



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

Our annual show is now upon us and it is time for final preparations.

Our next meeting is Feb.4, the first Saturday of the month. We will be discussing plant preparation so if you have any you would like suggestions on please bring them. Also if you have plants you'd like to put in the show but can't be at the show by 10:00 AM Thursday the 9th, bring them to the Feb. 4 meeting and we will see if we can make arrangements with someone to take them for you.

The meeting is the last date to order and pay for your dinner so please do it then if you haven't already done so.

Check the show sight for vendors who are taking preorders to get their information.

Hospitality items are needed for both the meeting and the show so please help out. I'd like to thank all members who have worked so hard to make this show possible, with a special thanks to our chairperson, Brenda Campbell, advertising and post cards Andrea Deachman and room design and vendor/exhibitor liaison Leigh Coolidge. Our meeting in March will be welcoming our new members and telling them about our society as well as answer any question that we can on orchids.

Steve Smyrychynski

Next Meeting Saturday February 4, 2017 11:00 AM

**Bedford Old Town Hall
3 Meetinghouse Rd.
Bedford, NH**

Topic- Show Setup

Plants for the show table must be labeled and on the table by 11:00 AM.

2017 Meeting Schedule

**Feb. 10-12- NHOS Annual Show @
Nashua Marriott Courtyard**

Mar 11- New Members

**Apr 8- Kristen Uthus, New World
Orchids. "New Neos from Japan"**

May 13- Member & Vendor Auction

June 10- TBD

**July 8- Kim Feddersen, Fair
Orchids**

**Aug. 12- Annual Picnic. Location
TBD**

Come see the Orchid Growers of Mason at the 26th Annual NHOS Show, Feb. 10-12, 2017 at the Event Center at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua.

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For Love of Orchids

It's like taking a floral tour of the world.

In the hothouse at Mason Hollow nursery, there are orchids of every shape, size and color. Some are the size of a thumbnail, some even smaller. There are tiny, furling fern-like orchids among the bright and splashy lycastes and cymbidiums. They come from all over the world, from the tropics to cold mountain ranges.





While Mason is a small town, with a population of just under 1,400, it has become a running joke at the N.H. Orchid Society that per capita, little Mason had some of the best orchid growers around, with several residents taking home prizes during the show. Among them were Chuck and Sue Andersen, who turned their love of orchids into a business with Mason Hollow Nursery.

“It gets to be addictive,” said Sue Andersen, of what once was a hobby she inherited from her husband.

Chuck has long been interested in horticulture, he explained, having got his first job in a greenhouse at age 14.

“I was intrigued that orchids grew a little bit different than the other plants,” said Chuck. “And the variety was interesting.”

While the Anderson’s collection ranges the whole gamut of **orchid** offerings, other lovers of the plant have their preferences. For John Crooker of Mason, it’s the big, showy flowers that he loves to fill his greenhouse with. With the light floral scent of the orchids, and the classical music he pipes into the greenhouse 24 hours a day, his greenhouse is his favorite place to relax, said Crooker in an interview in his greenhouse on Monday.



"It's a place where you come to relax. It's a place you meditate. It's not a workplace," said Crooker.

Orchid growing is a hobby that draws you in, said Crooker. He started 15 years ago with a single plant purchased from House by the Side of the Road in Wilton. But soon, he began exploring the many varieties, and was amazed by the large, colorful flowers he could produce, and before he knew it, his hobby had outgrown his house, and he had to build a greenhouse.

"I specialize in and am known for the large orchids," said Crooker. "I like the ones that bloom big."

On the other end of the spectrum sits Ann Chepjian of Mason. Chepjian specializes in the small orchids which are mounted on sticks. At 77, they're easier for her to move from her greenhouse to area orchid shows, explained Chepjian. Having started her hobby only after she retired, Chepjian was quick to pick it up, and now has a thriving collection of 880 flowers — she knows, since as a former librarian, she keeps a careful catalog of all her orchids and their details like blooming cycles and which plants need to be re-potted



“You either go at it with a vengeance and passion, or you’re just a hobbyist,” said Chepjian. “I went at it with a vengeance,”

Variety is something orchids have no shortage of. In the Anderson’s greenhouse alone, there are about 2,000 varieties. Some the average layperson would never guess was an orchid. Some even the most novice of growers could probably put a name to. But each one is special.

