



MHOS NEWSLETTER

<http://users.bestweb.net/~mhos>

September 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.

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

October's meeting will be replaced by the Fall Show & Sale, Saturday, 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, with our annual holiday potluck dinner.

January 13th, 2008
Isabel Lopatin will lead an in-house discussion: "R to Facts and Opinions from MHOS Members".

February 10th meeting, speaker to be determined.

Fall Show and Sale Coming Up

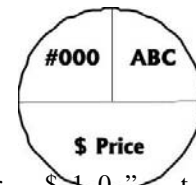
Our October meeting will be replaced by the Fall Show and Sale on Saturday, October 13th. This will be a one-day sale, and volunteers are needed for many aspects of the show. We can always use more help, though a number of the essential posts are covered. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered. Please do come and lend a hand if you ~~ferad.~~ We always need kitchen help, and finger foods are always appreciated. Contact Dennis Sandberg to volunteer.

If you are selling plants or would like to bring a display plant or two for the show, the church will be open for setup from 6-8PM on Friday, October 12th (the day before the Show/Sale).

Members will be admitted to exclusive shopping at 10:30 on Saturday morning, and the public will be admitted beginning at 11:00AM and continuing until 3:00PM. Please remember to bring your new name tag to gain access before 11:00AM. If you were not at the June meeting to receive your name tag, please arrange to pick it up from Ruth Natras at the September meeting.

If you're selling plants, use color labels only. Remember that well-groomed plants will always sell better, and a picture of the blooms will help sell plants that are not in bloom at the sale time.

There should be only one label on each plant, with your member number and initials on the top half, and the price on the bottom half (see sample at right). All plants and items should be individually priced (we cannot accommodate pricing). "3 for \$10" type



Your help is appreciated advertising the Fall Show and Sale!

We've enclosed a flyer for
For additional copies (pdf version) email
info@MansfieldCommercial.com

MHOS Website and Membership Directory

The new website is under development, and is coming along nicely. We hope to unveil it for you soon. At our September 9th meeting we will be discussing adding our Membership Directory to the website. It would be included in the passworded "Members Only" section, which will only be accessible by members. The password will be provided to active MHOS members, and it will be changed each year. When dues are paid, the new password will be provided. Having the membership directory on-line means it will always be current, and it will save the society the expense of printing and distributing it in written form.

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September & October Checklist The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay

Cattleya - Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom. Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold. This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too. Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches - This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid, with large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium - Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

Dendrobium - This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Lemboglossum bictoniense - Both *Lemboglossum* (syn. *Odontoglossum*) *bictoniense* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Lemboglossum bictoniense* is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm. Bittersweet* and *Odm. bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum - Standard, green-leaved *paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repot if necessary.

Phalaenopsis - The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande - Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

Brazilian Orchids

Dear Orchidist:

The *Orchid News* #32 is available online now, free of charge, discussing:

- 1) Some considerations about Venezuelan unifoliate *Cattleya* by J. Pahl, G. Castiglione & R. Vaamonde
- 2) Hybridization in Brazil by Álvaro Pessôa
- 3) A new Brazilian natural hybrid by Marcos Campacci
- 4) Floristics and conservation of Orchidaceae at a natural reserve in Rio de Janeiro by E. Saddi, R. Lopes & R. Andreato
- 5) Grower Luis Filipe Varella.

We hope you will enjoy it. Access it at <http://www.delfinadearaujo.com>

Other Area Societies

1st Sunday

Central NY –Syracuse
www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm

Northeastern Pennsylvania
 Society –Lakeville, PA

1st Saturday

North Eastern New York –
 Albany/Colonie, NY
www.nenyos.com

2nd Sunday

Mid-Hudson –Newburgh,
 NY

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

3rd Sunday

Southern Tier –
 Binghamton, NY
www.storchidsociety.com

3rd Tuesday

Staten Island, NY

3rd Wednesday

Matinecock –Oyster Bay,
 NY

3rd Thursday

Ramapo, NJ
www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Tuesday

Greater NY –Bronx, NY
www.gnyos.org

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

Here's an event coming soon at the North Eastern New York Orchid Society:

Saturday, September 8, 2007, 1:30pm, at the William K. Sanford Library, Town of Colonie, NY

“Orchid Judging – What Goes Into an Award-Winning Plant”

Ron Midgett of New Earth Orchids, Sussex, NJ, has been growing orchids for 37 years, and is an American Orchid Society judge. He speaks annually at the Philadelphia Flower Show and was an exhibitor and speaker at the 2007 Greater New York International Orchid Show at Rockefeller Center, where his New Earth Orchids display won 12 awards including Best Vanda Alliance.

A part of the meeting will be devoted to a meeting by NENYOS members and non-member hobbyists. Information will also be available on the Northeast Judging Center in Elmsford, NY, where plants are judged monthly. Ron Midgett will also have orchids for sale; you can pre-order through the New Earth Orchids website:

www.newearthorchids.com

For additional information on NENYOS, visit www.nenyos.org or contact Ernie Reis by phone at (518) 392-3449, or by email at nenyos@taconic.net

Events in the Northeast

September 22nd & 23rd – Central New York Orchid Society Fall Show, Beaver Lake Nature Center, 547 E. Mud Lake Rd., Baldwinsville, NY Contact: Kim Boronczyk, 212 N. Berwick Rd., Syracuse, NY 13208; (315) 445-7587; ortizkim@msn.com

September 29th & 30th –Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Show. Contact: Joe DiDomenico, jad2@buffnet.net

October 5th to 8th – National Capital Orchid Society Show. Contact: Gordon Slaymaker, 6415 Overhill Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042; gordon.slaymaker@verizon.net

October 13th & 14th – Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Edye VanDyke, 840 Old Mill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238; (412) 963-9790; ecvandyke@verizon.net

October 26th to 28th –Susquehanna Orchid Society Show, Country Market Nursery, Mechanicsburg, PA Contact: Walter E. Meshaka Jr., wmeshaka@state.pa.us

October 26th to 28th –Massachusetts Orchid Society Show, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA Contact: George Bonoft, 9 Searle Ave., Brookline, MA 02445; bonoftg@rcn.com

October 27th & 28th – Eastern Canada Orchid Society Show, Days Hotel and Conference Centre, 1005 Rue Guy, Montreal, Quebec. Contact: Judy Adams, 699 Cardinal, St. Hilaire, Que. J3H 3Z5; (450) 467-4795.

November 9th & 10th –Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium, Ramada Inn 1776, Williamsburg, VA. Hotel: (757) 220-1776. Symposium: Dot Pierce pierce.db@verizon.net

November 10th & 11th –Niagara Region Orchid Society Show, CAW Hall, 124 Bunting Rd., St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Jodi Shannon, 45 Shakespeare Ave., St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6M8; (905) 641-1934; jshannon7@cogeco.ca

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 the Orchids magazine is also on the web page.

Supplies

Contact Georgette Martin for supplies. If you would like supplies brought to the meeting, please call Georgette 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 Only section of the web site. Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices. Even if you can find a better price elsewhere, it

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- w i n n i n g o r c h i d to include it! Email

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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.