# Massachusetts Orchid Society

P.O. Box 1041 Medford, MA 02155



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#### MOS show table results July 2018

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**AOS** Corner

Officers, Directors & Chairs

Judges: Bob Richter, Mike Badia, Charlie

Scribe: Brigitte Fortin

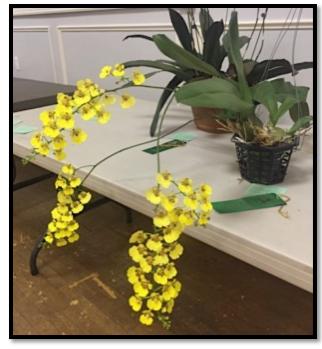
Exhibitor's Name	Plant Name	Lights/Windowsil I/Greenhouse	Warm/Cool/i nter	Comments
Mike Badia	Dendrobium Hibiki	w	i	
Mike Badia	Phal. Cornu-cervi form chattaladae	w	i	
Dina Deresh	Platystele beatricis			
Linda Abrams	Neofinitia	L	С	·
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Brigitte Fortin	Oncidium papilio Hildo 'Mendenhall' FCC/AOS	L	I	
Brigitte Fortin	Onc. Hybrid	L	I	
Charlie	Vanda hybrid	G		
Betsy Opitz	Onc. Ruffles 'Scent of a Woman'	L	I	
Sasha	Renanthera Tom Thumb	L	w	

total ribbons: 18 total plants: 11



Oncidium Ruffles 'Scent of a Woman', Betsy Opitz

> Onc. hybid, Brigitte Fortin



#### MOS show table summary 2018-19

May June July August Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb April Total

Jeff Feldman	2	2									4
Brigitte Fortin	1	1	2								4
Charlie Briggs		1	1								2
Mike Badia			2								2
Linda Abrams	1		3								4
George Baltoumas		1									1
Anne Pfaff	1										1
Warren & Suzie Wheelwright		1									1
Betsy Opitz			1								1
Ralph DiFonzo	1										1
Warren & Suzie Wheelwright		1									1
Sasha Crotty			1								1
Caren Savone	3	1									4
Joel Shelkrot	1	1									2
Bob Richter	1	1	1								3
Ron Maloney	2										2
Dina Deresh		1	1								2
Total # ribbons	13	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Total plants	27	18	18								63

\*\*\* beginner



Oncidium papilio Hildo 'Mendenhall' FCC/AOS, Brigitte Fortin



Den. Hibiki, Mike Badia

It's Time to Renew

Please renew your 2018-2019 membership today!

Membership Levels
(July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)
Individual - \$25.00 (USD)
Dual - \$30.00 (USD)

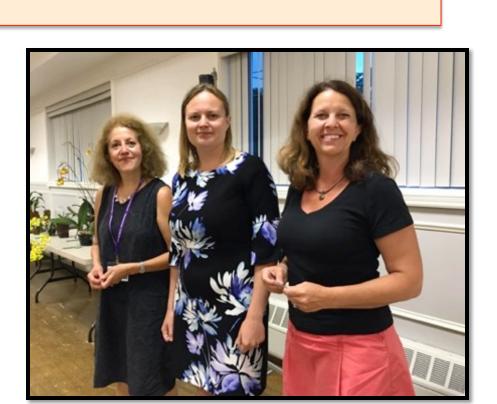
Renew online: click here

Renew by mail:

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Have membership questions? Email membership@massorchid.org

Sasha Crotty presents the Bronze Medal for Outstanding Service to Linda Abrams, left and Brigitte Fortin, right.

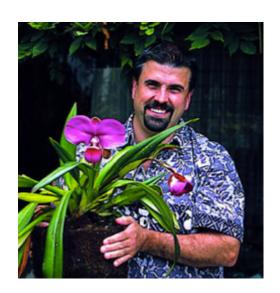




**Our August speaker** will be world renowned Phrag and Paph specialist Glen Decker, owner of Piping Rock Orchids and MOS Show Vendor. Glen's topic will be "Paphiopedilums and Their Difference", which also includes lots of culture.

Piping Rock Orchids has been propagating and hybridizing orchids for several years. They offer a wonderful selection of Paphiopedilums, Bulbophyllums, and Phragmipediums, in addition to miscellaneous species and hybrids. A listing of their plants and ordering information can be found at <a href="https://www.pipingrockorchids.com">www.pipingrockorchids.com</a>. You may place preorders with Glen or on his website.

