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The Newsletter of the **AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY**

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December Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

1046 South East St, Amherst, MA

Sunday, December 14 at 2:00

Holiday Potluck edition! Bring a dish 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:

January 11, February 8, and March 8 2026

President's Message: Holiday Cheer & Show Prep

Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful November! It was a delight to see so many of you at our last meeting. Between the distribution of our free member Cattleya plants and the insightful webinar on Cattleya care, I know many of us went home inspired to grow better plants.

I also want to extend a special thank you to everyone who brought a plant for the show table last month. It was one of the largest and most beautiful displays we have had in quite some time.

December Meeting: Holiday Potluck

As we move into the festive season, our December meeting will be our annual Christmas Potluck.

- When: December 14th @ 2:00 PM
- Where: Munson Library (Upstairs Meeting Room)
- What to bring: Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, main, side, or dessert).

Regretfully, I will not be able to attend the potluck this year. I am very disappointed to miss the festivities and the food, but I know you will all have a wonderful time celebrating together!

December Culture Tip: Adjusting for Winter

With the winter solstice approaching, remember that lower daylight hours mean our orchids' metabolisms are slowing down. This generally means they need less water than they did in the summer. You should also be using significantly less fertilizer right now. Finally, keep a sharp eye out for pests; mites and mealybugs can sneak up on you quickly in the winter!

Volunteer Opportunity: Membership Chair

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the position of Membership Chair.

- Main Duty: Updating the membership list monthly.
- If you have basic computer skills and a little bit of time to spare, please reach out to a board member. We would love to have your help keeping the society organized!
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February Show Preparations

We are gearing up for our show in February and we need your help in two specific areas:

1. The Display Team Needs You! We are planning a beautiful exhibit and we need materials—and minds—to make it happen. We are looking for **creative thinkers** to help design the layout, as well as the following items to loan or donate:

- A pump for a water feature
- Any "Zen Garden" type props
- Natural wood logs
- Ivy and Moss
- Rocks of all sizes
- A large tarp

2. Raffle Basket Donations We are also putting together a spectacular "**Orchid Lover's**" **Raffle Basket** to raise funds. I have donated a **large ceramic pot**, and we have a donated book, but we need more! Ideas include: potting media, stakes, tags, or tools.

📅 Upcoming Event: Cape & Islands Orchid Society Show

Please mark your calendars for **January 24–25, 2026**. The Cape & Islands Orchid Society will be holding their annual show. I will be bringing our society's display plants down, and I encourage all of you to check it out. It is always a beautiful event. If you have time and a vehicle to spare we can always use some extra hands to assist with display setup and takedown. See myself, Liz, or Dave Marinelli for details.