“Sometimes all that’s left of these flowers is the orchids in people’s private collections,” said Chuck.



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Onc. Lambada



Onc. Unknown



Blc Momilani Rainbow



Zygo. Louisendorf

January Show Table Results

(Show table photo's courtesy of Lee Brockmann and Matt Lajoie)

Hobbyist

PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

1st Place: Dtps Fuller's Sunset

Anita Walker

PAPHIOPEDILUM ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Odette's Enchantment	William Schinella
2nd Place:	spicerianum	William Schinella
3rd Place:	(Supersuk x Raisin Pie) x Sib	Lee Brockmann

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Blc Momilani Rainbow	Geraldine Liebert
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VANDA ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Tubecentron Hsinying Girl	Tom Mikulis
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DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Den Aussie Parade x Allynstan Crikey (No such name on record)	Geraldine Liebert
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ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

1 st Place:	Howeara Lava Burst	Dick Josephson
2 nd Place:	Onc Unknown name	Julie T Stacy
3 rd Place:	Onc. Lambada	Julie T Stacy

CYMBIDIUM ALLIANCE

None

PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

None

MISC.

1st Place:	Zygo. Louisendorf	Julie T Stacy
2nd Place:	Zygo. no name	Anita Walker
3rd Place:	Calanthe Sedenii	Lee Brockmann

ADVANCED

Masdevallia scabrilinguis	Sue Labonville
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Paph. Odette's Enchantment



Dtps Fuller's Sunset



Zygo. Unknown



Pleurothallis segoviensis

EXPERT

Fredclarkia After Dark "SVO Black Pearl"
 Slc Circle of Life "Trailblazer"
 Cyc Wine Delight "Jem"
 Laelia anceps
 Ludisia discolor
 Coelia bella
 Encyclia garciana

Chuck Crisler
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 Chuck Crisler
 Chuck Wingate
 Chuck Wingate

Den faciferum	Chuck Wingate
Den Yodogimi	Bob Cleveland
Angraecum Memoria Mark Aldridge	Steve & Janet Ski
Paph Heron's Faire	David Sparks
Masd Pachyura "Orange Tails" (no such clonal name)	David Sparks
Den linguiforme	David Sparks
Paph Leeanum	David Sparks
Cirrhopetalum lasiochilum	Jack Mulder
Den gracilicaule	Jack Mulder
Den petialatum	Chuck & Sue Anderson
Masd hartmanii	Chuck & Sue Anderson
Masd dimorphotricha	Chuck & Sue Anderson
Pleurothallis adalae	Chuck & Sue Anderson
Pleurothallis truncate	Chuck & Sue Anderson
Dendrochilum irigense	Ann Chepjian
Rodriguezia decora	Ann Chepjian
Pleurothallis talpinaria	Ann Chepjian
Maxillaria variabilis	Ann Chepjian
Pleurothallis sicaria	Ann Chepjian
Pleurothallis segoviensis	Ann Chepjian

Judges:

Mike Wagner, David Sparks, Jean Stefanik, Joanna Eckstrom, Chuck Wingate

February Hospitality

Please remember to bring all types of foods to share, especially sandwiches!

OTHER EVENTS AND NEWS OF INTEREST

[CAIOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale](#)

Jan 28-29, 2017 9:00 AM – 5 PM • Resort & Conference Center, 35 Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA

Several vendors who will be at the NHOS show in February are offering pre-order discounts and will deliver your plants to the show. This is a great opportunity. Please see the NHOS website for details.

Meeting Minutes
(not available)



ANNUAL SHOW UPDATE:

Your show committee is hard at work planning a great show at the Marriott Courtyard in Nashua. Save the Dates- Set-up Thursday February 9, Show Dates Friday Feb. 10 through Sunday Feb. 12.

PLEASE HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See Brenda Campbell or any member of the Show Committee or Officer of the Society.....Or, click on the link below to get to the sign-up sheets.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rPHXXWJuyTyggRyER-s77Fijxc-q-JXMIF03gSa3XeY/edit>

Some of the vendors who will be participating in the annual show are offering advance sales of their plants which they will deliver to you at the show. For additional information, visit www.nhorchids.org.

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