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MOS rocks the Amherst Show!

It took *this* photographer 15 minutes to clear enough guests back to allow a photograph of our Amherst display. All of the beautiful plants in this very popular display were showered with blue, red and yellow ribbons~ which greatly outnumbered the plants themselves!

Of particular note: MOS won 6 "Best of Class" Rosettes and Trophies (1/3 of all the Show Trophies awarded). The ribbon winners (once we receive the official tabulation) will be listed in the April Newsletter.



Linda Abram's Best In Show

Congratulations to our Trophy Winners:

Anne Pfaff – Clo. Grace Dunn 'Chadd's Ford' for BEST IN CLASS - MISC. GENERA

Brigitte Fortin – Ascocenda Hybrid for BEST IN CLASS – VANDA ALLIANCE

Linda Abrams – C. Nancy Off for BEST IN CLASS – CATTLEYA ALLIANCE WINDOWSILL/
FLORESCENT LIGHTS

Linda Abrams - C. Nancy Off for BEST IN CLASS – BEST LARGE CATTLEYA IN SHOW

Linda Abrams - C. Nancy Off for BEST PLANT IN THE SHOW

Jeff Feldman - Enc. Mariae for BEST IN CLASS – BEST MINIATURE CATTLEYA IN SHOW

And speaking of awards, **Linda Abrams** received a Provisional **CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)** for her **Ophrys Scolopax**. One of the cutest plants you will ever see. Hopefully you will see it on the show table on the 12th!

Few opportunities in MOS are as rewarding as working on a Show Display. No experience is necessary. Just volunteer and learn. I'll give a free orchid to any member that can look me in the eye after participating in a display and tell me they didn't enjoy the experience!

Special thanks to Anne Pfaff and Linda Abrams for designing and setting up the MOS display at the Amherst Orchid Society Show (in Northampton Feb. 23-24).

-Jeff Feldman 

Thank you, Anne Pfaff and Linda Abrams for creating our lovely display at the 2019 Amherst Orchid Society Show (below). And, special thanks to Anne, Linda, Mike Badia, George Baltoumas, Sasha Crotty, Jeff Feldman, and Brigitte Fortin for plants, props, labels, and transport for the display. We cannot do it without you!

Special congrats to Linda Abrams for receiving a provisional CHM/AOS for her Ophrys scolopax.



'Spring Into Orchids'
at the
2019 Connecticut Orchid Society Orchid Show

Sat, March 30, & Sun,
March 31, in Bristol, CT

Click [here](#) for more information.





Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show
March 16th – March 17th,
West Hartford, CT

Click [here](#) for more information.

CAOIS Show Results by Exhibitor

Victorian Beauty Jan. 25, 2019

Top 3 Placers By Category

Ticket Number	Classification Ref	Classification Description	Display Ref	Exhibitor Name
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Place In Class	Plant Name			Special Awards
006A	194 019 MOS	Epidendrum S & H NO INTERGENERICS Epidendrum S (no pseudobulbs) & H - No Intergenerics - Examples: capricornu, laucheanum,	006	Brigitte Fortin
	# 3	Epidendrum porpax		
006A	183 026E MOS	Cattleya H & I - GREEN Cattleya H & I - GREEN	006	Brigitte Fortin
	# 1	Epc Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS		
006A	181 040A MOS	Phrag besseae HYBRIDS Phrag. Primary / Near-Primary hybrids etc w/besseae as parent or grandparent.Ex: Barbara Leann,	006	Brigitte Fortin
	# 2	Phrag Sergent Eric		
006A	196 096 MOS	Cymbidium HYBRID PENDANT ANY COLOR Cymbidium hybrids, PENDANT, ANY COLOR	006	Brigitte Fortin
	# 3	Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits' AM/AOS		
006A	195 129 MOS	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE	006	Brigitte Fortin
	# 2	Epidendrum porpax		
006A	182 130 MOS	HYBRID Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) HYBRID Grown in the Home - HYBRID - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 130 MUST ALSO BE	006	Brigitte Fortin
	# 2	Phrag Sergent Eric		

