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The Newsletter of the

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March Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

1046 South East St, Amherst, MA

Sunday, March 8 at 2:00

Members with the last name A, B, C, and D please bring a snack to share

Save the date!

Upcoming meetings:

April 12, and May 17

President's Message: March 2026

Dear Members,

Spring is on the horizon, and it has been a whirlwind of a month. I want to reflect on our recent show and look forward to the busy season ahead.

A Heartfelt Thank You
Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, donations, and effort. Events like this are the lifeblood of the Amherst Orchid Society, and we couldn't do it without our dedicated members.

A special shout-out to our Show Chair, Marc, for his incredible work coordinating vendors and managing the behind-the-scenes details. Thank you also to our exhibitors; your beautiful specimens made our display truly spectacular.

Our raffle baskets were a huge success. Congratulations to the winners! We will begin collecting items for next year's baskets soon to make them even better.

Weathering the Storm
While hazardous road conditions unfortunately forced some vendors and sister clubs to depart early, we appreciate their participation and are grateful everyone made it home safely.

Looking Ahead: Nashua & Beyond
The orchid circuit continues with our next show in Nashua, NH.

- Setup: Thursday, March 5
- Take Down: Sunday, March 8

Thank you to everyone signed up to assist with transport, setup, or clerking. I will be on-site in New Hampshire for the duration of the show and will therefore miss our March meeting. I look forward to catching up with everyone in person in April.

Spring Prep
As temperatures climb, now is the time to check your inventory.
President's Tip: Ensure you have bark, moss, perlite, and pots on hand. When the spring growth spurt hits, you'll want to be ready to repot immediately.

Finally, congratulations to all our members who took home ribbons and awards. Your hard work makes this society special.

See you in April!

Best regards,

Stacy Soldato
President
Amherst Orchid Society

NUTMEG STATE ORCHID SOCIETY

ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Showcasing gorgeous orchids from around the world.
Enjoy displays by hobbyists, commercial growers, and orchid societies. Open to all - so friends and family can join the fun!

Admission $10 (Children 12 and under enter FREE)

Door Prizes • Orchid & Supply Vendors • Related Arts & Crafts

Saturday, March 21 (12-5pm)
Sunday, March 22 (9am-4pm)

West Hartford Meeting and Conference Center
50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT

Parking validation provided for adjacent lot only
Handicapped Accessible

NUTMEG STATE ORCHID SOCIETY

Website: www.nutmegorchids.org/2026show
Contact: president@nutmegorchids.org

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 ewmarinelli@comcast.net

	Show Dates	Set up	Take down
New Hampshire Orchid Society	Mar 7 – 8	Mar 5	Mar 8
Nutmeg State Orchid Society	Mar 21 – 22	Mar 20	Mar 22

Show Table January 2026

Lee Brockmann Cattleya No ID **Maryanne Laukaitis** Laelia gouldiana	**Jeanne Usereau** Blc Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' Cattleya Irene Finney **Kasia Wynne** Paph Fanaticum

Paphiopedilum Whyte Thorne Savoir

Liz Marinelli

Congratulations to Amherst OS member Steve Steiner on his recent American Orchid Society award. His plant Paphiopedilum Whyte Thorne Savoir received an HCC, or Highly Commended Certificate, at the January meeting of the Northeast Judging Center. Paph Whyte Thorne Savior is a recent hybrid registered in 2022, it's a primary hybrid of Paph charlesworthii and Paph rungsuriyanum. The rungsuriyanum parent is a species that was discovered in Laos and described in 2014. The plant is a miniature with a 6-inch leaf span and a 3-inch flower. There's an interesting article in the July 2024 issue of Orchids magazine that describes the discovery of the species and the first hybrids that have been made from it. Steve named the cultivar 'Rilla Levine' after his granddaughter.

