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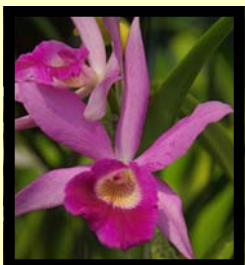
# AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY

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## ANNUAL ORCHID SALE Sunday, September 14th 10-3 Hadley Garden Center

Hello all, I hope you are enjoying your summer. I have managed to spend most of it either in the hospital or locked in my house due to unexpected and life threatening allergic reactions. On the other hand, I have gotten a lot of writing and sewing done, so it is all how you look at something. The dogs think it is wonderful, so I am going with that.

I hope the party at Keith's went well; I was enjoying the hospitality of Cooley Dickinson Hospital at the time so I missed the event. I would love to see it as I hear such amazing things about the greenhouse and the creativity of the owner.

We have a big sale coming up, PLEASE, if you are planning to sell, help, or in general come to the event, contact Nancy Goodman so she can make up her lists. Our continued good relationship with the Hadley Garden Center is contingent on them feeling as if our club is on the ball. If you give Nancy the information, she will make us look good. If you are not selling, please come and participate. As we discussed at Roger's the more club members we have at the sale the more successful it will be, to say nothing of keeping our plants safe and properly sold. If you need more postcards please let me know, I can easily make more and we can meet up in Northampton. The new T-shirts are done, if you know you bought one and cannot wait, just call me and we can figure out a convenient meeting spot.

I was fascinated to discover that people at Roger's felt the need to double-check my information sharing. Please understand that one of the perks of being a Student Judge is that I do interact with a larger group of orchid fanciers. I share the information that I hear at the judging center because it is both interesting and out of our immediate scope. Some of what is rumor at the Northeast Judging Center is big news, read big rumors, at the Florida judging locations. It may or may



Pictures from show table at July meeting at Roger West's



not come true. However, when someone of that caliber gives us a head's up regarding potential changes in judging centers, it is worth noting. If it makes the larger bulk of the club anxious I shall curb my desire to share information.

Thank you again for all you do, so many of you have worked tirelessly to make the sale a success, to bring in new members, to deal with our library, to answer questions from beginners, and other thankless jobs. I do notice, and appreciate how successful the Amherst Orchid Society is- a true representation of our amazing membership!

Ellen Kennedy



## **The September Plant Sale**

### **Sept 14, 2008**

*By Nancy Goodman*

Again we will be having the sale at the HADLEY GARDEN CENTER, on Rt 9 in Hadley. Set up will start set-up at 8:30 am and the sale is from 10-3 pm. New times. We decided to shorten the time due to a slow down in the numbers of people coming to buy plants. We will not be letting people in before this time. There are no exceptions. We need to have everything in place before we start selling. One year we were not ready and it is hard to try and scramble.

We are going to be in the back greenhouse again, which is on the right all the way in back. Members will be parking again in the area on the right hand side when you drive in. This is NOT the regular parking area. It looks like a storage area, but is their extra parking area and where extra things are stored. So there should be plenty of room back here. Try to fit in there as many of us as we can so we can save as many of the other parking spaces for the customers. This will actually give us access to the back door of the greenhouse for set up. This back door will be closed during the sale, but will make it easier to get our plants in there.

We will also have a table set up for show plants, so bring in those in bloom that are not being sold. This helps sell the plants that are not in bloom. So please come and enjoy. It is a fun time and the more people we have there to talk to people the better. Please invite all your friends and anyone else who would be interested in coming to the sale.

I do ask that any members who will be there to please wear your orchid T-shirts. This will help in picking out the members and will also help the Hadley Garden Center workers to know who is a member.

Please make sure that if you are selling that you MUST fill out the cards as specified in the newsletter. This is very important and makes it easier for the checkout people and the treasurer at the end of the day. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nancy Goodman at [wildeyes@rcn.com](mailto:wildeyes@rcn.com) or 413-549-4521.

### **What WE Need Help With**

We need 5 tables total. The club has 2 and I have 2 so we still need 1 more large table. Please let me know of you can bring one.

We will need 6 people to man the check out tables. Two to take the plants and find the card and two to do up the prices for the money people & two people to take the money. Please show up between 8:30 and 9 am so we can show you what is needed. We also need at least 2 people to help with directing traffic out front and to help with any people who need help either getting in or out of the store and our sale. We do not want to have the Hadley Garden Center workers having to deal with any problems due to our sale. So these jobs need to be filled all day long. We can have people change shifts, but please find Nancy Goodman if you are unsure what your job is or what you should be doing. We would also like two people to sit at the show table to make sure none of the plants walk. I

think due to this being in a nursery/greenhouse that it would be much easier for these plants to walk away. No one up front will be questioning plants going out. We also need people there to just help answer questions of the shoppers and to give out the plant fact sheets. The more plants we have on display, the more plants we might be able to sell. Talking goes a long way and they really enjoy getting our input. We need bags and boxes brought in for the plants. So bring in what you can. Thanks.

