



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

Let me start off with wishing everyone a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I am excited to see what this new year brings.

This month we are starting off with Jerry Kessler as our guest speaker. Please remember to take conversations to another room to not interrupt the presentation. We want to continue to get quality speakers and need to be respectful of their time.

We are supporting the Cape and Islands Orchid Society annual show this year. Please connect with Susan Usseglio if you would like to send your orchids down.

We are in need of support in the kitchen. Whatever help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please don't leave the task of getting lunch for everyone to just one person.

I am looking forward to catching up with everyone on the 13th!

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NHOS MEETING NOTICE

Saturday Jan. 13, 2024 @ Old Bedford Town Hall

Board Mtg. 10:00

Plants on Show Table by 11:00

Lunch 12:00 followed by

Program – Jerry Kessler- The 'Kessander' Story.

(see pg. 8 for details)

And don't forget to bring a potluck brunch/lunch food to share!

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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.

North Jersey Orchid Society Show & Sale Jan. 12-14, 2024

Jan. 13, 2024- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Jerry Kessler- The 'Kessander' Story

Cape and Islands Orchid Society show “Orchid Impressions”
Jan. 20-21, 2024, Emerald Resort and Conference Center Hyannis, MA

Feb. 10, 2024- NHOS Monthly Mtg.- Prepping your plants for the show

The Deep Cut Orchid Society Show & Sale
February 16-18, 2024, Dearborn Market, Holmdel NJ

Amherst Orchid Society Show & Sale
February 24 & 25, 2024 at the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St. Northampton, MA.

March 1-3, 2024- NHOS Annual Show & Sale “Cosmic Colors”
Marriott Courtyard, Nashua

World Orchid Conference, Taiwan
March 1-4, 2024

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

March 9, 2024- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Mike Badia
“Growing Paphs & Phrags in the Home”

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show & Sale
March 16 (12-5) & 17 (10-4), 2024
W. Hartford Meeting & Conf. Ctr.
50 S. Main St., West Hartford, CT

May 11, 2024- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Beth Davis, Waldor Orchids
Topic TBD.

June 8, 2024- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Alan Koch, Gold Country
Orchids. Topic TBD



**C. Rhyncholaeliocattleya
'Ingrid de Portillo'**



Den. atrovioleaceum



Phal. No ID



Dendrochilum javieriensce

Dec. Show Table Results
(photographs courtesy of Susan Usseglio)

*- Plant of the Month

Judges: Chuck Wingate, David Sparks, Jack Mulder, George Newman

Hobbyist ©= cultural award

Cattleya Alliance

1st: C. Rhyncholaeliocattleya 'Ingrid de Portillo'

Philip Mottera

Dendrobium Alliance

1st: Den. atrovioleaceum ©

Sue Kisiel

Advanced Growers
(all cultural or “R” for rarity)

Phal. No ID

William Schinella

Expert Growers
(all cultural or “R” for rarity)

Chuck Wingate

Den. hodgkinsonii*
Pleurothallis pectinata ®

Daryl Yerdon

Dendrochilum javieriensce

George Newman

Pleurothallis allenii
Maxillaria scalariformis
Lepanthes auriculata ®
Pleurothallis truncata

David Sparks

Pleurothallis leptotifolia 'Gold Country'
Isabella pulchella
Schoenorchis buddleiflora
Pteroceras semiteretifolium ®
Tricoglottis triflora ®
Den. perpaulum

Chuck & Sue Andersen

Stelis pusilla 'Constellation'
Panisea yunnanensis
Anacheilium [Ahl.] tigrinum

REMINDER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have been trying to access your NHOS account and cannot get in, have your dues been paid for 2024?
Dues for the new year were due and payable on September 1. If you have not already done so, please make your renewal at
<https://www.nhorchids.org/>,

Or by check to:
NHOS
PO Box 5375
Manchester, NH 03108

Or at the next meeting.



