



# MHOS NEWSLETTER

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May 2011

## Meetings

The Mid-Hudson Orchid Society meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 2011 Meeting Dates

**May 1** (a week early due to Mother's Day) – speaker Carri Raven-Riemann, the orchidPhile

**June 12** - Wayne Roberts of Robert's Flower Supply, speaking on cypripediums and native orchids that can be grown here in our northeast gardens.

**July** – no meeting

**August** – no meeting

**September 11** – speaker Elle Ronis on Miltoniopsis

**October 15 (Saturday)** – Show and Sale

**November 13** – speaker Connie Ballado of Ballado Orchids

**December 11** – Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

## May 1<sup>st</sup> MHOS speaker



At our May meeting, Carri Raven-Riemann, the OrchidPhile, will give a culture talk on growing phals successfully – debunking some of the myths and misconceptions from all the culture sheets & on-line chats.

She will also bring plants to sell. You can request a pre-order list with pictures by emailing [orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) (you must put "Mid-Hudson Pre-Order Request" in the subject line so you don't get deleted). If you don't use email, you can have a friend download it, or you can just wait until the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

To order something specific, either email Carri or call her at 203-329-7255.

## April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Extended show table and judging

The program for the April Meeting was an extended show table. Plants were grouped by type, and a team was assembled to evaluate each group. This was a fun and informative program for all our members.



Thanks to Andrew Dade for taking these photos!

All the best orchids came out for the day.

Orchids were narrowed down, with the best two of each grouping brought forward and discussed.



Harue Standley brought two dendrobiums for the show table, and the one on the left took second place. When asked about the plant, she said that she only brought it to let others know

never to give up. She has had this orchid for 15 years, and only seen one or two blooms each year since. But this spring, it really put on a show. She lost the label, and was hoping that someone might know what it is, so let us know if you can help!



Best in Show - First Place went to Brenda Peterson's Cattleya mossiae var. Semi Alba 'H & R'.

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

Orchids, like humans, are affected by stress, generally in a negative way. For example, an orchid stressed by too much sunlight, polluted or stale air, low temperatures or overly wet conditions might pick up a viral disease manifested by black spots or streaks or yellow mottling on its leaves. In turn, the virus can be transmitted to healthy orchids, especially cymbidiums, by sap-sucking pests like the red spider mite. A diseased orchid should be grown in isolation and all tools used on it, like knives and scissors, should be sterilized to protect healthy orchids.

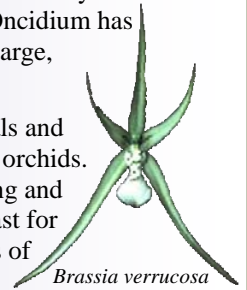


*Brassia rex "Sakata"*

Brassia is a genus of evergreen epiphytic orchids represented by about 25 species from Latin America and the West Indies. Only a few of these species are currently cultivated, along with a few hybrids. Intergeneric breeding with *Odontoglossum* and *Oncidium* has produced the hybrid genus of *Maclellanara* with large, dramatic flowers.

Brassia species have extremely long, narrow petals and sepals, which is why they're known as the spider orchids.

The flower spikes appear from the base of the leading pseudobulb in the spring and will carry up to a dozen flowers high above the foliage. These flowers will last for four to five weeks during the early part of summer. Some beautiful examples of Brassia are *B. Edvah Loo 'Vera Cruz'*, a hybrid with six-inch sepals and petals; *B. Rex*, a Hawaiian hybrid and *B. verrucosa*, a cool-growing Honduran species.



*Brassia verrucosa*

Cattleyas from Latin America were the earliest of the tropical epiphytic orchids to be grown and flowered by humans, beginning with *Cattleya labiata* in 1818. *C. labiata* comes from the mountainous forests of Brazil. Cattleyas are closely related to genera such as *Brassavola*, *Encyclia*, *Laelia* and *Sophronitis*.



*Cattleya labiata venosa estriata*

There are about 50 species of *Cattleya*, most of which are rare in the wild, but thousands of hybrids have been raised in nurseries from selected clones. These hybrids range from miniature orchids with brightly colored flowers containing species of the diminutive *Sophronitis* to the much larger hybrids based on crosses with *Brassavola*.

**SPRING IS HERE AT LAST!**

To celebrate, J & L Orchids is offering a **10% discount** on mail orders received by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Discount will not show in shopping cart but will be applied upon order processing. Cannot be combined with any other discount or offering.

**ENJOY THE SPRING AND  
SAVE MONEY TOO!**

[www.jlorchids.com](http://www.jlorchids.com)

**MHOS Classifieds**

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Downsizing Greenhouse.

Greenhouse benches, shelves and large aluminized greenhouse covers for sale. Located in New Paltz, Ulster County.

Contact John & Rita Rashak (845) 256-3868, [johnrashak@aol.com](mailto:johnrashak@aol.com); [ritarashak@aol.com](mailto:ritarashak@aol.com).

**We're invited**

**NENYOS Event**

**at Piping Rock Orchids, Galway, NY  
Saturday, June 4, 11am to 5:30pm**

- Greenhouse open for shopping
- Picnic lunch
- Guest speaker Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, speaking on "Mini Catts"
- Questions answered by Alan Koch and by Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids

A small donation is appreciated.  
Bring folding chairs.

**Please RSVP by 5/13** to Tom Hoodack:  
[thoodack@nycap.rr.com](mailto:thoodack@nycap.rr.com)  
(518) 753-6614 (Please – no calls after 9pm!)

