

Orchids

Saturday, April 6

11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Biology/Physics Building Lobby
91 North Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06269

Presented by the Department of
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and the
Connecticut State Museum of Natural History

A Special Event at UConn

Celebrate rare orchids in bloom with two unique talks, world-class experts, and tours of the EEB Greenhouses!

Morning Tea with Charles Darwin— Almost Mad About the Wealth of Orchids

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

UConn Professor Kenneth Noll portrays history's most famous biologist and naturalist, Charles Darwin. Charles Darwin's 1862 book *Fertilisation of Orchids* explores natural theology and the relationship between insects and plants that resulted in their beautiful and complex forms. Tea and scones will be served.

Understanding Orchids with Renowned Author William Cullina

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

William Cullina, President and CEO, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay, ME

Orchids are the most diverse, mysterious, and exotic plants in the world. Their popularity as houseplants has surged in recent years as advances in nursery production have made them inexpensive and widely available. Drawing from his award-winning *Understanding Orchids*, Bill will explore the fascinating, challenging, and deeply rewarding world of orchids. You will never see them the same way again!

Between Talks Visit the EEB Greenhouses

The greenhouses hold the broadest collection of global plant diversity in the Northeast—including over 200 species of orchids, many of which are not commonly grown. Staff will be on hand to guide visitors.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

