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We had a nice turnout of people plants and food for our holiday potluck in December. There was a great selection of food and I don't think anyone left there hungry. I hope you had a nice time during the holidays and are ready for our next challenge... The New Year is here, the holidays are behind us, and it's time to help put together a great 2012 orchid show. I don't have access to the lists of what tasks are still open, but come to the January meeting. Surely there is still a long list of things that need to be done. If you have not signed up for anything yet, consider doing so at this coming meeting.

Marc Gray has asked me to tell you that if your newsletter had a **yellow label** on it, it means that you have not renewed your Amherst Orchid Society membership for 2012. Please do so soon so that you will not miss a single, riveting, issue of this newsletter.

Also, here is a special request from Yvonne:

It was a stupendous example of the club's culinary prowess that regaled us at our holiday gathering. Everything was absolutely delicious. Since everything was over the top, how about duplicating this feat during our orchid show? Please sign up with your favorite dish for Friday or Saturday at the show in February. Thanks, in anticipation of a full table in February.

-Yvonne



Blc. Chia Lin 'New City' Grown by Roger West

The Amherst Orchid Society now has a Facebook page! To find it, log in to Facebook and type "Amherst Orchid Society" in the search box. "Like" the page to get updates.

See you all at the next meeting!
-Bill Arduser

December Show Table

Photos by Tom McCurry



Odn. Memoria Martin
Orenstien 'Lulu'
Grown by Leilani & Harold
Norman



C. labiata semi-alba, Grown by Keith Tibbetts



Lc. Acker's Madison 'Kyle' X Bc. Marcella Koss
'Pink Marvel'. Grown by Janet Price



Paph. isigne
Grown by Marc Grav



Restrepia brachypus
Grown by Steve Steiner

December Show Table

Tom McCurry

Sophrocattleya Love Castle 'Kuremai' AM/AOS
Zygolum Louisendorf
Dendrobium Hard Cane Hybrid

Connie Lentz

Paphiopedilum Hilo Green (Paph Hsinying Majakun x Paph Hsinying Citron)
Paphiopedilum Prime Child

Steve Reardon

Scaphosepalum ovulare 'Red'
Scchoenorchis gemmata
Isabelia pulchella

Roger West

C. labiata 'Sherwood Forest' AM/AOS
Odontobrassia Memoria Nikoline Lorenzen
Rhyncholaeliocattleya- Blc Chia Lin 'New City' AM/AOS
C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'
Laeliocatanthe- Lc Hsinying Skies 'Ching Hua'
Lc Purple Cascade

Keith Tibbitts

Pleurothallis sp.
Stigmatostylis radicans
Blc Lobster Claw
Compariatta macroplectron
C. labiata semi-alba
C. Korat Spots
C. jenmanii

Steve Steiner

Amesiela monticola
Amesiela philippinense
Pleurothallis alvaroi
Mediocalcar decoratum
Restrepia brachypus
Maxillaria sophronitis
Pleurothallis condorensis
Masdevallia hirtzii
Restrepia trichoglossa
Paphiopedilum Warpaint (Paph. Cardinal x Paph John Hanes var. Red Pixie)
Restrepia lansbergii

Bill Hutchinson

Pleurothallis like hemi rhoda
Pleurothallis divaricans
Masdevallia grandiflora 'Sweetheart'
Stelis morganii

Maryanne Laukaitis

Catt unknown

K Howat

Sophronitis cernua
Dendrochillum convallariiforme

Joe Maciaszek

Masdevallia Hampshire Prolific
Aerangis biboba 'Suzy'
Doritaenopsis Little Gem Stripes 'Splash'
Masdevallia Angel Heart

Dan Ladd

Vanda Loke

Jimmy Grogan

Degarmoara Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'
Lycaste aromatica
C. Newberry Luisa's Love (Lc Mini Purple 'Tamami 4N x Slc Precious Katie 'Newberry Red Velvet')
Phragmipedium schlimii 'Wilcox'
Coelogyne speciosa
Phragmipedium Calurum (Phrag Sedenii x Phrag longifolium)

