



MHOS NEWSLETTER

MHOS is an Affiliated Organization of the American Orchid Society

www.mhos.us.com

October 2011

Meetings

The Mid-Hudson Orchid Society meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm at the Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road (corner of Balmville Road and Beech Street), in Newburgh, NY

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

2011 Meeting Dates

October 15 (Saturday)
– Show and Sale

November 13 – speaker
Connie Ballado of
Ballado Orchids
“Mounting Orchids and
What Types”

December 11 – Pot Luck
Holiday Dinner

2012 Meeting Dates

January 8

February 12

March 10 – Spring Show
and Sale

April 1 – (one week
early due to Easter)

May 6 – (one week early
due to Mothers Day)

June 10

July – no meeting

August – no meeting

September 9

October 13 – Fall Show
and Sale

November 11

December 9

Fall Show and Sale, October 16th, 11am-3pm

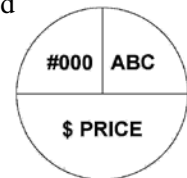
Our Fall Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 11am to 3pm (10am for members). A flyer is posted on [our website](#) for you to print out and distribute.

The church will be open Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:30pm for setup, and will open at 8:30am the day of the Show. (**Note: Setup must be completed no later than 9:30am Saturday, please.**)

Also, we will need volunteers for the show to work and to bring refreshments. Please contact Elisabeth at 845-294-1000, if you are able to lend a hand.

If you are selling plants, remember to mark them with light-colored labels. 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).

See you there!



Time to Pay Dues and Renew Your MHOS Membership

Payment of your 2012 dues will be accepted at the October 15th show, and at the November and December meetings. Dues are \$25 for individuals, \$35 for families. You also can mail your check, payable to MHOS, to:

Ruth Natras
2 Lake Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940

Remember that you must renew before December 31, 2011, to continue receiving the newsletter and other MHOS member benefits.

Nominations / Elections

A nominating committee will be appointed by Elisabeth in October. Nominations will be made at the November 13th meeting to fill the following offices that will be up for election in December. (The term they are completing is in parentheses.)

Vice President, Ruth Natras (second term)

Treasurer, Bob Phillips (third term)

Recording Secretary, Lois Brennan (second term)

If you would be interested in serving as an MHOS officer, please contact Elisabeth Mansfield.

MHOS Officers & Volunteers 2011

*President **
Elisabeth Mansfield
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*Vice President **
Ruth Nattras
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* MHOS Officers
Other positions
are volunteer

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



C. Cristata

Coelogyne is a genus of evergreen epiphytic orchids that are generally found in China, India and Malaysia. Not surprisingly, the Himalayan types of Coelogyne from China and India like a cool environment and make excellent houseplants. The Malaysian types are larger and prefer a higher temperature range.

Coelogyne is generally a pristine white orchid with narrow, oval leaves, along with a green pseudobulb, fragrant flowers and a highly decorated lip. The flower spikes come from the new growth and can be short and single-flowered or long and droopy, with a chain up to a few dozen blooms. The flowers bloom during late winter and spring.

Coelogyne cristata is notable for growing to a very large size, especially *C. cristata* 'Glacier Mint'. Also notable is *C. asperata* with its licorice-scented flowers and *C. corymbosa*, a high-altitude cool-growing orchid which blooms in early summer. Also of note is *C. ochracea*, a strongly-scented, compact orchid from Nepal.

C. 'Green Dragon Chelsea' is one of the few good hybrids in the *C.* genus, with dramatic three-inch flowers, horizontal green petals and black-laced lips. The parents are *C. massangeana* and apple-green *C. pandurata*, both of which are warm-growing species from Borneo.



C. lawrenceana

There are other notable orchids in the *C.* genus, like *C. lawrenceana* from Southeast Asia with thin sepals, yellow-green flowers and a large, white lip with a richly-colored center. Also of note is *C. mooreana* 'Brockhurst' which produces the largest (three-inch) white flowers in this genus, and is represented by propagations from a single clone imported from Vietnam over 100 years ago.



C. 'Green Dragon Chelsea'

Another interesting genus of orchids with an Asian origin and represented by approximately 50 species is *Cymbidium*, which has experienced tens of thousands of hybrids in the last 100 years. However, the building blocks for the first hybrids were only about six species from the Himalayan regions of India and Nepal.

Inclement weather is coming....

...and volunteers are needed



When the weather is inclement and people are wondering if the MHOS meeting has been cancelled, there is a list of members they can call to find out. We need volunteers for that list.

If you volunteer, you will not be expected to **make** calls. First you would hear from an MHOS officer telling you if the meeting is on or not, then you would be available to **receive** calls from MHOS members, advising them of the meeting's status. Your name and phone number would be posted in the newsletter each month.

It's a small but essential job, an easy way to help out. Please let Elisabeth Mansfield know if you are willing to volunteer.