Isabella pulchella



Tricoglottis triflora



Lepanthes auriculata



Pleurothallis truncata



New Hampshire Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
Dec. 9, 2023

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

- Upcoming Program's:
 - January 2023 – Jerry Kessler – The ‘Kessander’ Story
- Financials': We have a total of \$17,351.67 in the checking account; Fund Accounts: \$27,199.90; Society's net worth is \$44,551.51
- Membership: We have 83 memberships and 151 members; 47 memberships have not renewed. Please renew your membership by December 31, 2023.
- Hospitality: An additional person is needed to assist Rudi Seitz. Please consider lending a hand.
- Volunteers were solicited to form a committee to do a spot check review of the financial books.
- Historian – This position still remains open, please consider lending a hand.
- 2024 Show and Sale – Andrea Deachman, Show Committee Chairperson, announced there are sign-up sheets located at the back of the hall, much help is needed so please sign up. She also noted free admission will be granted workers who perform a minimum of 2 (two) hours work at the Show. There is information in the newsletter regarding positions filled/needing to be filled as well as minutes from the kick-off meeting.
 - Chuck Wingate asked about a show meeting. Chuck was informed that there has been an introductory meeting held and the minutes from that meeting were published in the December Newsletter. Chuck also asked as to whether any decision had been made as to having a “high priced” auction at the 2024 Show and Sale. It was stated that no decision had been made as to whether we would or would not have an auction but this question would be brought back to the Show Chair for further discussion. Chuck Wingate was asked if there was to be a “high priced” auction at the 2024 Show and Sale would he be the chairperson for this committee. Chuck confirmed that he would take on this responsibility.
 - Norm Selander-Carrier announced that he would most likely be performing tours at this years Show and Sale and announced that he would be looking for help in performing this function.

- Peter Cataldo asked when the road signs for the Show and Sale would be available for pickup at the meeting. It was stated that 2024 Show Signs would be available for the Membership no later than the February Meeting but it is the intention of the Chairperson to have them available at the January meeting.
- Lee Brockmann asked about program handouts. Past experience has shown our patrons do not use the program as was once created and that this item resulted in a high cost to the society. This year we have decided to post multiple white boards throughout the venue informing guests of the educational programs. These white Boards will also have balloons affixed to them to draw attention for our patrons.
- Of particular note this year the Courtyard at Marriott will be providing food concessions to our patrons from 10AM – 2PM on Saturday and Sunday. NHOS is not responsible for the cost or pricing of this convenience; payment will be the responsibility of patrons paid directly to the Marriott. It was asked that when speaking about the Show and Sale to mention the food concessions will be available this year provided by the Marriott.
- Noise and Disruption – Daryl Yerdon passed along some sentiments from previous speakers regarding the noise and disruption experienced during the program portion of the Membership meeting resulting in some speakers being reluctant to speak at our society. There seems to be more noise and chatter coming from the back portion of the hall therefore it was agreed that the following restrictions will be imposed on the membership during the Speaker portion of the meeting. Currently the meeting progresses from lunch to the President's recap of the Board Meeting onto the Show table and then the Speaker Presentation. It was agreed that we would adjust the Meeting Program as follows: Lunch followed by a recap of the Board Meeting, Speaker Presentation and then onto the Show table. It was further determined that plant sales would cease during the Speaker Presentation and likewise hospitality needs to be cognizant of the noise factor when cleaning up. It was stressed that it is the responsibility of us all to show our speakers respect during their presentation, they have put a lot of time and effort into the subject matter they wish to share with us. Daryl also stated that he will be policing the hall during the Speaker Presentation for compliance.
- Upcoming Society Shows:
 - Cape and Islands (CAIOS) – January 20 & 21, 2024; Theme: Orchid Impressions
 - Amherst Orchid Society – February 24 & 25, 2024;
 - New Hampshire Orchid Society (NHOS) – March 1, 2 and 3, 2024; Theme: Cosmic Colors.
- Meeting adjourned for Show Table and Auction.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Usseglio, Secretary

Jerry E. Kessler
Presentation, Saturday, January 13th
“The ‘Kessander’ Story”

Cymbidium Pauwelsii ‘Kessander’, CCE/AOS (96 points)

It all started with the purchase of one single pseudobulb in 1991. Novice grower, Jerry Kessler grew his Cymbidium Pauwelsii for two decades resulting in an AOS Certificate of Cultural Merit in 2013. In 2018, Jerry was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Cultural Excellence which is the organization’s highest honor to a grower or collector for the cultivation and flowering of a plant.

