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Minute Minutes Notes from the Board

- ◆ The board continues to monitor the situation around COVID-19. As the health of our members is the highest priority, the board is continuing to plan the monthly meetings in the virtual format. This will be reassessed at each board meeting.
 - ◆ This month's speaker Peter Lin presents "*The 3 A's of the Orchid World: Angraecum, Aerangis and Aeranthes*" **There is a 10% discount on all orders until October 13th.** See page 3 for details.
 - ◆ Remember to submit images of your booming plants for the virtual show table to showtable@massorchid.org! Send one shot of the entire plant and one flower close-up, plus any relevant cultural notes! Cutoff for entries: Sunday October 11, 6pm.
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- ◆ One of the most frustrating parts of orchid shows is missing all those plants that bloom two weeks earlier. **NOT THIS YEAR!** Our virtual show will start taking entries **THIS WEEK** - Look for a post on Instagram and Facebook, on how to enter.
 - ◆ The board is still searching for **THREE** officer openings; Secretary and two Directors. We especially need a Secretary to lighten the board's load since we lost our Secretary last spring. This job's main responsibility is recording monthly board meeting minutes, which is so important to effectively run our organization. There is flexibility fulfilling all tasks and they can be shared somewhat among us. Please consider joining the board in governing our organization! Go to <https://www.massorchid.org/Officers/> for more information, or email mos-board@googlegroups.com.
 - ◆ In this month's hour-long AOS webinar "Greenhouse Chat", Ron McHatten discusses the importance of water quality. Also covered; winter rest periods, phragmipedium leaf problems, plus more! Go to page ? for a detailed list of topics and to link to the webinar.
 - ◆ Recently the board unanimously voted to donate \$250 towards the upcoming AOS Centennial celebration. In recognition of this year's show theme, *Orchids of Africa*, the board selected research and conservation efforts in Africa. In addition, we ask members to please consider making a personal donation in celebrating AOS. Every little bit goes a long way towards preserving indigenous orchids in their natural environments. To make your donation, [click here](#).

- ◆ Last but not least, we're pleased to report from treasurer Amanda Larson that MOS recently received a \$1000 donation from Tiffany & Co.!

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and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/massachusettsorchid.



Introducing keynote speaker, Meagan Hanna of the Montreal Botanical Garden For MOS World of Orchids: Africa and Madagascar November 7, 2020

Montreal - An Unexpected Habitat for Malagasy Orchids Exploring Marcel Lecoufle's Gift to the Montreal Botanical Garden

Meagan Hanna

When one thinks of Montreal, the Canadian island-city of ice storms and hockey, it is unlikely that one would think of the island nation and biodiversity hotspot of Madagascar. Nevertheless, this city is home to a remarkable collection of Malagasy orchids thanks to partnership between the Lecoufle family of Boissy-Saint-Léger, *la Société des orchidophiles de Montréal* and the Montreal Botanical Garden.

Since 1931, the Montreal Botanical Garden has served researchers and the general public to help connect humans to nature. This municipally owned, public institution works to awaken the community's interest in plant life through education, research and conservation. Connected by this mission and united by a passion for plants, the Montreal Botanical Garden has collaborated with exceptional collectors and donors throughout its history. In 2011, Marcel Lecoufle (1913-2016), a pioneer of orchid propagation, corresponding member at the *Museum national d'Histoire naturelle de Paris* and an outstanding horticulturist, author and photographer, donated 250 orchid specimens representing 66 species and cultivars as well as a rare book collection to the Montreal Botanical Garden. This unique collection includes several species endemic to Madagascar, where their natural distribution is threatened by habitat destruction. Welcome to the world of ex-situ conservation!

In lieu of a trip to the Montreal Botanical Garden, we invite you to a virtual visit of our greenhouses, exploring the history and botanical significance of the Lecoufle Orchid Collection. We are excited to share some of our most fascinating specimens with you.



