



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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May 2007

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, NY (Balmville).

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

June 10th meeting speaker will be Wayne Bourdette on Cattleya basics.

July 8th meeting speaker will be Dick Doran on cool-growing species from Australia and SE Asia, Cymbidium, Dendrobium, and Sarcophilus.

August – no meeting

September 9th meeting speaker will be Glen Decker on Phrag kovachii.

October's meeting will be replaced by the Fall Show & Sale, October 13th, 11am to 3pm.

November's meeting will be held on the 11th (speaker to be determined).

December 9th will be our last meeting of 2007.

Happy Mother's Day

Our May meeting will be held a week early, on Sunday, May 6th. The speaker will be Lawrence Schweitzer, on culture.

2007 MHOS Member Directory

Bill Siegler is now compiling the directory (thanks, Bill!). If you have changed your address, phone, or email since joining / renewing for 2007, please inform Bill at the May meeting or by email at pelicanbill@hvc.rr.com

GNYOS Bus Trip

Our bus trip to the Greater New York Orchid Show at Rockefeller Center was nearly sold out. This year was not held on the ice skating rink as in prior years; it was within two adjoining tents. Some attendees commented that they felt the lack of natural light adversely impacted the appearance of the displays. Still, that did not stop this writer from spending ridiculous amounts of money at many of the vendors!

2007 Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium



November 9th & 10th at the Ramada Inn 1776 in Williamsburg, VA.

For the \$69 per room Symposium Rate at the hotel, call (757) 220-1776.

There is limited space!

To register, email Dot Pierce at pierce.db@verizon.net

Symposium Program Features:

Rob Griesbach - Moderator
Linda Thorne - Merritt Memories
Carri Raven-Riemann - Phalaenopsis
Yin-Tung Wang, PhD - Nobile Dendrobiums
National Capital Judging Center
November AOS Judging

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Checklist for May & June

The following is taken from the American Orchid Society website, outlining things to do this time of year in caring for your orchids. The AOS thanks Ned Nash for this essay.

Cattleya - The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum - The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

Phalaenopsis - Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

Other Area

1st Sunday

Central, NY –Syracuse
www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm

Northeastern Pennsylvania
 Society –Lakeville, PA

2nd Sunday

Mid-Hudson –Newburgh

2nd Tuesday

Greater Westchester –
 White Plains, NY

Deep Cut –Tinton Falls, NJ
<http://deepcutorchids.googlepages.com/>

2nd Wednesday

Manhattan, NY
www.manhattanorchid.com

Connecticut –
 Hartford or New Haven
www.ctorchids.org

2nd Thursday

North Jersey –East
 Hanover
www.njorchids.org

Long Island –Valley
 Stream

2nd Saturday

North East, NY
 Albany –Troy, NY

3rd Sunday

Southern Tier –
 Binghamton, NY

3rd Tuesday

Staten Island, NY

3rd Wednesday

Matinecock –Oyster Bay,
 NY

3rd Thursday

Ramapo, NJ
www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Wednesday

Greater NY –Bronx, NY
www.gnyos.org

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

Events in the Northeast

April 27th to 29th, 10am to 5pm – Antique Garden Furniture Show & Sale at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY. For more information, (718) 817-8700 or www.nybg.org

May 5th to 6th – Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Ag Arena, Penn State Campus, State College, PA. Contact: Cathy Riemer, 434 Chestnut Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823; (814) 353-8741

May 12th –Northeast Judging Center Seminar, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 232 Durham Rd., Madison, CT. Contact Judy Becker, 432 Undermountain Rd., Salisbury, CT 06068; (860) 435-2263; jbecker@mohawk.net

June 22nd to 24th –Newport Flower Show, Rosecliff Mansion, Newport, RI. This flower show takes place at one of Newport's most elite arrangements, horticulture exhibits and an outdoor Garden marketplace with dozens of unique vendors, educational workshops and lectures. For more information, call 401-847-1000 or visit www.newportflowershow.org

August 12th –Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Summer Symposium. Contact: William Wertz, 316 N. Walnut St., Dallastown, PA 17313; (717) 244-2340; williamwertz@hotmail.com

September 29th & 30th –Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Show. Contact: Joe DiDomenico, jad@buffnet.net

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 These events and others around the country can be found online at: [http://www.aos.org/aos/events/documents/ShowCalendar\\_003.pdf](http://www.aos.org/aos/events/documents/ShowCalendar_003.pdf) courtesy of the AOS. You can also check this website before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. Everything published in the Orchids magazine is also listed on the web page .

## AOS Judging

The Northeast Judging Center holds two monthly orchid judging sessions:

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Directions to 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.



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### Supplies

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