



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

I can't believe it's August and Annual meeting time already. This year has gone by so swiftly. At the business meeting we will be voting on amendments to our By Laws and on the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Both documents are now on our website and a link to them is provided in this newsletter. Please review them prior to the meeting. These documents will influence Board decisions over the next several years. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Also on the agenda for the Annual meeting is the election of Officers for the next two years, the positions up for election are President, Treasurer and two trustee positions. Andrea Deachman is the Nominating chairperson so if you are interested in standing for one of these positions, please let her know.

As Nancy Chase is standing for a position on the Board, she will be unable to help with Hospitality in the future. I will need a volunteer to assist Rudi Seitz in the Kitchen. Please let me know if you are able to help.

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NHOS MEETING NOTICE

Saturday Aug. 12, 2023 @ Old Bedford Town Hall

**Board Mtg. 10:00
Plants on Show Table by 11:00
Lunch 12:00 followed by
Program – Annual Meeting,
BBQ and Member Auction**

(see pages 8 & 9 for details)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly AOS Judging

On the first Saturday @ Tower Hill
contact Bob Winkley at northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or having a plant judged.

Aug. 12, 2023- NHOS Annual Meeting, Town Hall BBQ and Member Auction

**Sept. 9, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Edgar Stehli of Windswept in Time
Orchids – Topic “Miniatures”**

**Oct. 14, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Special Auction for Bob
Cleveland**

**Nov. 11, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Bob Cleveland “Propagating
an Orchid Seedling”**

Dec. 9, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Holiday Party

World Orchid Conference, Taiwan

March 1-4, 2024

<https://www.woctrust.org/the-next-woc---23-woc-taiwan-2024>

President’s Message (Con’t from pg. 1)

This year we will again be having a BBQ. The society will provide the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a side dish to share. There will be lots of good food and good company. For your entertainment pleasure, a Member Auction is planned. Susan Usseglio is putting together a catalog of member plants that will be featured in the auction. Look for further details elsewhere in this newsletter.

There will be a show table so don’t forget to bring your blooming plants.

This will be my last meeting as your President. Thank you all for bearing with and supporting me over the last four years.

Anita



C. Rustic Spots 'FTsR40s'



C. Amethyst Star 'Parkside'



Schoenorchis tixieri



Encyclia parviflora x Sib

July Show Table Results
(photographs courtesy of Caren Savone)

Judges: Chuck Wingate, George Newman, Jan Ski, Steve Ski, Scott Shephard

Hobbyist ©= cultural award

Phalaenopsis Alliance

1 st : Phal. Fate Smiled	Scott Shephard
2 nd : Phal. NOID	Anita Walker

Cattleya Alliance

1 st : C. Seagull's Tiny Tim	Scott Shephard
1 st : C. Rustic Spots 'FTsR40s'	Scott Shephard
2 nd : C. Amethyst Star 'Parkside'	Scott Shephard

Dendrobium Alliance

1 st : Den. Hibiki	Scott Shephard
1 st : Den. garrettii R C	Scott Shephard
2 nd : Den. laevifolium	Scott Shephard
2 nd : Den. Nagomi	Scott Shephard

Vanda Alliance

1 st : Schoenorchis tixieri	Scott Shephard
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Pleurothallid Alliance

1 st : Pleurothallis picta	Anita Walker
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Miscellaneous Genera

1 st : Encyclia parviflora x Sib	Janet Metcalf
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Advanced Growers
(all cultural or "R" for rarity)
NONE

Expert Growers
(all cultural or "R" for rarity)

Chuck Wingate

Ada glumacea
Lockhartia oerstedii
Acineta superba
Angraecum hildbrandtii

Daryl Yerdon

Den. Baby Hibiki, Den. Hibiki, Den. sakurako (Group)
Bulb. Jersey
Lyc. Dainty
Tolumnia variegata
Epi. verstedii

Bob Cleveland

Phrag. Nitidissimum
(Members Choice Plant of the Month)
Epcty. Serena's Tinkerbel 'Paradise'