### **People who are bringing plants**

If you will be bringing plants please contact Nancy Goodman at [wildeyes@rcn.com](mailto:wildeyes@rcn.com) or 413-549-4521 and let me know how many plants you are bringing or how many tables you need ASAP. The tables are 3 x 6 and a maximum of 2 tables each seller. We might have more if needed, but I will not know until everyone contacts me. So please let me know ASAP what you might need. Also make sure you have a card for **EACH** plant you are selling. So one card for one plant. **DO NOT** put duplicate plants on one card. You **MUST** have these cards done **BEFORE** you arrive at the sale. These will be given to us so we can check out the plants. Also you might want to have stickers on the plants before you show up. These stickers need to have your code, the plant # and the price on it. These also need to be taken off the plant at sale time so please make sure we can get them off.

### **How To Prepare Your Plants For The Sale**

Each plant that you are selling needs an individual 3 x 5 card. Even if you are selling more than one plant of the same sort, **EACH PLANT NEEDS AN INDIVIDUAL CARD**. On the upper right hand corner will be the plant's ID#, which will be an ID that you make up, beginning with your initials. For example, Roger L. West's first plant might be RLW1, then RLW2 will be the second card, RLW3 the third, and so on. In the upper left-hand corner will be the price of the plant. The plant's name should be in the center of the card. In the lower left-hand corner will be your name. The cards should be in alphabetical order by plant name in case the plant stickers should rub off. Each plant must have a sticker with the plant ID# and price readily visible. An example would be RLW1 \$20, and so on. It is best to use round stickers in bright colors like the ones used to mark the plants that are sold each month at the meetings. -Nancy Goodman

**Make a 3 X 5 card like this for each individual plant**

<b>Price</b>	<b>Plant #</b>
<b>Plant Name</b>	
<b>Seller Name</b>	

Here are two postcard advertisements that you can print up to distribute.

The Amherst Orchid Society  
**Orchid Sale**  
 Hadley Garden Center  
 Route 9, Hadley, MA  
 Sunday, September 14th  
 10 AM to 3 PM

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**Obituary**

Charles Waterhouse was the husband of Judith Gowdy, who was a past President of our club.

Charles G. Waterhouse 1933 - 2008  
 PLAINFIELD Charles George Waterhouse, 75, of 180 West St. died Monday, Aug. 11, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. Born in Middletown, N.Y., on March 19, 1933, son of Charles Alvin and Ruth Rose Weiss Waterhouse, he was a graduate of high school in New Jersey, and a graduate of Seton Hall College in New Jersey. Mr. Waterhouse was employed by the town of Plainfield from where he retired as the highway superintendent in 1998. He was a member of the Plainfield Congregational Church. He served on the Board of Directors of the Taconic Chapter of Trout Unlimited, was a member of the Hendrick Hudson Fish and Game Club, and of the Night Cruisers. He leaves his wife, Judith A. Gowdy, whom he married Sept. 9, 1991. Besides his wife, he leaves two brothers, George Waterhouse of Atlanta, Ga., and John Waterhouse of Pittsgrove, N.J., and a sister, Mary Root of Deluth, Ga. He was predeceased by his first wife, Patricia Waterhouse; by a daughter, Lisa Waterhouse, and by a son, Charles Waterhouse. FUNERAL NOTICE: Services for Charles George Waterhouse will be Friday, Aug. 15, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the Plainfield Congregational Church, with the Rev. Quentin Chin, interim pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Plainfield Cemetery. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Waterhouse may be made to New England Brittany Rescue in care of the DERY-FOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 890 East Main St., Dalton.

The  
*Amherst Orchid Society*

Invites You To Attend Its Annual

# ORCHID PLANT SALE

Anyone can grow orchids!!  
You needn't be wealthy  
or an expert in  
horticulture.  
Come to our  
Sale and  
see.