MHOS Classifieds

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

Contact John & Rita Rashak, (845) 256-3868 johnrashak@aol.com ritarashak@aol.com

Other Area Societies

1st Sunday

Central NY – Syracuse

www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm

Northeastern PA – Lakeville

www.nepaorchidsociety.org

1st Tuesday – 7:30pm

Pinelands – Medford, NJ

pinelandsorchidsociety.org

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

www.deepcutorchids.com

2nd Wednesday

Manhattan – New York, NY

www.manhattanorchid.org

2nd Wednesday

Connecticut – Farmington or
Cheshire

www.ctorchids.org

2nd Thursday

North Jersey – East Hanover

www.njorchids.org

2nd Thursday

Long Island – Lynbrook

longislandorchidsociety.org

3rd Sunday

Western PA – Pittsburgh, PA

www.oswp.org

3rd Sunday

Southern Tier – Binghamton

www.storchidsociety.com

3rd Tuesday

Staten Island, NY

www.siosonline.com

3rd Wednesday

Matinecock - Oyster Bay, NY

3rd Wednesday

Greater NY – Bronx, NY

www.gnyos.org

3rd Thursday

Ramapo – Englewood, NJ

www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Tuesday

Jersey Highlands - Augusta, NJ

www.jerseyhighlandsorchid.wordpress.com

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

Two Weeks Left! Customer Appreciation Sale – J & L Orchids

To thank you as a mail order customer, **J&L Orchids** is offering a **20% discount** on all orders received in response to this exclusive offering. Orders must be received between **now** and **October 17, 2011**. **You may order as often as you like during this time period and receive the discount on every order.** We are constantly adding plants to the website but at the same time some stock is limited so plants are also being removed.

Place your order using our shopping cart. **Please mention this offering under Special Instructions so we can ensure you receive the discount.** The shopping cart total will not show the **20%** discount, but we will subtract this amount when we charge your card. You may order by phone, fax, mail or email, indicating that you wish to take advantage of our customer appreciation discount. This discount offer is for mail order only.

Discount does not apply to our ELITE list and may not be combined with any other discount offer or specials.

J&L Orchids

20 Sherwood Road, Easton, CT 06612

(203) 261-3772 Fax: (203) 261-8730 E-mail jlorchid@snet.net

www.jlorchids.com

Events in the Northeast

October 8th to 10th – **National Capital Orchid Society Show**, US National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC. Erin Fearn (703) 507-7462, eferns@c-o-r.com.

October 15th – **SEPOS Auction**, Martha Washington Building at Freedoms Foundation, 1601 Valley Forge Road (Route 23), Phoenixville, PA. www.sepos.org

October 15th & 16th – **Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Festival**, Phipps Garden Ctr, 1059 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. Virginia Mortimer (724) 224-4012; v.mortimer@comcast.net.

October 15th & 16th – **Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Show**, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, Buffalo, NY. Susan Charles (716) 649-6455, sc1959@verizon.net.

October 16th – **Amherst Orchid Society Judging Forum**, Munson Memorial Library, 1046 Southeast St, Amherst, MA. Joseph Maciaszek, (508) 344-8492; maciaszck@gmail.com.

October 20th – **Bucks County Orchid Society Auction**, Churchville Nature Ctr, 501 Churchville Ln, Southampton, PA. David McCullough, (215) 378-0791 masdevalliafan@hotmail.com

October 21st to 23rd – **Connecticut Orchid Society Show**, VanWilgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Rd, North Brandford, CT. Cheryl Mizak (203) 264-6096, alcher@millenicom.com.

October 21st to 23rd – **Susquehanna Orchid Society Show**, Stauffers of Kissel Hill, 301 Rohrerstown Rd, Lancaster, PA. Sara Bortner (717) 292-4693, sbortner@att.net.

October 22nd & 23rd – **Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show**, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr, Cincinnati, OH. Stan Better (513) 745-0014, stanbetter@stanbetter.com.

October 22nd & 23rd – **Eastern Canada Orchid Society Orchidfete 2011**, Hotel Espresso, 1005 Rue Guy, Montreal, Quebec. Judy Adams (450) 467-4795, judyd.adams@sympatico.ca

October 26th to 30th – **Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium**, Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel, 4201 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA. David Bryan (757) 650-2250, daveandjoannebryan@verizon.net.

October 29th & 30th – **Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Garden Show**, Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd, W. Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Chris Foden (905) 876-4848; fordens@sympatico.ca.

November 4th to 6th – **Massachusetts Orchid Society Show**, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Boylston, MA. Joanna Eckstrom (603) 654-5070; mosorchidshow@comcast.net.

November 5th – **NENYOS Auction**, William K. Sanford Library, Colonie, NY. Contact Janet Vinyard (518) 673-3212; janetvinyard@yahoo.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. 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.

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 and prices, refer to the Members section of our web site:

www.mhos.us.com/supplies.html.

Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices.

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c/o Elisabeth Mansfield



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.