



# NHOS Newsletter

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## President's Message

I am in the process of getting many of my orchids ready to spend the summer outside. As my collection has grown a bit, the challenge now will be finding enough space. I am sure none of you have that problem!

This is a busy time of year for the Board. We will be reviewing the By-Laws and the proposed budget for 2023-24 as well as attending to other Society business, so please understand if our meetings take longer than usual.

We will be electing new officers at our Annual Meeting in August. The positions that need to be filled are President, Treasurer and two trustees. I have learned a lot during my time on the Board and made some new friends. I urge you all to think about running for one of the vacant positions and if interested please contact Andrea Deachman, our Nominating Chairperson.

Thank you to everyone who brought food and stayed to help clean up. Your help was greatly appreciated.

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## NHOS MEETING NOTICE

**Saturday June 10, 2023 @ Old Bedford Town Hall**

**Board Mtg. 10:00**

**Plants on Show Table by 11:00**

**Lunch 12:00 followed by**

**Program - Tim Culbertson,**

**Modern Sarcochilus Hybrids**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monthly AOS Judging

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

**June 10, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program, Tim Culbertson, Modern Sarcophilus Hybrids**

**July 8, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Program- "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower"**

**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 TBD**

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

**Nov. 11, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Mike Badia – Growing Paphs and Phrags in Your Home**

**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)

Tim Culbertson is a fantastic speaker and we are fortunate to have him join us again. I have one Sarcophilus growing in my terrarium. It looks like it has new growth but has not flowered as yet so I will be taking notes.

See you all on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Anita

**May Show Table Results**  
**(photographs courtesy of Lee Brockmann)**

**Judges: Chuck Wingate, David Sparks, Jan Ski, Steve Ski, Nancy Chase**

**Hobbyist ©= cultural award**

**Paphiopedilum Alliance**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Paph. Prince Edward of York AM/AQ/AOS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Jeff Matteson**

**Miscellaneous Genera**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Prosth. baculus**

**Anita Walker**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Prosth. cochleata ('Steve Kelepez' x 'Jules & Elaine') AM/AOS**

**Anita Walker**

**Advanced Growers**

**(all cultural or "R" for rarity)**

**Norm Selander-Carrier**

**Paph. philippinense**

**Paph. Prince Edward of York**

**Expert Growers**

**(all cultural or "R" for rarity)**

**Chuck Wingate**

**Bulbo. lobbii var. siamense**

**Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirolli**

**Den. subelausum**

**Laelia jongheana**

**Dary Yerdon**

**Den. constrictum**

**Onc. cheirophorum**

**Stellis wagneri 'Susan'**

**Den. Mtn's Butterfly Kisses**

**Max. tenuifolia**

**George Newman**

**Coelogynae ochracea**

**Pleurothallis stricta**

**Masd. bennettii**

**Arpophyllum spicatum**

**Pleurothallis teaguei**

**David Sparks**

**Den. moniloforme**

**Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana**

**Octomeria praestans ®**

**Alamania punicea**

**Bulbo. Taiwanense**

**Pholidota chinensis**

**Ann Chepjian**

**Epi. parkinsonianum**

**Trichoglottis rosea**

**Pholidota chinensis**

**Dichaea rubraviolacea ®**

**Bob Cleveland**

**Prosthechea chacoensis**

**Onc. harrisonianum**

**Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana**



**Prosthechea baculus**



**Paph. philippinense**



**Paph. Prince Edward of York**



**Bulbo. lobbii var. siamense**



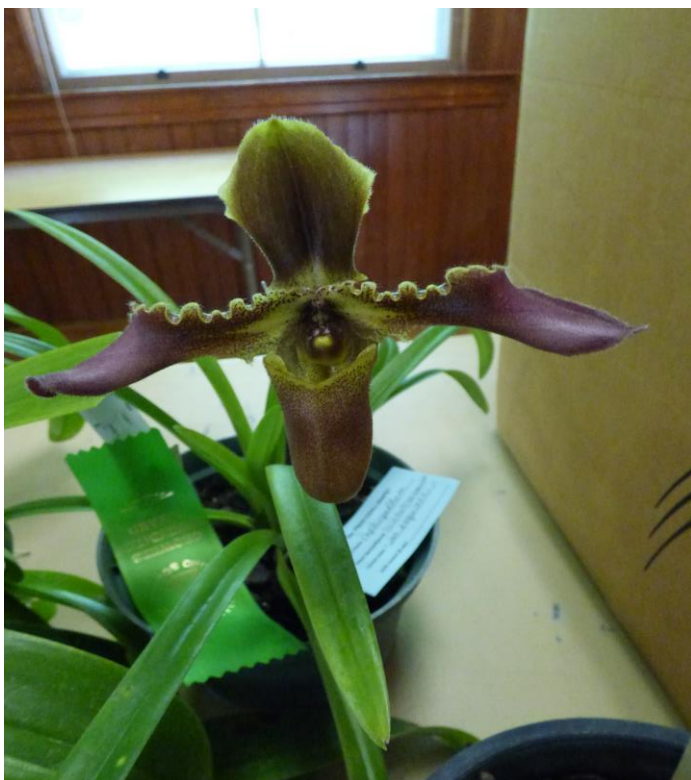
New Hampshire Orchid Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2023

