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August Meeting and Picnic at the home of Judy and Greg Hudon

215 Woodland Way, Russell, MA

Sunday, August 10 – arrive any time after 1:00 PM, hamburgers, hotdogs,
and chili served at 2:00

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

Parking: in the driveway and the front tree belt

Directions: 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. You will pass 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. Here is my cell number if needed 413-427-0876.

Upcoming Orchid Meetings:

September 14

October 5 (not the second Sunday!)

November 9

Meetings will be held **upstairs** at Munson Memorial Library, 1046 South East St, Amherst, MA. Meetings start at 2 pm. The downstairs portion of the building will be inaccessible during construction. More details to follow!

Message from the Co-Vice President

Aimée Hudon

July's meeting was bright and sunny with the usual abundance of flowering plants and bird feeders that I have come to expect from the Maciaszek's backyard. The pollinator friendly yard was a great place for catching up with old friends and new. As always everyone brought a delicious spread to accompany the hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages provided by grill master Joe.

Beyond hosting, Joe was keeping busy at the repotting station he set up. We received divisions from several species of orchids courtesy of Smith College's Lyman Conservatory (thank you Jimmy Grogan!) and many attending members got to add some of these to their personal collections. Don't worry, you will still be able to see the mother plants at the botanic gardens; these cuttings were removed during pruning to keep the size of the plant in check. Even the Lyman Conservatory runs out of room! Joe and Marc took the lead, offering advice and help on how best to pot up each division. I couldn't resist taking home a *Coelogyne cristata* and a *Dinema polybulbon* 'Memoria Fred Morse' CCM/AOS.

One thing that was so interesting about these cuttings is the history behind them, like my new *Dinema*. Originally the clone was owned by Bill Hutchinson, who named it in memory of Fred Morse. Fred Morse was an avid orchid collector and was a part of Amherst Orchid Society at the time of its founding. In fact, many of his orchids became part of the collection at Mount Holyoke College after his death around 25 years ago. When Bill's plant was awarded a cultural award in 2010 (83 points) it was under the clonal name 'Memoria Fred Morse' (see the awarded plant on page 4). Smith College obtained a small piece of it in 2008 and, under Jimmy Grogan's care, it became a very big plant that has now recently been pruned. And now I have my own piece that will hopefully continue its journey through history. I think it is so special to know that orchid lovers can contribute these fascinating plants to academic institutions where they can be appreciated by many and maybe inspire others to start their own collections. It is also amazing that one of the first members of the Amherst club can still have a legacy reaching to members decades later.

The next meeting will be on August 10th at Greg and Judy Hudon's house in Russell, MA.

Do you have something you want to write about for our newsletter?

We always welcome articles from AmOS members. Topics can include local botanical garden trips, reviewing a book you recently read, care tips or questions, almost anything orchid-related! Please send photos, articles, or any items of orchid interest to the newsletter at aimeehudon@gmail.com

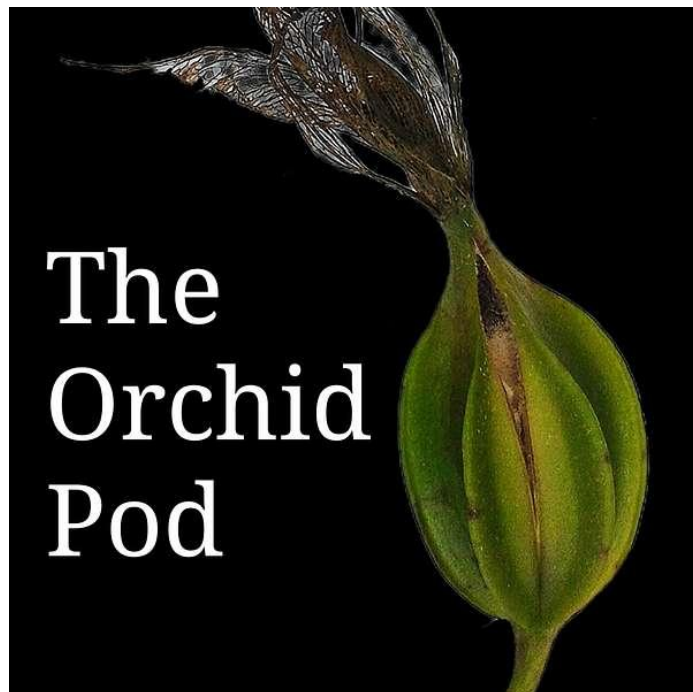
"The Orchid Pod": A Podcast About Orchids

Liz Marinelli

I'm a great fan of podcasts, I listen to a variety of topics ranging from history to food to book reviews. Every now and then I search the podcast app hoping that someone had started a podcast about orchids. A few years ago, my efforts were rewarded and I stumbled on The Orchid Pod, a podcast produced by two young men affiliated with the Hawaii judging center. While a podcast isn't the ideal medium for discussing orchids (no pictures!), I enjoy hearing the hosts talk about such topics as "Our favorite FCC's" and "Multifloral Paphs". They have also had a few guest interviews, including Tom Mirenda who was a speaker at our society a few years ago.

In the most recent *Orchids* magazine, July 2025, that same Tom Mirenda profiled the hosts of The Orchid Pod and gave some of their backstory. Caleb Houck and James Keach joined the AOS judging program at about the same time. Despite their different backgrounds (Caleb is an archaeologist and commercial orchid grower, James is an academic at University of Hawaii with expertise in breeding orchids in Southeast Asia) they soon became friends and bonded over "nerding out on orchids" as they referred to their discussions. Like many of their generation, they realized a podcast would be a great way to share their perspectives and experiences.

It's enjoyable to hear intelligent and interesting young people sharing their views on the orchid world. Tom noted that their podcast feeds the burgeoning interests of many new young orchid growers, which is a hopeful sign for the perpetuation of orchid enthusiasm. Next time you are involved in a particularly tedious re-potting project, try joining Caleb and James as they nerd out on orchids.



Show Table July 2025

Christine Bc Spotted Clown Dendrobium Butterscotch Ube Betsy Higgins Dendrobium tannii Den. vexillarius var. uncinata pink Den. Ecuagenera Rainbow Den. laevifolium Epi. Pacific Charisma (Pacific Challenge x Fairyland) Den. sinense Vanda falcata 'Gojofukurin' Phal. Jim's Magic	Steve Steiner Chondrorhyncha lendyana 'Frisky' Paph William Trelease (rothschildianum x parishii) Dendrobium pupureum Bulbophyllum dearie Pescatoria Mirror Image (cerina x Dayana) Den. lawesii Pescatoria klabochozum Promenia stapeloides Encyclia vitellina
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Dinema polybulbon 'Memoria Fred Morse' CCM/AOS. Photo credit Bob Hesse



