



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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www.mhos.us.com

April 2011

Meetings

The Mid-Hudson Orchid Society meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm at the Union Presbyterian Church at the corner of Balmville Road and Beech Street in Newburgh (Balmville), NY

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

2011 Meeting Dates

April 10 – Extended show table and judging

May 1 (a week early due to Mother's Day) – speaker Carri Raven-Riemann, the orchidPhile

June 12 - Wayne Roberts of Robert's Flower Supply, speaking on cypripediums and native orchids that can be grown here in our northeast gardens.

July – no meeting

August – no meeting

September 11 – speaker Elle Ronis on Miltoniopsis

October 15 (Saturday) – Show and Sale

November 13

December 11 – Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

April 10 Meeting – Extended show table and judging

The program for the April Meeting will be an extended show table. We will group plants by type (e.g., slippers, Phals, Cattleyas) and assign a team of people to evaluate each group. Teams will choose first, second, and third place plants. Everyone at the meeting will be assigned to a team, so this will be a great opportunity for us to get to know each other. Once all teams have finished, they will announce their results, talk about what attributes they looked for, and give an overview of the plant group's care and needs. This will be a great educational program for our new members.

Please bring all your blooming plants - even those that aren't the best - because the more plants there are to look at, the more the team members will be able to make the comparisons that will help them arrive at their decisions.

Photos from March Show & Sale

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard. The day was a great success, and lots of fun! For more photos, see the MHOS website under "Events"



Blue? Well, yes, but it's artificially colored.



This was taken early in the day. Not many plants were left by the end of the afternoon.



MHOS members helping out with the show and sale.



The show table was beautiful, as always.

May 1st MHOS speaker



At our May meeting, Carri Raven-Riemann, the OrchidPhile, will give a culture talk on growing phals successfully – debunking some of the myths and misconceptions from all the culture sheets & on-line chats.

She will also bring plants to sell. You can request a pre-order list with pictures by emailing orchidphile@optimum.net (you must put "Mid-Hudson Pre-Order Request" in the subject line so you don't get deleted). If you don't use email, you can have a friend download it, or you'll have to wait until the May 1st meeting.

To order something specific, you can either either email Carri or call her at 203-329-7255.

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Here is this month's contribution by MHOS member **John J. Rashak**:



Orchids, like humans, have diseases and other problems, some of which can be quite mysterious to decipher. For example, corrugated leaves can appear, particularly on orchids such as odontoglossums and miltoniopsis. The cause of the problem can be as simple as irregular watering, where the orchid is experiencing something akin to a rainy season followed by a drought. However, the cause of the problem can also be genetic and can stem from interbreeding with the wrong orchids.

Another potentially perplexing problem is the case of pseudobulbs with black watery blotches. This problem is generally due to cold, damp conditions over a long stretch of time. The water-filled parts of the pseudobulb need to be cut open and drained, then filled with powdered fungicide or horticultural sulfur when dry. A related problem is cracks that suddenly appear on newly maturing pseudobulbs. The cause of this problem could simply be pseudobulbs that are growing too fast due to overfeeding; it occurs in orchids like odontoglossums, lycastes, angulocastes and even some encyclias. The solution generally is to keep the cracks dry and slow down on the feed.

Rot in an orchid requires the cutting away of the rot, followed by a sprinkling of horticultural sulfur on the wound and a correction of the problem that caused the rot. A common example of rot is black-tipped leaves, which may be caused by cold conditions, too much humidity or too little light. A related problem is the premature spotting of flowers, especially in winter during damp, sunless weather. Another related problem is bud-drop, which can occur indoors when growing conditions are too hot and dry or when there's too much light.



Sunburn is a familiar problem to humans and to orchids. Sunburn in orchids starts as a whitened area denoting dead leaf cells, followed by a brown-and-black area as infection sets in. A related problem is the orchid equivalent of hypothermia, where sudden foliage loss on an evergreen orchid could be due to a failure of the heating system in a greenhouse on a very cold night.

Inclement weather



In case of inclement weather, it is possible our regular meeting could be cancelled. If this happens, the officers will notify a few volunteers who offered to accept calls from the membership to relay this information. **These volunteers do not call anyone**, they will just stand by their phones to accept calls from other members who want to know if the meeting will be held. In bad weather, call any of these members:

Ruth Nattras	(845) 343-2901	Dennis Sandberg	(914) 962-1541
Holly Read	(845) 855-1842		

**MHOS
Classifieds**

Downsizing Greenhouse.
Greenhouse benches,
shelves and large
aluminized greenhouse
covers for sale.
Located in New Paltz,
Ulster County.

Contact John & Rita
Rashak at (845) 256-
3868, or
johnrashak@aol.com;
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**NENYOS Event
at Piping Rock Orchids
Galway, NY**

Saturday, June 4, 11am to 5:30pm

- Greenhouse open for shopping
- Picnic lunch
- Guest speaker Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, speaking on "Mini Catts"
- Questions answered by Alan Koch and by Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids

Non-NENYOS members: small donation appreciated.
Bring a folding chair if possible.

Please RSVP so they can prepare for the correct number of attendees. Contact Tom Hoodack: thoodack@nycap.rr.com
(518) 753-6614 (Please – no calls after 9pm!)

