



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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March 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.

March 7 (Saturday) – Meeting replaced by the Spring Show and Sale

April 5 – Meeting held one week early because of Easter.

May 3 – Meeting held one week early because of Mother's Day.

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

MHOS Spring Show and Sale will be March 7th



Our March meeting will be replaced by the spring show and sale on Saturday, March 7th.

Please contact Dennis Sandberg at 914-962-1541 if you are able to lend a hand. As always, everyone is invited to bring finger foods.

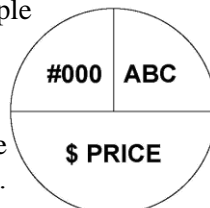
If you are selling plants or would like to bring display plants for the show table, the church will be open for setup the preceding evening from 5:30 to 7:30pm, and will open at 8:30am the day of the Show.

Members only will be admitted beginning at 10:00 am the day of the sale and it will be open to the public from 11:00 am until 3:00pm.

Labeling your plants for an MHOS Show / Sale

If you're selling plants, please be sure to use light-colored 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 "3 for \$10" type pricing).



MHOS Bus Trip to Longwood Gardens

We will have a bus trip to the Orchid Show and Sale at Longwood Gardens which is in collaboration with the Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Society on Saturday, March 28th.

The bus leaves at 7am from behind Sears in Newburgh and will return at about 7pm that evening. In addition to the orchid show and sale, the gardens should be in bloom with spring bulbs.

The price is \$32 for members and \$42 for non-members. Please see the MHOS website for more information or call Bob Phillips at 518-784-9403.

The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 5th.

We appreciate our members' efforts to help fill the bus.



Membership Drive

All members are asked to help increase our membership. You might bring a friend to one of our meetings, or join us at the March Show and Sale to chat with attendees about the benefits of joining. We are also offering discounted MHOS memberships to non-members attending the Longwood Gardens bus trip.

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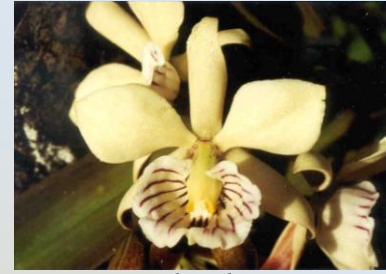
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Here is this month's contribution by MHOS member **John J. Rashak**:

The roots of plants are somewhat diverse, but those of orchids are unique. An orchid's roots are temporary structures that are shed annually, just like leaves. They sprout annually too, also like leaves. An orchid's roots, thick and generally white, grow from an orchid's base out to green, pointed tips. Perhaps the most attractive orchid roots are those of Phalaenopsis, which are silvery white if left in their aerial state. Each root contains a thin inner core that's surrounded by a sponge-like outer cover or "velamen", which consists of layers of dead cells. The velamen's main function is to soak up water and distribute it to the rest of the orchid.



Encyclia radiata

In monopodial orchids (a "monopodial" plant is one that grows continuously from its terminal bud) such as vandas, the roots are made at intervals along the rhizome. These roots rarely venture underground and have evolved to photosynthesize the sun's energy just like leaves. As a result, there are a number of small epiphytic orchids that are leafless, since their thick roots are able to provide the chlorophyll necessary for photosynthesis. In addition, for an epiphytic orchid such as *Encyclia radiata*, the roots also provide a means of attaching the orchid to its host tree.



Ansellia Africana

There are also epiphytic orchids such as Stanhopea that feature bunches of short, upright roots that grow like delicate stalagmites. These roots capture moisture and forest detritus that provide a sort of compost around the base of the orchid. In contrast, there's *Ansellia Africana*, a tropical epiphyte from Africa that produces masses of stiff, aerial roots which branch out in all directions. The roots of Ansellias, as well as Gongoras, provide a dense, impenetrable barrier which functions as protection against pests that might otherwise attack an orchid's pseudobulb, which stores the water provided by its roots.

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 just stand by their phones to accept calls from other members who want to know if the meeting will be held. In bad weather, call the one nearest you.

Orange County	Ruth Natras	(845) 343-2901
Orange & Sullivan Counties	Elisabeth Mansfield	(914) 443-3677
Rockland County	Dennis Sandberg	(914) 962-1541
Dutchess & Putnam Counties	Holly Read	(845) 855-1842

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.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

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

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. Some prices have recently gone up, so please check with Georgette or see the MHOS website at <http://www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html>

Great Ideas

A benefit for members of the American Orchid Society

In the early 1990s, Ed Wright and Bill Tippit teamed to write and illustrate a popular column in the AOS's flagship publication. The series was dubbed "Great Ideas", and each column was exactly that -- delightful recipes for accomplishing tasks associated with becoming a better orchid grower ... or at least making life as a hands-on hobbyist a bit easier! The AOS is pleased to present this series to a new generation of AOS members. But it is available **ONLY** to AOS members. To access, go to www.aos.org, and look under Orchid Information for Great Ideas.

Events in the Northeast

February 28th & March 1st – Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show, Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd. West, Burlington, Ontario. Contact: Jane Johnson, (519) 428-9913; rjohnstone2@sympatico.ca

February 28th to April 12th – The Orchid Show, New York Botanical Gardens. For details call 718-817-8700 or visit www.nybg.org

March 1st to 8th – [Philadelphia Flower Show](http://www.philadelphiaflowershow.com). Contact: Betty K. Green, (215) 988-8826; bgreene@pennhort.org

March 12th to 15th – Maryland Orchid Society Show, Maryland Home and Garden Show, Timonium Fair Grounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD. Contact: William Scharf; 7768 Fulton School Rd., Fulton, PA. 17322 (717) 244-3695; willworks@hughes.net.

March 21st & 22nd – Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Nancy Kline, 1118 Bay Hill Dr. Gibsonia, PA 15044; (724) 687-9796; nancykline@zoominternet.net.

March 21st & 22nd – London Orchid Society Show, North London Optimist Community Centre, 1345 Cheapside Street at Highbury, London, Ontario. For information see <http://los.lon.imag.net> or phone (519) 645-7747.

March 27th to 29th – Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show and Sale, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA. Contact: Mary Beth Clarke, 1540 Anne Dr., West Chester, PA 19380; (610) 431-7633; mcrma2go@aol.com.

April 2nd to 5th – Genesee Region Orchid Society Show, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., Rochester, NY. Contact: Ruth Espinosa-Barone, 1134 Jackson Rd., Webster, NY 14580; (585) 872-5658.

April 11th & 12th – Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show, Chinese Cultural Center, 5183 Sheppard Ave. E. Scarborough, Ontario. Contact: John Li, 5097 Elderview Ct. Mississauga, Ontario L5M 5A9; (905) 607-3559; johnkli@yahoo.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 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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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.