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September Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

1046 South East St, Amherst, MA

Sunday, September 14 at 2:00

Members with the last name E, F, G, and H please bring a snack to share

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: our meeting will be held **UPSTAIRS** until further notice. Due to construction both the downstairs meeting room as well as the back entrance will be inaccessible. Please use the front door!

Save the date!

Upcoming meetings: October 5 (please note this is not the second Sunday!),
November 9, December 14

These will also be held upstairs~

Message from the Co-Vice President

Aimée Hudon

We had a great time enjoying the hospitality of Greg and Judy Hudon on a warm summer day in Russell. The food was delicious, with Greg as grill master and Judy's amazing chili (I will fully disclose my abundant bias towards that chili) along with a delectable spread from members including a stacked dessert table. The meeting was informal and we had a nice show table. The stars of the day may not have just been orchids but also the elaborate monarch caterpillar nursery that Judy has cared for all summer. She rescues the little guys as eggs or caterpillars then raises them to adults. We were lucky enough to see one caterpillar form a chrysalis in the span of a couple minutes. So cool, thank you for hosting!

This month we will be back in our usual stomping grounds at the Munson Memorial Library in Amherst. I always enjoy the casual get-together nature of our summer gatherings but there is also something nice about getting back together for our more formal meetings. There will be one marked difference in our meetings for the foreseeable future and that is the fact that we will be meeting upstairs!!!! The room we usually meet in will be unavailable while the Jones Library gets a major facelift and the back entrance will not be accessible throughout.

Looking to the future, dues will be due soon. One-year memberships are \$25 for a single membership or \$30 for a family membership. Remember everyone who turns in dues by October will receive a free orchid at the November meeting.



Photo credit: Judy Hudon

Some sad news...

Our president, Stacy, wanted to let the club know that her mother, Sharon Soldato, passed away on August 28, 2025. We extend our deepest condolences to Stacy and her family.

When to Bring Orchids Inside for the Winter

Liz Marinelli

Many of us put our orchids outdoors for the summer- they benefit from increased light levels, rain water, and a drop in temperature at night. But every year as Labor Day rolls around, it seems there is a chilly spell and we wonder if it's already time to bring the plants back indoors. We hesitate to bring them in too soon hoping there will be a few more weeks for them to enjoy. And which plants should come in first, and which ones can stay out until the threat of a frost?

In the December 2024 issue of *Orchids*, Sue Bottom addressed the cold tolerance of some commonly grown orchids. Her recommendations are summarized in this table:

Cattleyas	In general, protect when temperatures drop below 50F
Cymbidiums	Ideal minimum is 40F, but may tolerate temperatures into mid-30s
Oncidiums	Prefer night temperatures around 55 but will tolerate down into mid 40's
Phalaenopsis	Allow to chill down to 55 for two or three weeks when the daytime temperatures will go back above 70 during the day. This will signal spike initiation. Then move indoors, with night temperatures above 60.
Dendrobium- sections Phalaenanthus and Spatulata	Minimum temperature 60F
Dendrobium- Sections Latouria and Pedilonum (aberrans, bracteosum, etc)	Mid 50s
Dendrobium- Section Densiflora (lindleyi, jenkinsii, etc)	Mid 40s
Dendrobium- Section Dendrobium (nobile, etc)	Mid to low 40s
Dendrobium- Section Dendrocoryne (Kingianum, speciosum, etc)	Mid to upper 30s
Vanda	In general 60F, but some species and hybrids are comfortable down to 50F

Show Table August 2025

<p>Christine Baier Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani'</p> <p>Aimee Hudon Brassavola nodosa (?)</p> <p>Maryanne Laukaitis Paph dianthum Neofinetia falcata ('Casper' x 'The Bride') Nageliella purpurea Schoenorchis gemmate</p> <p>Steve LaValley Dendrobium Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'</p> <p>Zoe Loughman Den. Everlasting Love Dendrochilum magnum Catasetum Mary Cash's Memoria Jim Wade (Ctism. Double Down x Ctism. Dreamboat)</p>	<p>Joe Maciaszek Bc Jairak Hope (Bc. YU Toung Star x Brassavola nodosa) Cattleya Schilleriano-harrisoniae x Cattleya Breautiana C. intermedia Den. laevifolium</p> <p>Dave Marinelli Stenocoryne secunda Restrepia sp Brassocattleya Robert Bauman (Bl Richard Mueller x Lc Jalapa)</p> <p>Liz Marinelli Chondrorhyncha lendyana Angraecum Kruger Stars</p> <p>Carol Mentos Phal Sogo Yunlin 'Coffee' Phal Bellina 'Red Apple'</p>
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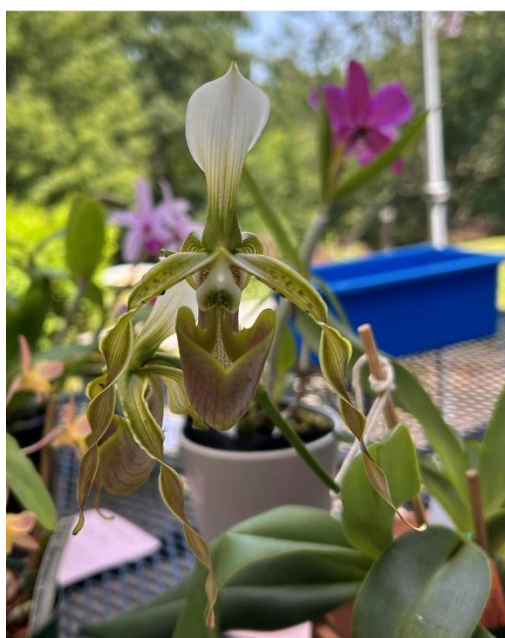
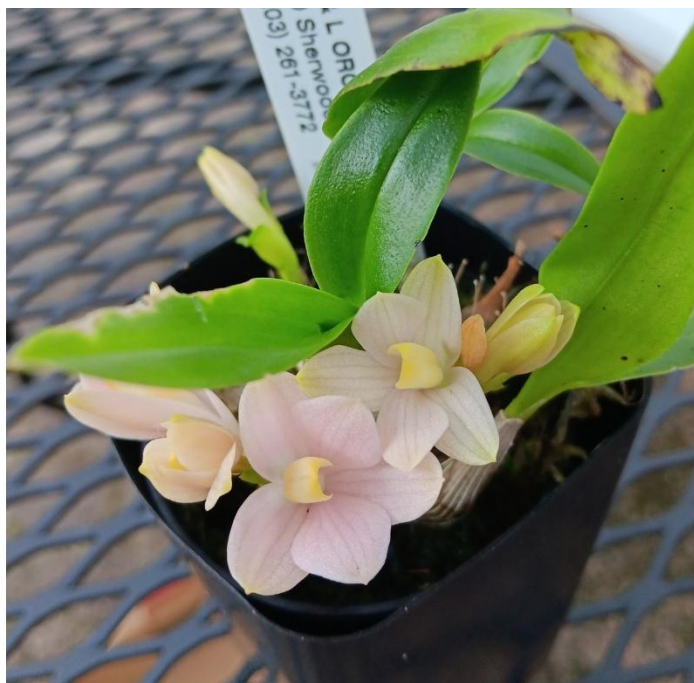


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