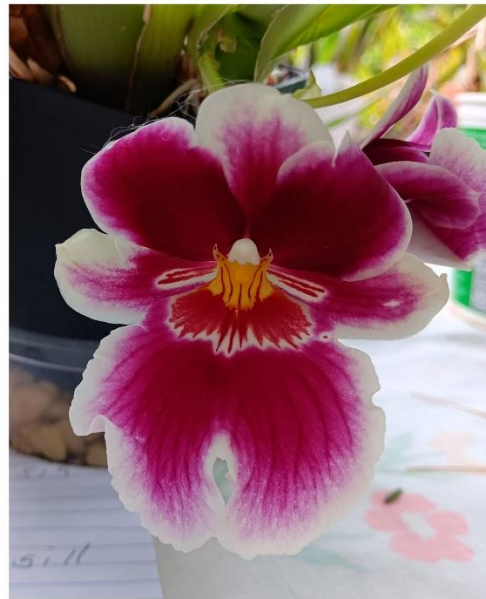
Maxillaria tenuifolia

Cattleya Jose Marti 'Mother's Favorite'

Epidendrum parkinsonianum(?) or
falcatum(?)



Photo credit: Judy Hudon



Miltoniopsis no ID, Judy Hudon



Photo credit: Stacy Soldato





Photo credit: Stacy Soldato



Vanda Roll on Red, Lee Brockman