UPCOMING EVENTSGold Country Fall Open House & Sale

09-11 Oct 2020

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Monthly Virtual Meeting -Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids:The 3 A's of the Orchid World:Angraecum, Aerangis, and Aeranthes

13 Oct. 2020 7:30 PM

Orchid Digest International Speakers Day

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31 Oct. 2020 12:30 -5:00 PM

MOS World of Orchids: Africa and Madagascar VIRTUAL Orchid Show & Sale

07 Nov 2020

Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill

07 Nov 2020

Tower Hill Botanic Gardens

11 French Dr, Boylston, MA

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Monthly Virtual Meeting – Tomas Bajca of Tarzane Group

17 Nov 2020 7:30 PM

Monthly Virtual Meeting - MOS Holiday Party

08 Dec 2020 7:30 PM

Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester

About Our Monthly Speaker

Peter's topic will be 'The 3 A's of the Orchid World:

Agraecum, Aerangis and Aeranthes'. He will also be judging the show table.

There is a 10% discount effective from now until Oct. 13th. To view plant list, [click here](#). Be sure to mention your MOS membership.



Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.



BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!!!

THE MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

Photo Credit: Eric Hunt

Disa uniflora, endemic to South Africa, lives near waterfalls and streams and is pollinated only by butterflies.



Show proceeds help fund the MOS, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

World of Orchids
AFRICA & MADAGASCAR

November 7, 2020
A One-Day Virtual Show & Sale



St. Augustine Orchid Society

www.staugorchidsociety.org

Citric Acid for High Alkalinity Water

by Sue Bottom, sbottom15@hotmail.com

To read Sue Bottom's definitive article about a subject of every grower's concern, [click here](#).

AOS Northeast Judging Judging Center Returns to Tower Hill

In October and November, AOS judging will take place at Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, 11 French Dr., Classroom C, Boylston, MA (barring unforeseen circumstances). Please note that Tower Hill *is not available* for judging in December and January.

Start time is 10:30am for announcements, 11am for presentations or education discussions, with judging commencing at 1pm after a noon lunch break.

This event will adhere to all current local and state social distancing guidelines during the pandemic, as safety is our priority. Please adhere to the following:
All plants to be judged must be at the location by 12noon.

All attendees are required to wear a non-vented face mask at all times.

Please limit drop-off to one person.

Please follow directions regarding the use of hand sanitizer when filling out paperwork.

Depending on the number of attendees on the day, you may be asked to leave your plant and come back at a specified time to pick it up after it is judged.

If we are within safe attendee numbers you may stay but you will be asked to maintain six feet distance and wear your mask throughout the judging event.

If your state of residence is among those considered low risk by the State of Massachusetts (list can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#lower-risk-states->) and you are an exhibitor with a plant for judging, a judge from our center, or a judge from a nearby AOS judging center, please send an email before 5pm ET, Thursday, October 1st,

to northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com to let us know that you plan to attend. If you do not let us know ahead of time and we exceed the safe limit of attendees (currently not to exceed 9 for our space at Tower Hill),

you will not be admitted to the event. We apologize for this inconvenience, but it is the only way we can try to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please check subsequent Facebook postings (<https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>) up to the time of the event in case there is a need for a last-minute cancellation.



Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
Orchid related questions, answered by AOS experts.

Click [Here](#) to watch now.

Note the specific times below if you wish to watch or listen to those topics.

- 04:56 Phragmipedium leaf issues
- 08:32 Phalaenopsis leaf problems
- 11:29 Winter rest periods (re: Den. anosmum)
- 13:35 Den. fimbriatum growth habit
- 15:44 Lc. Shelly Compton 'Touch of Class' -- new growth blackening
- 21:53 Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy' --chewed leaves
- 24:33 Leaf tip dieback in Cattleyas
- 28:19 Water pH for orchids
- 31:40 Water quality relative to fertilizer choice
- 33:32 Water quality for orchids
- 36:16 Acceptable salt content in drinking water
- 40:04 Chewed damage on Vanda roots
- 42:55 Dry black "eyes" and growths on Cattleya
- 46:44 Phalaenopsis leaf problems (bites from house cat)
- 48:11 "greasy", fluid filled blisters on Phal flower
- 53:00 Join the AOS
- 53:39 Q&A
- how best to treat rainwater for bacteria and fungus preventative
- is a Brita filter useful for treating water for orchids

**Orchid Digest International
Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience**

All speakers live via Webinar
October 31, 2020 12:30 - 5:00 PM EDT
Registration Fee: \$30
Register [here](#) to join us!

