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The Newsletter of the

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November Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

1046 South East St, Amherst, MA

Sunday, November 9 at 2:00

Members with the last name M, N, O, and P 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: December 14, 2025

January 11 and February 8, 2026

President's Message: Excitement Ahead for the Holiday Season!

Hello Amherst Orchid Society Members,

I hope you're all enjoying the change in season and that your orchid collections are thriving.

First, a big thank you to everyone who joined our last meeting. It was fascinating to dive into the world of **Coelogyne orchids** during our webinar. These beautiful, often fragrant species are sometimes overlooked, and the presentation gave us a wealth of information on their culture and diversity. It's always rewarding to learn about new genera!

This Month: Free Cattleyas and More Learning!

I know you've all been looking forward to this: our upcoming meeting is a highlight of the year! This month, we will be distributing our highly anticipated **free member plants**. Get ready to receive your complimentary **Cattleya hybrids**—a wonderful way to add vibrant color and incredible fragrance to your growing spaces.

To follow up, our educational program for the afternoon will be a special **webinar focusing on Cattleya orchids**. We'll cover everything you need to know to make your new plants thrive and bloom spectacularly in the coming months. Don't miss out on these essential tips!

Gratitude for the MOS Show

We owe massive gratitude to the dedicated members who helped make our presence at the recent Massachusetts Orchid Society (MOS) show a success.

Special thanks to the setup crew—**Liz, Dave, and myself**—who dedicated time and muscle to ensure our society's display looked fantastic. Equally vital were the folks who managed the challenging task of takedown: **Joe, Marc, Betsy, and Doug**. Your effort and time are what allow us to shine at these regional events, and we couldn't do it without you.

Show Raffle Basket: Let's Build It!

As we look toward our annual society show, I wanted to kick off an idea for a **Society Raffle Basket**. I've already purchased a beautiful orchid pot to start us off, and it would be wonderful if members could contribute high-quality items to fill it up—think specialty potting media, tools, books, fertilizers, or anything a fellow orchid enthusiast would love! This will be a great way to raise funds and excitement. Please let me know if you have something to add!

Looking Ahead: Regional Speaker Collaboration

Finally, I'm thrilled to announce that we are officially collaborating with the **Connecticut** and **Rhode Island** orchid societies. This joint effort will allow us to pool resources and bring in some truly excellent, high-caliber speakers for our **March, April, and May** meetings. We are excited about the quality of programs this collaboration will bring to our members!

See you all soon!

Warmly,

Stacy Soldato President, Amherst Orchid Society

New England Orchid Societies Show Schedule

If you are interested in helping with setting up or taking down our orchid displays, please reach out to Liz at emarinelli@comcast.net

	Show Dates	Set up	Take down
Cape & Islands Orchid Society	Jan 24 – 25	Jan 23	Jan 25
Amherst Orchid Society	Feb 21 – 22	Feb 19	Feb 22
New Hampshire Orchid Society	Mar 7 – 8	Mar 5	Mar 8

Amherst's display at the Massachusetts Orchid Society show, photo credit: Stacy Soldato

2026 Amherst Orchid Society T Shirts

AmOS's very own Julie Miller will be working on a new design for t shirts for 2026. If you have any questions or want to help her with this project, please reach out to her at munkabee55@gmail.com

Show Table September 2025

Marc Gray
Rlc Helen
C. Tonybob (C. pabstii x C. Aloha Case)
Promenaea Winelight

Betsy Higgins
Brassavola perinii
Zygopetalum Big Red One 'Prayoon'
Vanda falcata 'Shutennou'
Bulbophyllum tremulum

Steve LaValley
Vanda falcata 'Ten Hou'

Zoe Loughman
Angraecum distichum
Procatavola Exotic Lime Sorbet
Oncidium Jiaho Queen

Joe Maciaszek
Papilionanda Corneels
Oncostele Wild Cat 'Rainbow'
Phal Purple Gem 'Miki Leopard'
Phrag Saint Peter
Phrag Quaisne
Bc Hamlyn's Magic
Cyc. Grinch's Gold
Den. Hibiki
C. harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen'
C. Brazilian Midway
Vandoglossum Furuse
Den. laevifolium
Phal Ox Lion King
Paph henryanum

