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Minute Minutes Notes from the Board

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- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The annual society auction will start the week of September 8th, culminating in a member's only, socially distant, in-person auction at Brigitte Fortin's residence in Marblehead, MA. Visit the auction website: www.auctria.com/auction/MOS2020ONLINE to get a preview of this year's offerings! A members'-only raffle will also be offered. Masks and social distancing are required. See Registration for directions and parking information.
- ◆ While this year's in-person orchid show in November has been canceled, the show committee is working with our vendors to decide the format for this year's online show. The board has, meanwhile, voted to lock in our dates for 2021 at Son's of Italy, Winchester. The search for a new venue continues for 2022.
- ◆ There are THREE board officer openings; Secretary and Director. These are really great positions in that you will get to find out what the board exactly does. Because we don't have a lot of "official" roles, there is some flexibility fulfilling 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 newsletter’s hour-long AOS webinar “Greenhouse Chat”, Ron McHatten tackles questions related pest control, growing under lights, common issues with Phalenopsis, plus more for growers of all levels. Go to page 9 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!](#)

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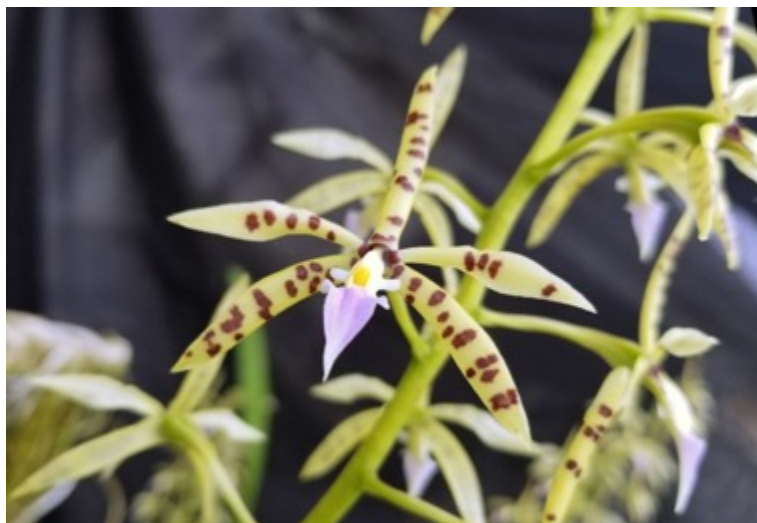


August Virtual Monthly Show Table

Judged by Brandt Morant



Habenaria radiata, Ralph & Chieko Collins



Encyclia prismatocarpa flower, Brandt Moran.jpg



Left:
Pleuro polygonoides,
Brandt Moran



Den sanderae v. luzonicum,
Ralph & Chieko Collins

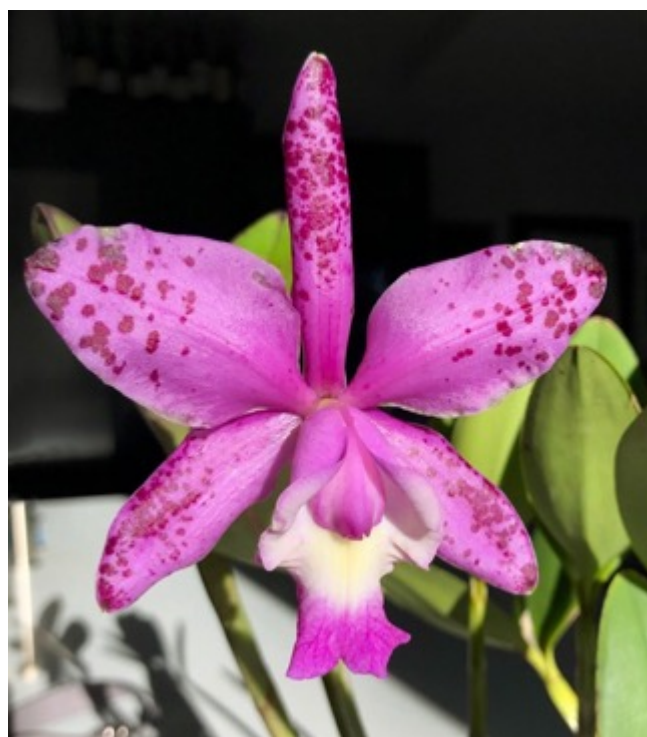


C. Harem Girl
(*schilleriana* x *luteola*),
Anne Pfaff

C. leoloddiglossa f. *coerulea*
(*leoloddiglossa* f. *coerulea* 'SVO' x
Leopoldii f. *coerulea* 'Kathleen',
Anne Pfaff



Cattleya aclandiae, Ralph & Chieko Collins



C. Orchidom Brabant 'Ocelot' HCC/AOS,
Anne Pfaff



Ascofinetia Peaches, Ralph & Chieko Collins



Den. Gaetan Minet, Ralph & Chieko Collins



Congrats to Ralph and Chieko Collins, seen here in their greenhouse, for the August People's Choice Award! Left: their beautifully grown and presented *Neofinetia falcata* 'Seiryoden'.