George Newman

Miltonia Red Woodham 'Wendy'
Stellis species (?) ®

Paph. helenae ®
Prosthechea radiata



Ada glumacea

Masd. dura
Lycaste deppei
Den. victoria-reginae



Acineta superba



Tolumnia variegata



Lycaste Dainty



New Hampshire Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2023

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

- We need help setting up before and cleaning up after the meeting. Please don't leave the responsibility to only a few. All help is appreciated.
- Upcoming Programs:
 - July 2023 – Fred Clark – Becoming an 80-percentile grower
 - August 2023 – Annual meeting, BBQ and Member Auction at Town Hall.
 - September 2023 – Edgar Stehli – Windswept in Time Orchids (TBD).
 - October 2023 – Special Auction for Bob Cleveland
 - November 2023 – NHOS member Bob Cleveland will present a hands-on workshop on how to propagate your orchid seedling.
 - December 2023 – Christmas Party
- Financials: We have a total of \$21,567.28 in the checking account; Fund Accounts: \$27,200.20; Society's net worth is \$48,767.48.
- Membership: We have 148 memberships and 197 members. There are openings on the Board of Directors; President, Treasurer and Trustees.
- Andrea Deachman – Nominating Chair announced the slate of potential officers. They are: President – Nancy Chase; Treasurer – Andrea Deachman; Trustees: Bob Cleveland and Dale Cunningham. Ann Chepjian inquired as to whether persons volunteering for positions submit their written qualifications. It was her recommendation that strong qualified people need to be voted into these positions. It is important to note that nominations can be taken from the floor at the meeting.
- The annual Members Auction will be taking place at our August Meeting at the Bedford Town Hall. At this meeting we will be voting in the new slate of officers, By-Law changes and we will have a hearty BBQ lunch. Procedures/guidelines for the Member Auction have been previously included in the Newsletter. If you have questions, please contact the auction chair. The auction catalogue can be viewed via a link identified on the front page of the website. There is a link on the website that

shows all the proposed By-Law updates as well. Members were asked to provide side dishes to help round out the August BBQ. A list was sent around asking for donations. This listing will be published in the Newsletter.

- One of our dear members, “David Sparks”, has undergone a serious back operation. As of this date he is home and doing well. He expects to be attending the August Meeting. Drop him a line/call and send your regards.
- Newsletter: Leigh Coolidge notified the membership that he is in the process of revamping the Newsletter. He is looking for suggestions on what the members would like to see for content. Some suggestions were: Growing cool orchids, Wild Orchid Conservation, write up on the plant of the month as voted by the members, different websites for interesting orchid information etc. If you have any suggestions, please let Leigh know.
- All outstanding Library Books need to be returned on or before the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned for the Show Table and Program.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Usseglio, Secretary

Special Request

Our September speaker will be Edgar Stehli, owner of [Windswept in Time Orchids](#) who will be talking to us about growing miniature orchids. He plans to drive to our area to attend the NH, ME and CT orchid society meetings. Edgar and his wife Kim will be traveling together, and they have requested to stay with one of our members if possible.

Can you help our society by providing accommodations for Edgar and Kim? Plans are not yet finalized but we are expecting they will most likely need somewhere to stay for the nights of Friday September 8 and Saturday September 9 before moving on to attend the Maine meeting Monday evening.

This is a great opportunity to spend additional time with one of our guest speakers. Is this something you'd be able to do for us? If you can help, please reach out to Daryl Yerdon at djy1691@comcast.net

August Program Information

August 12, 2023 Our annual BBQ picnic and auction

Last year's mixed meeting was so well received we decided to do it again! Our August meeting will once again be a combined Member Auction with a BBQ.

In place of cooking hamburgers, hot dogs and such, the grub will be BBQ: ribs, brisket and pulled chicken cooked by a pot rustler. Adam's ale, soda pop, eatin' irons and lots of napkins will be supplied by the society. (Side dishes to be supplied by the Membership).

Members and non-members alike are invited to attend the auction. If you are not a member but would like to join us for lunch, please bring a dish and the suggested donation for the catered entree of \$20. If you plan to join us for lunch, you can pay us when you arrive.

Additional Information

The proposed annual budget as well as proposed changes/updates to the Society's By-Laws will be voted on during the Annual Meeting portion of the picnic.

Please review the proposed annual budget here:

https://www.nhorchids.org/resources/Documents/Temporary/Budget_Draft_2023-2024.pdf

Please review the proposed By-Law changes here:

https://www.nhorchids.org/resources/Documents/Temporary/NHHOS_proposed_bylaw_changes_2023.pdf

The catalog of plants to be auctioned during the picnic can be found here for those who like to do their homework. <https://event.auctria.com/378aa436-e988-4fa5-9a60-4cf833f32253/>

Picnic Food Sign-up List

NAME	ITEM
Chepjian	Salad
Shephard	Finger Food
Ski	Mac & Cheese
Cunningham	Corn Bread
Seitz	Salad
Schinella	Fruit Salad
Metcalf	Baked Beans
Savone	Flan
Selander-Carrier	Watermelon Salad
Brockman	Water
Guman	Pasta Salad
Sjolund	Cookies
Coolidge	Jalapeno Cord Bread
Newman	Vegetables