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006B	200 093	Cymbidiinae - Cymbidium SPECIES Cymbidium species - all types [standard, miniature, pendant] Examples: kanran, traceyanum, sinense,	006	MOS	006	George Baltoumas	# 2	Cymbidium traceyanum	
006B	201 129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE	006	MOS	006	George Baltoumas	# 2	Cymbidium traceyanum	
006C	206 026F	Cattleya H & I - RED/RED SHADES NO PINK Cattleya H & I - Red/Red shades, not PINK	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 1	Slc Minipet	
006C	209 026G	Cattleya H & I - Other Colors, splash petal, multi Cattleya H & I - Other colours including splash petal or multicolor	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 2	Slc Angel's Fantasy	
006C	208 027	Cattleya Alliance - MINIATURES MINI Catt S, H or I total height AT MATURITY 8" or less, excluding inflorescence (must also be entered	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 1	Slc Minipet	
006C	211 027	Cattleya Alliance - MINIATURES MINI Catt S, H or I total height AT MATURITY 8" or less, excluding inflorescence (must also be entered	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 3	Slc Angel's Fantasy	

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006C	204 114	Miscellaneous - Catasetum, etc. Catasetum Clowesia Cynoches Dressleria Mormodes & allies S, H, I, monnierera	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 1	Catasetum Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS x tigrinum 'SVO'	
006C	202 119	Miscellaneous - Bletia, etc. Bletia, Calanthe, Chysis, Gastrorchis, Phaius, Pleione, Spathoglottis, and Thunia species, hybrids, and	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 1	Calanthe Sedenii Veitchii x vestita	
006C	210 130	HYBRID Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) HYBRID Grown in the Home - HYBRID - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 130 MUST ALSO BE	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	# 3	Slc Angel's Fantasy	
006D	425 018	Encyclia (Prosthechea) S & H NO INTERGENERICS Encyclia species (with pseudobulbs) & Hybrids - NO INTERGENERICS	006	MOS	006	Susie & Warren Wheelwright	# 2	Encyclia cochleata 'Bouquet' x Enc cochleata 'Belize'	
006D	212 082B	Oncidium Alliance - INTERGENERICS - YELLOW/GREEN Intergenerics including 078, 079, 080 - YELLOW/GREEN Background with or without spots	006	MOS	006	Susie & Warren Wheelwright	# 1	Odbrsa Pisgah Recluse	
006D	423 104D	Dendrobium SPECIES - OTHER TYPES Den species inc bracteosum cuthbertsonii fairchildae gonzalesii kingianum speciosum spectabile	006	MOS	006	Susie & Warren Wheelwright	# 3	Dendrobium kingianum	

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006E	224 045	Angraecoids - Species only Madagascar, Africans - Aerangis, Aeranthes, Aerides, Angraecum, etc Species Only ie Angcm		MOS	006	Jeff Feldman	# 1	Angraecum didieri	
006E	219 049	Rhynchostylis S, H, I Rhynchostylis sp, h and intergenerics ota including Opsistylis, Vandachostylis, Holcostylis*		MOS	006	Jeff Feldman	# 1	Rhy gigantea	
006E	222 049	Rhynchostylis S, H, I Rhynchostylis sp, h and intergenerics ota including Opsistylis, Vandachostylis, Holcostylis*		MOS	006	Jeff Feldman	# 3	Hoc MS Sunlight 'Sweetheart' Holc flavescens x Rhy gigantea	
006E	220 151	Fragrance All Flower Classes may be judged on Fragrance. Must be registered in appropriate flower class.		MOS	006	Jeff Feldman	# 2	Rhy gigantea	
006F	428 015A	Cattleya SPECIES Except in 016-023 Cattleya species except those previously known as Brassavola, Broughtonia, etc. or Allied Species		MOS	006	Anne Pfaff	# 2	Cattleya walkeriana semi-alba	
006F	431 026G	Cattleya H & I - Other Colors, splash petal, multi Cattleya H & I - Other colours including splash petal or multicolor		MOS	006	Anne Pfaff	# 1	Bic Yan Moon 'SVO' x Sic Fire Fantasy 'H&R'	

