



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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June 2010

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.

2010 Meeting Dates

June 13

July 11 ☞ Potluck Picnic at [Glynwood](#), Cold Spring, NY. Bring your blooming orchids and bring a dish to share. RSVP to Isabel at 914-393-2514 by July 6.

August ☞ no meeting

September 12

October 16 (Saturday)
☞ Fall Show and Sale

November 14

December 12 ☞ Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

Next MHOS Meeting is June 13th.

Reminder ☞ there is no MHOS meeting in either July or August. However, we will be having a picnic in place of our July 11th meeting (see article below for details).

MHOS Summer Picnic Sunday, July 11th at **GLYNWOOD**

Thanks to Isabel Lopatin, we will be able to have our July potluck picnic at Glynwood, Cold Spring, NY. Glynwood is a 225-acre estate farm nestled in Fahnestock State Park. We'll be on the vista of the main house, which is not a shady location, but the best place for this event. Bring a dish to share, and plan to bring your own chair as well. **Please RSVP to Isabel by July 6th at 914-393-2514.**



There are picnic tables at Glynwood that we can use for the food and for the show table, but please let Isabel know if you can come early to help move them to the main house. ☞ refrigerator, and two restrooms. If it rains, we can meet inside. We can drop stuff and park some cars right in front of the main house, but most people will have to park in the parking lot. ☞

to the main house. Please plan to come early to help set up and stay later to take down. ☞ need to bag our garbage and move it to the garbage area.

A requirement of using the place is that Isabel spend some time talking about Glynwood's mission, or if it's not too hot she will give a farm tour. Glynwood has an energy efficient greenhouse that many of our members would like to see. There is also a large organic vegetable garden where they practice nutrient dense crop production. The animals are laying hens, meat chickens, beef cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and horses. There might be some heritage turkeys too.

Glynwood is in Putnam County on Route 301 between Route 9 and the Taconic. You have to turn off Route 301 onto Glynwood Road and drive two miles to get to the parking lot. The speed limit is 20 mph, and this is serious because the road is narrow and there are blind curves. Glynwood Road is about 1.4 miles from Route 9 and 4.5 miles from the Taconic. ☞ Taconic, keep an eye out for the Glynwood highway cleanup sign; Glynwood Road is one mile after that.



For directions: <http://www.glynwood.org/ContactUs/GettingtoGlynwood.html>

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

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The process of mericlone propagation is produced by removing the meristem tip and placing it in a nutritious liquid solution, which can be agitated to encourage the growth of a clump of green tissue. The latter is very useful, as it can be cut into smaller pieces that will grow, when placed on an agar base in sterile jars, as if they were seedling plants. This is how mericlone makes identical plants from a single clone. This technique was developed nearly 50 years ago from a method developed in California to rid orchids of viral disease. Thus began an economical alternative to buying divisions of the best orchids at high prices.



Thunia alba

However, you may want to pollinate an orchid by hand. It is helpful to know that, while orchids are generally classified by the shape of their flowers, sometimes certain blooms look alike. This is where a secondary classification scheme comes into play, which is to classify orchids by the number of their pollen masses. For example, thunias have four pollen masses while many other orchids have two.

Pollinating orchids is a bit like surgery. A pointed stick, such as that used for cocktails, can be used to lift off the anther or pollen cap of an orchid to expose the pollinia or pollen masses, which are joined by a thread to a sticky stigmatic patch at the top of the column where the pollen cap sat. Simply remove these pollen masses from the pollinating plant to the pollinia-less stigmatic patch of the pod plant or plant-to-be-pollinated. As soon as this surgical-like procedure is completed, the flower collapses and the thousands of pollen grains in the pollen masses go to work, sending roots through the column to the ovaries within.

Within a few days, the fertilized flower turns red and shrivels. Meanwhile, the stem immediately behind the flower, which contains the ovaries, swells to form the seed capsule. Within a year, the seed will ripen, evidenced by the capsule turning yellow and the longitudinal ridges splitting. It is now time to harvest the orchid seed before any seed inadvertently leave the capsule and become contaminated.

New Earth Orchids Moving Sale

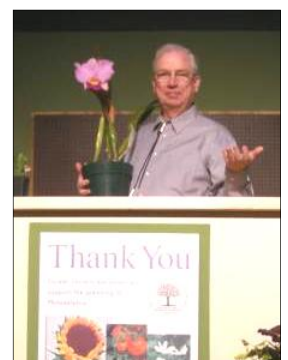
From Ron Midgett:

Thank you for your patronage of New Earth Orchids. We are moving to Santa Fe, NM on June 16th, and we are coming down to the wire to find happy homes for many of our orchids. Even our greenhouse is available for sale.

We will be open from 10 to 4 each day June 9th through June 13th or by appointment for those who need to arrange a different time.