**Some MHOS members have expressed  
interest in attending and forming a car pool.  
If you would like to share a ride, please let  
Elisabeth know at the May meeting.**

## Other Area Societies

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Central NY – Syracuse

[www.cnyos.org](http://www.cnyos.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday-1 pm

Northeastern PA – Lakeville

[www.nepaorchidsociety.org](http://www.nepaorchidsociety.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – 7:30pm

Pinelands – Medford, NJ

[pinelandsorchidsociety.org](http://pinelandsorchidsociety.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

North Eastern New York – Albany/Colonie, NY

[www.nenyos.org](http://www.nenyos.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Greater Westchester – White Plains, NY

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Deep Cut – Tinton Falls, NJ

[www.deepcutorchids.com](http://www.deepcutorchids.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Manhattan, NY

[www.manhattanorchid.com](http://www.manhattanorchid.com)

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Connecticut – Farmington or Cheshire

[www.ctorchids.org](http://www.ctorchids.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

North Jersey – East Hanover

[www.njorchids.org](http://www.njorchids.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Long Island – Lynbrook

[longislandorchidsociety.org](http://longislandorchidsociety.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Western PA, Pittsburgh, PA

[www.oswp.org](http://www.oswp.org)

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Southern Tier – Binghamton

[www.storchidsociety.com](http://www.storchidsociety.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Staten Island, NY

[www.sionsonline.com](http://www.sionsonline.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Matinecock - Oyster Bay, NY

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Greater NY – Bronx, NY

[www.gnyos.org](http://www.gnyos.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Ramapo, NJ

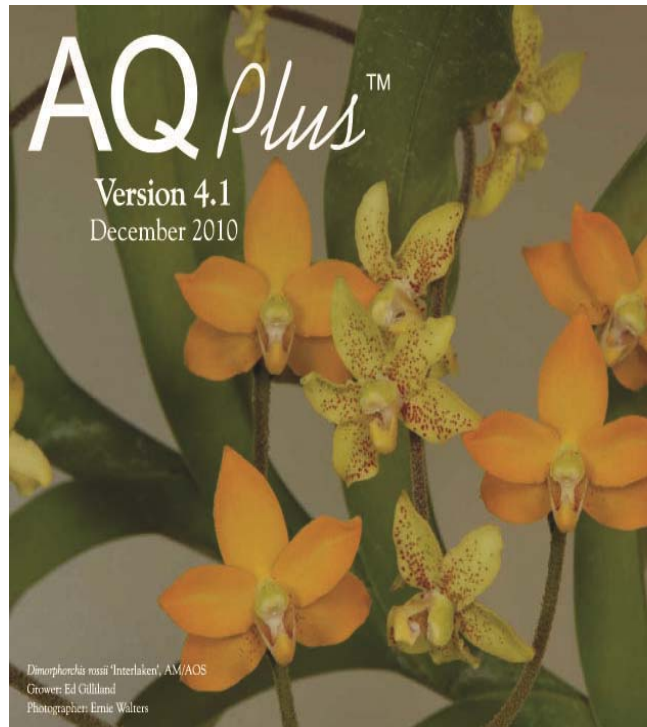
[www.ramapoorchid.org](http://www.ramapoorchid.org)

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Jersey Highlands - Augusta, NJ

[jheydel@optonline.net](mailto:jheydel@optonline.net)

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



### Requirements

Internet service desirable but not necessary, and a PC with Windows 2000 through Windows 7, a screen resolution of 1024 × 768 or higher, minimum 256 MB RAM, and a DVD reader. MAC users need to have Virtual PC or Parallels Desktop for Intel/Mac. The program and photographs in the product currently need approximately 3 gigabytes of hard-drive space, with the potential to grow to 5 or 6 gigabytes. Each annual subscription license may be used for two computers per household.



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20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference  
13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Where New and Old World Orchids Meet

For details, go to  
[www.20woc.com.sg](http://www.20woc.com.sg)

## Events in the Northeast

**Through April 25<sup>th</sup> – "The Orchid Show: On Broadway", New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY. (718) 817-8703 [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> – Staten Island Orchid Society Show, Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Staten Island, NY. Contact Patrick Cammarano (718) 948-6439; or David O'Dell (718) 966-6174**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> – Southern Tier Orchid Society Show, Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY. Contact: Anne Tinker, (607) 797-1383; [atinker@cortlandregional.org](mailto:atinker@cortlandregional.org).**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show, JMC Arena, 423 West 38th St, Erie, PA. Contact: Marion Morton (814) 398-4684.**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Ag Arena, Penn State Campus, State College, PA. Contact: Cathy Riemer (814) 353-8741.**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – NENYOS Event at Piping Rock Orchids, Galway, NY. Contact Tom Hoodack [thoodack@nycap.rr.com](mailto:thoodack@nycap.rr.com) (518) 753-6614 (Please – no calls after 9pm!)**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – Shore Orchid Festival, Silva Orchids, 635 Wayside Rd., Neptune, NJ. Contact: (732) 922-2635; [basilva@optonline.net](mailto:basilva@optonline.net); [www.silvaorchids.com](http://www.silvaorchids.com)**

Orchid events around the country can be found in the AOS magazine *Orchids* or on the AOS website at [www.aos.org/aos/events](http://www.aos.org/aos/events). Check before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. For Hudson Valley gardening events, see [www.HVgardencalendar.com](http://www.HVgardencalendar.com).

## **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.

For further information, contact Rita Cohen at 516-374-6426 or [orchart@optonline.net](mailto: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 and prices, refer to the Members section of our web site: [www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html](http://www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html).

Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices.

### **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 – 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. 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 – 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 Route 119 Elmsford, NY, turn right on Route 119, go about 2-3 long blocks. See Hampton Inn on left.

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