



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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June 2009

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.

June 14

July 12

August – no meeting

September 13

October 17 – Fall Show and Sale (sale date changed to avoid conflict with Columbus Day)

November 8

December 13 – Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

Members Vote on Dues

At the May meeting, the membership voted to increase dues beginning in the next fiscal year (October 2009 through September 2010) to be more in line with the club's projected expenses. Single memberships will be \$25 per year and family memberships will be \$35, representing an increase of \$5 and \$10, respectively.

MHOS Member Open Houses



Many thanks to Dennis Sandberg for putting out the welcome mat and giving us a look at his significant collection on May 24th.

Ellyn Romano has invited MHOS members to her home in Staatsburg for the next Member Open House on Sunday, August 9th between noon and 3pm. Staatsburg is in Dutchess County, just north of Hyde Park. Ellyn's greenhouse has Cattas, Phals, cymbidiums, dendrobiums, and some botanicals and vandas.

Look for more details next month.

Volunteer needed

Georgette Martin has handled our supplies for eight years now. Her personal workload has increased and she has asked us to find a volunteer to replace her in this position. You need to have some storage space available in a basement or garage – a few shelves will help keep it all in order. Bring supplies to meetings and order more when they run low. Please consider volunteering and we will discuss it further at our June meeting.

J&L Orchids' Annual Summer Sale

June 26 to July 5, 9-4 each day

Lots of Blooming Orchids!

15% Off All Regular J&L Stock

Special Guest Vendors 6/26, 27, 28:

James Rose of Cal-Orchid, Inc.

Carri Raven-Riemann of the OrchidPhile

Workshops and lunch on the first weekend

Join us for some summer orchid fun

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

Upcoming Sale at New Earth Orchids

Ron Midgett of New Earth Orchids was our guest lecturer at the May meeting, speaking on new trends in cattleya breeding. His 40 years experience growing and breeding orchids helped to make it a most informative program.

New Earth Orchids will have their Annual Spring Sale on June 6th and 7th and on June 13th and 14th from 10 am to 4 pm offering discounts on all orchids. For further information visit their website at www.newearthorchids.com or contact them:

New Earth Orchids
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Sussex, NJ 07461
(973) 875-4014

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

Orchids can grow in unusual places, like cellars in Canada, where very cold winters prevent the effective use of greenhouses. Just heat the cellar and add a few things, like proper electric lighting and benches with humidity trays and a way to drain excess water and, of course, the orchids, which can still be brought outside during the summer.

Another unusual place to grow an orchid is to recycle an old aquarium or fish tank, the leakiness of which is not a problem for orchids, especially if the bottom of the tank is made into a humidity tray. Miniature orchids do well in recycled glass tanks, which can be fitted with a cover to conserve heat when required. Just remember to add a thermometer that shows minimum and maximum temperatures and a horticultural fluorescent light tube above the transparent cover if no natural light is available.

For our temperate part of the world, orchids grown indoors or under glass can generally be placed outdoors for the summer, especially cymbidiums, odontoglossums, coelogynes, encyclias, dendrobiums and cool-growing varieties of pleiones, even if the foliage becomes a bit spotted after a few months. Other weather-induced marking, like a reddening of the leaves of hard-leaved encyclias and the tough, mule-eared *Oncidium splendidum*, may be acceptable. But beware of putting orchids with softer, wide-leaved foliage, such as lycastes, anguloas, and the deciduous calanthes outdoors, since major blemishing may result. The same caution should be used with shade-dwellers like



Oncidium Splendidum



Zygopetalum maxillare

masdevallias and other small-growing related genera. Likewise, cattleyas are prone to weather-induced marking if placed outdoors and exposed to direct sunlight.

Orchids, being wildly adaptable, have a large variety of scents and colors. *Zygopetalum maxillare*, for example, combines a rich color with a strong scent, while *Brassavola cuculata*, the autumn-blooming ghost orchid, is very fragrant at night.

Hang 'em High

from an article by Larry Desiano, Deep Cut Orchid Society

Healthy orchids are not susceptible to insects, but are a delicacy to slugs and cut worms, especially new growth, so you don't want to leave your orchids on the ground when they're outdoors for the summer.

You can hang them in trees, on a trellis, from a "pergola", or put them on benches. If you don't have enough trees handy, you can build a simple but attractive pergola in a sunny area. A pergola is an arbor with an open roof of lattice or widely spaced pipes or boards that you can hang plants from. If the area you have is very sunny, drape some shade cloth over it to provide some relief from the sun when needed. Pergolas can be built to any size you want, and provide an open space with excellent air circulation. They can also contain hanging summer flowering plants interspersed among your orchids for company and color.