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# 1	429	Cattleya walkeriana semi-alba			
006F	130	HYBRID Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) HYBRID Grown in the Home - HYBRID - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 130 MUST ALSO BE	006	Anne Pfaff	
# 3	432	Blc Yuan Moon 'SVO' x Slc Fire Fantasy 'H&R'			
006F	151	Fragrance All Flower Classes may be judged on Fragrance. Must be registered in appropriate flower class.	006	Anne Pfaff	
# 2	430	Cattleya walkeriana			
006G	016	Brassavola/Rhyncholaelia S & H - NO INTERGENERICS Brassavola or Rhyncholaelia S & H NO INTERGENERICS example: B nodosa, Rhy digbyana, B. Little	006	Mike Badia	
# 2	444	Brassavola nodosa			
006G	105A	Dendrobium HYBRIDS Dendrobium hybrids - Nobile types	006	Mike Badia	
# 2	450	Dendrobium primulinum 'Magic' AM/AOS x Den loddigesii 'Gilbert'			
006G	129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE	006	Mike Badia	
# 3	443	Brassavola nodosa			

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	448 129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE			
006G	MOS		006	Mike Badia	
	# 2	Catt aurantiaca			

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006F	MOS		006	Anne Pfaff	
	# 2	Cattleya walkeriana semi-alba			
	444 016	Brassavola/Rhynchoaelia S & H - NO INTERGENERICS Brassavola or Rhynchoaelia S & H NO INTERGENERICS example: B nodosa, Rhy digbyana, B. Little			
006G	MOS		006	Mike Badia	
	# 2	Brassavola nodosa			
	425 018	Encyclia (Prosthechea) S & H NO INTERGENERICS Encyclia species (with pseudobulbs) & Hybrids - NO INTERGENERICS			
006D	MOS		006	Susie & Warren Wheelwright	
	# 2	Encyclia cochleata 'Bouquet' x Enc cochleata 'Belize'			
	194 019	Epidendrum S & H NO INTERGENERICS Epidendrum S (no pseudobulbs) & H - No Intergenerics - Examples: capricornu, laucheanum,			
006A	MOS		006	Brigitte Fortin	
	# 3	Epidendrum porpax			

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	183 026E	Cattleya H & I - GREEN Cattleya H & I - GREEN					
006A	MOS				006	Brigitte Fortin	
# 1	Epc Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS						
	206 026F	Cattleya H & I - RED/RED SHADES NO PINK Cattleya H & I - Red/Red shades, not PINK					
006C	MOS				006	Sasha Crotty	
# 1	Slc Minipet						
	209 026G	Cattleya H & I - Other Colors, splash petal, multi Cattleya H & I - Other colours including splash petal or multicolor					
006C	MOS				006	Sasha Crotty	
# 2	Slc Angel's Fantasy						
	431 026G	Cattleya H & I - Other Colors, splash petal, multi Cattleya H & I - Other colours including splash petal or multicolor					
006F	MOS				006	Anne Pfaff	
# 1	Blc Yan Moon 'SVO' x Slc Fire Fantasy 'H&R'						
	208 027	Cattleya Alliance - MINIATURES MINI Catt S, H or I total height AT MATURITY 8" or less, excluding inflorescence (must also be entered					
006C	MOS				006	Sasha Crotty	
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224	045	Angraecoids - Species only Madagascar, Africans - Aerangis, Aeranthes, Aerides, Angraecum, etc Species Only ie Angcm	006	Jeff Feldman	
006E	MOS				
# 1	Angraecum didieri				
431	026G	Cattleya H & I - Other Colors, splash petal, multi Cattleya H & I - Other colours including splash petal or multicolor	006	Anne Pfaff	
006F	MOS				
# 1	Blc Yan Moon 'SVO' x Slc Fire Fantasy 'H&R'				
208	027	Cattleya Alliance - MINIATURES MINI Catt S, H or I total height AT MATURITY 8" or less, excluding inflorescence (must also be entered	006	Sasha Crotty	
006C	MOS				
# 1	Slc Minipet				
211	027	Cattleya Alliance - MINIATURES MINI Catt S, H or I total height AT MATURITY 8" or less, excluding inflorescence (must also be entered	006	Sasha Crotty	
006C	MOS				
# 3	Slc Angel's Fantasy				
224	045	Angraecoids - Species only Madagascar, Africans - Aerangis, Aeranthes, Aerides, Angraecum, etc Species Only ie Angcm	006	Jeff Feldman	
006E	MOS				
# 1	Angraecum didieri				
181	040A	Phrag besseae HYBRIDS Phrag. Primary / Near-Primary hybrids etc w/besseae as parent or grandparent.Ex: Barbara Leann,	006	Brigitte Fortin	
006A	MOS				
# 2	Phrag Sergeant Eric				

