



MHOS NEWSLETTER

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March 2008

Meetings

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

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table.

March meeting to be replaced by the Spring Show and Sale on Saturday, March 8th (setup on March 7th)

April 13th meeting, "Diagnosis Day" with Ron Midgett of New Earth Orchids

May 4th (meeting held one week early because of Mother's Day), Judy Becker of Lauray Gardens will speak about plants that grow well with orchids

June 8th meeting, speaker to be determined

July 13th meeting, speaker to be determined

August – no meeting

September 14th meeting, we are hoping to get Weyman Bussey to come from California

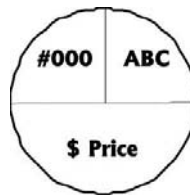
Spring Show & Sale Replaces March Meeting

Our March meeting will be replaced by the spring show and sale on Saturday, March 8th. This will be a one-day sale, and volunteers offering help are always appreciated. Please contact Dennis Sandberg at 914-962-1541 if you are able to lend a hand. Thanks to those who have already offered. And, as always, everyone is invited to bring finger foods.

If you are selling plants or would like to bring display plants for the show table, the church will be open for setup the preceding evening from 5:30 to 7:30pm, and will open at 8:30am the day of the Show. Members only will be admitted at 10:00 on Saturday morning; the public will be admitted beginning at 11:00am and continuing until 3:00pm.

If you're selling plants, please be sure to use light-colored labels only. Remember that well-groomed plants will always sell better, and a picture of the blooms will help sell plants that are not in bloom at the sale.

There should only be 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). All plants and items should be individually priced (we cannot accommodate "3 for \$10" type pricing).



At our January meeting, we celebrated Marian Kent's 90th birthday and thanked her for her many contributions to MHOS.



Marian, founder of MHOS



Certificate presented to Marian



No GNYOS Bus Trip This Year

The following notice was received from the Greater NY Orchid Society:

"It is with regret that we must announce that due to a variety of circumstances beyond our control the New York International Orchid Show, which has been held at Rockefeller Center for the past six years, has been indefinitely postponed; no event will take place this year. It would be simplistic to single out any one of the numerous reasons that have made this decision necessary, but the organization and production of this iconic Spring event in New York City has become increasingly challenging."

Let's hope we will be together on our annual bus trip next year.

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Georgette Martin
845-473-6276
after 6 pm only

Newsletter & Website

Elisabeth Mansfield
845-294-1000

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

Some orchids bring to mind the color red. For example, there is an orchid named "Broughton sanguinea", which grows in the low-altitude rain forests of Jamaica. "Sanguinea" is Latin for "blood red", descriptive of the bright color of this orchid's flowers, which has contributed to its popularity, along with its ease of cultivation. *B. sanguinea* has been much used in hybridization, especially with *Cattleyas*, producing *Cattleytonias*.

B. sanguinea produces egg-shaped pseudobulbs in a compact cluster, along with two narrow dark-green rough-textured leaves. The flowers emerge from the tip of the pseudobulbs in winter, producing a flurry of flowers looking as a whole like a red chandelier. This orchid needs lots of light and humidity, along with subtropical temperatures no colder than you would want to swim in.

B. sanguinea likes to grow on a slab made of cork or in a pot filled with free-draining coarse bark. It needs water and fertilizer during its growing and flowering periods, but can be weaned off water during dormancy. In contrast, bulbophyllums, representing over 10% of all known orchid species and requiring similar growing conditions, should not be allowed to dry out completely during dormancy.

Two of the world's smallest orchids are "bulbophyllums": *B. minutissimum* and *B. pygmaeum*. These orchids are the size of a pinhead or smaller, and are best viewed with a hand lens. Easier to view are bulbophyllums like *B. rothschildianum* with its foot-long reddish inflorescence and *B. macranthum* with its fleshy-textured "wine red" flowers. *B. macranthum* grows in the tropical forests of Myanmar (a.k.a. Burma), while *B. rothschildianum* grows in northeastern India.

B. beccarii, named for Odoardo Beccari, has the largest reddish leaves of any known Asian orchid, with a smell akin to rotting elephant's flesh. It grows in the lowland rain forests of Malaysia and is generally associated with the resinous timber-yielding dipterocarp trees.

Events in the Northeast

Through April 6th – The New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show, Bronx River Parkway at Fordham Road, Bronx, NY. For details call 718-817-8700 or visit www.nybg.org

March 1st & 2nd – Orchid Society of Nova Scotia Show, Spring Garden Place, 5640 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS. Contact: Gail Schwarz, 301 Kings Rd., Wellington, NS B2T 1A2; rschwarz@hfx.eastlink.ca.

March 2nd to 9th – 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia PA. Contact: Betty Greene, PA Horticultural Society, (215) 988-8826.

March 7th to 9th – Maryland Orchid Society Show. Contact: Bill Scharf, 7768 Fulton School Rd., Felton, PA 17322; bscharf@mskpartners.com.

