



MHOS Newsletter

MHOS is an Affiliated Organization of the American Orchid Society December 2025

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,

Happy Holidays!

As the days grow shorter and we gather with family and friends to celebrate the season, we're also looking ahead to an exciting year for the Mid-Hudson Orchid Society. 2026 is shaping up to be a great year as we begin with a slate of new officers. Pat Kent will serve as our new Vice President, Ruth Nattras joins us as Treasurer, and Debbie Wilson returns as Secretary. Many thanks to all three for stepping up and for their commitment to our Society.

If you would like to continue supporting the Mid-Hudson Orchid Society and enjoy the benefits of membership, please consider renewing soon. Annual dues for 2026 are \$35.00 for a single membership. Dues can be paid on the website or can be mailed to:

Membership MHOS
P.O. Box 91
Vails Gate, NY 12584

Please note that MHOS does not meet in January. Our next meeting will be held on February 15th and will feature a hands-on potting workshop along with roundtable orchid discussions.

Brenda L. Decker
MHOS President





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Look My Orchid Bloomed!



C harrisoniae
'Homestead' X sib



BLC Waiani Leopard
"Ching Hua"



C intermedia alba
'Lines'



Bc. Yellow Bird

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

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



Paph. acmodontum
X Hilo Citron



Haraella odorata



Phal NOID



Vanda NOID

-----Debbie Wilson-----



Dendrobium Isis



Paph. Norimake



Darwinara Walnut
Valley Best Blue



Dend. Hibiki

-----Denise Giardullo-----



Encyclia Radiata



Cattleya NOID



C. Sea Breeze
'Blue Ribbon'



Masdevallia
Golden Monarch

—Denise Giardullo—

-----Pat Kent-----



Brassavola
Nodosa



Habenaria carnea
'Byron'



Dend. insigne



Coelogyne speciosa
'alba'

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



Dend. alexandrae



Phal Lui's berry



Dend. NOID

—Dave Taft—

-----Ruth Nattras-----



Bc. Maikai
X C. deckeri



Cymbidium Dag
'Elwood'

---Brenda Decker—

2026 MHOS Calendar

January - We do not meet

February 15 - Regular meeting (3rd Sunday due to Superbowl)

March 8 - regular meeting

April 11 - Saturday for show

May 17 - regular meeting (3rd Sunday due to Mother's Day)

June 14 - regular meeting

July - Picnic host and date TBD (Looking for a member to host)

August - We do not meet

September 13 - regular meeting

October 11 - regular meeting

November 14 - Saturday for Show

December 6 - Holiday party and Elections (1st Sunday due to Church party on 2nd)



February 15th Meeting

Potting workshop and Roundtable Orchid Discussion

If you are uncertain about repotting your Orchids or just want to join in the fun, bring in your overgrown Orchids or Orchids in old potting media, knowledgeable members will be on hand to coach you on how to repot or divide your plant. This is a hands-on event,

so be prepared to dig in and get dirty! We will have repotting tools, but strongly encourage you to bring your own, if you have them, so we have enough to go around. Also bring in the repotting media you plan to use. Even if you don't have any orchids to repot, come on out and join us, there is always something new to learn. There will also be roundtable discussions on other Orchid topics.

Members are encouraged to bring Orchids and Orchid potting materials to sell.

November 15th, 2025 MHOS Fall Show







The Huntington and Orchid Digest Present

The Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026

and the 70th Paphiopedilum Guild

Featuring lectures by experts, orchid sales,
with an auction and lunch.

Announcing the Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026!

We are delighted to invite orchid enthusiasts, horticulturists, researchers, and plant lovers from around the world to the Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026, a premier gathering dedicated to the beauty, science, and conservation of slipper orchids.



Event Year: 2026

📍 Location: The Huntington

Address: 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108

Can't attend in person? You can also participate live via Zoom, and a recording link will be provided to all registrants a few days after the event for future viewing.

Set amid the breathtaking botanical gardens of The Huntington, this symposium will feature expert speakers, cutting-edge presentations, and special slipper orchids celebrating the remarkable diversity of slipper orchids (Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Cypripedium, and more), as well as slipper orchid culture.

Whether you are a seasoned grower or newly fascinated by these extraordinary plants, the Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026 promises inspiration, learning, and connection with a vibrant community of orchid lovers.

More details—including schedules and vendors—will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

>We look forward to welcoming you to The Huntington for an unforgettable celebration of slipper orchids in 2026!

Saturday, January 17, 2026

10:15 AM - 6:00 PM

Speakers



“The History of *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*”

Tim Culbertson’s passion has always been plants. He worked at Longwood Gardens, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Arboretum. Just after college, he began growing orchids. It was always all about paphs for Tim. He manages the paph collection at Sunset Valley Orchids and does hybridizing in a wide range of genera. He is an accredited AOS judge.



“The Genetics of Flower Color and Breeding in Paphiopedilums”

Rob Griesbach, Ph.D., is a retired geneticist who conducted a broad-based research program in ornamental plant genetics, focusing on flower color. He has authored over 150 scientific papers, scientific seminars, and popular talks. Rob is an accredited AOS judge, past president of the AOS, and has received the AOS Research Recognition Grant.



“Phragmipedium caricinum: 150 years of Errors & Mistakes”

Frank Cervera, is a biologist studying the ecology, biology & taxonomy of the genus Phragmipedium in natural populations for over 25 years. He has frequented the jungles of Mexico, Central & South America, studying the genus, giving him unique access to the source material.



“The Intriguing Story of Paphiopedilum sanderianum”

A trip to Hawaii sparked **Deborah Boersma**’s interest in orchids, and she has been under their spell for over 30 years. She taught chemistry at the college level for over 28 years. Deb is an accredited AOS judge, and she enjoys educating audiences about orchids. She was a speaker at the World Orchid Conference in Taiwan in 2024.

Registration includes lectures, an auction, and
lunch.

**Members must register by January 10, 2026, to
receive the discounted member rate!**

Non-members: Join now and take advantage of the member rate for the coming year on all Orchid Digest Events, plus enjoy the Journal all year!

Registration after January 10, 2026, will be at the full non-member rate.
Problems registering? Call Jeff at (323)-864-2637

Go to <https://www.orchiddigest.org/> to register

Deep Cut Orchid Society

Annual Orchid Show

February 20th-22nd, 2026

Dearborn Market

2170 Route 35 South, Holmdel, NJ

Fri 12pm-6pm

Sat 9am-6pm

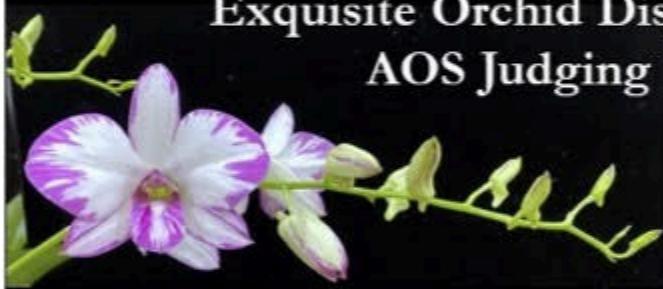
Sun 9am-4:30pm



FREE admission, free parking, food on premises

Exquisite Orchid Displays, FREE lectures

AOS Judging Friday, Feb 20th



Orchid Vendors

Dearborn Market

Ecuagenera

Fair Orchids

J&L Orchids

Orchid Classics

Orchids Dominicana

Silva Orchids

Taida Orchids

Wade's Orchids

Waldor Orchids

White Plains Orchids

Woodstream Orchids

and more!



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