Sc. Beaufort x C. aclandiae, Blc. Shelia Lauter,
Blc. Happy Face, Brandt Moran



Lc. Jose Dias Castro 'Magnifica' x
Slc. Circle of Life 'Fordyce Herald Angel'
AM/AOS, Brigitte Fortin



Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Pine Knot' AM/AOS,
Brigitte Fortin



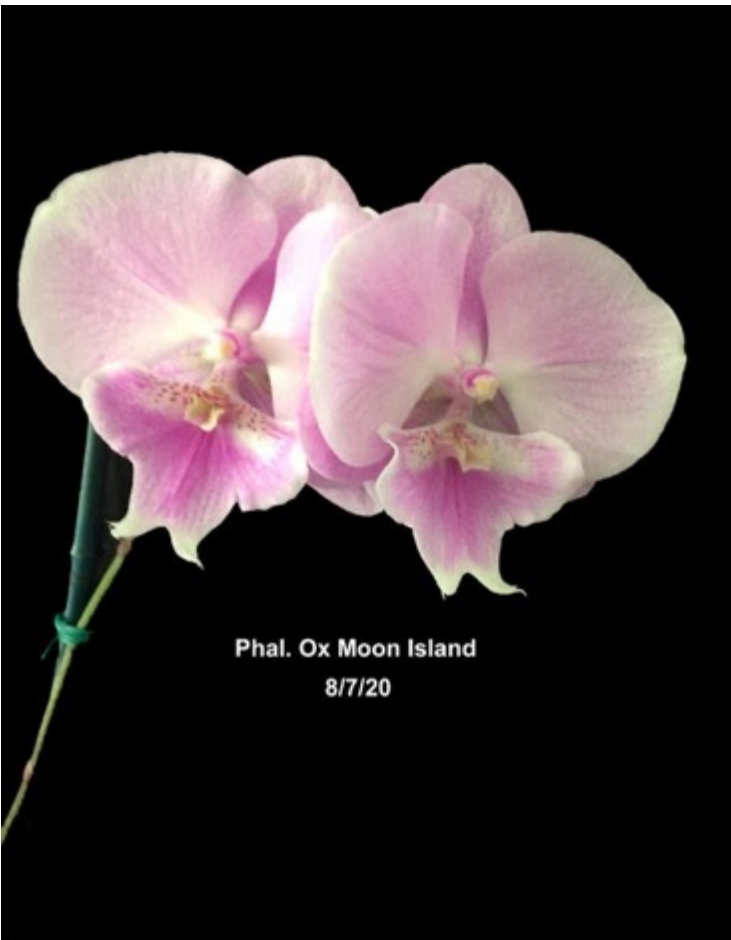
Blc. Hawaiian Stars 'Pink Lace', Brigitte Fortin



Phal bellina ('Ponkan' AM AOS x 'White Star'),
Brigitte Fortin



Phal. Germaine Vincent
(speciosa f. coffee x Phal. violacea f. indigo),
Adrienne Giovino



Phal. Ox Moon Island, Alex Kaitz



Phal YuPin Easter Island x Dtps I-Hsin Angel, Donna Pettit



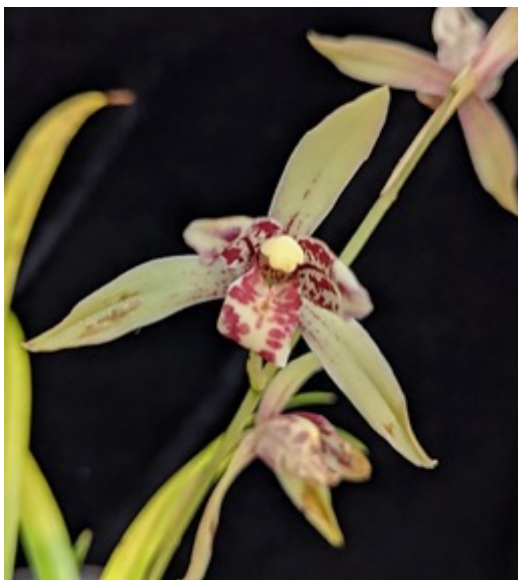
Phal. bellina F4 (bellina 'Michael's Fr4' x
bellina Montclair'), Emily Dewsnap