Sale ends SUNDAY, JUNE 13th.

New Earth Orchids
193 County Road 628, Sussex, NJ 07461
973-570-3930



We would also wish to reassure you that New Earth Orchids is not going out of business; we are moving and our business will continue. Look for new crosses and tissue cultured cultivar exclusives to be offered through our website at www.newearthorchids.com

Other Area Societies

1st Sunday

Central NY É Syracuse
www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm

Northeastern Pennsylvania
 Society É Lakeville, PA

1st Tuesday É 7:30pm

Pinelands Orchid Society É
 Medford, NJ
pinelandsorchidsociety.org

1st Saturday

North Eastern New York É
 Albany/Colonie, NY
www.nenyos.org

2nd Tuesday

Greater Westchester É
 White Plains, NY

2nd Tuesday

Deep Cut É Tinton Falls, NJ
www.deepcutorchids.com

2nd Wednesday

Manhattan, NY
www.manhattanorchid.com

2nd Wednesday

Connecticut É Hartford or
 New Haven
www.ctorchids.org

2nd Thursday

North Jersey É East Hanover
www.njorchids.org

2nd Thursday

Long Island É Valley Stream

3rd Sunday

Southern Tier É
 Binghamton, NY
www.storchidsociety.com

3rd Tuesday

Staten Island, NY
www.siosonline.com

3rd Wednesday

Matinecock - Oyster Bay, NY

3rd Wednesday

Greater NY É Bronx, NY
www.gnyos.org

3rd Thursday

Ramapo, NJ
www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Tuesday

Jersey Highlands Society É
 Andover, NJ
jheydel@optonline.net

Announcing the first annual
**SHORE ORCHID
 FESTIVAL**
 Friday, July 23 - Sunday, July 25, 2010 • 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
 Held at Silva Orchids

Guests:

Andy's Orchids	Main Street Orchids
Arcadia Glass House	Oakhill Gardens
Blue Moon Pottery	Orchid Phile
Brennan Orchids	Parkside Orchids
Cal-Orchid	Piping Rock
Canaima Orchids	Silva Orchids
Celebrate Orchids	Stony Brook Orchids
Fishing Creek Orchids	Suwada Orchid Nursery
J & L Orchids	Waldor Orchids
Just Pat Orchids	Woodstream Orchids
Little Brook Orchids	

Food Vendors: Allenwood General Store
 Pierre Chocolates & Ice Cream

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

635 Wayside Road • Neptune, NJ • 732-922-2635 • Easy access from major highways
 Visit our web site for more information www.silvaorchids.com

Come for a day or enjoy a "Jersey Shore Weekend"



Annual Summer Sale

June 25- July 4 9-4 each day

Lots of great new plants!

Special Guest Vendors June 25, 26, 27:
Lauris Rose, Cal-Orchid, Inc.
Carri Raven-Riemann, the OrchidPhile

Culture Workshops
 and free picnic lunch

15% off all J&L Stock
 Special J&L Bargain Bench

Join us for some summer orchid fun

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

Orchid Items for Sale

Al Rutel, a longtime orchid friend of GNYOS and MHOS, has many orchid items available for sale: books, orchid magazines, greenhouse accessories, outdoor furniture, garden sculptures including Buddhas. Everything must go.

Call Al at 914-949-4335 (he is located in White Plains, NY).

Events in the Northeast

June 15th É Staten Island Orchid Society Semi-Annual Orchid Auction and Potluck Dinner
 6pm Tuesday, June 15 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 2329 Victory Boulevard (between Crystal and Wooley), Staten Island, NY 10314. No credit cards accepted for orchid sales.
 Contact: John Foley 718-996-1064 or visit www.siosonline.com

June 25th to July 4th É J & L Orchids Annual Summer Sale, 20 Sherwood Road Easton, CT
 (203) 261-3772 www.jlorchids.com

June 25th & 26th É Waldor Orchids Summer Sale. 10 E Poplar Avenue, Linwood, NJ 08221.
 (609) 927-4126 www.waldor.com

July 9th & 10th É International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium, Hilton Ontario Airport Hotel, 700 North Haven Ave., Ontario, CA. Contact: Tom Harper, 9373 Clovercroft Rd., Franklin, TN 37067; (615) 771-2755; harper_sro@bellsouth.net.

July 23rd to 25th É Shore Orchid Festival, Silva Orchids, 635 Wayside Road, Neptune, NJ.
 (732) 922-2635, www.silvaorchids.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.

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, refer to the Members section of our web site. Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices, with no shipping charges. For prices, check with Carolyn or see the MHOS website at www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html.



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c/o Elisabeth Mansfield
Mid-Hudson Orchid Society

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 E Cross Westchester Expressway (Route 287 East). Take 287 East to first exit on your right E 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 E 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 E 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.