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181	040A				
# 2	Phrag Sergent Eric				
006E	MOS	Angraecoids - Species only Madagascar, Africans - Aerangis, Aeranthes, Aerides, Angraecum, etc Species Only ie Angcm	006	Jeff Feldman	
224	045				
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006E	MOS	Rhynchostylis S, H, I Rhynchostylis sp, h and intergenerics ota including Opsistylis, Vandachostylis, Holcostylis*	006	Jeff Feldman	
219	049				
# 1	Rhy gigantea				
006E	MOS	Rhynchostylis S, H, I Rhynchostylis sp, h and intergenerics ota including Opsistylis, Vandachostylis, Holcostylis*	006	Jeff Feldman	
222	049				
# 3	Hoc MS Sunlight 'Sweetheart' Holc flavescens x Rhy gigantea				
006D	MOS	Oncidium Alliance - INTERGENERIC - YELLOW/GREEN Intergenerics including 078, 079, 080 - YELLOW/GREEN Background with or without spots	006	Susie & Warren Wheelwright	
212	082B				
# 1	Odbrsa Pisgah Recluse				
006B	MOS	Cymbidiinae - Cymbidium SPECIES Cymbidium species - all types [standard, miniature, pendant] Examples: kanran, traceyanum, sinense,	006	George Baltoumas	
200	093				
# 2	Cymbidium traceyanum				

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196	096	Cymbidium HYBRID PENDANT ANY COLOR Cymbidium hybrids, PENDANT, ANY COLOR			
006A	MOS		006	Brigitte Fortin	
# 3	Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits' AM/AOS				
423	104D	Dendrobium SPECIES - OTHER TYPES Den species inc bracteosum cuthbertsonii fairchildae gonzalesii kingianum speciosum spectabile			
006D	MOS		006	Susie & Warren Wheelwright	
# 3	Dendrobium kingianum				
202	119	Miscellaneous - Bletia, etc. Bletia, Calanthe, Chysis, Gastrochis, Phaius, Pleione, Spathoglottis, and Thunia species, hybrids, and			
006C	MOS		006	Sasha Crotty	
# 1	Calanthe Sedenii Veitchii x vestita				
195	129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE			
006A	MOS		006	Brigitte Fortin	
# 2	Epidendrum porpax				
201	129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE			
006B	MOS		006	George Baltoumas	
# 2	Cymbidium traceyanum				
429	129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE			
006F	MOS		006	Anne Pfaff	
# 1	Cattleya walkeriana semi-alba				