**Sunday, September 14, 2008**

**10 AM – 3 PM**

**At the Hadley Garden Center – Route 9 in Hadley, MA**

**Amherst Orchid Society Show Table – July 2008**

**Marc D Gray**

*Bulbophyllum vietchianum*

*Bulbophyllum blumei*

*Pleurothallis racemiflora*

*Hellerella punutulata*

*Habenaria rhodochila* pink color

*Habenaria rhodochila* orange color

*Bulbophyllum lobbii*

*Bulbophyllum macroleum*

*Blc waianae* leopard



**Bill Hutchinson**

*Brassia verrucosa*

**Maryanne Laukaitis – cool Greenhouse**

*Aerides odorata*

*Encyclia belizensis*

*Epidendrum capricornu*

*Oncidium* 'Sharry Baby'

**Tom McCurry – window sill with lights**

*Cattleya* Hawaiian Message 'Carmela'

**Laelani and Harold Norman**

*Brassia nodosa*

*Brassia* Mandelosa #1

**Marge Tanguay – intermediate greenhouse**

*Aeranthes* Grandiose 'Shooting Stars' AM/AOS

*Brassavola nodosa* Largo X Susan Fuchs

*Dendrobium* 'Pascal Runing'

*Dtps.* (Taisuco Noble 'KHM329' X Mount Lip KHM233')

*Lc* Love Knot 'H&R' X BI Moring Glory "H&R'

*Phrag.* Paul Eugene Conroy Longifolium X wallisii

**Steve Steiner – cool greenhouse**

*Dendrobium lawsii*

*Dendrochilum filliforme*

*Paph.* Magic Lantern

*Paph.* St. Swithens

*Pescatoria* Cerina 'Jem'

*Phrag.* Conciferum X caluram

*Phrag.* Olaf Grus (*bessii* X *piercii*)

*Phrag.* piercii

*Pleurothallus convolaria*





Questions for “ASK BILL” can be given to me at the monthly meetings. If you prefer you may call me at 413-253-7036, write me a 52 Jeffrey Lane, Amherst, MA 01002-2532 or reach me via e-mail at >wa.hutchinson@comcast.net<. Members are asked to submit questions, preferably in writing. Questions which can't be answered will receive a plant from the columnist. Or if you do have a question and corner me at a meeting don't be surprised to see it in a later “Ask Bill” column. Something which you might feel is a silly question could well be one that is bugging a dozen other members.

Go to> [www.larchhillorchids.com](http://www.larchhillorchids.com)<, click on AmOrch and go directly an Amherst Orchid Society Web page. Additional information may be found on the Larch Hill pages. The web page now has the newsletter posted as a PDF file and most of them for the whole year are available.

**Q.** I've just purchased several plants and when I looked closely at the potting medium it looked a great deal like chunks of rock like material with some dirt in it and also some softer white material. What is this and is it any good?

**A.** What you've encountered is one of the newer growing media currently being used. While I am not sure where it started, I do know that H & R orchids in Hawaii seems to use it almost exclusively. What you describe is called 'The H & R mix'. It consists of 50 % diatomite, a mined diatomaceous earth from Australia. The chunks are sold in several sizes and several members are also using it. The H & R mix is 50 % diatomite, 40 % coarse perlite and 10 % peat or I use either pro-mix or bagged potting soil. What are the advantages of this mix? Most repotting is due to medium break-down and not the plant outgrowing the container. Let's face it. This stuff doesn't rot like bark might and hence it is good for several years and while it is not inexpensive it more than makes up for the cost by lasting twice as long or longer. You might have to increase water nutrient flow but the trade off is plants grow better, cleaner and there is less decaying material to support pill bugs, etc.

**Q.** With all the wet weather the slugs outside are doing a job on some of my orchids. While I do go out after dark two or three times a weeks and check the plants, my wife thinks I'm nuts and one of my neighbors asked if I knew that someone was prowling around my back yard but it does help somewhat. Is there any good way to control these pests?

**A.** Over the years a number of methods have been advocated. The 'Beer Method', slugs love beer; diatomaceous earth method, slugs supposedly don't like to crawl over the sharp edges of the diatoms (which have 'glass' shells); the iron phosphate treatment, a white powder that can be sprinkled around plants (available from 'Gardens Alive'; metaldehyde bait which comes in a liquid form or is often mixed with meal like material and is often formed into pellets. This material is toxic and you may not want to use it. And finally there is now a nematode that attacks snails and slugs. Unfortunately I have only found it in garden books from the RHS, Royal Horticulture Society and have not yet seen it listed in this country. If it shows up I'll post it here.

To find the bylaws of the Amherst Orchid Society go to: [www.larchhillorchids.com](http://www.larchhillorchids.com) and click on Amherst Orchid Society and then bylaws.

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**Amherst Orchid Society**  
**2008 Upcoming Events**

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Note to Members: Submissions for the October,  
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1, 2008 to be printed.

**AMHERST ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

Our monthly meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month except the month of August. Most of the meetings (except June and July) are held at the Munson Memorial library in South Amherst at 1046 South East St. next to the Congregational church. Meetings start at 2 pm with beginner programs some months at 1:30 pm.



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