Piping Rock Orchids 2270 Cook Road Galway, NY 12074 518-882-9002



# Now you can access the MOS website from your smartphone with this new app!

The new Wild Apricot for Members App allows members to log in and view content from <a href="https://www.massorchid.org">www.massorchid.org</a>.

#### What can your members do with the member app?

- View the member directory
- View a member's profile
- Email fellow members
- View the event calendar and event details
- Register for an event
- Specify the number of guests if the registration type was set up to collect the total number of guests only
- View your existing event registrations
- Pay an outstanding event registration fee
- View your member profile
- Currently, only an iOS version of this app is available. The app was designed for the iPhone, is compatible with the iPad and iPod Touch, and requires iOS version 10.0 or later.

#### SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> IS THE MOS ANNUAL AUCTION!

AS ONE OF OUR LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS, YOUR ATTENDANCE HELPS SUPPORT OUR SOCIETY!

LOCATION: SONS OF ITALY, WINCHESTER MA TIME: 7PM

PLEASE CONSIDER:

\*Donating high-value, <u>Healthy</u> plants (no pests or diseases, please. If unsure, bring it in a sealed plastic bag

\*PLANTS NEEDING A LITTLE TLC OK

\*BIDDING ON PLANTS

\*Donating baked goods, drinks and snacks for the sale

Orchids are donated by members, as well as many noted growers from around the country. Winning bids can range between \$5 to \$50+, Often at a bargain. Many orchid species (there are over 30,000) can be grown on windowsills, without special lights or greenhouse conditions.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION FOR PLANT DONATIONS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOUR GENEROSITY WILL ASSIST OUR SOCIETY IN RAISING FUNDS NEEDED TO COVER OUR OPERATING EXPENSES......THANK YOU!!!







## Mark your calendars now for what will be an amazing regional meeting of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance

Our featured guest speaker is the return of one of our most popular speakers, Mike Mims, a hobby-hybridizer from North Carolina, who has already garnered several AOS awards to his Phalaenopsis, including a coveted FCC/AOS. Mike has been focusing his breeding program on fragrant brilliantly colored waxy novelties and this time he has told us he will be bringing seedlings from some of his newest crosses for sale.

Carri Raven-Riemann will be presenting an update on the newest in Phalaenopsis breeding as seen at the 2018 Taiwan International Orchid Show. The advances over the last few years have been eye-popping and forward thinking, including new directions in breeding intergeneric Phalaenopsis hybrids.

We will have a slightly different schedule from our previous seven years, starting a little later in the morning and focusing on two speakers followed by a roundtable culture discussion. In addition, we'll have a mini auction along with lunch and snacks to keep us all going.

The New Hampshire Orchid Society will co-host us, as always, on Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Bedford, NH. Please go to <a href="https://www.nhorchids.org/event-2771757">https://www.nhorchids.org/event-2771757</a> to register. The cost is \$15 for non-NHOS members and registration deadline is September 1st.

For more information, please go to page 6.

Join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual:

#### INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE "FOCUS ON PHALS" DAY

Co-hosted by the New Hampshire Orchid Society Saturday, September 8, 2018 Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH

In conjunction with the usual September New Hampshire Orchid Society meeting, IPA is pleased to present its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Focus On Phals" day. This special event will include two presentations, a culture round table and a mini-auction of select plants, plus a review of the always-abundant NHOS show table.

Our special quest speaker this year will be Mike Mims, a well-known boutique hybridizer, to share his secrets of growing novelty Phalaenopsis to their ultimate. Mike has been the recipient of numerous AOS awards to his novelty Phalaenopsis, including a highly coveted FCC/AOS! He will be bringing a great selection of seedlings for sale from his trend-setting breeding program. Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, Past IPA President & current Regional Director. will share with everyone the absolute newest in cutting-edge breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2018 TIOS Show & will touch on Taiwan's new approach to Ribbon & Medal Judging in preparation for the amazing 2020 WOC in Taiwan.

The Registration Fee of \$12 for NON-NHOS members just covers the cost of light morning refreshments & a generous lunch buffet.