Marc Gray

Dendrochillum javierii
Paphiopedilum insigne
Miltassa Royal Robe x Odbra. Fantastic 'Peloric'

Kathy Puckett

Slc Newberry Red Elf
Guaricattonia Lawless Gloriana (Ctna Why Not x Lc. Gold Digger)
Trias nasuta
Cymbidium Forster Alcock
Paphiopedilum niveum hybrid
C. Fire Magic 'Solar Flare'

Alex Loss x Holly Rainaud

C. unknown
C. unknown
Phal unknown
Dendrobium something
C. unknown
Oncidium Sherry Baby
Paph. maudiae type

Bev von Kries

Cymbidium Suu Basan (Cym Murasaki x Cym Sue)

Janet Price

Lc Acker's Madison 'Kyle' x Bc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel'
Paphiopedilum F.C. Puddle

Verda Dale

Phragmipedium Fliquet 4N
Rhycolzelia glauca
Phragmipedium Don Wimbur

Lani and Harold Norman

Odnna Memoria Martin Oienstien 'Lulu' HCC/AOS'
Cattlianthe Sea of Cortez (C. gaskelliana 'Blue Dragon' x Lc Blue Boy)
Lc Blue Boy 'Gainsborough' HCC/AOS



Questions for "ASK BILL" can be given to me at the monthly meetings. If possible write them out. If you prefer you may call me at 413-253-7036, write me at 52 Jeffrey Lane, Amherst, MA 01002-2532 or reach me via e-mail at wa.hutchinson@comcast.net. Answers to written questions may take one or two months to appear. The e-mail questions I nominally will answer within 24 hours or less. Keep in mind that if you are puzzled by a growing problem, etc. someone else is too.

Past newsletters are available as PDF files on the Larch Hill Orchids web page. Go to <http://www.larchhillorchids.com> and click on the Amherst Orchid Society. Additional information may be found on the Larch Hill pages.

Q. Why are the leaves of my Phals getting black spots?

A. Black spots on the leaves can be from several sources. These range from collapse of the underlying mesoderm to botrytis due to high humidity coupled with low temperatures and poor air movement. Increase both the temp and air movement and the humidity problem will solve itself. Also avoid getting water drops on the leaves that don't evaporate before the evening.

Q. How many months do I have to keep Cypripediums refrigerated to vernalize them?

A. Vernalization is an interesting phenomenon. Usually it is expressed in hours below 32°F. For example blueberries need about 400 hours of cold treatment. Vernalization of orchids, in some ways, is not a new idea. Some white Cattleyas and Phals require exposure to cold or cooler temperature in order to flower. The best I can give you for cypripediums is to give them at least three months treatment in a refrigerator set on low. It is also a good idea to put the whole pot in a large baggie to minimize evaporation unless you are well organized and don't forget things.

Q. How can I get Cymbidium tracyanum to bloom?

A. The last newsletter noted an exceptional specimen of this plant exhibited at the MOS show at Tower Hill. I can find nothing specific about the species but it is a warmer growing Cymbidium and growth outside with a good fertilizer and water regimen during the summer months and drier during the winter is suggested in Hawkes and Joyce Stewart.

Q. Where can I get bark locally for my orchids?

A. Small volume of bark and mixes are available at Hadley Gardens on route 9, Russell Street, Hadley and from Harold and Lani Norman, club members. In addition, periodically the club may send a group order to a supply house with all types of orchid supplies available. Note, however, that the mulching bark available in Garden Center, Farm Supply Stores and the like is not the best stuff to use for orchids because it is often from pine rather than fir and as such it breaks down rapidly, is full of resin and often is not screened or graded and may have loads of pulverized bark, stones and soil.

Here's a timely article for anyone thinking about entering their orchids in a show. It's from Joanna Eckstrom, who often judges at our show. I hope we will see her there this year. —ed.

