



MHOS Newsletter

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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

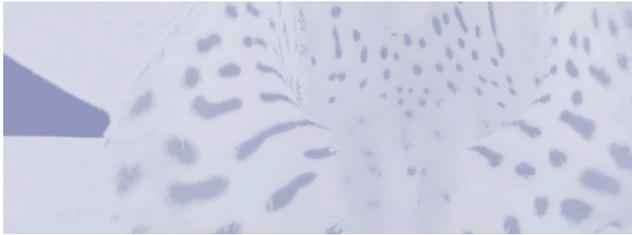
Hi Gang,

Even though the calendar says February, it still feels like the true beginning of a new year for our orchid society. The days are slowly getting longer, new growths are peeking out, and many of our plants are gearing up for a season of blooms. There's a lot to look forward to.

This year promises to be an exciting one for our society. We have meetings, speakers, and activities planned that will help all of us – whether you're growing your first Phalaenopsis or juggling a greenhouse full of treasures – learn more, grow better, and enjoy orchids even more. One of the best parts of our society has always been the willingness of members to share their knowledge, successes, and even the occasional learning experience when things don't go quite as planned.

As we kick off the year, I encourage everyone to participate as much as you can. Bring a plant to show, ask questions, share a tip, or simply enjoy the company of people who understand why a new root or spike can make your whole week. Our society thrives because of the enthusiasm and generosity of its members. Thank you for being part of our orchid community. I'm looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of blooms.

Brenda L. Decker
MHOS President



Look My Orchid Bloomed



C George King
'Serendipity'



C Carl Bornsheim



Cym. NOID



Onc. Hula Halau
'Volcano Queen'

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

-----Phyllis Freeman-----



Onc. Twinkle



Brasavola nodosa



Dend. Noble



Onc. Crimson Pride

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

----- Pat MacGregor-----



Paph. Maudiae

—Amy Reville—



Phal NOID

—Michele Luisi—



Paph. Hilo Mint

---Debbie Wilson---



Paph. QF Warden

—Brenda Decker—



Blc. George King
'Serendipity'



Clty. Ethel's Paradise
'Kaleialoha'



Onc. Sweet Sixteen
'Prepossessing'



Onc. Tsiku Marguerite
Masdevallia

-----Colleen Martin-----



Phal Sogo Vivian



Den. Chocolate Chip



Rlc. Aka's Art
'Volcano Queen'



Phal NOID

-----Colleen Martin-----



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-----Colleen Martin-----



Epic Volcano Trick
Orange Fire



Cattleya Lucie
Hausermann



RLC Volcano Queen



Paph Luther Pass

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



Den. Royale Chip
Zanberflotte
'Palmer's Apricot'



Rlc.Lawless

-----Christine Busey-----



Speaker's Corner

Our next meeting is February 15th. This will be a wonderful way to escape the cold and gloom. We are going to have a potting clinic. 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 and knowledgeable members Ruth, Susan and Pat Kent 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. We will have repotting tools, but encourage you to bring your own, if you have them, so we have enough to go around. Also bring in the 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.

Andrew will be speaking about the different options for insect control for your Orchids, from the home grower to the greenhouse grower.

Dennis will be speaking about the many different Orchid media options and what works with different types of Orchids.

There will be a mini Auction of Cattleya Orchids donated by member Leslie Simon

Andrew will have gallon bags of sponge rock(perlite) for sale. \$10 each
Brenda will have 2 lb. bags of Medium size Orchiata bark for sale. \$12 each

Members are encouraged to sell Orchids and Orchid materials at this meeting.



Upcoming
Events

The Amherst Orchid Society Annual Show February 21-22, 2026

Smith Vocational High School
80 Locust Street
Northampton, MA

(Next to Cooley Dickinson Hospital)



Saturday, Feb 21st
9AM to 5 PM

Sunday, Feb 22nd
10 AM to 4 PM

Admission: \$5.00

(Children under
12 Free)

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NUTMEG STATE ORCHID SOCIETY

ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Showcasing gorgeous orchids from around the world.
Enjoy displays by hobbyists, commercial growers, and orchid societies. Open to all - so friends and family can join the fun!

Admission \$10 (Children 12 and under enter FREE)

Door Prizes • Orchid & Supply Vendors • Related Arts & Crafts

Saturday, March 21 (12-5pm)

Sunday, March 22 (9am-4pm)

West Hartford Meeting and Conference Center

50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT

Parking validation provided for adjacent lot only

Handicapped Accessible



Website: www.nutmegorchids.org/2026show

Contact: president@nutmegorchids.org



Fair Orchids Paphiopedilum grid

sub-genus		Light reqmt	Temp	Water when
Paphiopedilum <i>Single flowered</i> <i>barbigerum, boxallii, charlesworthii, coccineum, druryi, exul, fairieanum, gratixianum, helenae, henryanum, hermannii, hirsutissimum, insigne, markianum, tigrinum, tranlienianum, villosum & their hybrids</i>		 Like Phalaenopsis	Interm (cool/intm)	Moist
Sigmatopetalum (Barbatum) <i>Maudiae types</i> <i>acmodontum, appletonianum, argus, barbatum, bourgainvilleanum, bullenianum, callosum, cilolare, dayanum, fowliei, hennisianum, hookerae, javanicum, lawrenceanum, mastersianum, mohrianum, papuanum, purpuratum, sangii, schoseri, sukhakulii, superbiens, tonsium, urbanianum, venustum, violascens, wardii, wentworthianum & their hybrids</i>			Interm+	Moist
Brachypetalum <i>Succulents/white flowers</i> <i>bellatulum, concolor, godefroyae, leucochilum, niveum, thaianum & their hybrids</i>			Interm+	DRY
Parvisepalum <i>Balloon slippers</i> <i>armeniaticum, delenatii, emersonii, hangianum, malipoense, micranthum, vietnamense & their hybrids</i>			Varies	Moist
Cochlopetalum <i>Sequential multi-florals</i> <i>chamberlainianum, glaucophyllum, liemianum, primulinum, victoria-mariae, victoria-reginae & their hybrids</i>			Interm+	Moist
Polyantha <i>Simultaneous multi-florals</i> <i>adductum, dianthum, gigantifolium, glanduliferum, haynaldianum, kolopakingii, lowii, ooii, parishii, philippinense, platyphyllum, praestans, randsii, rothschildianum, sanderianum, stonei, supardii, wilhelminae & their hybrids</i> Once budded, move to lower light (to other Paphs).			Interm+	Moist
Mexipedium <i>xerophyticum</i>		Interm+	Moist	
Phragmipedium	<i>caudatum, sargentianum, longifolium & their hybrids</i>	Like Cattleya	Interm	Moist
	<i>All others</i>		Stand in Water	