We invite all orchidists, IPA members & non-members alike, to join us for this very special "Focus on Phals" event. IPA-Invited Vendors will be: Mike Mims, the orchidPhile and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

10:00 – 10:45 am	Sales Tables Open for Early Birds plus light morning refreshments	
10:45 – 11:30 am	Carri Raven-Riemann: The Amazing Abundance of Taiwan	
11:30 - Noon	Mini Auction (to raise funds for future meetings)	
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break, Review of Show Table & Business Meeting (Sales Tables open)	
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Mike Mims: Growing & Showing Novelty Phalaenopsis to Perfection	
1:45 - 2:15 pm	Roundtable Discussion with a focus on NZ Moss culture (time permitting)	
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Last chance at Sales Tables	

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: EARLY NHOS REGISTRATIONSARE NEEDED BY FRIDAY. AUGUST 31st. TO ASSURE PLENTIFUL FOOD & CHAIRS FOR ALL!

Both NHOS & NON-NHOS members can Register on line at: http://nhorchids.org/event-2771757

Non-NHOS members can also pay by cash/check at the door or complete & mail the Registration Form below.

#### For further information contact:

New England Regional Director: Carri Raven-Riemann at orchidphile@optimum.net or (203) 329-7255 New York/Eastern Canada Regional Director: Mitch Paroly at hilolip@aol.com or (215) 943-7516

Additional information will also be available on the IPA website (www.phal.org)

-----MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM for non-NHOS members: Must be received no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

IPA/NHOS "Focus on Phals" for Saturday, September 8, 2018 NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: HOME ORCHID SOCIETY: Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_ registration(s) at \$12 each Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by mail, send this form with your check, made payable to NHOS, to: NH Orchid Society

PO Box 5375 Manchester, NH 03108

For Vendor Pre-Order Lists and/or Pre-Orders - Please mention "NHOS/IPA Regional Pre-Order" in the subject line:

orchidPhile: orchidphile@optimum.net - or - www.facebook.com/orchidphile

Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies: www.kkorchid.com

Mike Mims: michaelmims@gmail.com

## Lyman Estate Fall Orchid Sale

Oct 19 - Oct 21

9:30am - 4:00pm Lyman Estate Greenhouses 185 Lyman St., Waltham, MA

Celebrate orchid-blooming season. Hundreds of orchid plants are for sale, including many hard-to-find varieties. Visit the greenhouses and enjoy gorgeous floral colors, shapes, and scents.

Varieties on display and for sale include Cattleyas, Laelias, Oncidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phalaenopsis, and many more. Their long-lasting blooms are a dramatic addition to any indoor environment. This adaptable species can grow in a variety of home conditions.

Staff are available to offer expert advice.

Please call 617-994-5913 for more information.



#### The Northeast Judging Center is Moving!

Effective July, 2018, the Northeast Judging Center of the American Orchid Society, currently based in Stamford CT, is moving to the <u>Frelinghuysen Arboretum</u>, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960 just off of Interstate 287. Judging day remains the third Saturday of each month, just at a new location starting this July.

Why the move? We're bringing the judging closer to you! Many of our growers live in northern and central New Jersey. The move should facilitate more growers exhibiting their plants and encourage more growers to check out the judging program.

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum offers plentiful free parking and drive-up access to the lower level classroom where judging takes places for convenient plant drop-off. Everyone is welcome! Bring an orchid for judging, or just come and listen in. Either way, you'll learn a lot about your orchid.

Remember, the May 19 and June 16, 2018 judging days are at the current location, the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford CT. Then, starting with the July 21, 2018 and going forward, the judging is at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Come join us.

With orchids timing is everything. If your orchids are in their prime earlier in the month, the Northeast Judging Center in Boylston MA meets on the first Saturday of the month, and the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center meets in Philadelphia PA on the third Wednesday of the month. So, there are lot of opportunities to have your orchids judged and pick up a few tips from the judges.



#### American Orchid Society

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Above: Phal. Cornu-cervi F. Chattaladae, Mike Badia

#### Odds And Ends-

**Board Notes** The majority of the July meeting revolved around planning our upcoming annual MOS show. This included but was not limited to securing a new show location, brainstorming for a theme, discussing the floor plan, enlisting volunteers and many other things to ensure a great 2018 show. It has been decided that our new location will be our very own Sons of Italy. Due to the cozy (limited) space, this year's theme is entitled "World of Orchids – Up Close and Personal".

**Positions To Fill** Folks, we need one more board member to fill our dance card. Please reach out to anyone on the board via email or at our next meeting if you'd like to join up. Our organization relies on YOU!

