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The Newsletter of the

# AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY

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## November Meeting Upstairs at Munson Memorial Library, Amherst

*1046 South East St, Amherst, MA*

**Sunday, November 8 at 1:00**

***Members with the last name M, N, O and P please bring a snack to share***

Save the Date!

Upcoming meetings at Munson Memorial Library in Amherst, MA:

December 13, January 10, February 14

# President's Message – November

Dear Amherst Orchid Society Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed our Q&A session during our last meeting! It was great to hear all your questions, share experiences, and learn from one another.

Please take note of an important schedule update for this month: we are changing our meeting time from **2:00 PM to 1:00 PM**.

As a reminder, this upcoming meeting features our annual Free Plant Giveaway for all members who have paid their yearly dues! If you haven't renewed your membership yet, be sure to catch up so you don't miss out on adding a wonderful new plant to your collection.

Looking ahead, the Massachusetts Orchid Society (MOS) Show is taking place from November 6th through November 9th. If you are available to assist with setup or takedown for our society display, please let Liz know as soon as possible. Also, take a close look at your collections—if you have any blooming plants you would like to lend for our display, we would love to include them!

**Late Fall Care Tip:**

As late fall settles in and days grow shorter, light levels drop significantly.

* Indoors: Move light-loving orchids closer to southern or eastern windows, or consider supplementing with grow lights. Be mindful of dry indoor heat; boost humidity with humidity trays or group plants together, but keep plants away from drafty windows and heating vents.

* In the Greenhouse: Ensure your heating systems and thermostats are fully tested and ready for colder nights. Clean glass/polycarbonate panels to maximize available natural light, keep air circulation active to prevent fungal issues in cooler temperatures, and reduce watering frequency as plant growth slows down.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and continued support of our society. I look forward to seeing everyone at our new time—1:00 PM!

Warm regards

Stacy Soldato,

President, Amherst Orchid Society

**Membership Renewal/Membership Plants at November Meeting**

Hi all. In preparation for our meeting in November, I wanted to take a minute to reach out and ask for your help. This upcoming meeting we will have our membership plants available, and this year's selection is an assortment from Tropical Exotique ! To make sure that everybody who has renewed membership already (or will be renewing the day of the meeting) has an opportunity to pick up a membership plant, **please come see me** (and Zoe) at our table ***before picking up your plant.*** Even if you have already paid/renewed your membership, I need to make sure that I have your contact information updated. No additional plants from the membership-plant selection will be distributed/sold until after the meeting has finished. Thanks so much for your cooperation, and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting! *Any orchids that remain *after* the meeting has finished will be available to purchase.

-Zachary Gilbert, Membership Chair

# Show Table October 2026

**Lisa Degerdon**
Oncostelopsis Brazilian Sun

**Ed deVarennes**
Rlc. Gene Crocker
Dendrobium Green Flash

**Tim Gosselin**
Cattleya Hybrid No ID

**Marc Gray**
Habenaria Pinkie
Cycnoches Cygnus Atratus 'Firebird'
Zygolum Rhein Moonlight
Cattleya Ruby Flash #2

**Maryanne Laukaitis**
Sc Crystelle Smith 'Aileen'
Rhyncovola Jimminy Cricket
Zygopetalum Jumpin' Jack

**Steve LaValley**
Ctsm Diana Dots x Ctsm Double Tiger

**Zoe Loughman**
Cycnoches Arlo & Tache
Guaridendrum Isler's Goldregen
Clowesetum Alexandra Savva

**Dave Marinelli**
Zootrophion atropurpureum
Encyclila radiata (2)

**Liz Marinelli**
Ctt. Deborah's Diamond Treasure
Coelogyne barbata

**Stacy Soldato**
Pot Circle of Life (cross)
C. Big Dipper

**Steve Steiner**
Phrag Pink Panther
Restrepia guttulata



Habenaria Pinkie, Marc



Restrepia guttulata, Steve S.



Zygopetalum Jumpin' Jack, Maryanne



C. Big Dipper, Stacy



Phrag Pink Panther, Steve S.



Zootrophion atropurpureum, Dave



Coelogyne barbata, Liz



Rlc. Gene Crocker, Ed



Ctsm Diana Dots x Ctsm Double Tiger, Steve L.



Rhyncovola Jimminy Cricket, Maryanne



Oncostelopsis Brazilian Sun, Lisa



Encyclila radiata , Dave



Cattleya Hybrid No ID, Tim



Cycnoches Arlo & Tache, Zoe



Amherst Orchid Society display at the Connecticut Orchid Society Show! Photo courtesy of Zoe