



MHOS Newsletter

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Meetings

The Mid-Hudson Orchid Society meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm, Doors open at 12:30 pm. Meetings are held at the Union Church 44 Balmville Road Newburgh, NY 12550.

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Presidents' Message

Hi Gang,

Here we are diving into the Summer season and many of you have your Orchids outside to reap the benefits this gives your Orchids. For those new to this, you need to pay careful attention to light, watering, and pest control. Most orchids prefer indirect light, so a shady spot is ideal, like under a covered patio, or under a tree, or using shade cloth. Be mindful of wind, heavy rain, and hail, and avoid placing them directly on the ground to help prevent pests. When we have so much rain this can be a big challenge, besides worrying about rot, all this moisture can bring out pests in droves. With a little knowhow, many of these problems can be addressed. Kim Feddersen of Fair Orchids has shared a very helpful article on fighting slugs and snails which might be a problem with all this rain. Many of our members have developed wonderful setups and practices for Summing their Orchids. If you would like ideas and inspiration, look up the newsletters from last Summer through September for the members showcased in the Summer Vacation section. You can access these newsletters on the MHOS website. I am looking forward to this year's submissions to Summer Vacation for the next two newsletters.

Brenda L. Decker
MHOS President



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Look My Orchid Bloomed!



Paph. Remembrance



Paph. Colorful Clouds
Hang Sheng Tiger



Blc. Hawaiian Passion
'Carmela'

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



Eplc. Volcano Trick
'Orange Fire'

—Pat Kent—



Haraella odorata
(retrocallus)

—Deb Wilson—



Phal hybrid Big lip

—Susan Hall—



Sedirea japonica

—Ruth Nattras—



Mps. Bertha Baker
'Florentine x Cindy Kane'
'Waterfall'

——Pat MacGregor——

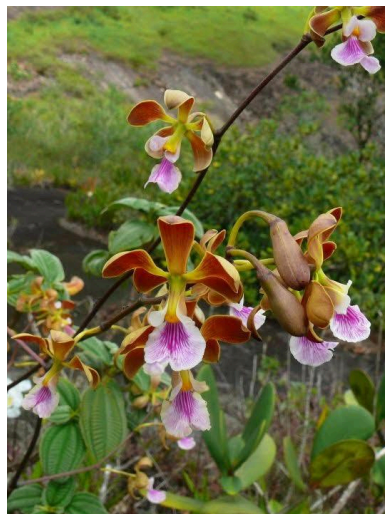


Dendrobium Noble



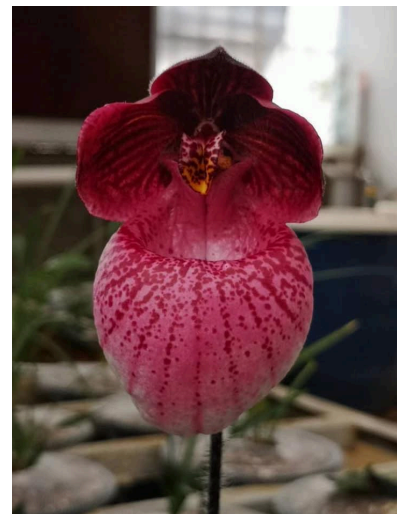
Epi. Pacific Punch x
Pacific Dragon

— Amy Reville—



Encyclia (species)