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443							# 3 Brassavola nodosa
006G	129	SPECIES Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) SPECIES Grown in the Home - species - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 129 MUST ALSO BE	006	MOS	006	Mike Badia	
448							# 2 Catt aurantiaca
006A	130	HYBRID Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) HYBRID Grown in the Home - HYBRID - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 130 MUST ALSO BE	006	MOS	006	Brigitte Fortin	
182							# 2 Phrag Sargent Eric
006C	130	HYBRID Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) HYBRID Grown in the Home - HYBRID - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 130 MUST ALSO BE	006	MOS	006	Sasha Crotty	
210							# 3 Slc Angel's Fantasy
006F	130	HYBRID Grown in the Home (SEE NOTE) HYBRID Grown in the Home - HYBRID - NOTE: PLANTS ENTERED IN CLASS 130 MUST ALSO BE	006	MOS	006	Anne Pfaff	
432							# 3 Blc Yuan Moon 'SVO' x Slc Fire Fantasy 'H&R'
006E	151	Fragrance All Flower Classes may be judged on Fragrance. Must be registered in appropriate flower class.	006	MOS	006	Jeff Feldman	
220							# 2 Rhy gigantea
006F	151	Fragrance All Flower Classes may be judged on Fragrance. Must be registered in appropriate flower class.	006	MOS	006	Anne Pfaff	
430							# 2 Cattleya walkeriana

2019 New Hampshire Orchid Society Show Major Awards

American Orchid Society Awards:

Certificate of Botanical Recognition awarded to *Trichosalpinx nymphalis* 'Susan', grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Certificate of Botanical Recognition awarded to *Masdevallia nikoleana* 'Susan', grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Certificate of Horticultural Merit, 84 points, awarded to *Dendrochilum rhombiforme* 'Susan', grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Judges' Commendation awarded to the Microminiatures in a Terrarium, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Highly Commended Certificate, 79 points, awarded to *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Susan', grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Award of Merit, 82 points, awarded to *Epidendrum nocturnum* ' ', awarded to Harry Pringle from the Maine Orchid Society

AOS Show Trophy – Most Outstanding Exhibit – awarded to the Marlow Orchids Display

Orchid Digest Trophy – Best Non-Commercial Exhibit – awarded to the Chuck and Sue Andersen Exhibit

Orchid Digest Diamond Award awarded to Jean Stefanik

Best Interpretation of Show Theme - Grace Barwood Memorial Trophy - Chuck and Sue Andersen Exhibit

Best Conservation/Education Display - Ovid Slavin Memorial Trophy awarded to "Demystifying Deflasking" designed by Jean Stefanik, New Hampshire Orchid Society

Best New Exhibitor - Michael Wirth Memorial Trophy - No New Exhibitors this Year

Best Artistic Display - The Marcia Epstein Memorial Trophy – Jai's Cornstarch Orchids

Best Cattleya Alliance - Lee Soule Trophy – awarded to *Epidendrum nocturnum*, grown by Harry Pringle from the Maine Orchid Society

Best Cymbidium Alliance Trophy - awarded to No Name 'Peach Surprise' grown by Richard Brown from the Nutmeg Orchid Society

Best Cyripedium Alliance - Jim Campbell Memorial Trophy **awarded to Paph lowii (Uncle Frank x Hsinying')**

Best Oncidium Alliance Trophy – awarded to *Oncidium noezlianum*, grown and displayed by Ecuagenera Orchids

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy - awarded to *Phalaenopsis Aphrodite*, subsp. *Formosana* 'A09001' grown and displayed by orchidPhile

Best Pleurothallid Alliance - David O. Moreton Memorial Trophy awarded to *Trichosalpinx numphalis*, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Best Vandaceous Alliance Trophy - awarded to *Vanda coerulescens*, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Best Miscellaneous Genera -The Laura Slavin Memorial Trophy - awarded to *Maxillaria elatior*, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Roger's Rosette - Best No-Name Orchid awarded to *Cymbidium* No Name 'Peach Surprise' grown by Richard Brown, and displayed in the Nutmeg Orchid Society exhibit

