



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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www.mhos.us.com

December 2011

Meetings

The Mid-Hudson Orchid Society meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm at the Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road (corner of Balmville Road and Beech Street), in Newburgh, NY 12550.

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

2011 Meeting Dates

December 11 – Elections and Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

2012 Meeting Dates

January 8 – AOS slide program on Native Australian species and their hybrids

February 12

March 10 – Spring Show and Sale

April 1 – (one week early due to Easter)

May 6 – (one week early due to Mothers Day)

June 10

July – no meeting

August – no meeting

September 9

October 13 – Fall Show and Sale

November 11

December 9 – Elections and Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

December 11th - MHOS Elections and Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

At our next meeting, the election of officers for 2012 – 2013 term will be held.

The nominating committee consisting of Carlos Perez, Bryan Bailey and Elaine Grega, presented the following slate of candidates:

Vice President: Isabel Lopatin
Treasurer: Bob Phillips
Recording Secretary: Brenda Peterson

After the meeting, we will once again enjoy each other's cooking and each other's company at our annual Pot Luck holiday dinner. Please be sure to bring a dish to share – either a main dish, salad, or dessert.

Hope to see you there!

Member Plant Sales vs. Guest Speaker Plant Sales

It was decided at the November meeting that, going forward, when there is a guest speaker invited who has agreed to bring plants for sale, that speaker will be given the option of being the only one selling plants that day. If a speaker requests it, members will not be permitted to sell plants at that meeting.

On the calendar to the left, whenever there is a speaker, there will now be a notation indicating whether member sales of plants is permitted that day.

Amendment to the By-Laws regarding Limitation of Terms for Officers

At the November 2011 meeting during the nominations of officers, a discussion ensued that resulted in a proposed change to the by-laws. It was agreed that the language would be drafted to formalize this amendment, so it can be adopted at the December meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of members present.

The section titled Limitation of Terms in the MHOS By-Laws presently reads:

“Any elected officer may serve two consecutive terms. All persons who have served two consecutive terms must allow two years to pass before he/she may accept a nomination or election to the same office.”

The proposed language to be added to the above is as follows:

“By majority vote of those members present at the November meeting nominations, an office may be nominated beyond two consecutive terms to make sure the office is filled when no other member is willing to be nominated.”

MHOS Officers & Volunteers 2011

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Other positions
are volunteer

Orchid Tip...

If you are running out of room in your orchid growing area, you can add bench space using vinyl gutter available at home improvement stores. Use the brackets made specifically for supporting the gutter and place them every three feet or so. The brackets can be attached to the sides of wooden benches or greenhouse studs. By using closed ends and a downspout, vinyl gutter makes a perfect indoor solution for holding a row of four-inch pots. Just set the drainspout to drain into a bucket that can be easily emptied.

J & L Orchids Holiday Open House

December 2, 3 & 4, 9:00am to 4:00pm each day

We have a large and varied selection of blooming orchids ideal for giving or for making your home glow for the holidays. Come enjoy our tasty homemade treats while you shop.

We will continue to have a nice array of unusual and showy blooming orchids throughout the holiday season.

In bud and bloom, we are offering longlasting Cymbidiums, white & green Lady Slippers, as well as Masdevallias, Maudiae type Lady Slippers in a variety of colors, and Miltonias. In addition we have a wide range of Oncidium Intergenerics in colors of red, burgundy, white and yellow, some of which are highly fragrant. You will not find quality orchids like this at your local grocery store. We also have full plants of bright red Anthuriums.

Check out www.jlorchids.com for online shopping. A beautiful blooming orchid makes a wonderful holiday gift. We can ship anywhere in the US. Hope to see you soon. Happy Holidays!

J&L Orchids 20 Sherwood Road Easton, CT 06612
(203) 261-3772 jlorchid@snet.net
www.jlorchids.com

Renew Your MHOS Membership

Payment of your 2012 dues will be accepted at the December meeting. Dues are \$25 for individuals, \$35 for families. You also can mail your check, payable to MHOS, to:

Ruth Nattras
2 Lake Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940

Remember that you must renew before December 31, 2011, to continue receiving the newsletter and other MHOS member benefits.

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 be available 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
Holly Read (845) 855-1842
Dennis Sandberg (914) 962-1541

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 – New York, NY

www.manhattanorchid.org

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 – Englewood, NJ

www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Tuesday

Jersey Highlands - Augusta, NJ

www.jerseyhighlandsorchid.wordpress.com

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

2012 AOS Calendar to feature Miniature Orchids



What miniature orchids lack in size, they make up for in the pleasure they bring to those who grow them. Possessing the same diversity of color, shape and growth habit as larger orchids, their details will astound you. Representing such popular genera as Dendrobium, Cattleya, Oncidium, Masdevallia and Pleurothallis, these jewels offer exotic beauty and unending fascination. Miniature orchids are terribly efficient too, you can fit a whole collection on a windowsill, a sunroom table or in a Wardian case. Perfect for these cost conscious times!

These tiny treasures are sure to charm you but beware, you might just become hooked on them!. Join master grower Phil Jesup on a journey into the world of miniature orchids and discover the magic of these tiny treasures.

Phil Jesup has been growing orchids for more than 60 years, is an AOS judge emeritus and AOS honorary vice president. Phil is also a member of the Society's Publications Committee and a recipient of the AOS Gold Medal of Achievement. His text offers insight and culture guidelines for the orchids pictured.

NEW! For 2012 we offer a 14 month calendar — you can plan through February 2013! As with past AOS calendars, ample date boxes allow for notes. Postage paid! Order at www.aos.org or call 561-404-2025.

MHOS Classifieds

Downsizing Greenhouse. Greenhouse benches and large aluminized greenhouse covers for sale. Located in New Paltz, Ulster County. Contact John & Rita Rashak, (845) 256-3868 johnrashak@aol.com; ritarashak@aol.com.

Events in the Northeast

December 2nd to 4th – J & L Orchids Holiday Open House, 20 Sherwood Road, Easton, CT (203) 261-3772 jlorchid@snet.net, www.jlorchids.com

January 19th to 22nd – Silva Orchids Annual Open House, 635 Wayside Road, Neptune, NJ. (732) 922-2635, silvaorchids@optonline.net, www.silvaorchids.com

December 17th – Northeast AOS Judging Center Auction & Holiday Party, Hampton Inn, 200 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, NY. Larrydesiano@verizon.net, dkleiman7@comcast.net

Orchid events around the country can be found in the AOS magazine *Orchids* or on the AOS website at www.aos.org. 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.

Mid-Hudson Orchid Society

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c/o Elisabeth Mansfield



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.