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The Newsletter of the
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**January Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial
Library, Amherst**

1046 South East St, Amherst, MA

Sunday, January 11 at 2:00

Members with the last name Q, R, S, and T 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:

February 8, March 8, and April 12, 2026

President's Message – January 2026

Happy New Year to all our members! I hope your 2026 is off to a blooming start.

A Note on the Holidays

I want to sincerely apologize for missing our holiday potluck. I was truly sorry to miss the festivities, but I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating together and enjoying the delicious food and great company.

January Meeting: Show Prep & "Orchids at Play"

Our next meeting will feature a **PowerPoint presentation on plant grooming and preparation for show**. This is the perfect time to learn how to make your orchids look their absolute best—including tips on trimming dead growth and proper staking—before they head to the display table.

We will also be discussing the [**Cape and Island Orchid Society Show**](#), held **January 24–25, 2026**. The theme this year is **"Orchids at Play"**. We are looking for creative ideas or props that fit this playful theme. Some ideas to consider might include:

- **Vintage Toys:** Small wooden blocks, colorful kites, or antique marbles.
- **Whimsical Garden Scenes:** Miniature figurines, birdcages, or even a "swing" for a small orchid.
- **Outdoor Activities:** Small-scale beach balls, sand buckets, or garden "tea party" accessories like teacups and teapots.

Our Annual Show and Sale

We are gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the [**Amherst Orchid Society Show & Sale**](#), held **February 21–22, 2026**. To make it a success, we need your help:

- **Volunteer:** Please sign up for duties on the sheets provided at the meeting.
- **Contact:** You can also contact our Show Chair, **Marc Gray**, at bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net to see where you are needed most.
- **Raffle Items:** We need donations for our **"Orchid Lover's Raffle Basket."** Items like specialized tools, decorative pots, orchid books, or art would be wonderful.

Looking Ahead

Next month, we will meet to finalize positions for the show and ensure all volunteer opportunities are covered. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

Best regards,

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
Nutmeg State Orchid Society	Mar 21 – 22	Mar 20	Mar 22

CALL FOR DONATIONS!

Amherst Orchid Society Show & Sale 2026

Help Us Create a Dream Basket!

- We need items for our "Orchid Lover's Raffle Basket" to make our show a success!
- Your donations will delight fellow enthusiasts and raise crucial funds!
- Ideas: Tools, Pots, Books, Art, Fertilizer, & More!



Key Dates & Contact

Bring items to our January meeting!

Show Dates: Feb 21-22, 2026

Contact: [Marc Gray](mailto:Marc_Gray@comcast.net)

Email: bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net

Show Table December 2025

Christine Baier Cycnoches Grinch's Gold Masdevallia Redwing 'Harford'	Julie Miller Rlc Andean Treasure
Josh Gutierrez Dendrobium subliferum x puniceum Comparertia Nold Haraella (Gastrochilus) retrocalla	Steve Steiner Scaphosepalum gibberosum Paph villosum Paph Aligrette 'Sanderae' Paph Petula's Happiness Paph Yellow Hybrid Restrepia guttulata 'Fox Den' Restrepia guttulata (Andy's Clone)
Betsy Higgins Paph villosum Restrepia cuprea	Epidendrum nocturnum Pleurothallis palliolata 'Eichenfels' Polystachya bella Isabellia pulchella
Dave Marinelli Polystachya piersii 4N	
Liz Marinelli Cleisocentron gokusingii Aerangis luteoalba var rhodosticta	

Do you have a blooming orchid that will not be able to make it to a show table? Perhaps the flower is too delicate, possibly the weather is too cold to risk the plant, or maybe the darn thing refused to open until the day after our monthly meeting (they always know!). Send your pictures to Aimée at aimeehudon@gmail.com. We can still appreciate your orchid's beauty in the newsletter!