In March 2021 at the NHOS show, ‘Kessander’ had 43 inflorescences and 1,170 flowers. The plant was 7ft. in diameter and 8ft tall. After 31 years the plant was getting too large and difficult to manage. Jerry had to decide on what would become of “Kessander.”

Jerry’s presentation will be the story of “Kessander” from her humble beginnings as a pseudobulb to her arrival at the prestigious Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. This is an adventure sure to entertain all those who grow and cherish their orchids.

Call for Speaker Hosting

One of the benefits of membership is having speakers from across the country attend our membership meetings. We are excited to have some great speakers lined up for 2024.

One of the challenges is to be sure they have accommodations during their visit. Beth Davis from Waldor Orchids will be joining us in May, Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids will be here in June and Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise will be here in November.

Would you be willing to host one of these speakers during their visit to NH? Typically we need a member willing to provide a bed for one night. Those of us that have hosted speakers often find it to be a rewarding experience.

**If you are able to help, please let me know. Daryl Yerdon
– daryl@nhorchids.org – 603-321-7897**

Dendrobium hodgkinsonii
Member's Choice for October Orchid of the Month
Grown by Dr. Chuck Wingate

Dendrobium hodgkinsonii is found in New Guinea as a small to medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte with 4 noded, yellow stems carrying towards the apex, 2 to 3, bright green, elliptic to ovate, erect leaves that blooms in the late winter and early spring on a 6 to 8" [15 to 20 cm] long, 2 to 7 flowered inflorescence arising from the nodes at the apex of the stem and carrying nodding flowers.¹

Plant requires warm temperatures and diffused bright light. Keep plant moist and fertilize during growth season. During winter keep plant more dry and reduce water until new shoots appear. Mist the plant and keep the mix slightly moist. Do not allow the plant to dry out completely. Grow in a well drained mix of sphagnum moss and medium fir bark.



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Saturday March 16, 2024

12 noon - 5 pm

Sunday March 17, 2024

10 am - 4 pm



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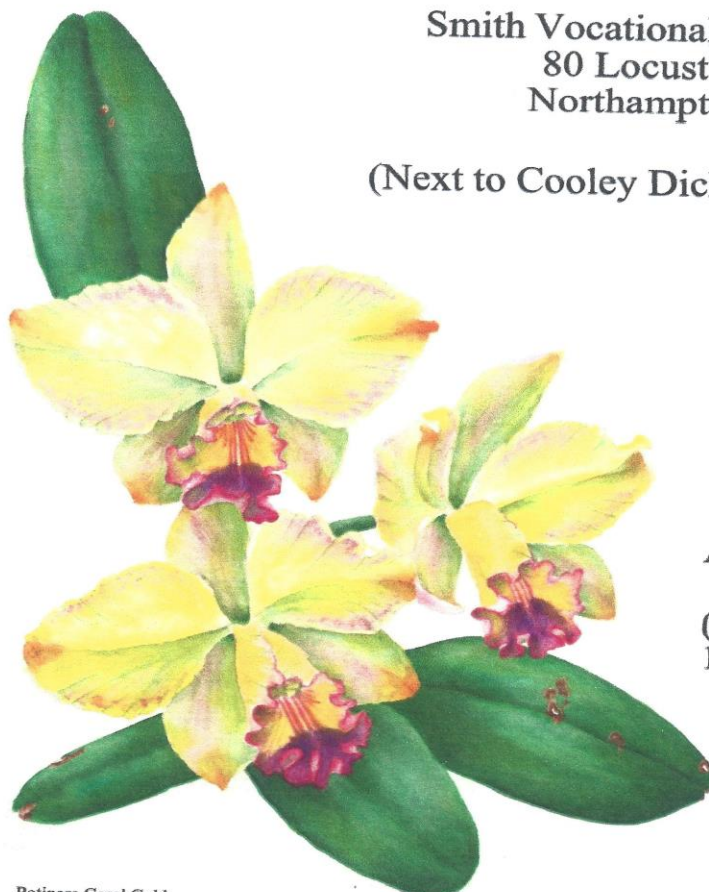
The West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center
50 South Main Street West Hartford, CT
Wheelchair Accessible

