



MHOS Newsletter

MHOS is an Affiliated Organization of the American Orchid Society January 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,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday season and is looking forward to the 2025 MHOS year. If you want to see what the year looks like, the calendar on our website is up to date. Our next meeting is February 16th and is our hands on Interactive meeting. See Speaker's corner for more details. Winter is a good time to slow down and take more time and care of our petaled friends. At this meeting, either by joining in the potting workshop, learning some new tips or getting help to solve a plant problem, we will work together to accomplish some of our plant goals. Our blooms help us endure these cold winter days.

Brenda L. Decker
MHOS President



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Look My Orchid Bloomed!



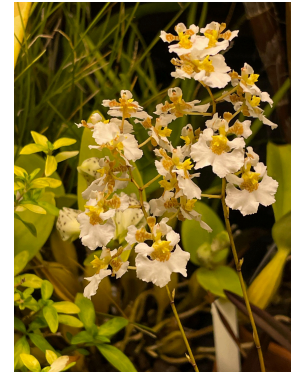
Dend. alexandrae



Dendrochilum
Bicallosum 'Mr. Moy'

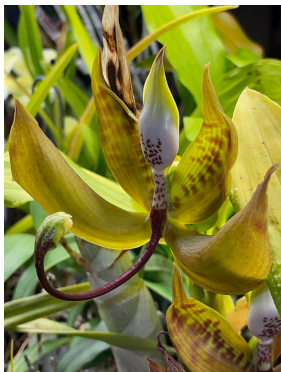


Miltoniopsis roeszlei



Tolumnia variegata

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



Cynoches loddigesii

--Dave Taft--



Phal NOID

--Arielle Robie--



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--Pat MacGregor--



Dgma Winter
Wonderland Wight Fairy

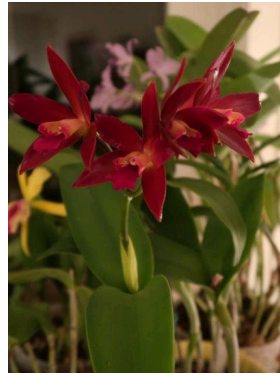
--Paula McLaughlin--



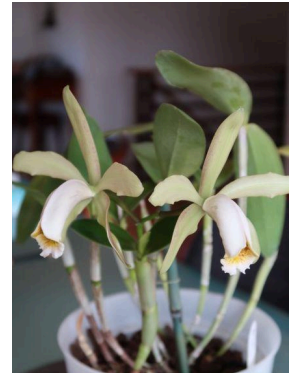
C. percivaliana 'Merrill'



C. Bicolor 'Green'



C. Chocolate Drop
'Kodama'

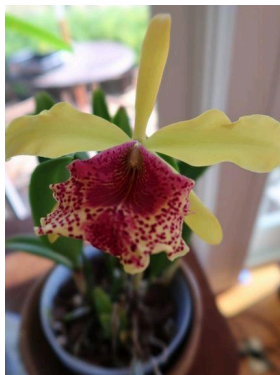


C. forbesii

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



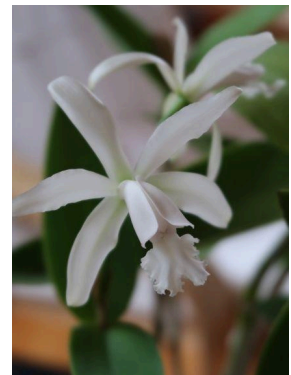
C. bowringiana
Coerulea



Bc Keowee
'Mendenhall'



C. intermedia alba
'Lines'

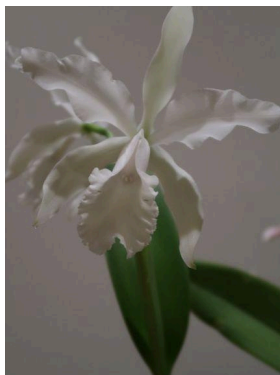


C. intermedia alba
(possibly wild collected 1800s)

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



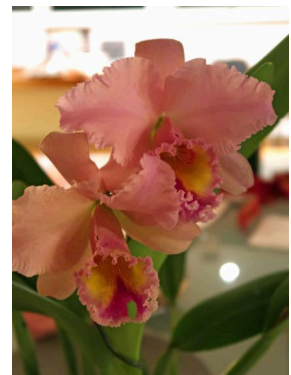
RLC Beauty Girl
'C.V. Kova'



C. intermedia alba
'Penn Valley'

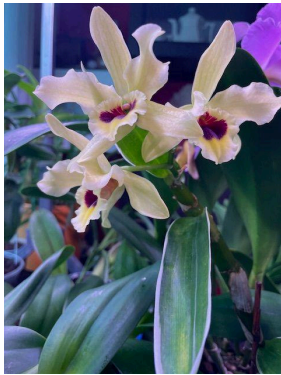


Lc DeLoris Ziegfeld
'Caruthers'



Blc George King
'Serendipity'