March 8th & 9th – Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show. Contact: Beth Horyn, 76 W. 4th. Street, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L9C 3M7

March 14th & 15th – Lord Fairfax Orchid Society Show, Apple Blossom Mall, Interstate 81 & US Rt. 50, Winchester, VA. Contact: Barbara Lewis, ourpond@visuallink.com.

March 15th to 17th – Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Nancy Kline, 1118 Bay Hill Dr., Gibsonia, PA 15044; (724) 687-9796; nancykline@zoominternet.net

March 28th to 30th – Southeastern PA Orchid Society, Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348; 610-388-1000; www.longwoodgardens.org

April 3rd to 6th – Genesee Region Orchid Society Show, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., Rochester, NY. Contact: Jeff Snyder, (585) 377-5895

April 19th & 20th – Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show, Chinese Cultural Center of Greater Toronto, 5183 Sheppard Ave. E, Scarborough, Ont. (416) 402-6113; louisafung@rogers.com.

May 31st – JPC Speakers Day, Holiday Inn North, Newark International Airport, Newark, NJ, Contact: Rita Cohen (516) 374-6426

These events and others around the country can be found online at: www.aos.org/aos/events courtesy of the AOS. Check this website before traveling to see if there may be a local orchid event at your destination. Everything published in the *Orchids* magazine is also on the web page.

Other Area Societies

1st Sunday
Central NY – Syracuse
www.cnyos.org

1st Sunday-1 pm
Northeastern Pennsylvania
Society – Lakeville, PA

1st Saturday
North Eastern New York –
Albany/Colonie, NY
www.nenyos.com

2nd Sunday
Mid-Hudson – Newburgh,
NY

2nd Tuesday
Greater Westchester –
White Plains, NY

Deep Cut – Tinton Falls, NJ
<http://deepcutorchids.googlepages.com/>

2nd Wednesday
Manhattan, NY
www.manhattanorchid.com

Connecticut – Hartford or
New Haven
www.ctorchids.org

2nd Thursday
North Jersey – East
Hanover
www.njorchids.org

Long Island – Valley
Stream

3rd Sunday
Southern Tier –
Binghamton, NY
www.storchidsociety.com

3rd Tuesday
Staten Island, NY

3rd Wednesday
Matinecock – Oyster Bay,
NY

3rd Thursday
Ramapo, NJ
www.ramapoorchid.org

4th Tuesday
Greater NY – Bronx, NY
www.gnyos.org

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

Coming up....

Speakers Day

Sponsored by the
Joint Presidents Council
In conjunction with the
American Orchid Society

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Holiday Inn North
Newark International Airport,
Newark, NJ

Featuring:
Carlos Fighetti
Frank Smith
Ron McHatton
Juan Carlos Uribe

For further details see the flyer
printed on back of meeting minutes.

Longwood Gardens

1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA



International Orchid Show & Sale

March 28th, 29th, 30th

In collaboration with
the Southeastern PA
Orchid Society

Orchid Extravaganza

Daily through March 31st

www.longwoodgardens.org

610-388-1000

For a great selection of orchid publications, take a look at

<http://www.orchidsbooks.com/newsletter.asp>



Inclement Weather Policy

In case of inclement weather, it is possible our regular meeting could be cancelled. If this happens, the officers will notify a few volunteers who offered to accept calls from the membership to relay this information. **These volunteers do not call anyone**, they will just stand by their phones to accept calls from other members who want to know if the meeting will be held. In bad weather, call the volunteer nearest you.

Ulster County Sandie Kaplan (845) 255-1489
Orange County Ruth Nattras (845) 343-2901
Putnam County Lorraine Mioducki (845) 279-7293

Cancellation notices will also be aired on WHUD Radio, 100.7 FM



Supplies

If you would like supplies brought to an MHOS meeting, please call Georgette Martin before Friday preceding the meeting at 845-473-6276. Please call only after 6:00 pm. For a list of supplies, check the back pages of your Member List or refer to the Members section of the web site. Supplies purchased through MHOS are at very reasonable prices, and there are no shipping charges.

The Orchid Show

New York
Botanical Garden

Through April 6th



This year's exhibition is set against the magical backdrop of Singapore, one of the great orchid centers of the world.

www.nybg.org

Call 718-817-8687.

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.

Attention

Award-Winning Members

We would like to give recognition to MHOS members when they receive any award. If you have been honored with an award, please notify us so we can include it in our correspondence or on our website. And if you have a picture of the award-winning orchid, we'd love to include it! Email Elisabeth@MansfieldCommercial.com

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A Suite 3A
3 Hatfield Lane,
c/o Elisabeth Mansfield



Directions to AOS Judging at the Hampton Inn in Elmsford (Note: there may be construction at the I-287 exit to Route 119 so keep your eyes open for lane closures or slight changes.)

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. Hotel is on your left. Go to the second light, make U turn and go onto the Hotel ramp to the parking lot.

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 Rt 119 Elmsford, NY, turn right on Rt 119, go about 2-3 long blocks. See Hampton Inn on left, make U turn at light, and turn into Hampton Inn on right.