ATTENTION PHOTO BUFFS: On Sunday, March 18th 2024 orchid show will be open from 8 to 9:45 am for photographers only!!! Tripods will be allowed during this time. All tripods must be removed at 9:45 am. \$10 per person

The Amherst Orchid Society Annual Show February 24-25, 2024

Smith Vocational High School
80 Locust Street
Northampton, MA

(Next to Cooley Dickinson Hospital)



Saturday, Feb 24th
9AM to 5 PM

Sunday, Feb 25th
10 AM to 4 PM

Admission: \$5.00

(Children under
12 Free)

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**Cape and Islands Orchid Society Annual Show
"Orchid Impressions"
Saturday and Sunday January 20 & 21, 2024**

CAIOS is having their 2024 Show and Sale and Sue Andersen and Susan Usseglio have volunteered to create the NHOS Display and bring plants down and back.

We are looking for plants for our display therefore, if you have plants that you would like to have displayed at this show, we can pick them up at the next meeting (from those of you who live a distance away) and deliver them back to you at the February Meeting. For those of you that live in the area we can either pick them up or they can be brought to Mason Hollow Nursery for transport to the show.

We would ask that you pre-register your entries by Wednesday January 17th at 5PM at the latest* and forward a copy of your registration to myself susan@nhorchids.org. Friday the 19th

will be Ribbon Judging and the show will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday January 20 and 21, 2024. Breakdown will commence on Sunday January 21st at 5PM.

***Please check the CAIOS website, pre-registration deadline has been moved up to Sunday, January 14, 2024 @ 6PM – no-exceptions. Judging schedule will be up on the CAIOS website.**

**Amherst Orchid Society
2024 Show and Sale
February 24 & 25, 2024**

Amherst Orchid Society is having their 2024 Show and Sale and Lee and Bob Brockman, Joss and Sue Labonville and Steve and Jan Ski have volunteered to create the NHOS Display and bring plants down and back.

They will be looking for plants for the NHOS display, therefore if you have plants that you would like to have displayed at this show, please contact Lee Brockmann.

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale
"COME SEE OUR BLOOMERS"
March 16 & 17, 2024

Nutmeg State Orchid Society is having their 2024 Show and Sale which will be held at:

West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center
50 South Main Street

West Hartford, CT. For more information, please contact myhalik@comcast.net or visit www.nutmegorchids.org; The society is looking for a member to take the lead for creation of the NHOS Display.



2024 NHOS Show and Sale

Date: Wednesday: February 28 thru Sunday March 3, 2024

Vendor Shipment Intake: Wed. Feb. 28th

Set-up: Thursday February 29th

Ribbon Judging: Friday: 8AM-12PM (Lunch: 12-1PM)

Show Hours: Friday: 1-5PM - General Admission

Saturday: 8-9AM - Photographers Only*

Saturday: 9-5PM - General Admission

Sunday: 8-9AM - Photographers only*

Sunday: 9-4PM - General Admission

Place: Courtyard at Marriott

2200 Southwood Drive

Nashua, NH



NHOS Member's Co-Op Table

All Members wishing to sell plants or other articles should contact Susan Usseglio at 603-465-2612 or via email susan@nhorchids.org.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SELLING PLANTS ON THE CO-OP TABLE

There isn't any limit on the number of plants each member can sell. Please provide a listing to include (your name, plant name and price) with a line item for each plant. Double tag your plants with name of plant, your name/initials and price on each tag; accounting is very important and members that do not provide a listing of plants and without the double tag will need to do so before plants can be placed on the table for sale.

PREPARING PLANTS FOR SALE

Inspect your plants for insects and signs of disease; plants deemed to be in poor condition, diseased or pest affected will be removed from the table. Groom your plants to look sellable. It is understood that some plants may be recent divisions needing to be secured with rhizome clips or stakes. Keep in mind that many people may handle them during the day.