Best Grown Using High Intensity Lights Rosette awarded to *Lepanthes astrophora* grown by Steve Tacopina, and displayed in the New Hampshire Orchid Society exhibit

Best Grown Using Fluorescent Lights Rosette awarded to *Epidendrum nocturnum*, grown by Harry Pringle, and displayed in the Maine Orchid Society exhibit

Best Grown on a Windowsill Rosette - awarded to *Cymbidium* No Name 'Peach Surprise' grown by Richard Brown, and displayed in the Nutmeg Orchid Society exhibit

Special Award - **awarded to Prosthechea Green Hornet, grown by Harry Pringle and displayed in the Maine Orchid Society exhibit**

Special Award - awarded to *Oncidium Cornstarch* created by and displayed in Jai's Cornstarch Orchids exhibit

Special Award - awarded to *Lankesterella ceracifolia*, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Best Species - Chuck Wingate Trophy - awarded to *Lankesterella ceracifolia*, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

Best Specimen Plant Trophy – awarded to *Coelogyne Unchained Melody*, grown and displayed by Chuck and Sue Andersen

NHOS Reserve Grand Champion Rosette - awarded to *Prosthechea Green Hornet*, grown by Harry Pringle and displayed in the Maine Orchid Society exhibit

NHOS Grand Champion – Marty Epstein Memorial Trophy awarded to *Epidendrum nocturnum* ‘ awarded to Harry Pringle from the Maine Orchid Society

For a full list of MOS/NHOS show ribbons, please click [here](#).



MOS at the NHOS Show. *Huge shout-out to Jeff Feldman and George Baltoumas for **First Place Display!!!***
Photo, Jeff Feldman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting – Repotting and Mounting clinic

12 Mar 2019 7:30 PM

*Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St,
Winchester, MA*

Nutmeg State Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

16 Mar 2019 12:00 PM

*Hartford Town Hall,
50 South Main St,
West Hartford, CT*

Connecticut Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

30 Mar 2019 10:00 PM

*Bristol Senior Center,
240 Stafford Ave, Bristol, CT*

Lyman Estate Spring Orchid Sale

05 Apr 2019 9:30 AM

*Lyman Estate Greenhouses,
185 Lyman St, Waltham, MA*

Monthly AOS Judging

06 Apr 2019 10:30 AM

*Tower Hill Botanic Garden,
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA*

Orchid Lectures at UConn Storrs

06 Apr 2019 11:00 AM

Monthly Meeting – Steve Frowine: Fantastic Phalenopsis

06 Apr 2019 7:30 PM

*Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St,
Winchester, MA*

Our guests this month are Mike Badia and Daryl Yerdon from Kelly's Korner Orchid Supplies

For the March meeting, Mike and Daryl will be conducting a hands-on repotting and mounting demo. Every member will leave with either a freshly re-potted or a newly mounted orchid. A \$5 donation to help offset the cost of plants and materials is appreciated. Thanks in advance for supporting your society!



Due to last month's cancellation, Brandt's talk and demonstration on orchid division and potting keikis will take place in November.

Monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Please have your plants on the show table by 7 p.m.

Come early to shop for orchids, socialize with your orchid friends, and have a cup of coffee or tea and a snack. If you bring in a snack, you get a second raffle ticket.

Here's How Horticulturalists Made the Michelle Obama Orchid



Michelle Obama is the 14th consecutive First Lady to have a cattleya orchid named in her honor (above).
(Courtesy of Arthur E. Chadwick)

By [Anna White](#)

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FEBRUARY 27, 2019

In 2009, orchid grower and connoisseur Arthur E. Chadwick, owner of Chadwick & Son Orchids, arrived at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk, Virginia. He was there to meet the then-First Lady Michelle Obama at a private reception. In his arms, he was juggling an arrangement of five gorgeous orchids with blooms in hues ranging from lavender to fuchsia.