This list was created at the July meeting and is a reminder to all that volunteered items for sharing. Other items that would be nice to have to share;

Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Cole Slaw
Deviled Eggs
Cup Cakes
Pie
Cake
Cobbler



**Epcty. Serena's Tinkerbel
'Paradise'**



Prosthechea radiata



Miltonia Red Woodham 'Wendy'

Recent Conservation & Education Grants

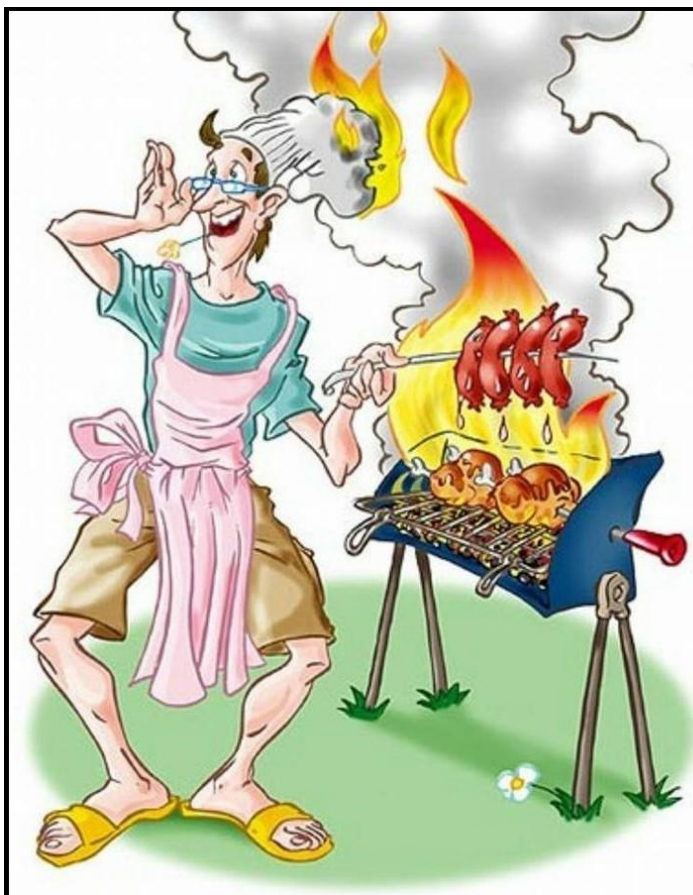
In recent months, the NHOS Education & Conservation Committee has been busy - with requests for funding two projects - one local, and the other from afar. Both projects have as goals, research and support of their respective native orchids, and demonstrate very different means to those end goals.

The Committee communicated with Dr. Kawaka from Kenya. He requested funding for Developing a Community Conservation Strategy for *Tridactyle cruciformis*, an Endangered Epiphytic Orchid in the Mau Forest Complex (MFC), Kenya'. Using undergraduate students, and working with students in the local school system, inventories of the orchid will be compiled, and a "rescue" garden will be established. Dr. Kawaka has completed several other similar projects in nearby communities, and has experience with the process. After a few glitches in transferring the grant money, he is now eagerly working on this collaboration.

Dr. Peter Faletra is no stranger to NHOS, being our monthly meeting speaker most recently in May and at our February show in Nashua. His work with middle school students at Crossroads Academy in Lyme, NH, in researching and producing seedlings of Showy Lady Slippers (*Cypripedium reginae*) has been successful in establishing populations in the region over the past decade, and has been supported by NHOS with a previous grant. Dr. Faletra, now Executive Director of the Academy of Science, a relatively new venture open to all students in the region, is ambitiously set the goal of identifying the genome for *Cypripedium arietinum*, commonly called the elegant and diminutive Ram's Head Orchid. This species is even more rare in northern New England than the Showy Lady Slipper, and our grant support will provide funding for some of the consumable supplies required for the genome sequencing, and analysis of the samples. This basic research will hopefully lead to better understanding for developing propagation strategies and procedures... and ensuring genetic diversity necessary for long term survival of this species in northern New England.

We look forward to periodic updates regarding both grants, as well as final reports. The NHOS Conservation Committee is led by Chairperson, Jean Stefanik, with Chuck Andersen, George Newman, Andrea Deachman, and Anita Walker. Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome to contact any of us and become part of the process.