Photo credit: Liz

paph fairrieanum

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Lady in the Garden

SECOND PLACE
FIRST PLACE

NEW HAMPSHIRE
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glandulosa
medusae

Connecticut
Orchid Society

Lycaste Jan Ragan
'Midas Touch'

BREAKFAST
GRATIS
PLEASE
DO NOT
TOUCH PLANTS

Framed Quilt
Phalaenopsis
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Rosette Awards 2026			
Best Large Cattleya	LC. Trick Or Treat X Leielia harpophylla	Mike Lincoln	CAIOS
Best Dendrobium	Den. LoveMemory 'Fizz'	Mike Lincoln	CAIOS
Best Artistic Piece	Framed Quilt, "Phalaenopsis"	Connie Lentz	Amherst O.S.
Best Maxillaria	Lycaste Jan Ragan 'Midas Touch' B	Steve Steiner	Amherst O.S.
Best Oncidium	Trichopilia suavis	Liz Marinelli	Amherst O.S.
Best Windowsill Grown Orchid	Dend. kingianum var. alba	Bill Benner	Amherst O.S.
Best Phragmipedium	Phrag. Ashley Wilkes 'Charleston' AM/AOS	Jason Chang	Connecticut O. S.
Best Miniature Cattleya	Cattleya Arthur T Ramirez	Zoe Loughman	Connecticut O. S.
Best Masdevallia	Masdevallia glandulosa	J & L Orchids	J & L Orchids
Best Small Specimen	Oberonia brachystachys	Mike Badia	Massachusetts O.S.
Best Cymbidium	Cym Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits' AM/AOS	Steven Kirincich	Massachusetts O.S.
Best Small Phalaenopsis	Phal. schilleriana	Brigitte Fortin	Massachusetts O.S.
Best species in show	Phal. schilleriana	Brigitte Fortin	Massachusetts O.S.
Best Misc. Genera	Ddc. glumaceum 'Sumerod'	Daryl Yerdon	New Hampshire O.S.
Best Large Specimen	Ddc. glumaceum 'Sumerod'	Daryl Yerdon	New Hampshire O.S.
Best Standard Phalaenopsis	Phal Taisuco Anna	Sandra Myhalik	Nutmeg State O.S
Best Paphiopedilum	Paph philipinense var. roebelenii	Sandra Myhalik	Nutmeg State O.S
Best Vanda	Dendrophylax lindenii	Rob Dudley	Nutmeg State O.S
Best Plant in All Classes	Dendrophylax lindenii	Rob Dudley	Nutmeg State O.S
Best Orchid Grown Under Lights	Dendrophylax lindenii	Rob Dudley	Nutmeg State O.S
Best Pleurothallid	Trichosalpinx pergrata	Ginna Plude	Nutmeg State O.S.

Amherst Orchid Society Ribbons		
Plant	Ribbon Place	Person Name
Paph Whyte Thorne Savior 'Rilla Levine' HCC/AOS	2nd	Steve Steiner
Trichoglottis pusilla	1st	Steve Steiner
Wilsonara Kolibri	2nd	Steve Steiner
Oncidium chrysomorphum	2nd	Steve Steiner
Scaphosepalum gibberosum	3rd	Steve Steiner
Scaphosepalum breve	2nd	Steve Steiner
Barbosella cucullata	3rd	Steve Steiner
Lycaste Jan Ragan 'Midas Touch' B	1st	Steve Steiner
Pescatoria klabochorum	1st	Steve Steiner
Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Lee Levine'	2nd	Steve Steiner
Pterostylis curta	2nd	Steve Steiner
Pterostylis curta	1st	Steve Steiner

Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Lee Levine'	2nd	Steve Steiner
Brassavola Little Stars	3rd	Carol Mentos
Laelia gouldiana	3rd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Laelia anceps 'Flock of Butterflies'	3rd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Laelia autumnalis	2nd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Aliceara Clownish 'Cotton Candy'	3rd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Cymbidium Sarah 'The Queen'	3rd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Cymbidium Mary Princess 'Del Rey'	3rd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Dendrobium No ID 'Sunderland'	3rd	Maryanne Laukaitis
Procatavola Walnut Valley Lime Stars	2nd	Bill Benner
Dend. kingianum var. alba	3rd	Bill Benner
Dend. kingianum var. alba	1st	Bill Benner
Painting 'Phalaenopsis Cultivear'	2nd	Bill Benner
Angraecum distichum	2nd	Connie Lentz
Angraecum distichum	3rd	Connie Lentz
Dendrobium 'Micro-Chip'	3rd	Connie Lentz
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Mormolyca ringens	2nd	Connie Lentz
Framed Quilt, "Phalaenopsis"	1st	Connie Lentz
Dinema polybulbon	2nd	Joe Maciaszek
Blc Love Sound	3rd	Joe Maciaszek
Phal hieroglyphica	3rd	Joe Maciaszek
Phal Haur Jin Fancy 'Taida Red Jewel'	2nd	Joe Maciaszek
Dendrobium amethystoglossum	2nd	Joe Maciaszek
Den. Double Zip	3rd	Joe Maciaszek
Cychnoches Taiwan Gold	3rd	Joe Maciaszek
Ctt Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers'	2nd	Betsy Higgins
Vanda falcata 'Shutennou'	1st	Betsy Higgins
Vanda falcata 'Shutennou'	2nd	Betsy Higgins
Dendrobium sinense	1st	Betsy Higgins
Dendrobium longicornu	2nd	Betsy Higgins
Dendrobium aberrans	1st	Betsy Higgins
Dendrobium tanii	3rd	Betsy Higgins
Dendrobium sinense	3rd	Betsy Higgins
Dendrochilum glumaceum	3rd	Betsy Higgins
Ludisia discolor	1st	Betsy Higgins
Ludisia discolor	3rd	Betsy Higgins
Leptotes tenuis	3rd	Liz Marinelli
Sophronitella violacea	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Cattleya Betty Ford 'York'	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Myrmec. Mem. Louise Fuchs	3rd	Liz Marinelli
Holcostylis MS Sunlight	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Trichopilia suavis	1st	Liz Marinelli
Cymbidium Ming 'Emperor'	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium petiolatum 'Laura Hansen' CCM/AOS	1st	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium eriiflorum 'Adelaide Hansen' CCM/AOS	2nd	Liz Marinelli

Dendrobium Star King 'Irvine'	1st	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium Specio-kingianum 'Trident'	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Lycaste Leilani's Pink Hints	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Cymbidium Ming 'Emperor'	1st	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium petiolatum 'Laura Hansen' CCM/AOS	1st	Liz Marinelli
Dendrobium eriiflorum 'Adelaide Hansen' CCM/AOS	2nd	Liz Marinelli
Vuylstekeara Melissa Brianne 'Tawny Tart'	2nd	Kasia Wynne
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Dendrobium Australian Robbie McInnes	2nd	David Marinelli
Pleurothallis truncata	2nd	David Marinelli
Host Society Display	1st	Stacy Soldato
Prosthechea cochleata	2nd	Stacy Soldato
Phal. NoID 'Snow Bunny'	3rd	Stacy Soldato
Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight' Bras. Guilded Urchin Onc. Sotoanum	2nd	Stacy Soldato
Vuylstekeara Melissa Brianne'Dark' Miltonia Anne Warne Oncidium Mrs. Rudolf Pabst	3rd	Stacy Soldato
Onc, Volcano Midnight 'Volcano Queen'	3rd	Stacy Soldato
Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight Bras. Guilded Urchin Onc. Sotoanum	2nd	Stacy Soldato
Onc, Volcano Midnight 'Volcano Queen'	2nd	Stacy Soldato
Den. Hiroshi Tokunaga Dawn Maree infundibulum	1st	Stacy Soldato
Den. Hiroshi Tokunaga Dawn Maree infundibulum	3rd	Stacy Soldato
Paph Fantastically Odette	2nd	Ann Robinson
Paph Amusingly Fred	3rd	Ann Robinson
Paph Petula's Voodoo	3rd	Ann Robinson
Paph Hawaiian Glamor	2nd	Ann Robinson
Paph Hawaiian Snow	3rd	Ann Robinson
Paph Amusingly Fred	3rd	Ann Robinson
Paph Petula's Voodoo	3rd	Ann Robinson
Paph Hawaiian Snow	3rd	Ann Robinson
Phal No ID 'Sunspot'	3rd	Lisa Degerdon
Phal No ID 'Burgundy Sunrise'	2nd	Lisa Degerdon
Phalaenopsis NOID 'Psycho Cooper'	2nd	Christine Baier
Phalaenopsis NOID 'Psycho Cooper'	3rd	Christine Baier
Portrait of a Phragmipedium longifolium Colored pencil and acrylic paint on paper	1st	Athena Volpendesta