



MHOS Newsletter

MHOS is an Affiliated Organization of the American Orchid Society October 2024

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 12550.

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Presidents' Message

Hi Gang,

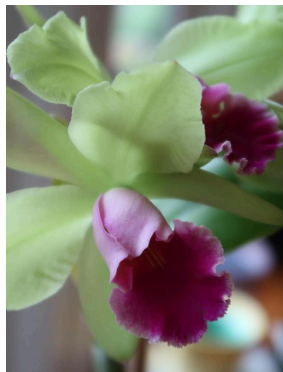
The days are getting shorter and the Autumn air is crisp. Many members are busy bringing in their Orchids from their Summer vacation, in anticipation of the blooms to come. We have much to look forward to, as the leaves start their colorful show and we head towards the holidays. November 2nd we will put on another Orchid Show and share the wonder of Orchids with our community. Yes it is a fundraiser for our Society, but remember we are also the ambassadors, educators and inspirers of the Orchid world for others. Our next meeting is October 20th and our speaker will be Albert Tamashausky. See Speaker's Corner for talk details. Looking forward to seeing all your blooming beauties on the show table.

Brenda L. Decker
MHOS President

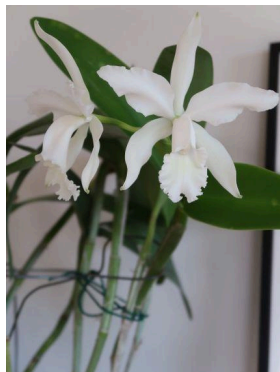


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Look My Orchid Bloomed!



BLC Yen Surprise



C. intermedia



Guarianthe bowringiana
'Penn Valley'



Zygo-Blue Hawaii

-----Linda Francis-----

---Judith Boggess---



Bc. Rustic Spots
'Green Gem'



Bc. Gulfshore's Beauty



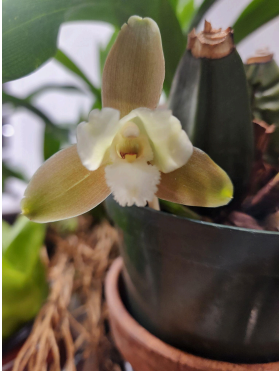
Vanda NOID



Haraella odorata

-----Paul Klymko-----

-----Deb Wilson-----



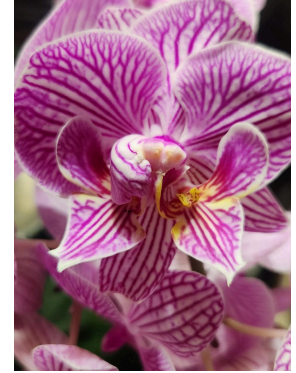
Lycaste dowiana



Catt purpurata



mini Dendrobium



Anomaly in phal
(2 Lips on 1 flower)

-----Dennis Sandberg-----

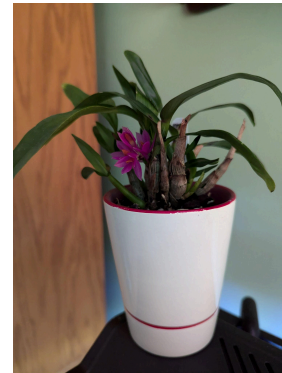
—Ruth Nattras—



Brassavola
cucullata



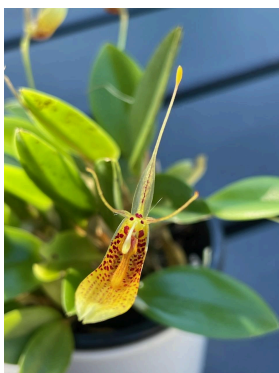
Angcresquidale
X sib



Dendrobium Hibiki

-----Dave Taft-----

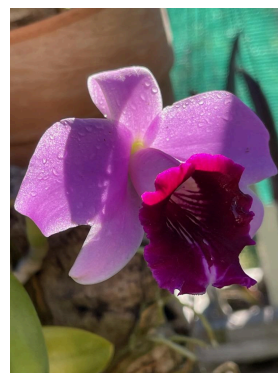
-----Brenda Decker-----



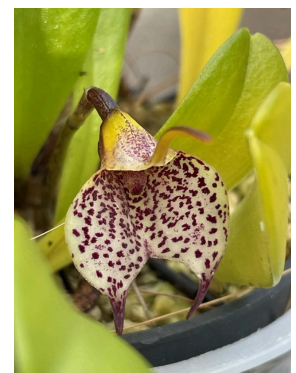
Restrepia
trichoglossa



Dendrochilum
arachnites



Laelia dayana
'Hartford'



Masdevallia
floribunda

-----Dave Taft-----



October 20th Meeting

TOPIC - Orchid Growing at the Swartz Brewery, Oxford, New Jersey: Adaptation of a 19th Century Structure to a 21st Century Application. Albert V. Tamashausky will give a presentation that describes how he grows miniature orchids, under lights in the remnants of the historical Swartz Brewery located in Oxford, Warren County, New Jersey.

