



# ORCHIDS

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## Calendar

### June 11<sup>th</sup>

Annual picnic

### June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monsters of the orchid World

### July 15<sup>th</sup>

Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond

### August 17<sup>th</sup>

Tiny Slippers

## GVOS Board

### President

Joel Borst

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Tara Rietberg

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Jerry Ambrose

Jill Wood



## July

This month we have some business to attend to along with our presentation. We will be holding our annual board elections. If you are interested in one of the positions, you are welcome to either let me know ahead of time, or put yourself forward at the meeting. Our presentation will be Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond by Tom Culbertson

## Interesting Orchid News

### Rare Plant Profiles – Puttyroot (*Aplectrum hyemale*)

Puttyroot, also referred to as Adam and Eve Orchid, is one of New Jersey's rarest orchids. Orchids comprise ten percent of the world's plant population, meanwhile more than 50 percent of orchids that are native to North America are either threatened or endangered. This State Endangered plant is now known from just a handful of sites.

However, in the past, it was common enough that a gluey substance made from the bulb-like corms (enlarged underground stems that store nutrients, surrounded by papery outer layers) was used to repair broken pottery, resulting in the plant's common name, "Putty Root".

The orchid is commonly found in the understory of rich deciduous forests and is easiest to spot in the winter. It produces a single leaf in the fall that persists until the following spring. The leaf can grow up to 8 inches in length and up to 3 inches in width. It is dark green with fine, white, parallel veins and a distinctly wrinkled appearance. This allows the plant to benefit from the sunlight that reaches the forest floor after the leaves have dropped from the surrounding trees. The leaf dies back in the spring at which time a flower may appear. However, the subtle coloring of the flowers can be hard to spot now that the surrounding vegetation is in full growth.



Photo and article taken from <https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyForests>

## Upcoming AOS Events and Webinars

### June-July Webinars

# Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)  
Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	July 11, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	July 20 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	At Your Convenience Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars
Topic	<b>Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by July 09</i>	<b>Amazing Soft-Leaved Orchids</b> Under-represented Genera	Use the webinar display filter to join the global community of orchid- growers by selecting from our broad range of webinar topics.
Presenter	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Tim Culbertson</b> Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member	The world's top orchid experts share the latest valuable information on caring for your orchids, orchid research and continuing education.









Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram  
and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.




A regular program of webinars will continue in September.




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## May Plant Table




Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - lg Classes 11-27	1	 LC Tokyo Magic x POT Marth Clarke 'Amazing'	Jen Myaard
	2	 Procatavola Key Lime Star	Olivia Martin
	3	 Pradit Spots 'Dark Prince'	Joel Borst




Cattleya - small Classes 11-27	1		Joel Borst	
	2		Tara Rietberg	
	3		Jill Wood	

Cypripedium Classes 28-47	1		Tara Rietberg	
	2		Debbie Smith	
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1		Kenesha Verreek	

	2	 <p>Phal NOID - white w/spots and pink lip</p>	Tara Rietberg	
	3	 <p>Phal NOID - white w/pink stripes and pink lip</p>	Tom Glover	
Phalaenopsis - small Classed 48-62	1	 <p>Phal Queen Beer</p>	Olivia Martin	

	2	 <p>Phal NOID yellow w/stripes and pink lip</p>	Tom Glover	
	3	 <p>Phal NOID yellow w/stripes and pink lip</p>	Tom Glover	
Vanda Classes 63-78	1	 <p>Neof falcata KISHU RYUOKUFU</p>	Alison Maczka	




	2	 <p>Sarcocylus Kulnara Dazzel 'Multi Purple' x Bunyip 'Forest Fruit'</p>	Alison Maczka	
	3	 <p>Schoenorchis phitami</p>	Jill Wood	
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	 <p>Dendrobium QF Cutie</p>	Tom Glover	
	2	Dendrobium Aussie's Hi-Lo	Jill Wood	

Miscellaneous - large Classes 97- 110	1		Joel Borst	
	2		Thomas Longschied	
	3		Thomas Longschied	

Ctsm Chuck Taylor

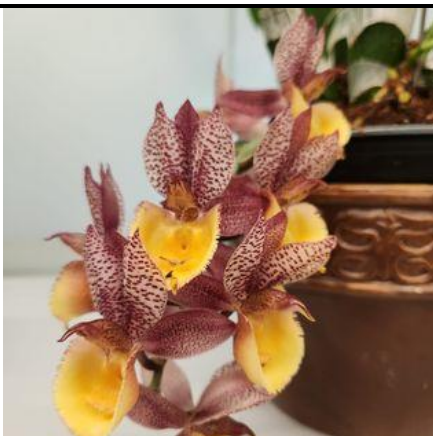
Gptm Starburst 'Parkside'

Promenaea Colmaniana 'Sunlight'