THE NAME GAME, THE SHOW TABLE AND AOS JUDGING

Joanna K. Eckstrom

American Orchid Society Judge, Northeast Region

Several years ago, I got a plant whose name tag read “Mokara Calipso.” Although not in bloom at the time, the plant was very robust and had remnants of many previous inflorescences. Les Kawamoto, from whom I bought the plant, described it as ‘having a dozen or more, ‘knock your socks off pink flowers per spike.’ Through the first winter, Mokara Calipso grew several pairs of new leaves and set a spike that was so vigorous it appeared to have another bud at every look. We thought surely we had an award-winner in our midst.

We make it a practice to research plants in our collection, and having seen the name “Mokara Calipso” frequently advertised on the Internet and magazines (prominently displayed on a name tag), we were surprised to find that the Royal Horticultural Society had no registration for “Mokara Calipso” or any Mokara whose spelling even closely resembles Calipso.

We called Les to verify the plant's name and he told us that ours is one of hundreds of Calipso that he (and several other vendors) had acquired from a Thai nursery that supplies many of Hawaii's orchid plant and cut flower traders. We then contacted several Thai nurseries that offered Calipso for sale, keeping our fingers crossed that language differences wouldn't impede our search. Then, while visiting the Elmsford judging center, we had the privilege of meeting David L. Grove, an authority on the Vandaceous Alliance. Like proud parents, we showed him a photo of Calipso's first flowers and were most grateful that, upon hearing of our registration / name dilemma, David offered to contact his Thai friends himself!

Soon, “Mokara Calipso” is spectacular - its spike is nearly two feet long and carries 17 flowers and 3 buds that are ‘knock your socks off pink.’ We take it to the Northeast Judging Center in Boylston hoping that the AOS judges and their resources could help and to our surprise and delight, the plant is given a provisional HCC, provisional until we identify the parentage and registration of the plant that we were going to call Mokara Calipso ‘Joanna’ HCC/AOS.



Mokara Walter Oumae 'Calipso'

In the next weeks, we exchanged photographs and specifications with Dr. Grove, his Thai colleagues, and with Les Kawamoto. Almost simultaneously, Mr. Somsak (T. Orchids, a distributor) and Mr. Chitti Ratanapeanchai (the hybrid's originator), confirmed that what we showed as “Mokara Calipso” is, in fact, Mokara Walter Oumae

'Calipso' (Thai growers often omit the hybrid name and simply identify a flower by the clonal name.) Our AOS award was confirmed under the corrected name and we re-labeled the plant Mokara Walter Oumae 'Calipso' HCC/AOS. There's hundreds of thousands of Calipso's out there - it isn't likely that the Thais will re-label their inventory. If you come across "Mokara Calipso," it's very likely to be Mokara Walter Oumae 'Calipso.'

We have our share of NOIDs (No ID -ed) in our collection but it's important to properly label plants that are identifiable, especially if you intend to show them for AOS awards or orchid shows. (Many societies will not give a first-place award to a 'NOID'; AOS will not even consider a plant whose parentage is unknown.) I encourage you to research your plant's background when you add it to your collection and adjust / correct your labels, if needed.

There are several commercially available programs to look up hybrid or grex names and parentage such as OrchidWiz, and WildCatt. AQ Plus features the official record of a species or grex's award history. And there's a free internet resource - the International Orchid Register at the Royal Horticultural Society - where you can research by: [Parentage Search](#) or [Grex Name Search](#) (note dates of registration prior to 1990 are given to the year only (e.g. 1/1/65))

For example, a search of Mokara Walter Oumae reveals that its parents are *Arachnis hookeriana* x *Asca*. Royal Sapphire; Chitti Ratanapeanchai (Originator) made the hybrid that was registered in 1986 by Walter Oumae (Registrant). In the reverse, when you know the parents, the program tells you the name of the resulting offspring.

As a courtesy to the grower and as time permits at show / ribbon judging, the plant registration committee will confirm a hybrid's registered name, look up its parentage, add any AOS awards, etc. If someone has done this for you, please change your labels so that you get it right the next time you show your plant.