We're currently searching for a new show chair and show committee members. Thus far ,we have Jeff Feldman. Jeff's dedication to our society, his experience working past shows and his many connections are huge assets... Thank you, Jeff!

Our next show planning meeting is August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Please reach out to Brigitte Fortin at <a href="mailto:bfortin425@msn.com">bfortin425@msn.com</a> or Jeff at <a href="mailto:jeffeld2@gmail.com">jeffeld2@gmail.com</a> to find out how you can contribute to make this show a success. We really need all hands on deck this year as we're off to a late start and dealing with lots of new challenges.

Hospitality Needs You! Volunteers are needed to join the hospitality committee, whose job is to set up the food table, make coffee/hot water and put supplies back in the storage bins at the end of each meeting. Hospitality by committee allows responsibilities to be shared, in case someone has to miss a meeting. The committee also needs a chair, someone to make sure each meeting is covered and to monitor for needed supplies. If interested, please see Ellen Shapiro at the next meeting or email her at ellen@massorchid.org.

**Annual Picnic** As you may have heard, this summer's picnic has been canceled, but we are thrilled to learn that Brigitte Fortin will host next year. Thank you, Brigitte!

**Roving greenhouse help** Rumor hazit that Bob Richter was visited by green-thumb rovers last month. Charlie Briggs, who lives in Winthrop, could also use a hand moving materials out of his greenhouse in order to paint the interior. Work must be finished before the fall, when plants move indoors. If you've seen Charlie's numerous awarded plants, you'll enjoy visiting him and his greenhouse. Other tasks include repotting and general plant maintenance. Speak to Charlie or Bob at the next meeting. **For any greenhouse related help**, please message Anne at <a href="massorchid.org">newsletter@massorchid.org</a> and it will be posted in the next newsletter.

#### Odds And Ends-

MOS Auction Hey buddy, want an orchid, cheap? I mean, hey you! September is the annual Massachusetts Orchid Society Auction! We'll be bringing in some plants from some fantastic vendors and would love to have any of your plants (that are pest and disease free)! This is a big fundraiser for the society and a great way to get new plants for your collection inexpensively! If you had a great year and the plants are too big to come back inside for the winter, bring 'em! If you had a great year and the one plant is now two but you only have room for one, bring 'em! If you have that one stinkin' plant that no matter what won't bloom, you guessed it, bring it! (And don't worry, it will bloom for the new owner in short order!) Any plant you donate is tax-deductible and if you buy a plant over its retail price, the excess is deductible, I think (check with you tax planner!)

The meeting will start at 7 instead of the typical 7:30, but if you are bringing plants or if you want to help with setup or any other aspect, please come a bit earlier (6:15-ish). There will be an auction page and I'll get the link posted soon on the website.

Thanks! - The Management



### **GROW AND SHOW!**





Please share your secrets of success (or laments) with all of our members! Everyone has their own approach to growing and flowering orchids, particularly here in New England. We're curious to know what works for you and the challenges you face. Whether you grow on a windowsill, summer outside, indoors under lights or in a greenhouse, start taking photos of your growing spaces and send them along with a short essay to: newsletter@massorchid.org.

#### Just to get you started:

- How do you maintain proper humidity, light & temp levels indoors?
- What are some pros and cons of your lighting, ventilation and humidification systems?
- How to water without ruining your floors, messing up the bath or breaking your back carrying buckets.
- Greenhouse culture & setup; is yours a DIY or ready-made?
- Basement growing: induce flowering under lights; tracking day lengths and temps.
- Growing on mounts, in orchidariums, micro-climates, hydroponically...

#### Dear Members,

Many of you leave your flowering orchids sitting home, all alone while you're off having fun at our monthly meetings. Please don't let your babies feel left out! Bring them in for the show table! Let them bask in their beauty and be enjoyed by everyone! What I'm trying to say is, let's not be shy about it —beginners or advanced growers... we all want to see more flowers!



# •THE AOS CORNER•

ONLINE: Tom Harper shows and discusses the explosion of big lipped Phalaenopsis and how judges look at them. Are they better than parents? Are they worth awards? Click below to watch <a href="Big lip Phalaenopsis">Big lip Phalaenopsis</a>, a judging webinar.

Organizing orchid culture and its chores by season is a convenient way to make sure that your orchids get the proper care at the right time. Becoming in tune with your plants' growth cycles creates a connection with the natural world and makes you a better grower.

# Seasonal Orchid Care: July/August

Click here for Checklist

#### Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

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