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:
  - May 2023 – Dr. Peter Faletra and NH High School Students – Conservation of Cypripedium Species from Habitat to Horticulture
  - June 2023 – Tim Culbertson – Modern Sarcochilus Hybrids
  - July 2023 – Fred Clark – Becoming an 80-percentile grower
  - August 2023 – Annual meeting, picnic and Member Auction at Town Hall.
  - September 2023 – Edgar Stehli – Windswept in Time Orchids (TBD).
  - October 2023 – Special Auction for Bob Cleveland
  - November 2023 – Mike Badia – Growing Paphs. and Phrags. in your home
  - December 2023 – Christmas Party
  - This is not all inclusive so if you have a particular topic that you would like to have as a program, please notify Daryl Yerdon.
- Financials: We have a total of \$25,921.07 in the checking account; Fund Accounts: \$27,197.94; Society's net worth is \$54,119.01.
- We currently have 146 memberships; 214 members.
- President, with advice and consent of the Board of Directors, appoints Andrea Deachman as the 2024 Annual Show and Sale Chairperson.
- There are openings on the up-coming Board of Directors; President, Treasurer and Trustees. If you are interested in any of these positions please see Andrea Deachman – Nominating Committee Chairperson, she can fill you in on all the particulars.
- The annual meeting and 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 will be included in the next few Newsletters. Deadline for plant submission lists need to be to Susan Usseglio – Auction Chair by 7/1/2023. If you have questions please contact her.
- Meeting adjourned for Show Table and Program.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Usseglio, Secretary





**Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirolli**



**Den. subelausum**



**Laelia jongheana**



**Den. moniloforme**

## **Members Auction – August 12, 2023**

- This year's member's auction will coincide with the Annual Meeting at the Bedford Town Hall on Saturday, August 12, 2023. All members in good standing are allowed to have their plants auctioned off.
- Each member is allowed to enter 10 plants into the auction, and the split will be 80% to you and 20% to NHOS of the final auction price received.
- This year you may put as many as 20 plants onto your list prioritized in the order that you wish to have them sold. The first 10 on each list will be accepted first and if it is decided more plants are needed then the next plant on your list will be added in a fair and equitable manner amongst all the entries.
- Lists need to be to me, Susan Usseglio @ (Susan@nhorchids.org) by 7/1/2023, if you have any pictures of the plants you are going to auction, please send them along. The software program that we use allows for an on-line catalogue for your viewing pleasure and a link will be posted on the website that will get you to this catalogue. Included in the catalogue will be the plants that are up for auction, their name, photograph of the flower, hybrid or species and growing conditions (cool, intermediate, warm).
- The auction will be run by NHOS under the supervision of the Auction Committee and will utilize the standard established rules used for the Annual fund-raising Auction. Members Auction guidelines and Auction rules will be included in the next three newsletters.
- Plants need to be groomed, free of insects and signs of disease. Affected plants will be removed from the table. Orchids should be staked if necessary and potted in the appropriate container (i.e., if the orchid sends out inflorescences from the bottom of the plant the container must support this growth habit (baskets, net pots). Name tags are to be legible and in good shape.
- On the day of the auction there will be a listing for each person participating in the auction that will have your plants, the numbers assigned to them a sheet of yellow dots with the number of the plant indicated on them. These yellow dots are to be affixed to the tag of the plants designated on the list.
- There will also be a listing of persons in the society with all your contact information and bidding number assigned, there are sheets that have the numbers 1-100; please take your assigned number. Please check the sheet for your name and number remembering to validate your information. If you have not been included on this list, put your name at the end include your contact information and take your number.
- NHOS accepts all forms of payment, cash, checks and charge.
- If you have any questions, please let me know.