All registrants will be entered in a raffle for prizes donated by our sponsors and for new or renewals of memberships to the Orchid Digest

**Orchid Digest International
Speakers Day Speakers**



Lourens Grobler: My 10 Favorite African Orchids

Lourens is from Pretoria, South Africa. Growing orchids since he was ten years old, he co-owns Afri Orchids, a nursery that specializes in species from around the world.

Lou Jost: Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of Unique Biodiversity

Now living in Ecuador, Lou formed the EcoMinga Foundation to build large reserves, such as the Dracula Reserve, to protect strategic biodiversity hot spots.



Andrea Niessen: Orchids in Nature in Colombia

Andrea, from Cali Colombia, is co-owner of Orquídeas del Valle. They have been researching, reproducing, and exporting Colombian orchids for over 25 years.

Alek Zaslowski: Beautiful Brazilian Mountains and the Orchids that Grow There

Alek, from Vitória, Brazil, owns AWZ Orquídeas, a nursery with some of the finest known varieties of *Cattleya* Alliance species.



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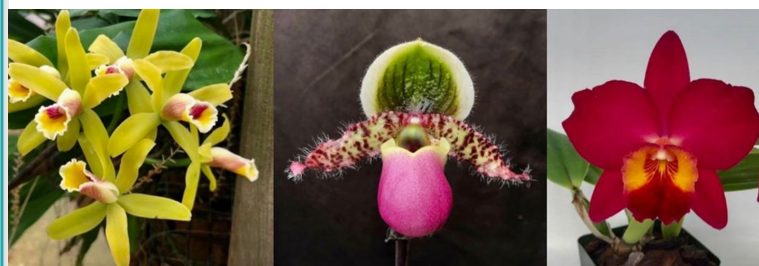
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Our good friend Jonathan at Marlow Orchids has made the difficult decision to close operations later this year. There will be plants for sale at least through the end of October. To request a plant list click on the link <https://www.marlowsorchids.com>.



GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS & PAPH PARADISE

FALL OPEN HOUSE

GOLD COUNTRY: 20 SELECT DIVISIONS ON SALE 50- 75% OFF

Bring this flyer for a free plant with any \$15 purchase, or 30% off any purchase over \$100

OCTOBER 9 & 10 9:00-5:00
OCTOBER 11 10:00-4:00
390 BIG BEN ROAD
LINCOLN, CA

CULTURE CLASSES
FRIDAY 1:00

BRING YOUR PROBLEM PLANT IN A BAG AND LEARN TO FIX IT

SATURDAY 1:00:
TALK TO THE EXPERTS AND LEARN TO BE A BETTER GROWER

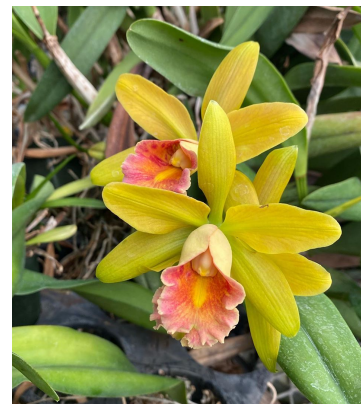
PAPH PARADISE: NEW RELEASE SALE

CHECK OUT OUR LATEST CROSSES

We now have over 10,000 plants at Gold Country!

Gold Country has variety of different species and crosses, limited availability list with prices can be emailed upon request.

Email Alan at: gcorchids@aol.com



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• THE AOS CORNER •



Seasonal Orchid Care: September/October

Click [here](#) for Checklist

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
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