Albert V. Tamashausky



Oxford, NJ is a small town in the western corner of Warren County, and is the home of the "Oxford Furnace", established ca 1741. Oxford Furnace is one of the earliest blast furnaces in the Nation. The Oxford Furnace supplied iron for armaments and utilitarian items for the revolution and Oxford was an iron producing town until the late 1950s. The Swartz Brewery was one of many small breweries that sprung up during the 19th century to provide beer to the local workers and inhabitants. The Swartz brewery consisted of a main "utility building" and an attached subterranean "cave", 8 feet below the surface that served as a "lagering" chamber for the beer. Albert will describe in detail the layout of the cave, the renovations performed to allow orchid cultivation within the cave, and the unique "cloud forest" environment provided by this underground structure.

Bio: Albert Tamashausky began growing orchids in 1974. He dropped out of a biology program and Kean College (Union NJ) and went to work full time for Lager & Hurrell Orchids, Summit New Jersey. During the two years spent at Lager and Hurrell Albert learned the art and science of orchid potting, vegetative propagation, and general orchid culture. Albert moved to Oxford in 1977 where he grew orchids in a converted bedroom.

In 1982 he moved just around the corner and began growing orchids in the lagering cave at the Swartz Brewery. Albert's formal training is in chemical engineering and material science. He holds a BS in chemical engineering from Lafayette College. Albert is semi-retired from Asbury Carbons where he previously acted as Director of Technical Services and chief science officer.

Plants Albert will bring for sale: A general mix of miniature species including some from the genera *Dendrobium*, *Bulbophyllum*, *Masdevallia*, *Porroglossum*, *Maxillaria*, etc.

All plants are 100% grown under lights and are ideal for fluorescent light culture.

Member's Orchid Summer Vacation Spots Part 2

**Linda
Francis**

This is my summer orchid growing box. It is 12 ft long by 4 feet by 4 feet high. It is standing on two columns of cement block. It is enclosed by thin metal mesh and a metal mesh floor. The front has a plastic mesh roller shade that can be left up or down to totally close the space off. We had to build this when we moved to this location because squirrels ate the orchid roots and sprayed in the pots. They destroyed many plants. This enclosure works well, it presently holds 60 plants and has enough space for hanging plants and a second tier if I need it. I have panels of shade cloth that I use when necessary. More importantly, my orchids love it and put out a lot of growth for the winter.





**Dave
Taft**

I wish I could take credit for the marvelous shade structure, where my orchids and tropicals spend their summer months, but the design and construction of this plant paradise is solely the handiwork of Warren Valentine, who's incredible handiness, and ability to design and construct just about anything became known to me when he anchored a team of orchid crazies from the Greater New York Orchid Society, setting up the incredible Annual Show at the World Financial Center, and then later at Rockefeller Center. Those of you involved in the hobby long enough remember those breathtaking shows - fewer probably recall Warren's role in setting them up.

When Warren passed away about three or four years ago now, I got a call from my good friend, his wife Diana, asking if I'd like one of the two or three structures he'd built to house Diana's collection. I didn't hesitate and called a good friend with a truck. We loaded the unit into the back and brought it to my backyard, where it sits to this day, in full sun off a concrete patio.

Three tiers of orchids are supported on wire mesh shelves supported by wooden beams. Metal rods support a lathe roof, and shade cloth surrounds the sides of the structure (light cover in the spring and fall, heavier shade in the summer). Adding to this design, water is piped throughout the roof supports which spray a fine mist over dozens of plants. A timer for watering was included, though I have yet to use it.

There are still a hardy few cooler growers on the lower shelves, but I am still wrestling plants into position on the windowsills and basement light shelves where they'll spend their winters in conditions which cannot begin to compare.





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Buy & Sell



I have 2 plants grown from back bulbs that are vigorous and clean in 3" pots which need transplanting to bigger pots. They are *C. bowringiana* (Dr Kopecky x Splendens) for sale. One is in sheath for \$25. The other will be on the next bulb for \$20. They grow very easily and fast- I have a big blooming pot in my collection. Below is a close up of only one bulb with at least 6 flowers in bloom - they bloom 2X a year and are large flowers for the type. I can bring them to the next meeting on October.20th. Please email if you want to buy them. lindron@warwick.net

Linda Francis



I have 4 **Paph wardii Freckles HCC/AOS in spike** (flowers to open very soon) available at \$35 each. 'Freckles' is a reliable wardii clone and can be seen on the internet with a simple search. I will have them at the meeting.

Dennis



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Upcoming Events

Manhattan Orchid Society

Annual Fundraising AUCTION

Thursday November 14, 2024

Socializing 6:30 pm • Auction begins 7:00 pm
Auction concludes by 9:15 pm

LGBT Community Center
208 WEST 13th STREET, Manhattan

All are welcome! Admission is FREE!

There will be fabulous plants from prominent
vendors, many will be in bud or in flower!

CASH, CHECKS and MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

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