Susan



## **Auction Rules**

- Auction is open to ALL.
- All those intending to bid must register and be assigned a bidder's number prior to bidding.
- Bidding numbers will be assigned in sequential order (no special numbers).
- Bids may only be advanced by minimum of \$1.00 increments (no increases of \$0.50 or \$0.25).
- Payment for items bid upon is expected on the day of the auction by cash, check or charge.
- Bidders accept the responsibility to make themselves seen and/or heard in placing their bid (feel free to yell out – the meek may inherit the earth but they might miss out on the good plants).
- Winning bidders are required to show their bidder number for the auctioneer to confirm their Bidder' ID Number and winning bid.
- Auctioneers will make every attempt to notice each and every bid however, the auctioneers' decisions on which bid occurred first shall be final.
- Bidding may continue until the auctioneer proclaims "Sold". Any bids occurring after this are void. The auctioneers' decisions are final in these matters.
- If you place a bid on a single item being auctioned, you are expected to honor it (no retractions).
- In the case of 'multiple auctions' where two or more of the same items are being auctioned simultaneously, retractions may be permitted if the second highest (or subsequent) bidder feels that the item he or she has won is not worth the price bid and the item will be offered to the next highest bidder at their bid. (In these auctions, high bidder gets pick, then next highest, and so on. If the items vary significantly in size and/or quality, the second highest bidder may not feel that the item offered them is worth what they bid).
- Upon conclusion of bidding on an item, the auctioneer will call out the winning bid and the winning bidder's ID number. At this time, it is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that information called out by the auctioneer is accurate (correct bid price, correct ID number, etc.).
- The auctioneers may exercise their judgement to withdraw a plant or merchandise from bidding if the auctioneer feels that the final bid is considerably below the item's value. Items withdrawn will be used for future auction, raffle or another fundraiser. The auctioneers' decisions in these cases are final.





## **Members' and Vendors' Auction Guidelines**

- There shall be one scheduled opportunity and a Special Auction for current members to auction plants under the aegis of the Auction Committee:
  - a) An Annual Members' and Vendors' Auction and
  - b) A Special Auction granted under extraordinary circumstances.
- The Annual Members' and Vendors' Auction shall be available to all members. The timing of this auction for this year will be August at the annual meeting. In October of this year, we will be having a Special Auction of plants from Bob Cleveland. The guidelines include:
  - a) Each member (or "family", if a family member) shall be allowed to auction up to 10 plants. Out of those 10, three (3) may have a reserve set on them.
  - b) The auction will be run by NHOS under the supervision of the Auction Committee and will include publicity, clerking, actual auctioning of plants, collection of funds, etc. The auction shall be run under the standard, established rules used for the Annual Fund-raising Auction. The seller shall have the option of auctioning his or her own plants.
  - c) The split of proceeds shall be 80% seller, 20% NHOS.
  - d) The auction shall be held at a meeting without an invited, formal speaker (although a back-up program might be scheduled in the event that the auction has few plants).
- Special auctions shall be held under extraordinary circumstances such as the grower's death or health issues etc. or other catastrophic conditions. Growers over purchasing or moving their plants out for the summer and not being able to fit them back into their growing area does not constitute "catastrophic conditions". A presentation by the party requesting the auction (or their agent) shall be made to the NHOS Board of Directors along with the chairperson of the Auction Committee. If granted by a vote of the Board of Directors, the Auction committee will propose a date that will not impact planned activities.

Special auctions shall:

- a) Be held as soon as possible in coordination with the Programs Committee Chair
  - b) Shall be run by NHOS and the Auction Committee as outlined above, and
  - c) The split of proceeds shall be 80% seller, 20% NHOS.
  - d) For 2023 this auction will take place at the October Meeting and will showcase plants from Bob Cleveland.
- The Auction Committee recognizes that other exceptional situations may arise where an auction could be considered. In these cases, a presentation by the party requesting the auction (or their agent) shall be made to the NHOS Board of Directors. The chairperson of the Auction Committee shall also be in attendance to present the pros and cons of the proposal, including what impact it might have upon the society and its planned activities. The Board shall then decide by vote as to whether to proceed with the auction and how it will be run. The proceeds split will be 80% seller and 20% NHOS, the usual proceeds split.