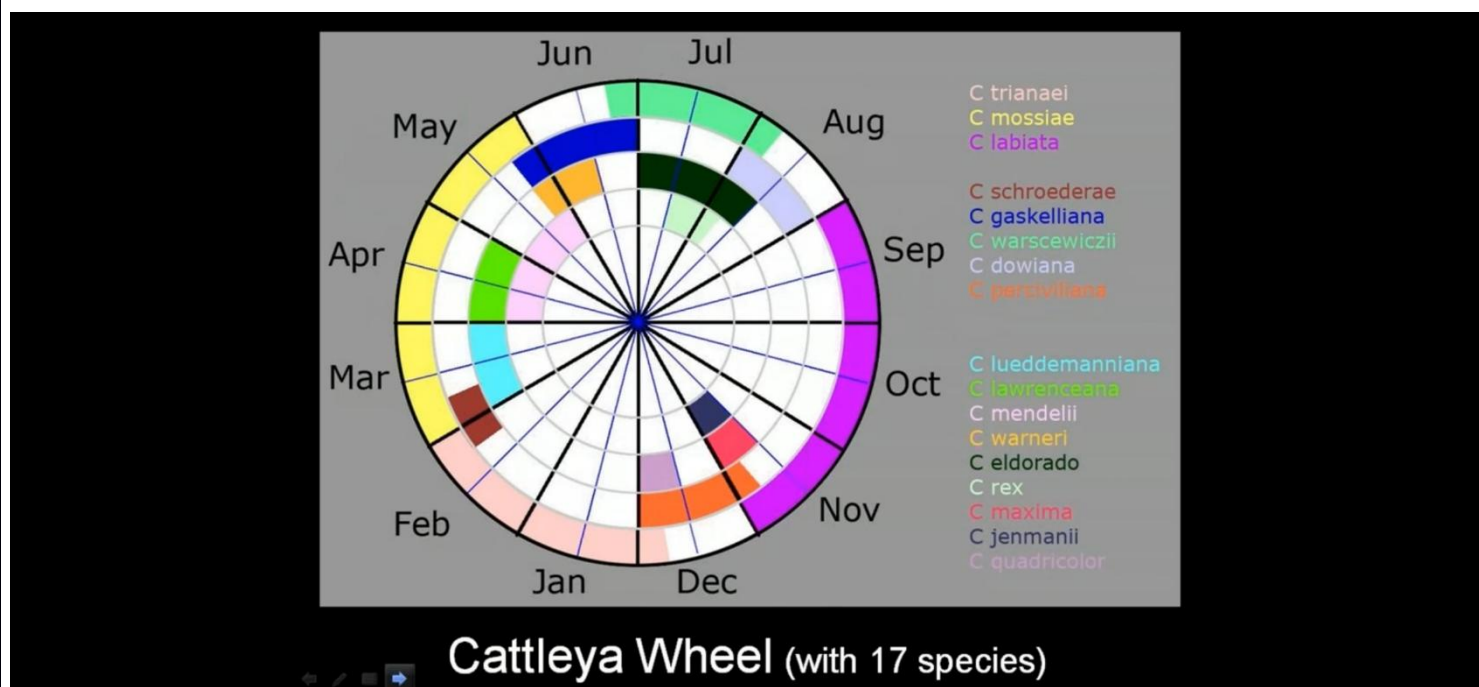
Happy Growing and Happy Holidays,
Stacy Soldato President, Amherst Orchid Society

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

Here is the Cattleya Wheel from the webinar we watched at the November meeting. It shows the blooming time of 17 species within the genus. This image appeared in American Orchid Society Webinar- Large-Flowered Cattleya Species, Art Chadwick February 11, 2020.



Show Table November 2025

Nancy Braymiller

Zybonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
Phaioalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside'

Lee Brockman

Vanda Sasicha
Vanda Bangsai 'Star Blue'

Ed deVarenes

Miltonia Hybrid ign.
Rlc Gene Crocker
Cattleya ign

Betsy Higgins

Lc Dinard 'Blue Heaven'
Oncidium maculatum
Epidendrum porpax

Ann Jordan

Oncidium varicosum
Paph callosum
Oncostelopsis Mayor Billy

Maryanne Laukaitis

Oncidium hybrid
Cattleya Wendy Patterson
Rlc Cordelia

Zoe Loughman

Dendrobium NoID 'Venus'

Joe Maciaszek

B. nodosa
Oncidium Dorothy Wisdom
Den. sanderae
Clowesetum Lydia Pan
Phal. Miki Mok Choi Bear Queen

Dave Marinelli

Paph hookerae
Pot. Coral Gold 'Pacific Rainbow'

Liz Marinelli

Lycaste Memoria Olga Anton

Julie Miller

Cattleya NoID
Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'

Stacy Soldato

Cattleya Interglossa
Lc Mary Elizabeth Bohn
C Plato's Corner
Lc Trick or Treat 'Volcano Queen'
C Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'
C Aloha Case x L Dayana
C Fushu Glory
Blc Norman's Bay 'Gothic'

JoAnn Skiba

Vanda Pachara Delight

Deb Spearot

Bc Island Charm 'OC'

Steve Steiner

Restrepia cuprea
Maxillaria scorpioidea
Coelogyne speciosa
Paph coccinea



Clowesetum Lydia Pan, Joe



C Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora', Stacy



Miltonia Hybrid ign., Ed



Zybonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds', Nancy



Dendrobium Noid 'Venus', Zoe



Lycaste Memoria Olga Anton, Liz



A wall of vandas grown by Lee and JoAnn



Lc Trick or Treat 'Volcano Queen', Stacy



Pot. Coral Gold 'Pacific Rainbow', Dave



Phaioalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside', Nancy



Restrepia cuprea, Steve S.