Encyclia prismatocarpa flower, Brandt Moran



Onc. Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS, Brigitte Fortin



Cym. ensifolium 'Bao Dao Xian Nu', Betsy Opitz



Onc. Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS, Dina Deresh



Odont. crispum, hybrid Onc. Sharry Baby, Colm. Wildcatt 'Bobcat', Burr. Nellie Isler, Brandt Moran

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Online Auction
08 Sept 2020 7:30 PM

Annual Picnic & Auction
12 Sept 2020 Raindate 13 Sept
Marblehead, MA
To be held outside under a tent.
BYO Picnic and drinks!
(Directions in Registration)

Lyman Estate Annual Fall Orchid Sale
11 - 13 Sept 2020 9:30-4:00
185 Lyman St, Waltham, MA
To ensure public safety the event will be
held under tents.

Monthly AOS Judging is BACK at a New
Location!
15 Sept 2020
J&L Orchids, 20 Sherwood Rd.
Easton, CT 06612 See page 11 for details

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
To Be Held Virtually – See p. 13 for
registration information
31 Oct. 2020 12:30 -5:00 PM

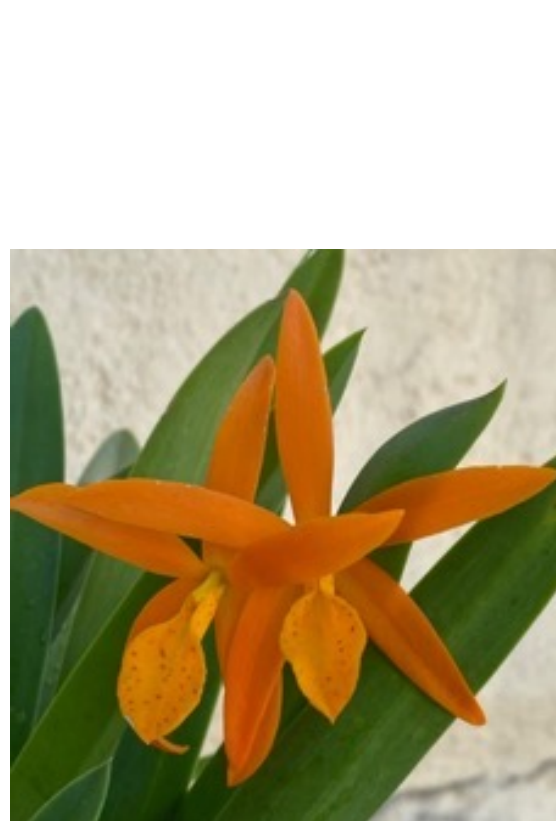
CANCELLED - World of Orchids: Africa
and Madagascar MOS Annual Orchid
Show & Sale (See Minute Minutes)
06 Nov

Monthly Virtual Meeting – Tomas Bajca of
Tarzane Group
17 Nov 2020 7:30 PM

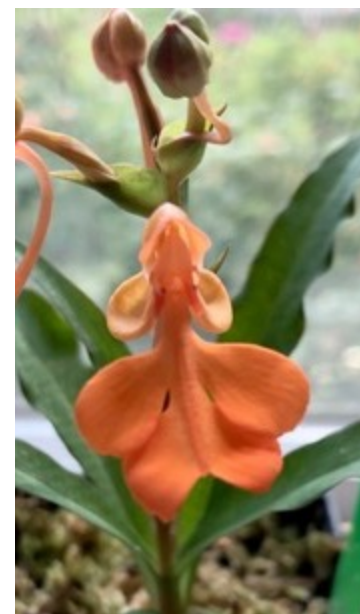
Monthly Virtual Meeting - MOS Holiday
Party!
08 Dec 2020 7:30 PM
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester



Neofinetia falcata
Hakucho,
Adrienne Giovino



B/c Golden Peacock,
Dina Deresh



Habenaria Oriole,
Donna Petitt

AOS Northeast Judging Center Orchid Judging Is Back!

We are happy to announce an in-person orchid judging with our first location at J&L Orchids on August 15th. The address of this event is 20 Sherwood Rd, Easton, CT 06612.

If you are an exhibitor with a plant for judging, specifically located in New England, New York, or New Jersey, please send an email before 5pm ET, Thursday, August 13th, to northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. If you do not let us know you are coming and we exceed the safe limit of attendees, you will not be admitted to the event. We are sorry for this, but it is the only way we can try to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please like our page @AOSNortheastJudging and check subsequent FB posting up to the time of the event in case there are last minute changes.