A correct label for our plant would look something like this:

Mokara	Walter Oumae	'Calipso'	HCC/AOS
<i>Genus</i>	<i>Grex or Hybrid Name</i>	<i>Clonal epithet</i>	<i>Awards</i>

If you have a further inquiry about the names of orchid hybrids and/or their parents, it should be made to the International Orchid Registrar, at the following address:

2 Albert Street, Stapleford, Nottingham NG9 8DB, England
 telephone/fax: +44 115 939 2828 (from outside UK), 0115 939 2828 (UK internal)
 e-mail: orcreg@rhs.org.uk or orcreg@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

Jan 28-29th - [Cape & Island Orchid Society](#) Show, Hyannis, MA

Feb 9-12th - [Deep Cut Orchid Society](#) Show, Holmdel, NJ

Feb 10-12th - [New Hampshire Orchid Society](#) Show, Nashua, NH

Feb 24-26th - [Amherst Orchid Society](#) Show, Northampton, MA

Mar 17-18th - [Nutmeg Orchid Society Show](#), Hyannis, MA

Mar 23-25th - SEPOS Orchid Show, [Longwood Gardens](#), Kennett Square, PA

1st Sat each month, 12pm - Northeast
 Regional AOS Judging, [Tower Hill](#),
 Boylston, MA



Joe & other judges

orchid ramblings by keith tibbetts

2 weeks ago i went to an orchid auction with our fearless president joe, at the northeast orchid judging center in elmsford ny. it was a fund raiser for the judging center to pay the rent on their meeting place. there were about 45 people there mostly judges, and mostly nice. it started at 10:30 am with the passing out of free champagne; i assume a standard auction technique to loosen the wallets. but it also loosened the lips of the very knowledgeable

auctioneer, a late 50's woman from hawaii, who proceeded to make a long stream of embarrassing double meaning jokes about orchid anatomy. i had my eye on several plants, and a wad of cash (such an addict). they auctioned the big plants first, and i established myself as a serious outsider by winning a huge schomburgkia (myrmecophila) species for a steal at \$85. this was my second orchid auction, and just like the first, there were 30 % exciting plants, 30% dogs, and 40% average stuff, almost all with no flowers. i came home with 6 plants, and 2 regrets; first there was another huge schomburgkia with deep flower color, and a keikei from a phal which was awarded best plant in the whole show at the huge longwood gardens orchid show last spring; i choked on both bids...they went so



Keith's Schomburgkia

fast...no time to think, and i was thinking too much! an orchid auction seems to be a place to get low prices on plants...many went for under \$25...some for \$5. there was an old guy there whom everyone seemed to respect named jessup; he bought some little plants.. it always encourages me about orchids to see old guys(like bill h.) buying small young plants.



Bulb. Echinolabium x Bulb Phalenopsis

after the auction (they probably raised around \$3000??), there was AOS judging for 3 plants. i had to hang around since joe the judge in training was my ride home. it was boring details. but they were excited about one entry which was a cross between bulb. phalenopsis and bulb echinolabium. see photo. i wandered into the next room to see charles marden fitch the famous orchid photographer, shooting the plants which were awarded.

so..i will try to go next year. based on limited experience

teeee shirts!!!! maryanne suggested a tee shirt layout with one large flower in the upper left quadrant; print a predominantly white flower on a purple shirt, and a predominantly purple flower on a white shirt. another idea is 4 flowers on the front (see sketches), in full color on a white shirt. how about some other ideas? how about i sketch all the ideas and we vote? -keith tibbetts



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 Click on **Amherst Orchid Society** and then on **bylaws**.

Note to Members: Submissions for the Feb 2012 newsletter must reach the editor by Jan 29th to be printed.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month *except the months of August and September*. We usually meet at The Munson Memorial Library 1046 Southeast Street, Amherst, MA. Meetings start at 2 PM. Beginner programs occasionally start at 1:30 PM.



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Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan 15th

Please bring refreshments if your name begins with A, B, C, or D