Jean Stefanik



NHOS' Annual Meeting, BBQ & Member
Auction

Saturday - August 12, 2023
Old Bedford Town Hall

Festivities:

BBQ from KC's Rib Shack
Member Meeting
Voting Officers/Bylaws
Show Table
Member Auction

Sides to be provided by NHOS Members

Information for the Member Auction and
plant submission can be found in the
Newsletter.

Reminder: Date for plant submission is
July 1.

See you there Partner!

Member Plant of the Month
“Phragmepedium Nitidissimum”
(Grown by Bob Cleveland)



“Nitidissimum”, as noted by the capital “N”, is a hybrid made from the crossing of the species *Phrag. caudatum* to *Phrag. hybrid “Cochiferum”*, hence noted as (*caudatum* x *Cochiferum*). *Phrag. Cochiferum* is a hybrid of two species, *caricinum* and *longifolium*, which was developed in 1881. Therefore, to understand the growing conditions for Nitidissimum, it is 1/2 *caudatum*, 1/4 *caricinum* and 1/4 *longifolium*.

Phrag. caudatum is described by *IOSPE* as “Found from Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, this large sized species is a robust, caespitose, fan-shaped, warm to cold growing lithophyte, terrestrial or epiphyte with no pseudobulbs of open, fully exposed, grassy slopes and cliff faces in humus soil at elevations of 800 to 2500 meters with imbricate, conduplicate leaf-bearing sheaths carrying ligulate, leathery, distichous, 3 to 4 pairs, basally imbricating, glabrous, dark green conduplicate below into the base leaves and blooms from winter through summer with long lasting, simultaneously opening flowers on a sub-erect, terminal, to 2' [60 cm] long, 3 to 6 flowered, racemose inflorescence that is just longer than the leaves and has a large leafy basal bract and several prominent tubular bracts.”

Phrag. caricinum is described by *IOSPE* as “Occurring in Peru and Bolivia in tropical rainforests near waterfalls or on river boulders at elevations of 150 to 1000 meters as a medium sized, hot to warm growing, fan-shaped terrestrial or lithophyte with no pseudobulbs and several, imbricate, conduplicate, leaf-bearing sheaths carrying several, linear, acuminate, glossy, dark green, conduplicate below into the base leaves blooming on a basal, 1 to 2' [30 to 60 cm] long, erect, purplish green, shortly pubescent, few to several [3 to 7] flowered inflorescence with 1 to 3 elongate, subremote, tubular bracts and longer, spreading floral bracts that exceed the ovary in length and has successively single flowers occurring in the late winter through early fall.”

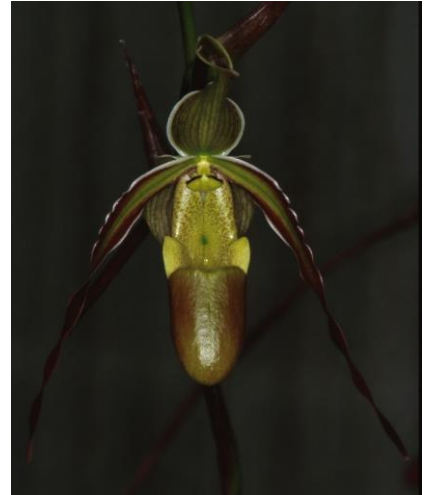
Phrag. longifolium is described by *IOSPE* as “Found from Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Ecuador on roadside banks and in humid arroyos at elevations of 600 to 1700 meters as a medium to large sized, warm to cool growing terrestrial or lithophyte occurring in shaded or open rocky areas with thin soil near streams or seepage areas with very short stems with imbricate, distichous, conduplicate, leaf-bearing sheaths carrying several, linear-lanceolate, dark green above, pale green below, arcuate, acuminate, conduplicate from the middle to the base leaves with the lower leaves being shorter than the rest that blooms on an erect, 24 to 36" [60 to 90 cm] long, pubescent, deep purple or green, terminal, to racemose, several flowered inflorescence that has 3 sterile, distichous, compressed, linear bracts with the 7 to 9 flowers opening in succession and occurring mostly in the fall but it is possible at almost any time of the year.”



Phrag. caudatum



Phrag. caricinum



Phrag. longifolium

NHOS member Bob Cleveland grows *Nitidissimum* in cool to intermediate conditions in his greenhouse which it obviously loves! You will also note that in the description of all three members of the lineage you see that access to frequent clean water is an absolute must but light can vary from bright to shaded. As with most orchids, typically the brighter the light that the plant can withstand without damage, the better it will bloom. Thank you for sharing it with us Bob!

(*IOSPE* is the Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia owned by Jay Pfahl and can be found at <http://www.orchidspecies.com/index.htm>)

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