



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

I really enjoyed Peter's presentation last month. I hope you all did too. There was so much information I could not write fast enough. I have already put together my order. I can't wait until April to see it.

Cordelia Head of J and L Orchids has rescheduled her presentation to May. I am pleased to announce that our March speaker will be Ray Barkalow. Ray will be speaking about orchid nutrition. His website firstrays.com has lots of great information. Check it out. Also make sure to send your show table photos to Sue by March 6th.

We are already short two trustee positions and a Vice President. Three more Board positions will be up in August. In order to keep this Society running we need your help. I know it is still early but please think about what skills you have to offer and consider running for office. I will be happy to discuss the available positions and job descriptions, just call or email me.

I hope everyone has gotten an appointment for their vaccination. I received my first shot last week and I am happy to say my arm was a little sore but no other side effects. "See" you all on March 13th.

Anita

NHOS MEETING NOTICE

Sat. March 13, 2021

The March Meeting will once again be on ZOOM!

12:00- Mr. Ray Barkalow of Oak Island, NC, owner of First Rays "Supporting the Hobby Orchid Grower Since 1994", will be speaking on plant nutrition.

See page 3 for more information

There will be a virtual show table at 11:00. To enter plants, contact Sue Usseglio (susan@nhorchids.org) with pictures and plant info. NLT Sat March 6.

ZOOM instructions are on Pg. 2

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please monitor <https://www.nhorchids.org/> for updates on NHOS and other related events being impacted by COVID-19 State and local Orders. Once COVID-19 restrictions have been eased and we have a better understanding of what events can be held and under what guidelines, we will once again publish our full, long-term schedule of events for your planning purposes.

Join Zoom Meeting

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March Speaker, Ray Barkalow

My orchid growing began when I was a Ceramic Engineering student at Georgia Tech. After about a year of volunteering my time at the public greenhouses in Piedmont Park - now the Atlanta Botanical Gardens - the orchid grower there gave me a big, "floofy" purple cattleya. It took me about two years to kill it via the typical root rot - desiccation cycle torture, and at the time, I simply "did not kill plants," so I was determined to learn more and got addicted like everyone else. Needless to say, in the 45+ years since, I've learned that I am a very effective plant killer... (Isn't it true that you're not an orchid-growing "pro" until you killed your weight in plants?)

During my professional career in the chemical industry, I had many opportunities to travel internationally, and put together an extensive collection of orchids from around the world, mostly purchased from street vendors and shipped back to myself on my import permit (Pre-CITES). That travel schedule (averaging 13 flights a week for 3.5 years at one point) led to a great deal of experimentation surrounding keeping plants healthy and happy during my absences, and that's what led to the development of Semi - Hydroponics.

First Rays came into being by accident - literally - courtesy of a greenhouse heater and alarm failure on a 7-degree night in January of 1994. That 20 - year collection of plants from around the world was a total loss. After a few months, I purchased a new heater and alarm system & wrote them off as business expenses, even though I had no idea how I'd make a business out of orchids.

First Rays is now in its 27th year of operation, although a lot smaller than it was at its peak, before I retired from my "real job". To me, the best part about the business is the exposure it has provided, allowing me to meet & communicate with folks from around the world on the fascinating subject of orchids. Sharing the obsession is second only to growing the plants.

Shortly thereafter, I divided the first couple of replacement plants I had purchased at the Philadelphia Flower Show, created a text-only web page listing them, & offered the extra divisions to the internet orchid community via a post to the Comp-U-Serve Gardening Forum. Within three hours I had two orders, and I knew I'd make it a business.



Jan Metcalf - Hybrid; Odontobrassia Kenneth Biven 'Santa Barbara'; 4' from pot to top of spike; purchased from Kensington Orchids in Maryland 19 years ago; She is new to NHOS - WELCOME!



Dale Cunningham - Hybrid; Degarmoara Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'.



Dale Cunningham - Hybrid; Paph. Hawaiian Jewel (Hawaiian Illusion 'Strident Green' x Jewel Green 'Withdrawn').





Sue Labonville - Hybrid; Phrag. schlimii 'Wilcox' AM/AOS (renamed Phrag. Cardinale 'Wilcox'); grown under lights.