This event will adhere to all current local and state social distancing guidelines during the pandemic as safety is our priority. Please be prepared adhere to the following when attending:

all plants must be at the location by 11AM to be judged that day

please limit drop-off to one person, and please wear a mask please follow directions on arrival about using 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

there will be some seating available, but if you wish to bring your own folding or portable chair to the event, it is encouraged

The meeting will start with a brief discussion about business, followed by a short education program, then plant judging will begin at about 11:30am.

Look for an announcement about our new temporary location in New Jersey, starting in September. FYI, we expect to get back to our Frelinghuysen Arboretum location sometime in early 2021.

We look forward to seeing you and getting back to awarding orchids safely!

Thank you,
The AOS Northeast Judging Center Judges



Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Orchid related questions, answered by AOS experts.

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

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- 00:44 Mealybugs and alcohol
- 03:04 Growing under lights air movement, watering and light time cycle
- 10:18 Phalaenopsis overwatering and saving the plant
- 16:20 Orchid labels and what they mean
- 23:32 Botrytis and thrips
- 28:28 Mounted orchids on trees
- 31:04 Phalaenopsis leaf damage
- 34:21 Sunburned leaves
- 43:17 Phalaenopsis reblooming
- 47:26 Fertilizer storage
- 51:21 Fascinated flower double bloom
- 54:24 Cutting the spikes
- 59:34 Using Nutriccoat on orchids
- 1:02:39 Orthene and how to use it

State botanist rediscovers endangered orchid not seen in nearly two decades

The crested fringed orchid was found in Bristol County this month.

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State botanist rediscovers endangered orchid not seen in nearly two decades - The Boston Globe



During a recent expedition deep into the thickets and brambles of an undisclosed area in Bristol County, Bob Wernerehl saw something that left him breathless.

Wernerehl, state botanist with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, recently rediscovered a small population of the [crested fringed orchid](#), a delicate plant with ornate orange flowers that hasn't been seen in the state in almost two decades — even though professional Green Thumbs have searched strenuously for it.

“I just went, [audible gasp], like that, because I was so excited and so thrilled to actually find it,” Wernerehl said. “I mean I literally — you could have heard me if you were next to me.”

Wernerehl had never searched for this species of flower, endangered in the state, before in his career with MassWildlife. But during a planning meeting back in January with other officials, the crested fringed orchid was added to his list of plants to survey while out conducting field research.

When August rolled around — prime time for the orchid and its octopus-like tentacles that reach out from the blooms — Wernerehl made the trek to a wetland region where the plant had been historically documented but remained elusive. (The state doesn't disclose where such endangered plants are found, partly for fear of poaching).

Wernerehl said during his search for the plant, which can be found from southeastern Massachusetts down to Tennessee, central Florida, and Arkansas, he had to force his way through shrubs and thickets overrun by poison ivy.

“There are some sections that are so thick, you could not do it without some sort of brush-clipping equipment,” he said. “But this was one [area] where I could barely push my way through, and I saw the area I wanted to head to and I was just pushing through.”

After some time, he glanced down. And there, shrouded by greenery, was a bright orange spot that seemed to pop out from the tangled mess of branches around it.

“I saw one at first and I got down on my knees to photograph it. As I did that I could see another one a little ways ahead,” he said. “Then when I was done photographing the first one, I moved over to photograph the second one and I could see another one a little further ahead.”

Then he stood up and found more. And more. And more. In all, Wernerehl was graced by the presence of eight of the rare plants, he said.

“I went out to get it, and I just got lucky,” he said. “It’s a combination of hard work, planning, preparation, a strong skill-set in field botany — but it’s also definitely a matter of luck.”

According to a statement from MassWildlife, before crossing paths with this batch of wild flowers there had only been four documented records of the species on that particular site: in 1905, 1908, 1987, and again in 2001. Each time, only one or two plants had been found, officials said, making Wernerehl’s wilderness expedition all the more exhilarating.

“This is currently the northernmost known crested fringed orchid population in the United States and the only population known in New England,” according to MassWildlife. “The next closest population is located on Long Island, New York, where it is also a state-endangered species.”

This was the second remarkable discovery Wernerehl had been involved with in recent years. [In 2018](#), Rhode Island botanist Doug McGrady located a patch of federally endangered American chaffseed on Cape Cod, and Wernerehl shared the news.

This time, however, the oh-my-gosh moment belonged to Wernerehl.

“It’s a eureka kind of a moment for a botanist,” he said. “It still absolutely floors me to find a species like this. It never gets old.”



State-endangered crested fringed orchid was discovered in Bristol County for the first time since 2001.
ROBERT WERNEREHL/MASSWILDLIFE

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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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