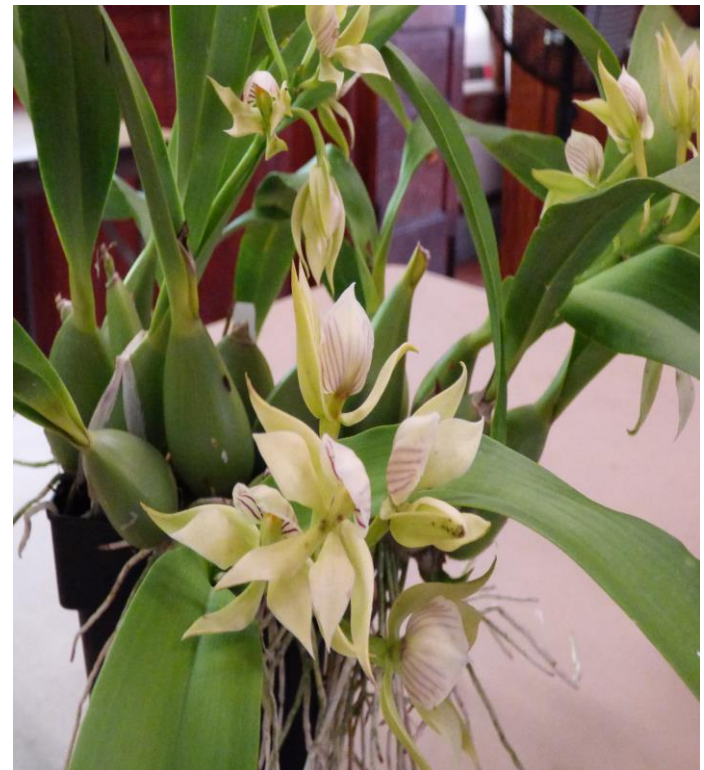
**Den. constrictum**



**Onc. cheirophorum**



**Den. Mtn's Butterfly Kisses**



**Prosthechea chacoensis**

## **Pholidota chinensis**

By the Editor

When I was assembling this month's edition of the NHOS newsletter, I found it interesting that two members of the Society brought the same plant to the May show table. It's actually not an unusual happening given orchids penchant to have a specific blooming season but more so that it was a plant that I was completely unfamiliar with. Not only was it unfamiliar to me as a species, but I'm not sure I've ever been introduced to any member of that particular genus before, and I've been at this crazy hobby for awhile. As I was doing some research to educate myself on *Pholidota* and *chinensis* in particular, it occurred to me that it might be a good idea to share what I found. Maybe someone else is as curious about it as I was.

The interesting variety of orchids that are successfully grown by our NHOS members never ceases to amaze me. Cold to hot, deep shade to full sun, dry to wet, it seems that it's possible to grow anything here in New Hampshire. And it is if you dedicate enough time (and probably money) to educate yourself and equip your growspace accordingly. The fact that we are so fortunate to have so many phenomenal and knowledgeable growers in our society is a benefit that is worth far more than our annual membership dues. So don't be bashful. Get to know all the members of our Society. Ask questions, maybe ask to visit their collection and grow space, and challenge yourself to not be afraid to try something different.

To that point, I'll repeat here a story I love to tell newcomers to the orchid "habit". Several years ago at our annual picnic I was exploring the magnificent greenhouse of NHOS member Bob Richter when I noticed tucked in the corner on his desk were 2 large 2 pound coffee cans stuffed full with old plant tags. When I asked Bob what they were for he responded "Oh, that's my encyclopedia of orchid knowledge. If you haven't killed any, you haven't learned a thing." And he's absolutely right. You can't be afraid to fail!

The following information on *Pholidota chinensis* is re-printed from my good friend Jay Pfahl's website, the International Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia (IOSPE) which can be found at <http://www.orchidspecies.com/indexpl-pz.htm>.