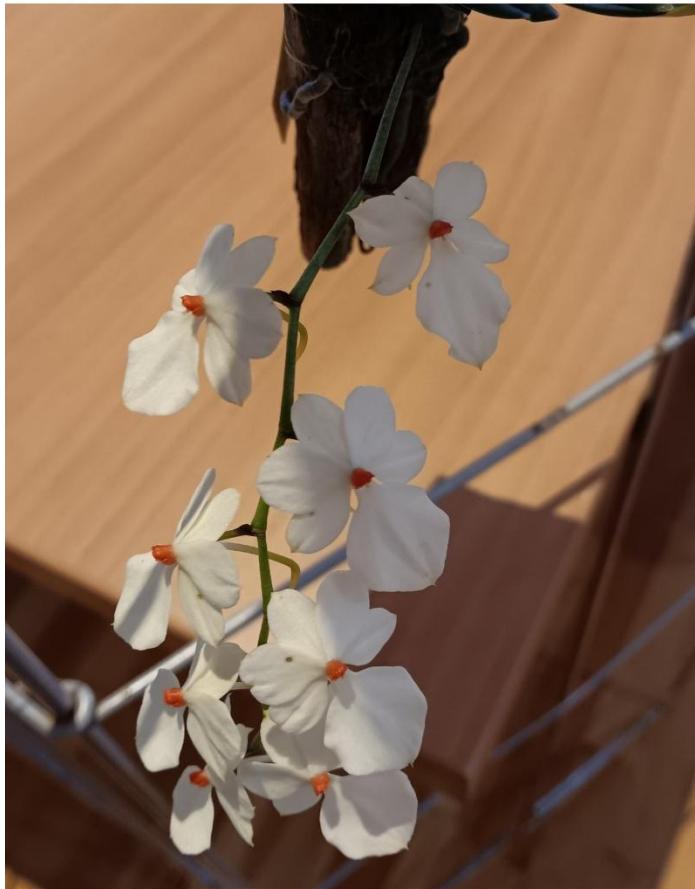
Ctsm. ivaneae 'Purple Fantasy' x Ctsm. tigrinum 'SVO'
I bought this at the orchid show this past February,
it flowered in September, but I could not make it to
the meeting that month.



Cycoches "Grinch's Gold", Christine



Paph villosum, Betsy



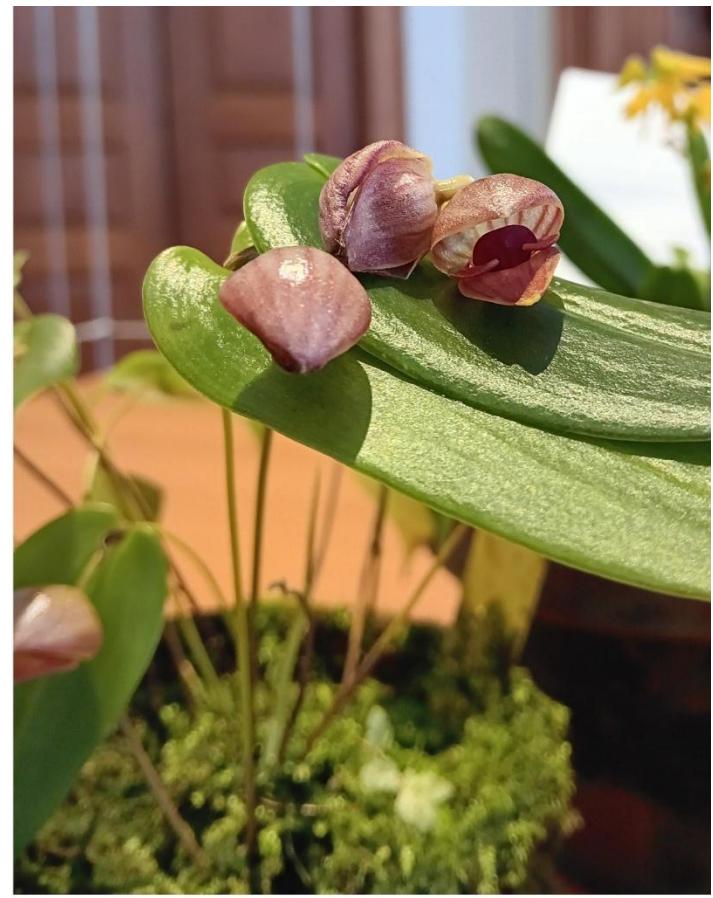
Aerangis luteoalba var rhodosticta, Liz



Restrepia guttalata "Fox Den", Steve S.



Haraella (Gastochilus) retrocalla, Josh



Pleurothallis palliolata "Eichenfels", Steve S.



Paph villosum, Steve S.



Cleisocentron gokusingii, Liz



Rlc Andean Treasure, Julie



Ludisia discolor, Betsy, photo credit: Betsy