William Schinella - Hybrid; Rth. Cape Scarlet
Glow



David Sparks - Hybrid; Potinara Love Avenue 'Serenade'



David Sparks - Species; *Dinema polybulbon*; mounted on a soda bottle 22 years ago; from Mexico and Central America.



David Sparks - Species; *Dracula polyphemus*; From Ecuador.



Chuck Wingate - Species; *Dendrochilum bicallosum*



Chuck Wingate - Species; *Dendrochilum propinquum*



Chuck Wingate - Species; *Paph. primulinum*



Chuck Wingate - Species; *Rhyncostylis gigantea* spots



Chuck Wingate - Species; *Vanilla planifolia*; Left - in bloom - Right - seed pods



Daryl Yerdon - Species; *Phal zebrina*



Daryl Yerdon - Species; *Dendrochilum glumaceum* 'Sumerod'
CCM/AOS



Daryl Yerdon - Species; *Maxillaria variabilis*



Daryl Yerdon - Species; *Dendrochilum quadrilobium*



Bob Cleveland - Hybrid; SL Orpetii



Bob Cleveland - Hybrid; Sl Falkon Ball



Bob Cleveland - Hybrid; Lycaste
Phoebe



George Newman - Species; Pleurothallis teaguei



George Newman - Hybrid; Lycaste Auburn x Wyldcourt



George Newman - Species; *Ada aurantiaca*



George Newman - Species; *Mediocalcar bifolium*



Chuck & Sue Andersen - Species; Den. violaceum 'Hanging Gardens' CHM/AOS; rare white form



Chuck & Sue Andersen - Species; Ornithidium miniatum 'Jennifer' CCM/AOS, Also known as Maxillaria rolfei from Colombia.



Chuck & Sue Andersen - Species; Bulbophyllum wallichii (white form); From Thailand and other Eastern/Southeast Asian countries; Deciduous and dry in winter.



Chuck & Sue Andersen - Hybrid; Masdevallia Wild Child 'Hyperdrive'; Highland Fling x yungasensis



Chuck & Sue Andersen; Species; Lankesterella ceracifolia; Unusual species native to Northeastern Argentina.



Chuck & Sue Andersen - Species; Den. vexillarius var microblepharum (red form); This plant is from New Guinea; Last month the pink and orange form were displayed, now we have the red form.



Chuck & Sue Andersen - Species; *Sophronitis (Cattleya) coccinea*; Cool growing *Cattleya* relative from Brazil.



Chuck Crisler - Species; *Dendrobium speciosum*; Australia



Chuck Crisler - Hybrid; *Vanda Motes Goldpiece '24 Carates'*



Chuck Crisler - Hybrid; Cattleya Horace 'Maxima'
AM/AOS

**New Hampshire Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2021**

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

- **Membership – we have 112 members – 59 memberships are still outstanding. Dues can be renewed via the website or please contact either Lee Brockmann or Sue Labonville for more information.**
- **Financials: We have \$12,828.28 in the checking account; our net worth is \$41,291.72.**
- **The Board has been working on updating the NHOS Policies and once completed they will be posted on the website.**
- **We are looking for a volunteer to host the Annual Meeting Picnic in August. If you are interested please let Anita know.**
- **Speakers for the next few months are:**

March – Ray Barkalow – First Rays LLC; subject: Orchid Nutrition

April - Mary Jo Gilsdorf – Dendrobiums

May – Cordelia Head from J&L Orchids; Miniatures/Masdevallias

- **Virtual Show Table for March is on.**

Respectfully submitted: Susan Usseglio, Secretary

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	March 02, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	March 09, 2021 8:30 pm EST Tuesday	March 13, 2021 2:00pm EST Saturday	April 08, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Star Search: Judging Angraecoid Orchids	Semi-Annual Meeting of the Members <i>Space is Limited Register NOW!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Beth Martin AOS Associate Judge	AOS Officers, Staff, Committee Chairs, Member Volunteers	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!
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Date: March 13, 2021
Subject: NHOS Monthly Meeting
Time: 11:00 AM
 (Board Meeting at 9:00AM)
Agenda: President's update
 NHOS Virtual Show Table
 featuring Dr. Chuck Wingate
Guest Speaker: Ray Barkalow
 Orchid Nutrition
 firstrays.com

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