

Greater Whorled Pogonia

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June Meeting and Picnic at the Grays' Home

260 Baker Brook Road, Williamsville, VT 05362

Marc's Phone: (802) 258-8406

Sunday, June 7 - arrive any time after 1:00

Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided, please bring:

- an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share
- your own chair

Please see page 3 for complete directions~

Save the date!

July's meeting will be at the home of Joe and Marge Maciaszek, info to follow in next month's newsletter

President's Message: June 2026

Dear Members,

As we officially head into June, our orchids are waking up to the peak growing season. The longer days and warmer temperatures are exactly what our plants have been waiting for, and it's an exciting time to watch new roots and leads emerge.

First, I want to extend a huge thank you to **Christian Lesage** for his fantastic presentation on orchid viruses at our last meeting. His insights and expertise gave us all plenty to think about, and we are incredibly grateful to him for sharing his time and knowledge with the society!

Upcoming Summer Picnics!

June Annual Picnic

When: Sunday, June 7th – Arrive any time after 1:00 PM

Where: The Grays' pondside

What to bring: Your favorite dish to share and a comfortable lawn chair.

July Picnic

When: Sunday, July 12th – Arrive any time after 12:00 PM (Noon)

Where: Joe's house

What to bring: A dish to share and a lawn chair.

Summer Growing Tips: Moving Outdoors & Feeding the Growth

With the arrival of consistent summer weather, many of our orchids can benefit from a summer vacation outside. If you are moving your plants outdoors, here are a few quick tips to ensure they thrive:

- **Acclimate Slowly:** Even shade-loving orchids can get sunburned quickly. Move your plants to a deeply shaded area first (like under a tree or porch) and gradually introduce them to their preferred light levels over a week or two.
- **Watch the Water:** Outdoor air movement and higher temperatures mean pots will dry out much faster than they do indoors. Check your plants frequently—some mounted or open-potted orchids may need daily watering during heatwaves.
- **Feed the Growth:** Because this is the primary active growing season, your orchids are hungry. Keep up with a regular, weak fertilization regime to help them build strong new pseudobulbs and leaves that will support future blooms.
- **Pest Patrol:** Being outdoors means interacting with nature. Keep a close eye out for aphids, scale, and slugs. A proactive check under the leaves during your regular watering routine can catch any hitchhikers before they become a problem.

Enjoy the beautiful June weather, keep an eye on those new root tips, and I look forward to seeing you all at our next gathering!

Happy Growing,

Stacy Soldato

President, Amherst Orchid Society

Directions to the Grays' house for the June 07, 2026 meeting:

TO THE GRAYS' RESIDENCE FROM THE SOUTH Take I-91 North to Exit 1. (BRATTLEBORO, VT). At the bottom of the ramp go right. Go through 5 sets of lights. After the 5th set of lights, follow signs for Route 30. The signs will lead you around a large triangular circle. After a left hand turn at one "Corner" stay in the right-hand lane. This will turn into a right-turn-only lane heading out of the circle. The road goes gently downhill through the Retreat Hospital and then opens up into Route 30. Continue on Route 30 For 8 Miles (After 6 miles you'll pass a covered bridge on the right.) Take the left turn to WILLIAMSVILLE-South NEWFANE. After 2 miles you will cross a cement arch bridge. Take a left at the end of the bridge. You are now in WILLIAMSVILLE. Go past the Fire House/General Store on the right to the post office (Red with white trim). Go right on BAKER BROOK ROAD for 1.3 miles, keeping the brook on your left. Our house is on the right and is grey with black trim. In front are signs for #260 and BAKER BROOK ORCHIDS

TO THE GRAYS' RESIDENCE FROM THE NORTH Take I-91 South to Exit 4. At end of ramp take a left. This is Route 5. Proceed 2.3 miles. Turn right onto East/West Rd. Travel 2.0 Miles to Dummerston Center. At 4 way stop signs, continue driving straight ahead. After going 2.5 miles, you will come to a covered bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right onto Route 30. Go 1.9 miles north on Route 30. Take a left hand turn and proceed 3 miles to the TOWN OF WILLIAMSVILLE. Cross Cement Bridge and take a left-hand turn. Go 0.3 mile to BAKER BROOK ROAD on the right (across from the Post Office.) Go 1.3 Miles on BAKER BROOK ROAD, always keeping brook to your left. Our house is on the right and is grey with black trim. In front are signs for #260 and BAKER BROOK ORCHIDS.