Dave Marinelli
Vanda Memoria Yolanda de Tona
Aerangis luteo-alba var. rhodosticta

Liz Marinelli
Cadetia taylori
Vanda flabellata x Vandachostylus Sasicha
Den. Memoria Dean Antonmarchi
Cahuzacara Hsinying Pink Doll

Harold Norman
Rth Love Triangle (Pot. San Damiano x C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama')

Stacy Soldato
Bllra Hilo Sparkle 'Pink Leopard'
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
Paph henryanum
Laelia purpurata
Masdevallia X wubbenii

Steve Steiner
Restrepia trichoglossa
Restrepia sp.
Zygo. Kiwi Geyser 'Mendenhall'
Paph. dianthum
Paph. Sighing Barbie
Pescatobollea Bella
Pleurothallis allenii

Bllra. Hilo Sparkle ‘Pink Leopard’, Stacy

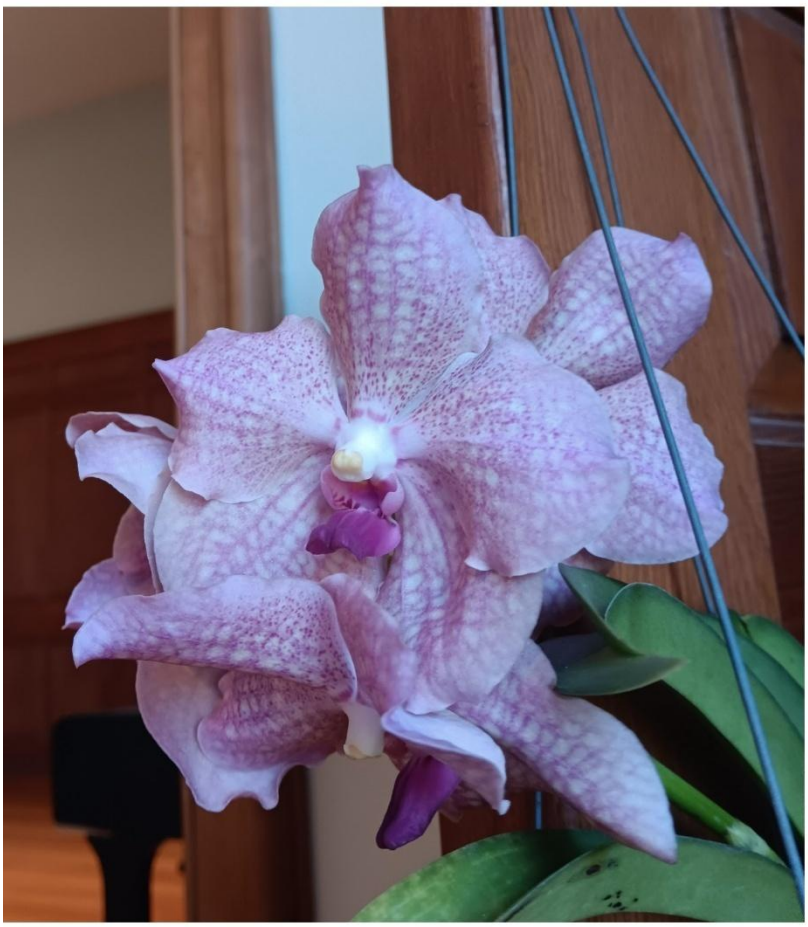
Papilionanda Corneels, Joe

Procatavola Exotic Lime Sorbet, Zoe

Cadetia taylori, Liz

Phrag Quaisne, Joe

Angraecum distichum, Zoe



Vanda Memoria Yolanda de Tona, Dave

Laelia purpurata, Stacy

Paph. Sighing Barbie, Steve S.

Rth Love Triangle, Harold

Pescatobollea Bella, Steve S.

Oncidium Jiaho Queen, Zoe Photo: Liz