## **Pholidota Lindley ex Hooker 1825** SUBFAMILY Epidendroideae, TRIBE Podochileae, SUBTRIBE Coelogyninae.

A mid-sized lithophytic or epiphytic orchid with a creeping or pendant rhizome makes up the 41 species of this genus that are spread from India to South China, Malaysia, Indonesia, New Guinea as well as the Pacific Islands and south to Australia. They are commonly referred to as rattlesnake-tail orchids. The genus has close to distant, slender to swollen pseudobulbs carrying 1 to 2, narrowly elliptic, ovate to oblong, petiolate, coriaceous to herbaceous leaves blooming on a terminal, slender, racemose, distichous, pendant, laxly to densely many flowered inflorescence with large, concave floral bracts and carries small, fleshy, resupinate to non-resupinate flowers with a concave to convex, broadly ovate to elliptic dorsal sepal with concave to convex, ovate to ovate-oblong, often keeled lateral sepals and ovate to linear petals. They have a sessile, basally saccate epichile, sub-entire to 3 to 4 lobed, deflexed lip with a short, apically hooded column with 4, subglobose to clavate pollinia that are free or cohering in pairs by a viscus.

**Synonyms** *Acanthoglossum* Blume 1825; *Camelostalix* Pfitzer ex Kraenzl. 1907; *Chelonanthera* Bl. 1825; *Crinonia* Bl. 1825; *Ptilocnema* D. Don 1825



**Pholidota chinensis Lindl. 1847 *SECTION Chinensis***

**Plant and Flowers, Flower Closeup Photos by © Eric Hunt**

**Inflorescence Photo by Patricia Harding**



**Common Name** The Chinese Pholidota - In China Shi Xian Tao

**Flower Size** 3/4" [2 cm]

Found in Vietnam, Myanmar, Hong Kong and Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hui Zhou, Hainan, Xizang, Yunnan and Zhejiang provinces of China growing on damp rocks near streams in shady as well as open areas or as an epiphyte on rain forest trees in evergreen lowland forests or primary montane forests at elevations of 300 to 2500 meters as a small sized, cool to cold growing lithophyte and epiphyte that is with ovoid, sulcate pseudobulbs carrying 3, ovate-oblong to linear-lanceolate leaves that blooms in the spring on a 6" to 12" [15 to 30 cm] long, pendulous inflorescence that arises from the apex of a new growth before or as it develops the new leaves, with many [35], fragrant flowers.

**Synonyms** *Coelogyne chinensis* (Lindl.) Rchb. f. 1864; *Coelogyne pholas* Rchb.f 1861; *Pholidota annamensis* Gagnep 1931; *Pholidota chinensis* var. *cylindracea* Tang & F.T.Wang 1951; *Pholidota lauchiana* Kraenzl. 1892; *Pholidota pholas* Rchb. f. 1864; *Pholidota pyrranthela* Gagnep. 1950





## June Program Information

Our speaker will be Tim Culbertson who will be talking about modern *Sarcochilus* hybrids, showcasing these absolute gems of plants with their colorful flowers and miniature size. Tim plans to bring a great selection of orchids for sale during the meeting.

Tim began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which his collection numbers nearly 3000. He loves finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding and also does some hybridizing of his own.

Tim is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and has served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. In addition to Longwood, he worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium.

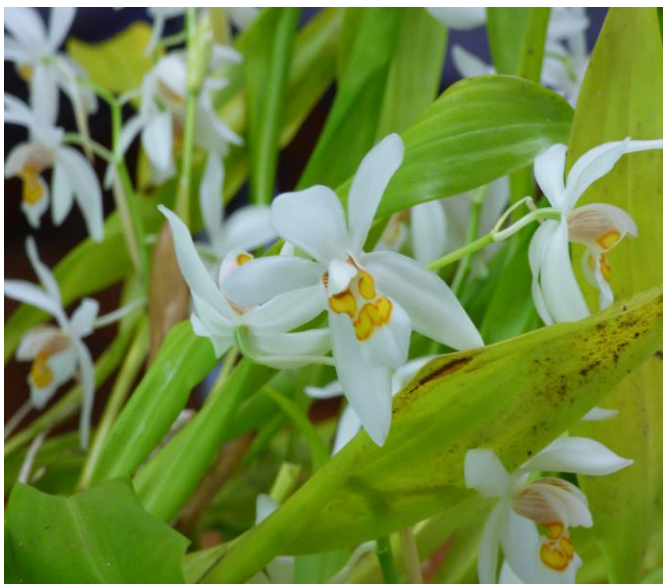
Please have your plants on the show table by 11 a.m.

Lunch is potluck so please consider bringing a dish to share.

*Also: Remember that open leadership positions for NHOS need to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in August. Please talk to Andrea Deachman, Nominating Chair, and get involved!*



Mexicoa ghiesbregtiana



Coelogynae ochracea



**Mark your calendar now for the August 12<sup>th</sup> Auction!!!!!!!!!!**

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