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# The Newsletter of the AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY

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## October Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

*1046 South East St, Amherst, MA*

**Sunday, October 18 at 2:00**

***Members with the last name I, J, K and L 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 – October

Dear Members,

Fall has officially arrived, and with the cooler temperatures comes a busy and exciting season for our society. First, I want to extend a huge thank you to Chris Satch for speaking at our September meeting. His presentation on growing indoors and building terrariums was packed with fantastic insights and practical tips. Despite our brief technical difficulties, Chris delivered a wealth of knowledge, and I appreciate everyone's patience as we worked through the hiccup.

### Seasonal Growing Tips

As we settle into October, temperature shifts require a bit of extra attention for our plants:

- **Bringing Plants Indoors:** If your orchids spent the summer outside, now is the time to bring them in before night temps consistently dip too low. Before bringing any plant inside, thoroughly inspect it for pests. Give the foliage and pots a good rinse, and consider treating with an insecticidal soap or mild spray to ensure you aren't inviting unwanted critters into your indoor collection or grow room.
- **Greenhouse Care in Massachusetts:** For those growing in greenhouses, New England October weather can be unpredictable—bright warm days followed by chilly nights. Check your heating systems, clean your heat exchange vents, and ensure your thermostats and back-up heaters are functioning properly before our first real freeze. It's also time to start scaling back watering slightly as shorter daylight hours slow down active growth.

### Upcoming Shows & Events

We have two great regional shows coming up, and we need your participation to make our society's displays look their best!

- **Connecticut Orchid Society Show (Oct 10–11):** We will be setting up a display for the CT show. If you have any blooming plants you are willing to loan for the exhibit, please get them to Joe or myself by **Friday, October 9th** so we can transport and set them up.
- **Massachusetts Orchid Society Show (Nov 6–8):** Setup will take place on **Thursday, November 5th**. Please consider contributing your time to assist with setup/teardown or entering your blooming plants into the display.

### Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for our next monthly meeting on **Sunday, October 18th**.

Looking further ahead to November, we will be holding our annual **Member Plant Giveaway!** To be eligible for a giveaway plant, please ensure your annual dues are paid prior to or at the **October** meeting.

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and support. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th!

Warmly,

Stacy Soldato

President, Amherst Orchid Society



Zoe sent in some interesting photos taken of the same plant, Ctsm Mary Cash's Memoria Jim Wade, one year apart. Catasetums are known for producing visibly different male and female flowers. These flowers typically form on separate inflorescences and do not occur at the same time. The picture on the left is the female flower, while the male flower is on the right. It is most common to see the male flowers and most growers aim for male flowers as they are more visually diverse. I think there is something cool and funky about the female flowers. Thanks for sharing, Zoe!



Have something you would like to share with the club? The newsletter is always accepting articles, book reviews, photos of orchids that don't make it to our monthly meeting, plant sale announcements, and more! Please reach out to Aimée, the newsletter editor, at [aimeehudon@gmail.com](mailto:aimeehudon@gmail.com) if you would like to submit and share with the society.

## Show Table September 2026

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| <b>Lee Brockmann</b><br>Phal Hiroshima Tetris<br><br><b>Betsy Higgins</b><br>Cynorkis purpurea<br><br><b>Tim Gosselin</b><br>Phalaenopsis Miki Hime<br>Phalaenopsis Miki Mok Choi Bear Queen<br>Warczewiczella (Cochleanthes) amazonica<br><br><b>Marc Gray</b><br>Dendrobium NoID<br>Bulbophyllum NoID<br><br><b>Steve LaValley</b><br>Vanda falcata 'Kent'<br><br><b>Zoe Loughman</b><br>Aerangis punctata<br>Procatavola Exotic Lime Sorbet<br>Dendrobium laevifolium | <b>Joe Maciaszek</b><br>Cattleya Memoria Tata<br>Vandachostylis Ploenpit Blue 'Royal Sapphire'<br>Dendrobium Hibiki<br>Dendrobium Dawn Maree<br><br><b>Dave Marinelli</b><br>Aerangis luteo-alba var. rhodosticta<br>Cytorchis arcuate<br>Brassavola perrinii<br><br><b>Liz Marinelli</b><br>Mexipedium xerophyticum<br>Phrag Young Lindley 'Dave Marinelli'<br>Phrag Don Wimber<br>Cattleya Barbara Tague<br><br><b>Stacy Soldato</b><br>Habenaria Pink Robin<br>Rlc Lisa Taylor Gallis<br>Guarechea Black Comet<br>Phrag Wossner Twist |
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Phalaenopsis Miki Hime, Tim



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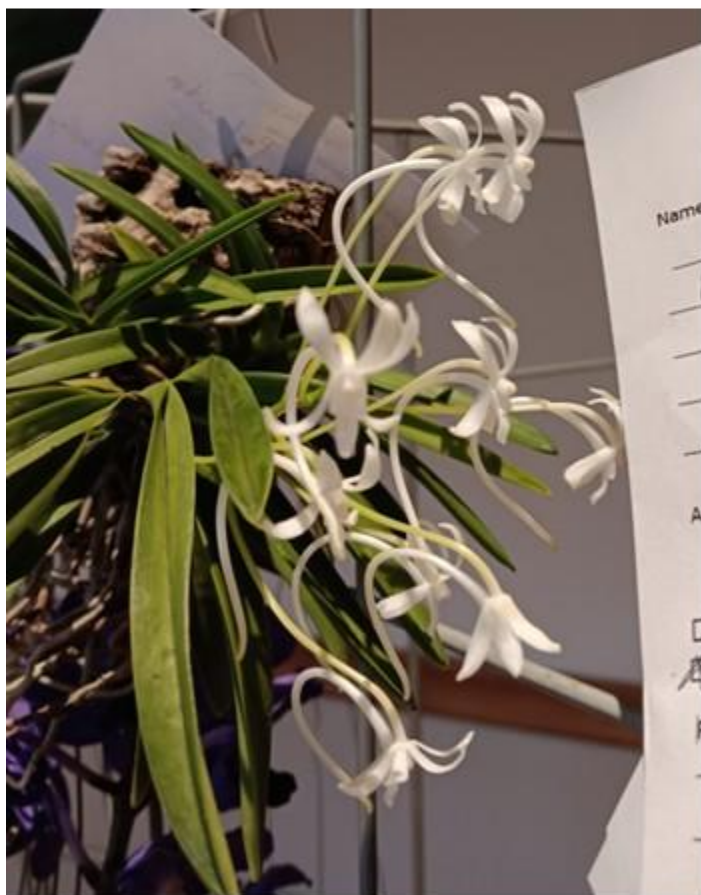
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