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



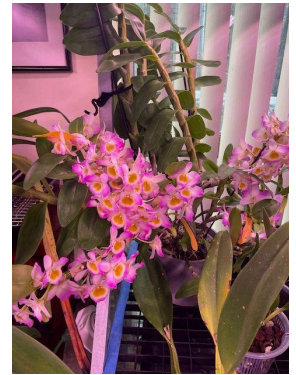
Den Golden Blossom



C. Lucie Hausermann

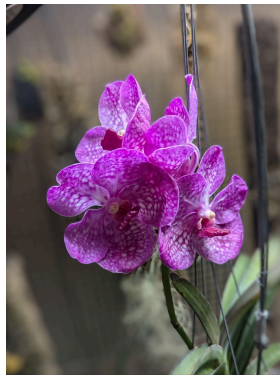


Rlc. Curtis Oda
'Volcano Queen'



Dend. Nobile

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



V. Pak Chong 2n x
V. Patchavee Delight 4N



Dend. lichenastrum
var. prenticei



Paph acmodontum
x Hilo Citron

---Brenda Decker---

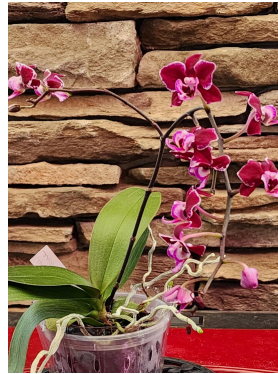
-----Deb Wilson-----



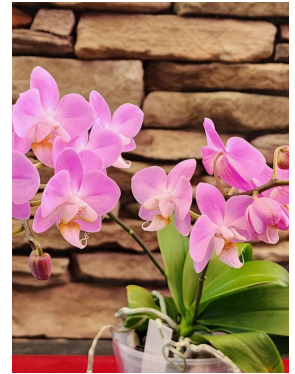
QF Dendrobium
Chocolate Chip



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



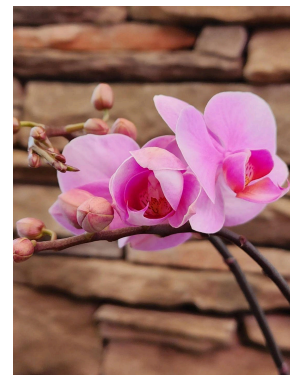
Zns. Murasakikomachi
x Zygo Debbie Demello
'Honolulu Baby'



Clty. Ethel's Paradise
'Kaleialola'



Phal NOID



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



February 16th Meeting

Topic: Interactive Meeting

Bob Phillips will be leading a hands on repotting clinic. If you need guidance on repotting, help with repotting a tricky Orchid, short on supplies, or just need assistance, bring in a Orchid or 2 or even more. It's a chore that is more fun with friends. We will do as many as time allows and the mix holds out. Only rule is, we will do one per person before doing multiples. If possible please bring in your own pots and mix, however we will have some available for a nominal fee. Anyone bringing plants to be repotted should soak the pot in water that covers the complete pot for a few minutes before coming to the meeting. An alternative to that would be to run lots of water through the pot. That will make the roots less likely to break as they will be more pliable. If easier, you could do this at the meeting in the kitchen. Bob will also demonstrate how to remove a keiki from an Orchid and pot it. There will be discussions with experienced members on culture and solving Orchid problems you may have.



Bob will have Paphs for sale

Dennis will be selling an assortment of Orchids and will also have plastic pots for sale.

Andrew will have bags of sponge rock (perlite) for sale.

March 9th Meeting

TOPIC: The *Phragmipedium caudatum* Group; What Did You Say Was the Name of That Plant Again? This talk does a deep dive into the species and names in this group and clears up the confusion for the scientific, horticultural, and judging community as to what the correct names for the five (5) species in the group are.



Frank Cervera is a biologist who has studied the ecology, biology, and taxonomy of the genus *Phragmipedium* in natural populations for the past 25 years. He has also traveled throughout Southeast Asia to investigate the taxonomy and ecology of the genus *Paphiopedilum*. His journey with slipper orchids began in the 1980s when one of his ecology professors introduced him to orchids, prompting him to purchase a plant of *Phrag. longifolium*. After many years of trying to understand which species were which and why he was losing so many plants, Frank decided to take matters into his own hands. Starting in the 1990's Frank undertook a 25-year expedition into the jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Guyana, Brazil, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam to study slipper orchids that has given him unique access to essential source material regarding

taxonomy, ecology, and culture. Along the way, he has met many prominent figures in the slipper orchid community. He has visited some of the most famous— and infamous—orchid nurseries domestically, in Southeast Asia, and in South America at critical points in the history of the genera *Phragmipedium* and *Paphiopedilum* and asked them to share their stories. Frank has had the rare chance to go directly to the source and examine plants and flowers through extensive field research. He currently works in the financial services industry and lives in New York with his family and orchids.

Frank will be bringing Phrags and Paphs to sell at the meeting.



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Upcoming Events

Deep Cut Orchid Society 26th Annual Orchid Show



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Feb 14th -16th
in Holmdel, New Jersey
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