NON-PLANT ITEMS SHIRTS/PRINTS/POTS ETC.

Requirements for selling non-plant items remains the same as for the selling of plants. In addition to the listing and double tag the total number of each item (i.e., 20 5x7, 30 4x6 or 2-short sleeve, 15 long sleeves, etc.) is also required. Pots, cutting implements, stakes etc. for sale must be cleaned and sterilized.

PARTICIPATION AT THE Co-Op TABLE

Members planning to sell plants/items are expected to volunteer some of their time at the Co-Op table. Please let us know your availability is (days, time and duration and any other considerations).

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Usseglio

New Hampshire Orchid Society
2023 Show & Sale
Ribbon Judging Volunteers

The 2024 Show and Sale is fast approaching and we would like to get you all thinking about volunteering to participate in Ribbon Judging. Ribbon Judging is held the Friday of the show weekend in the morning, following breakfast, in a team format. The number of plants entered for judging dictates the number of teams that are needed.

Each team consists of a Team Captain who is an AOS judge and will keep you all together and the Head Clerk who is responsible for the recording of the “official” results. Everyone is asked to travel together as a team, look for and point out the plants in each class, and voice an opinion regarding what ribbon, if any, is to be awarded. It is expected that this be a relaxed learning experience, with discussion as to why various choices are made. In our experience, staying together as a team is crucial to everyone feeling included.

The task of filling out the ribbons with the date/class/plant number and placing it on the plant shall be shared among the clerks. We have found that if clerks are designated to take care of first only, second only and third, it speeds up the process for everyone but the goal is to remain together as a team.

Once a category is completed, gather as a group and compare all of the first-place plants for that category and determine the Best of the Best for that group. Some awards, including “Best Species” and “Best Specimen” are determined by each Team nominating a candidate plant. The nominees are chosen by each team and the Team Leaders all meet and consider all the nominees and vote.

All teams should be on the “lookout” for plants to be considered for AOS judging, which happens in the afternoon following Ribbon Judging.

Following Ribbon Judging you are all invited to enjoy the fabulous Buffet lunch as a “Thank YOU”. After lunch you can enjoy the show or observe the process of AOS judging seeing how it differs from Ribbon Judging.

We hope you will consider volunteering for this task. Persons who attended last year and were new to the Society were enlightened by the educational experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

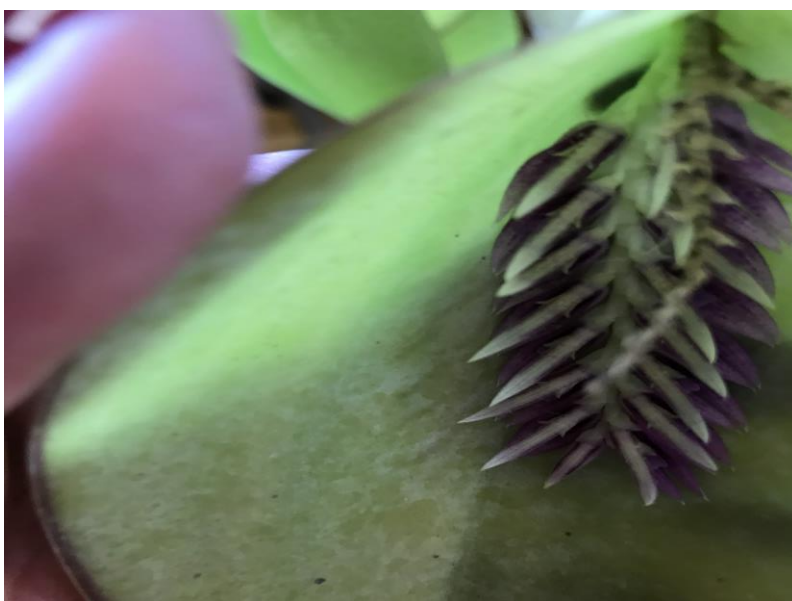
Susan Usseglio – Ribbon Judging Chair



Anacheilium [Ahl.] tigrinum



Panisea yunnanensis



Pleurothallis pectinata

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