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September Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

1046 South East St, Amherst, MA

Sunday, September 13 at 12:00

Members with the last name E, F, G and H please bring a snack to share

Save the Date!

Upcoming meetings at Munson Memorial Library in Amherst, MA:

October 18, November 8, and December 13

President's Message: September 2026

Dear Orchid Society Members,

First, I want to send a huge thank you to Jenny for hosting our annual picnic in August! By all accounts, it was a fantastic turnout with wonderful food and, of course, great company. I am truly sorry I was unable to attend this year due to a previous family engagement, but I am so grateful to Jenny and everyone who stepped up to make the afternoon such a wonderful success.

Looking ahead, our **September meeting** brings us back to our home base at the **Munson Library**. Please make a special note of the time: **we will be starting at NOON** instead of our usual time to accommodate our special guest speaker traveling in from New York.

We are thrilled to welcome **Chris Satch**, who will be giving a presentation on **Growing Orchids Under Lights**. Whether you are trying to keep your plants happy through the darker winter months or looking to set up a full indoor artificial lighting system, this is a talk you won't want to miss.

About Our Speaker: Chris Satch (known to many as "The Plant Doctor") is a commercial horticulturist, botanist, and educator based in New York City. With a degree in Plant Science from Rutgers University, Chris has extensive experience ranging from public garden education to indoor urban agriculture. He specializes in tropical plant care, light spectrum optimization for indoor growing, and making complex horticultural science accessible for hobbyists of all levels.

Finally, mark your calendars for the **Connecticut Orchid Society Show**, taking place over **Columbus Day weekend**. These regional shows are a highlight of our year, but they take a team to run smoothly! If you are able to assist with setup, breakdown, or staffing the table, please reach out to **Liz** as soon as possible to volunteer. I look forward to seeing everyone at noon at the Munson Library!

Happy growing,

Stacy Soldato
President, Amherst Orchid Society

The New Hampshire Orchid Society will be holding their annual orchid auction on September 12. If you are looking to add to your collection, this is a great opportunity. The auction will be held during the club's regular meeting. More information can be found on the NHOS website and you can find a list of plants available at <https://event.auctria.com/05fa5e0f-9a3a-4c3c-8318-98d7c19568dd/>



Volunteer Opportunity!

Fall Orchid shows are coming up fast! Setting up our club display at the shows of our sister societies is a fun way to exercise your creativity and get to know other orchid folks. We need volunteers for transporting plants, setting up the displays, and dismantling at the end of the shows. Please contact Liz ewmarinelli@comcast.net if you would like to help.

Connecticut Orchid Society Show- set up Friday, October 9, take down Sunday, October 11

Massachusetts Orchid Society Show- set up Thursday, November 5, take down Sunday November 8

Daryl Yerdon, president of the New Hampshire Orchid Society and former owner of Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies purchased a new home in North Carolina and will be moving in about 6 weeks or so.

I plan to continue growing orchids but need to seriously downsize my collection before I leave. If you're interested in looking at my orchids and possibly purchasing any, please reach out to let me know and we can arrange a time for you to do that. I have hundreds of hybrids and species for sale in sizes from 2 ½ inch pots to well established specimen sized plants. A large quantity of my collection consists of unusual species not commonly seen.

This is your chance to find great orchids that grow well in our area at fantastic prices. I don't want to give them away, but everything is priced to sell quickly and prices are negotiable.

I will be available any time until approximately September 28. You can reach out by text or phone at [603-321-7897](tel:603-321-7897)



More photos from Daryl's collection:



We had a lovely show table this past meeting but unfortunately we were having too good a time to record the show table list. Thank you to everyone who brought orchids to the picnic, and thank you to Judy for taking pictures!