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A GREAT SELECTION OF ORCHID PLANTS SELECTED BY THE JUDGES

JUNE 13, 2026

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PLANT PREVIEW AT 10 AM

AUCTION STARTS AT 11 AM.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT

[HTTPS://WWW.NEJCAOS.ORG/](https://www.nejcaos.org/)

Show Table May 2026

Christine Baier Vanda Omar Padron Lee Brockmann Epi. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS Epi. Bonita Trist x Pacific Seniorita Ed deVarennnes Osp. Brazilian Sun 'Samba' Marc Gray Coelogyne xyrekes Lycaste Suave Seth Gray Phal No ID Judy Hudon Bulbophyllum falcatum 'Gold Country' Diane Leonard Oncidopsis Crimson Pride Phal No ID Phal No ID Zoe Loughman Bulbophyllum barbigerum Carol Mentos Slc Cosmic Delite 'Cosmic Sparks' x Slc Mem. Trudi Marsh 'Sun Flair'	Dave Marinelli Odontioda Cuencana Colorada Ctt. Dennis Olivas x Rth Guess What Liz Marinelli Pot. Rubescent Fire x Pot. Virginia Dickey Rlc Volcano Spring 'Volcano Queen' Coelogyne ochracea Eplc Yokosuka Story 'Wilson' Trichopilia suavis x Trichopilia x ramonensis Den. petiolatum 'Laura Hansen' Holly Rainaud-Loss Phal No ID Stacy Soldato Trichopilia tortillis Brascidostele Gilded Tower Den. No ID Phal No ID Phal Sweet Memory 'Liodoro' Steve Steiner Paph delenatii Lycaste Autumn Glow Den. pseudoglomeratum Cyp. japonicum Miltonia Bert Field 'Leah' Promenaea xanthina Den. crepidiferum Cattleya brevipedunculata Diplocaulobium tentaculatum Epi. parkinsonianum
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Ctt. Dennis Olivas x Rth Guess What, Dave



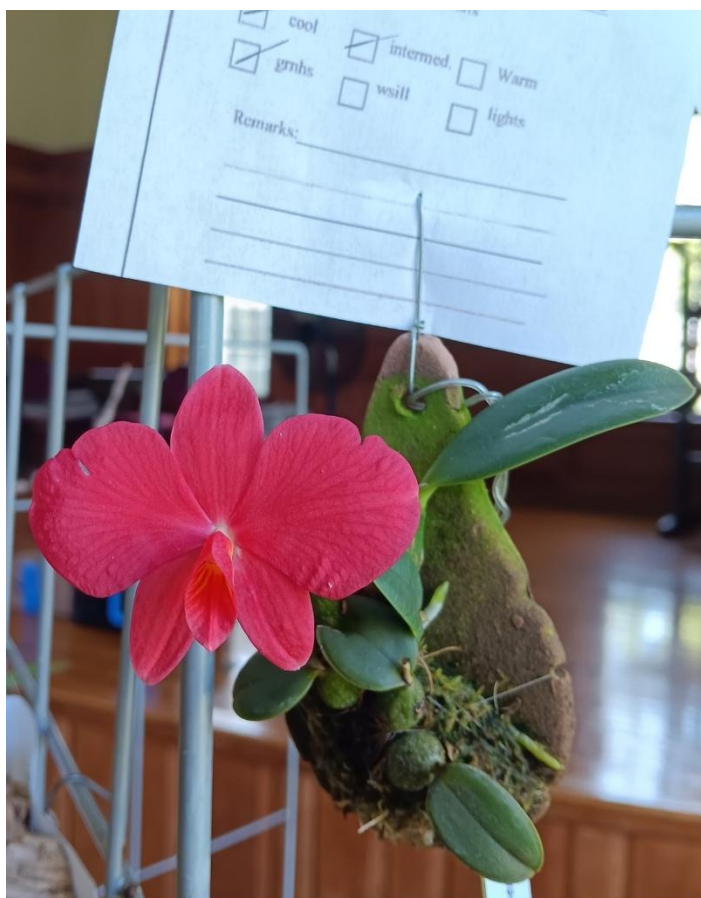
Den. petiolatum 'Laura Hansen', Liz



Slc Cosmic Delite 'Cosmic Sparks' x Slc Mem. Trudi Marsh 'Sun Flair'. Carol



Epi. Parkinsonianum, Steve S.



Cattleya brevipedunculata, Steve S.



Phal. No ID, Seth



Bulbophyllum falcatum 'Gold Country', Judy



Vanda Omar Padron, Christine