If you use a bench, an old simple method of preventing slugs and cut worms from getting to your plants is to place the legs of the bench in a pan or bucket of water. Since crawling critters cannot swim, they cannot get up the legs of your bench. Another technique that I have used is to wrap duct tape around the legs of a bench with the sticky side out. The adhesive on duct tape is pretty strong, and most things will get stuck on it. There are similar products that can be purchased from your local garden center that will accomplish the same results.

Other Area Societies

1st Sunday
Central NY – Syracuse
www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm
Northeastern Pennsylvania
Society – Lakeville, PA

1st Tuesday – 7:30pm
Pinelands Orchid Society –
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
<http://deepcutorchids.googlepages.com/>

2nd Wednesday
Manhattan, NY
www.manhattanorchid.com

2nd Wednesday
Connecticut – Hartford or
New Haven
www.ctorchids.org

2nd Thursday
North Jersey – East Hanover
www.njorchids.org

2nd Thursday
Long Island – Valley Stream

3rd Sunday
Southern Tier –
Binghamton, NY
www.storchidsociety.com

3rd Tuesday
Staten Island, NY

3rd Wednesday
Matinecock - Oyster Bay, NY

3rd Wednesday
Greater NY – Bronx, NY
www.gnyos.org

3rd Thursday
Ramapo, NJ
www.ramapoorchid.org

The Classifieds

FOR SALE

I have two three-tier stainless steel grow light stands on canisters. They are 50" wide x 19" deep x 64 1/2" high with adjustable two-bulb fixtures. Originally \$595.00 each, I will sell them for \$150.00 each or trade for orchids. Email Bob Harvey at bobharvey@mac.com or call me at 845-424-3009.

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"The Classifieds" is now a regular section of our monthly newsletter. Send your want ads to Elisabeth@MansfieldCommercial.com or fax to 845-294-1070.



*Dedicated to Quality
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13th Annual Culture Day & Sale

Friday, June 5th & Saturday June 6th 2009
10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.



Learn how to grow and pot your orchids

First two plants are free.
\$5.00 per additional plant

Friday:
Culture Talks 11:00 & 3:00

Saturday:
10:00 - 3:00 Hands on culture provided by
Silva Orchids

Summer Barbecue Saturday

Visit our web site or call for directions

635 Wayside Rd., Neptune, NJ • 732-922-2635 • www.silvaorchids.com • silvaorchids@optonline.net

Supplies - If you would like supplies brought to an MHOS meeting, please call Georgette Martin before Friday preceding the meeting at 845-473-6276. Please call **only after 6:00 pm.** For a list of supplies, check the back pages of your Member List or refer to the Members section of our web site. Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices, with no shipping charges. For prices, please check with Georgette or see the MHOS website at <http://www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html>

Events in the Northeast

June 5th & 6th – Culture Day and Sale, Silva Orchids, 635 Wayside Rd, Neptune, NJ 07753, 10am to 5pm. Contact: 732-922-2635 or email silvaorchids@optonline.net

June 6th & 7th, and June 13th & 14th – Annual Spring Sale, New Earth Orchids, 193 County Road 628, Sussex, NJ 07461, 10am to 4pm. Contact: 973-875-4014 or visit www.newearthorchids.com

June 13th – Spring Orchid Festival at Marlow Orchids, 2272 Scottsville Road, Scottsville, NY 14546. 9am to 4pm. Lectures, Displays, Sales, Guest Vendors. Call (585) 889-7083 or visit www.marloworchids.com

June 26th to July 5th – J & L Orchids Summer Sale, 9am to 4pm. Lectures, workshops, sales. 20 Sherwood Road, Easton, CT 06612. Call (203) 261-3772 or email jlorchid@snet.net

July 24th to 26th – Parkside Orchid Nursery 12th Annual Orchid Fest, 2503 Mountainview Drive, Ottsville PA. For information call 610-847-8039 or visit www.parksideorchids.com

These events and others around the country can be found online at: www.aos.org/aos/events courtesy of the AOS. Check this website before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. Everything published in *Orchids* magazine is also on the web page.

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.

Attention

Award-Winning Members

We would like to give recognition to MHOS members when they receive any award. If you have been honored with an award, please notify us so we can include it in our correspondence or on our website. And if you have a picture of the award-winning orchid, we'd love to include it! Email Elisabeth@MansfieldCommercial.com

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Goshen, NY 10924
218 Greenwich Avenue
c/o Elisabeth Mansfield



Directions to AOS Judging at the Hampton Inn in Elmsford (Note: there may be construction at the I-287 exit to Route 119 so keep your eyes open for lane closures or slight changes.)

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. Hotel is on your left. Go to the second light, make U turn and go onto the Hotel ramp to the parking lot.

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 Rt 119 Elmsford, NY, turn right on Rt 119, go about 2-3 long blocks. See Hampton Inn on left, make U turn at light, and turn into Hampton Inn on right.