The plants, cultivated by Chadwick himself, were a specialized breeding of the hybrid *Cattleya* Mini Purple and the species *Cattleya trianaei* to create a new variety that would be known as *Cattleya Michelle Obama*. The orchids were to be presented as a gift to Obama, the 14th consecutive First Lady to have a cattleya orchid named in her honor.

But to Chadwick's dismay, Secret Service agents would not permit the flowers into the reception without first scanning them for explosives, and worse—no scanning equipment was available. After much negotiation, a

compromise was reached. Chadwick was permitted to select two of the blooms for the formal presentation to the First Lady. Though the two blooms were comically spare in contrast with the original bouquet, Obama was delighted. “She thought it was great, she really did,” says Chadwick, who also presented the First Lady with a certificate from Royal Horticultural Society, declaring the flower’s official international registration.

The Cattleya Michelle Obama is part of a tradition of naming orchid varieties after First Ladies that dates back to 1929 beginning with the Mrs. Herbert Hoover orchid—Chadwick has been responsible for the creation of the last five, Barbara Bush to Melania Trump.

The orchid Michelle Obama takes a full seven years to grow from seed to a mature plant, but the flower six weeks. “The color is really spectacular—just a beautiful, glistening magenta, and the fact that the flower just lasts forever, that’s unheard of for cattleyas,” says Chadwick, adding that the flower is accessible as well as elegant, much like the first lady herself. “It’s a compact grower, it’s something that anyone could put on their windowsill.”



A few years ago I purchased Lc. Michelle Obama from Fred Clarke. I’ve always been curious about the history of these “First Lady” orchids, so it was fun to stumble across this Smithsonian article on their website, Smithsonian.com.

-Anne Pfaff

Above: my Lc. Michelle Obama



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...

MOS Odds And Ends~

Wanted: Flowers for our MOS displays for two upcoming shows. They don't have to be ribbon winners to be in a show stopping display. Healthy plants only. ☺

For Nutmeg and Connecticut State registration, please contact Sasha Crotty, Brigitte Fortin or Adrienne Giovino.

If you'd like to volunteer with set-up or break-down, all hands are welcome. Not only will you get acquainted with lots of very interesting orchid growers and vendors, you will get first-dibs on orchids for sale and check out the plants and learn tons about their culture. We are a volunteer organization and volunteering is seriously fun stuff!

Meeting Cancellation Notice Policy Now you can find out whether a meeting has been cancelled (ie, inclement weather) by going onto our MOS webpage, where information will be posted after 2:00 PM. An email notice will be sent to all members, too.

March meeting You don't want to miss the repotting workshop next month. Demos for mounting (our own Mike Badia) and potting (Daryl Yerdon, Kelley's Korner) will be held... plus raffle plants!

Monthly meeting - raffle plant donations? We used to receive free plants from Mahoney's each month, however, since we no longer show at their garden center we are reaching out to members for all future donations. If you have plant divisions, keikis or just plants that you want to put out for adoption, please bring them to meeting. As always, *bring only pest and disease free plants.*

MOS Show Position - Advertising/Marketing skills We are looking for someone to oversee advertising for our annual show in October. Strong communication skills and prior experience in marketing or social media campaigns is preferred, but not required. We are hoping to increase our attendance this year and a solid advertising campaign is the key. You can recruit members to work with you and you can rely on the support of board members as well. If you are interested and have time to volunteer, please contact Sasha Crotty.

Hospitality Looking for an easy way to help the society? Hospitality needs **YOU!** Set up the snack table and drink counter, make Coffee and tea, and put everything away at the end of the meeting. Two or more people make it even easier, more fun and enables rotation. *Please see Ellen Shapiro if interested.*

Roving greenhouse help Learn all about greenhouse growing by lending a hand to some of our fellow members who need help in their greenhouses. *Please message Anne Pfaff at newsletter@massorchid.org for more information.*

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Seasonal Orchid Care: March/April

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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 www.massorchid.org.

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.

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