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# MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY



## Aug 12 Meeting

Our speaker will be Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids in Charlotte, North Carolina. She will be speaking on Oncidium intergeneric hybrids.

Linda and her husband Rolf founded Woodland Orchids where they specialize in breeding warmth-tolerant Oncidiinae and compact Cattleyas. Several of their Oncidiinae hybrids have received AOS awards.

Linda is an active, accredited AOS Judge and a trustee of the AOS.

She plans to bring an assortment of plants for sale at the meeting. She urges all interested members to visit Woodland Orchids' Web site at [www.woodlandorchids.com](http://www.woodlandorchids.com) and see what is currently available. In order to be sure she has what is really wanted, we encourage you to pre-order the plants you want through Betsy Opitz. Betsy prefers to receive orders by email at [bfopitz@rcn.com](mailto:bfopitz@rcn.com). All orders must be prepaid, preferably by check mailed to Betsy F. Opitz, 171 Carlton Road, Newton, MA 02468-1823

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## Sept 9 Meeting MOS Auction



Have you ever thought about growing orchids but feared that they were expensive and hard to grow? Attend the Massachusetts Orchid Society's annual fund-raising auction and you'll allay those fears. The society will be holding this event on September 9. Members and local growers donate most of the orchids on auction, and you'll be able to bid for orchids at amazingly low prices and get advice on growing them from members. In past years, winning bids for orchids have ranged from \$5 to \$50, with many of them going for less than \$20 each. The plants are healthy and well potted, and usually the auctioneer has a few words to say about how best to raise each plant.

So come to the University of Massachusetts Suburban Experimental Station (Waltham Field Station) at 241 Beaver St., Waltham on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm for the MOS annual orchid auction. Many orchid species (and there are over 30,000 of them) can be grown on windowsills, without special lights or greenhouse conditions. If you already raise orchids, you'll find some amazing bargains at the

auction, and if you are new to this fascinating hobby, this will be an easy and inexpensive way to get started on it. --- **Larry Kerpelman**

Massachusetts Orchid Society  
Officers and Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 24th, 2007 (July Meeting)  
L. Abram's House  
Prepared by S. Varsanofieva, Secretary

Present: L. Abrams, G. Bonoff, S. Flier, D. Gammon, R. Hesse, B. Leib, B. Opitz, S. Selby, S. Varsanofieva

I. Minutes of prior meeting approved.

II. Treasurer's Report : Total Balance - \$29,686.29

III. Program : July - "Murder Night at MOS"

- a. August - Linda Wilhelm of Mountain Orchids (Charlotte, NC) will be doing presentation on Oncidium Intergeneric Hybrids.
- b. March 2009 - Glenn Decker of Piping Rock Orchids

IV. Old Business

- a. Website : Transferred domain registration to GoDaddy.com (\$30.72 - includes two additional years of hosting and privacy for those two years)
- b. AOS Rep
  - i. Required in order to have an AOS sanctioned show
  - ii. Required in order to be an AOS sanctioned society
- c. Library : Need to find a replacement for Darla

IV. New Business

- a. 2008 Show
  - i. Vendor invitations sent out today
  - ii. Show is on schedule
- b. S. Flier's suggestions : Sue's suggestions will be reviewed and edited by the board at the Aug. board meeting. They will be published in full in the Sept newsletter and be ready for discussion and or implementation at Sept members meeting.

V. Next meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at B. Opitz's house.

- a. Future meetings to be held at:
  - i. September - S. Selby's
  - ii. October - G. Bonoff's
  - iii. November - S. Flier's

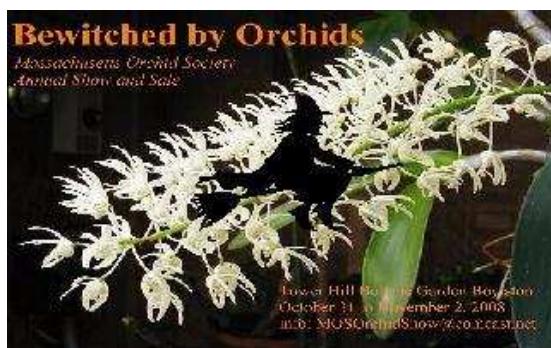
VI. Meeting adjourned

Editors note: The minutes have been edited for space and content. Those wishing to view the unedited minutes may do so by contacting the MOS secretary.

## MOS July Show Table

Judges: Sue Flier, Jody Maggio, Betty Levine and Joanna Eckstorm  
 30 displayed / 12 awarded

Group of <i>Neofinetia falcata</i>	Ralph & Chieko Collins
<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> "Higashidemi yako" ** Cultural award **	Ralph & Chieko Collins **
<i>Podangis dacylacera</i>	Ralph & Chieko Collins
<i>Platyrhiza quadricolor</i>	Ralph & Chieko Collins
<i>Paph godefroyae</i> *** *** Species ***	Ralph & Chieko Collins
<i>Masdevallia Pywacket</i>	Dan Cattlet
<i>Masdevallia Maui Prince</i>	Dan Cattlet
<i>Miltoniopsis Robert Jackson</i>	Betsy Opitz
<i>Blc. Golden Tang</i>	Harry Kubick
<i>Cyp. reginae</i> * photo *	Larry Kerpelman *
<i>Sc. Crystelle Smith</i>	Linda Abrams
<i>Phrag. Wallisii</i> *** *** species***	Brian Lieb



Look for a major show update  
 In the September issue of the  
 newsletter.

Show Dates: October 31 thru  
 November 2, 2008

## Monthly Checklist for July & Aug. Cont.

### High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

### Laelia purpurata

The flowering season of this majestic plant will be coming to an end, presenting a good time to report. As soon as the new roots start to appear, clean off old bark and repot into a clean medium-grade fir bark. Place the plant in a little less light and higher humidity to relieve stress until it is more established, which is about one month after potting.

### Odontocidium

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

### Vandaceous

Genera Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay .*

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## Tricks of the Trade – To Pre-Soak or Not to Pre-Soak?

Dave Tribble, Contributing Editor : Illionis Orchid Society

Many experts (whom I respect) stress the importance of pre-soaking your potting mix, and pot (if clay) when you are going to repot. Judy White (of Taylor's Guide to Orchids) says this is a must! What are the advantages? You know the mix is thoroughly wet, and the pores of the clay pot are filled before you begin. But, what about the disadvantages? Working with wet mix is far harder. There is increased potential for large unfilled voids around the roots. Tamping the mix down is virtually impossible. I always use dry mix. It is far easier to work with, and by jiggling and tamping you know that large voids are filled. But here is the key! After finishing, run water through the plant for at least two minutes. This will not only soak the mix and the pot (if clay), but will further work to settle the mix in the pot.

## Who's What at MOS

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## Upcoming Events

Saturday, Aug 2 Sept 6	<b>Northeast Judging Center Boylston, MA</b> , Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA, Robert Winkley, <a href="mailto:rwickley@aol.com">rwickley@aol.com</a> . Presentations begin @ 10:00 AM. Judging begins at 12 PM. <a href="#">Directions</a>
Tuesday, Aug 12 Sept 9	<b>MOS Meeting</b> , Suburban Experimental Station, 241 Beaver St., Waltham, MA, 7:30PM
September 9	<b>MOS Fall Auction</b>
October 31-November 2	<b>MOS Fall Show and Sale</b> "Bewitched by Orchids" Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA; <a href="mailto:MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net">MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net</a>
<a href="http://www.massorchid.org">www.massorchid.org</a> newsletter editor: George Bonoff	

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