Other Area Societies

1st Sunday

Central NY – Syracuse

www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm

Northeastern PA – Lakeville

www.nepaorchidsociety.org

1st Tuesday – 7:30pm

Pinelands – Medford, NJ

pinelandsorchidsociety.org

1st Saturday

North Eastern New York – Albany/Colonie, NY

www.nenyos.org

2nd Tuesday

Greater Westchester – White Plains, NY

2nd Tuesday

Deep Cut – Tinton Falls, NJ

www.deepcutorchids.com

2nd Wednesday

Manhattan, NY

www.manhattanorchid.com

2nd Wednesday

Connecticut – Farmington or Cheshire

www.ctorchids.org

2nd Thursday

North Jersey – East Hanover

www.njorchids.org

2nd Thursday

Long Island – Lynbrook

longislandorchidsociety.org

3rd Sunday

Western PA, Pittsburgh, PA

www.oswp.org

3rd Sunday

Southern Tier – Binghamton

www.storchidsociety.com

3rd Tuesday

Staten Island, NY

www.siosonline.com

3rd Wednesday

Matinecock - Oyster Bay, NY

3rd Wednesday

Greater NY – Bronx, NY

www.gnyos.org

3rd Thursday

Ramapo, NJ

www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Tuesday

Jersey Highlands - Augusta, NJ

jheydel@optonline.net

Check for date changes. Many do not meet in July or August.

NOW IN JUNE

Announcing the second annual
SHORE ORCHID FESTIVAL

Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12, 2011 • 10:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Held at Silva Orchids

Guests:

Andy's Orchids	Oakhill Gardens
Brennan Orchids	Orchid Phile
Cal-Orchid	Orchids Limited
Canaima Orchids	Parkside Orchids
Celebrate Orchids	Piping Rock
Creative Hydroponics	Silva Orchids
Fishing Creek Orchids	Stony Brook Orchids
J & L Orchids	Suwada Orchid Nursery
Kelley's Komer Orchid Supplies	Waldor Orchids
Little Brook Orchids	Woodstream Orchids
Main Street Orchids	

Food Vendors On Site

Free orchid workshops on Saturday & Sunday for beginners & experienced growers
Great food on site • Free admission • Free parking • Rain or shine • All activities tented

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SINGAPORE 2011
20th WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

13th - 20th November 2011

Where New and Old World Orchids Meet

For details, go to

www.20woc.com.sg

Free AOS e-newsletter



At our March show there was a sign-up sheet to receive a free electronic newsletter from the American Orchid Society. If you did not sign up then, you have until April 15th to do so.

You can give [Elisabeth Mansfield](#) your email address at the April MHOS meeting, by email, or by phone at 845-294-1000.

Don't pass up this great resource!

Events in the Northeast

Through April 25th – "The Orchid Show: On Broadway", New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY. (718) 817-8703 www.nybg.org

April 2nd – Eastern Maine Orchid Society Plant Sale, University of Maine, Clapp Greenhouses, Orono, ME. Contact: Denis Roessiger, (207) 326-9211

April 2nd & 3rd – Genesee Region Orchid Society Show, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester, NY. Contact: Kim Hober, kimhober@frontiernet.net

April 16th & 17th – Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show, Center for Information and Community, 2330 Midland Ave, Toronto, Ontario. (905) 607-3559; johnli@yahoo.com

April 29th to May 1st – Staten Island Orchid Society Show, Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Staten Island, NY. Contact Patrick Cammarano (718) 948-6439; or David O'Dell (718) 966-6174

May 6th to 8th – Southern Tier Orchid Society Show, Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY. Contact: Anne Tinker, (607) 797-1383; atinker@cortlandregional.org.

May 7th & 8th – Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show, JMC Arena, 423 West 38th St, Erie, PA. Contact: Marion Morton (814) 398-4684.

May 21st & 22nd – Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Ag Arena, Penn State Campus, State College, PA. Contact: Cathy Riemer (814) 353-8741.

Orchid events around the country can be found in the AOS magazine *Orchids* or on the AOS website at www.aos.org/aos/events. Check before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. For Hudson Valley gardening events, see www.HVgardencalendar.com.

AOS Judging

The Northeast Judging Center holds two monthly orchid judging sessions:

1st Saturday of each month at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA. New contact for directions: Robert Winkley (617) 282-7351.

3rd Saturday of each month at Hampton Inn, 200 Tarrytown-White Plains Rd (Rt. 119), Elmsford, NY (at I-287, exit 1). Slides or presentations at 10am, judging begins around 12pm; bring your lunch.

For further information, contact Rita Cohen at 516-374-6426 or orchart@optonline.net

Supplies

If you would like supplies brought to an MHOS meeting, please call Carolyn Sanders before Friday preceding the meeting at 917-774-1018.

For a list of supplies and prices, refer to the Members section of our web site: www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html.

Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices.

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Directions to AOS Judging at the Hampton Inn in Elmsford

FROM ORANGE, ULSTER COUNTIES, NEWBURGH, KINGSTON:

South on the NYS Thruway, to I-287 East (toward White Plains), go over the Tappan Zee Bridge. Continue on Thruway to second exit: Exit 8 – Cross Westchester Expressway (Route 287 East). Take 287 East to first exit on your right – Exit 1. Take the fork on your right to Elmsford. At the end of the ramp, turn right on Route 119. Hampton Inn is on your left.

FROM NORTHERN WESTCHESTER, PUTNAM, DUTCHESS COUNTIES: South on I-684, to Cross Westchester Expressway Route I-287 West. Stay on 287 West to Exit 1, make left turn at light – Hampton Inn is a short distance on right. OR South on Taconic Parkway to South/West Sawmill to I-287 West to Exit 1, make left turn at light – Hampton Inn is a short distance on right. OR South on Route 9 to 9A to Route 119 Elmsford, NY, turn right on Route 119, go about 2-3 long blocks. See Hampton Inn on left.