Miscellaneous - small Classes 97- 110	1		Jill Wood	
	2		Jill Wood	
	3		Jill Wood	

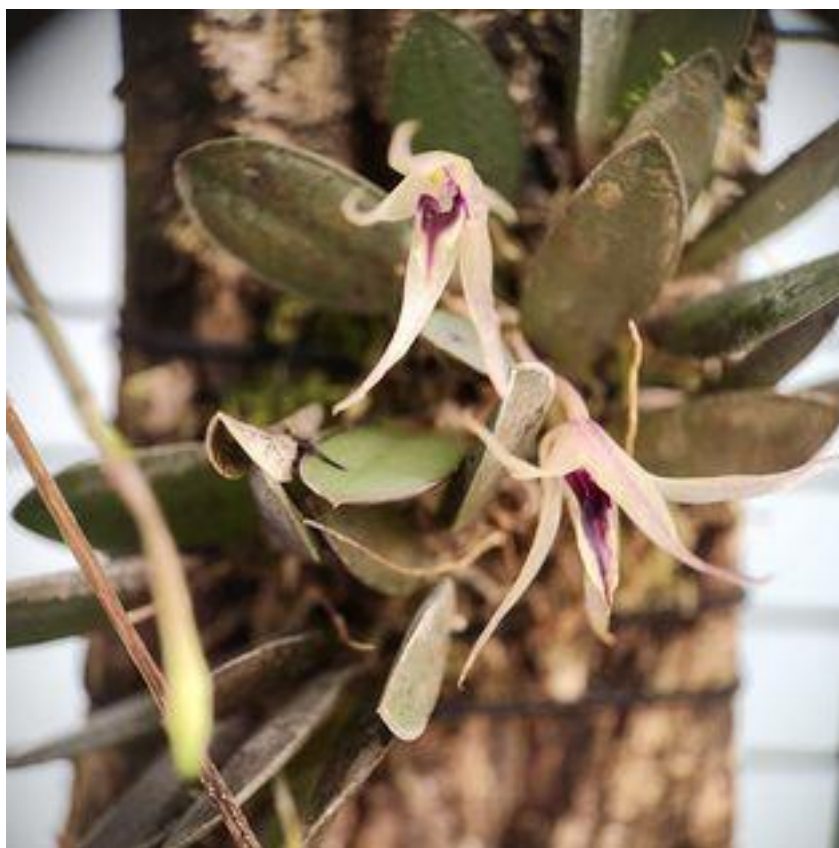
*Pleurothallis ochracea**Muscarella macroblepharis**Dracula inaequalis*

Plant of the Month



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Joel Borst



## Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points - Summer/Fall
Wood	Jill	19
Borst	Joel	19
Glover	Tom	15
Rietberg	Tara	14
Maczka	Alison	10
Martin	Olivia	10
Myaard	Jen	8
Longschied	Thomas	7
Verbeek	Kenesha	7
Smith	Debbie	5
Ambrose	Jerry	2
Miller	Kathy	1
Albin	Brittany	1
Habib	Erin	1

## **GVOS Rewards**

Instead of doing a six-month cycle, we are going to move to a full calendar year.

### **Plant table**

- Bring a blooming orchid - 1 point
- Plant of the month – 5 points
- 1st place – 5 points
- 2nd place – 3 points
- 3rd place – 2 points

### **Participation In Meetings**

- Attend GVOS meeting – 1 point
- Attend another society Meeting -2 points
- Attend an away show or other society meeting – 2 points
- Give a presentation – 10 points
- Bring treats to meeting – 1 point

### **Participation In Shows**

- GVOS show participation – 5 points per day
- GVOS Bring food – 3 points
- Plants in any show – 5 points
- Clerking in any show – 5 points
- Set up or Tear down away show – 10 Points
- Attend an away show – 2 points
- Plant pulled for AOS judging – 10 points
- Plant awarded by AOS – 10 points
- Awarded a trophy – 10 points

If you are interested in leading a talk or doing a presentation for one of the meetings, please email the newsletter editor at [maczkaal@gmail.com](mailto:maczkaal@gmail.com) with your topic and the date you would like to do it. She will make sure the information is passed to Joel Borst and added to the meeting schedule. If you would like to write a small article for an upcoming newsletter, please submit those to the same email address

## Orchid Show/Festival Schedule

The show schedule will be updated as shows are registered for the 2023-2024 show season

Show	Location	Date	Status
Grand Valley Orchids Society Show and Sale	Frederick Meijer Gardens 1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids,		
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	Michigan State Soil and Science Building 1066 Bogue St, East Lansing, MI 48824		
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105		
Michigan Orchid Society Show and Sale	United Plumber Union Hall, 555 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI 48071		
Saginaw Valley Orchid Show and Sale	Kochville Veterans Hall, 3265 Kochville Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604		



# Comparettia

Poeppig & Endlicher 1836

## Pronunciation:

**kom-puh-RET-ee-uh** (click on the name to hear it spoken)

Tribe: Maxillarieae

Subtribe: Oncidiinae

The small plants of **Comparettia** have slender spurs on their flowers that distinguish them from the other genera included in the **Oncidiinae**. These epiphytic plants often grow on guava trees at intermediate elevations in the Andes. The delicate inflorescences arch and bear delicate showy flowers that usually number five to seven. Color ranges from rose-purple, red, orange to yellow and some of the flowers can be spotted with magenta or white. The type species, **C. falcata**, is widely distributed from Mexico to Peru, Venezuela and the West Indies. The genus was described in 1835 and named in honor of Andreo Comparetti, an Italian professor of Botany. Not common horticulturally, **C. falcata**, **C. speciosa** and **C. coccinea** can sometimes be found in specialist collections.

## Number of species:

The World Monocot Checklist currently recognizes 13 species, two with several named botanical varieties and one natural hybrid. (8/2007)

## Distribution:

Mostly at mid elevations in the Andes but also in tropical America.

### --- C U L T U R E ---

<b>Temperature:</b>	Minimum 50-60 degrees F (10-15C)
<b>Light:</b>	2400-3600 footcandles or about 70% shade
<b>Water-Humidity:</b>	60-80% humidity; plants should never be allowed to completely dry out.
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	Monthly with a 1-1-1 ratio for treefern; 3-1-1 for bark.
<b>Potting:</b>	In small pots with treefern or fir bark or mounted on cork or treefern slabs.