———Frank Cervera———



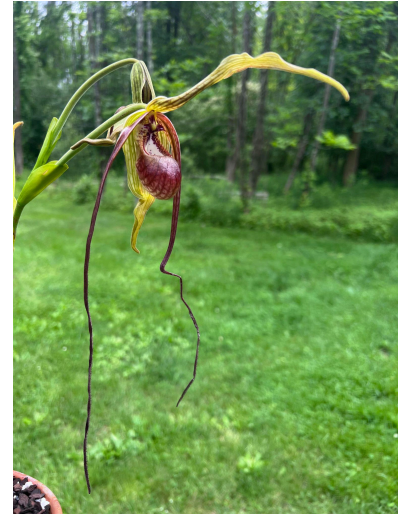
Paphiopedilum micranthum



Phragmipedium Maha



Phragmipedium Eric Young



Phragmipedium humboltii

-----Frank Cervera-----



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Orchid Tips & Tricks

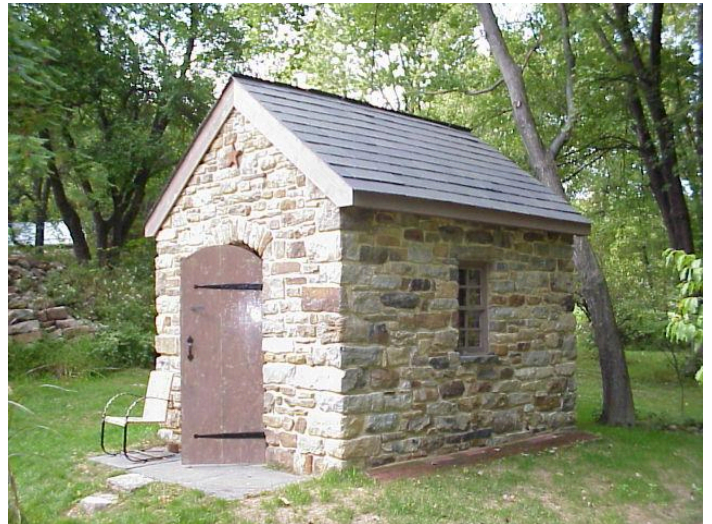


Guest speaker Michele Luisi told us about making a fertilizing tea from worm castings. Soak one cup of worm castings in one gallon of water for 24 hours. This is good for Orchids and houseplants. Michele has a worm farm for her worm castings and discussed how to set one up. I use worm castings in my soil mix and purchase it on Amazon. This is a picture of what I use. I will be experimenting with the tea in a couple of weeks when things slow down.



July 13th Meeting

Picnic and Tour of Albert and Rae's historic property - A short walking tour of the gardens/plantings, which includes a small limestone rock garden, a small silicate-rock garden, and various woodland, edge, and sunny location native plantings. The walk-around will include his commentary on the importance of native plants in 21st century landscapes. Their property is a certified National Wildlife Federation habitat and is also a certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation.



The stroll through the property will take the group past various stone projects, the small pond which accepts the overflow water that emanates from the orchid cave (historic lagging cave), as well as the above ground aspect of the subterranean cave structure. Some historical facts and perspectives will be discussed, including the house as it exists today and the structure as it existed in the 1860s.



The subterranean “cave”, 8 feet below the surface, 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.



Slugs & Snails

There is nothing more frustrating than waiting 2 or 3 years for a new plant to bloom, and then discovering that the long awaited buds have been destroyed by marauding molluscs.



These unwelcome visitors can appear seemingly 'out of nowhere'. In many cases they have arrived hidden in the pot of a plant previously grown elsewhere, and in other cases they have literally come out of the ground (either in a greenhouse, or while plants were outside for the summer).

The first line of defense should be minimizing the risk of letting them in. Growing indoors, this means repotting every plant purchased **immediately** upon receipt:

- Discard all the original potting mix. Not just into a garbage can (slugs can crawl out); it needs to go outside into the garbage.
- Rinse the roots by swishing in a bucket of water.
- Repot in a fresh pot.

I prefer using new pots; if you are forced to use an old pot again, make sure to sterilize it first to eliminate the possibility of spreading virus.

If you have a fairly large collection, and are uncertain whether you might have some of these unwanted visitors, there are a couple of steps you can take before resorting to repotting everything simultaneously:

A. Slugs are attracted to beer.

Place a couple of shallow dishes with fresh beer in your growing area. Some slugs will drown themselves in the beer, but you should also go inspect the area a couple of hours after dark. Any unwanted molluscs will probably be on their way, and you can collect them then.

B. Use slug bait.

There are several products on the market. The brand most readily available is **Corry's**, which is based on iron chelate. It works, but it becomes less effective if used repeatedly. It is suggested that you alternate applications with a product with a different base.

NOTE: **Corry's** is not available in New York, but it can be sold in New Jersey.

Scatter the granules directly into the pots. You do not need to place it in every pot.

When you bring plants outdoors for the summer, the risk of infection is increased. One simple way to minimize the risk, is to wrap copper tape around the legs of the table or bench you are using for your plants. Slugs & snails will not cross copper, so that will prevent the buggers from coming up from below (as long as you trim any weeds growing in that area, so they can't bridge the copper that way).

I found self-adhesive copper tape (2" wide x 66 feet) on Amazon for about \$10/roll (May 2025). I have also seen tape about 3/8" wide, and I know of one grower who wraps it around the stem on the emerging inflorescence - just to make doubly sure that the slugs won't get to the buds.

If you have a greenhouse, it is suggested that you use copper around bench legs and horizontally on the lower walls to prevent infestation from any ground dwellers.


Lastly, I have seen slugs lower themselves from an overhead branch on a string of mucus. So, instead of relying on a tree for shade, add a superstructure to your table, and drape shade cloth over it. The superstructure does not need to be strong, 2x3 up-rights & 2x2 cross pieces should be enough.














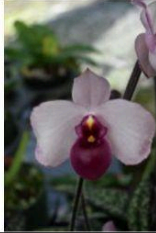



Monster Island Orchids Availability

- ❖ Email your order to Frank Cervera - frankrc@optonline.net
- ❖ Pre-order dates for shows and monthly meetings is TBD. Please write for specific deadlines.
- ❖ Payment at pick-up - shipping date (cash or major credit cards).
- All plants are blooming size unless noted otherwise.
- For additional options, please visit **monsterislandorchids.com**
- Photos are from Monster Island Orchids. No photo – please, google (copyright!).

		Price
<i>Phragmipedium</i>		
<i>Phragmipedium</i> QF 'lo (HOT!!!)		\$75
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Demetria (HOT!!!)		\$75
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mauna (<i>warczewicksianum</i> x <i>longifolium</i>)		\$75
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Faustus Panache (some are blooming without staminodes)		\$75
<i>Phragmipedium</i> (Peruflora's Cirilia Alca x <i>fischeri</i>) (SUPER HOT!!!)		\$105
<i>Phragmipedium</i> (Seymour Tower x <i>longifolium</i>)		\$65
<i>Phragmipedium</i> (Seymour Tower x <i>fischeri</i>) (A beautiful dark flowered mini Phrag.)		\$45
<i>Phragmipedium caricinum</i> (3 growth division REAL!!!)		\$250

<i>Phragmipedium richteri</i> (multi growth division of a very dark clone)		\$85
<i>Phragmipedium kovachii</i> (limited number of blooming size multi-growth plants)		\$225
<i>Phragmipedium pearcei</i> (multi-growth division)		\$65
<i>Paphiopedilum</i>		
<i>Paphiopedilum micranthum</i> (Dark colored form)		\$65
<i>Paphiopedilum Sotnei Dancer</i> (Chiu Hua Dancer x <i>stonei</i>) (SUPER HOT!!!)		\$ 95
<i>Paphiopedilum lantha Stage</i> (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>sukhakulii</i>)		\$65
<i>Paphiopedilum Addicted Phillip</i> (2 growth NBS (near blooming size) plants)		\$ 45
<i>Paphiopedilum Sanders Pride</i> (<i>sanderianum</i> x <i>stonei</i>) (HOT!!!)		\$85
<i>Paphiopedilum concolor</i> (NBS - near blooming size)		\$30
<i>Paphiopedilum jackii</i>		\$85
<i>Paphiopedilum armeniacum</i>		\$65
<i>Paphiopedilum helenae</i>		\$45
<i>Paphiopedilum papuanum</i>		\$125

<p>Paphiopedilum Julius (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>lowii</i>) (These are blooming out INCREDIBLE)</p>		\$95
<p><i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wossner Vietnam Star (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>vietnamense</i>)</p>		\$65
<p><i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i> alba NBS (near blooming size)</p>		\$50
<p><i>Paphiopedilum</i> QF Akala Lelo (HOT!!!)</p>		\$40
<p><i>Paphiopedilum</i> QF Elizabeth (Multifloral Albino Paph!!!)</p>		\$100
<p><i>Paphiopedilum</i> Kolosand x <i>stonei</i> (SUPER HOT!!!) (so far high flower counts and spectacular flowers!!!)</p>		\$110
<p><i>Paphiopedilum violascens</i></p>		\$65
<p>Paphiopedilum Jupiter (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>volonteanum</i>)</p>		\$80

(4 foot spikes!!! Multifloral!!!)		
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Evelyn Rolke (Spots!!!)		\$45
<i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i> vinicolor (very dark mother plant)		\$40
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Ho Chi Minh		\$45
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Lady Isabel (perhaps the most famous Paph multifloral hybrid)		\$65
<i>Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum</i> alba (multigrowth blooming size seedlings)		\$65
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wossner Sphinx (SUPER HOT!!! Julius x <i>sanderianum</i> !!!) (We are only releasing 2 of these!!!)		\$125
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Delrosi		\$45
<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i> alba x <i>haynaldianum</i> alba (Multifloral Paph Abino hybrid!!!) (multigrowth blooming size)		\$95
<i>Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum</i> NBS (near blooming size)		\$45
<i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i>		\$50
<i>Paphiopedilum rungsuryanum</i>		\$80
<i>Paphiopedilum canhii</i>		\$80
<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i> (blooming size selected plants from Taiwanese breeding)		\$130