

Massachusetts Orchid Society

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Minute Minutes Notes from the Board

- ◆ As we look forward to our 2022 Annual Orchid Show and Sale, our show committee is diligently working to put our very best foot forward. Co-chair Brigitte Fortin succeeded in bringing Waldor Orchids (think big, beautiful Cattleyas) to the show – along with many of our usual vendors. Thankyou Brigitte for your persistence.
- ◆ We have budgeted \$1500 for awards and we need your help by way of sponsorships. Please click on the link [here](#) and select an award to sponsor. Our vendors, the New England Orchid Societies and our own MOS members deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the Show.
- ◆ Join the fun planning the Mass Orchid Society Show! Of course, this show ~ our biggest event of the year ~ requires a lot of work to succeed and we need your hands in this pie! There are opportunities to help set up the floor, hospitality, greeting and selling tickets at the admission desk, selling tickets to the hourly raffles, clerking during the judging, helping breakdown the display after the show or even volunteering for an at-large time slot to help wherever needed. Please click [here](#) and join the fun!

The show committee meets virtually on the 3rd Thursday of each month. For information on how to join meetings, click [here](#).

- ◆ Got extra orchid supplies you want to unload? Looking for garden swaps? Advertise right here in our new Minute Minutes Member's Classified section. Email Anne at newsletter@mos.org to post in the next newsletter.
- ◆ The board is always interested in suggestions for speakers and topics, plus ideas for special programs for upcoming general meetings. Please email them to mos-board@googlegroups.com.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/massorchid and Instagram at www.instagram.com/massachusettsorchid.



Message from the President

A Few Words On Culture and Community

A few years back, Mass Orchid Society surveyed its members, and not surprisingly, the answer to the question "WHY are you a member and come to meetings" (That was back when we used to come to meetings in person) was a tie. If memory serves me correctly, some 40 plus members participated. Half the membership considered the knowledge garnered on how to be successful at our hobby the most important reason to come and the other half considered the community they experienced at the meeting as the main reason to allot the time and take the drive.



The culture/knowledge result was predictable, and I was in that camp when I answered the survey. That half the society considered the YUCK Factor and "Hi, How Are You?" as the reason for making the trip worthwhile was enlightening to me.

Hence, the reason for my rant. I'm concerned that the ease of sitting in front of your computer and gaining access to the monthly meetings may keep some folks from making it to the in-person meeting. With nearly 18 months of virtual meetings under our belts, we as a group may have forgotten how much fun the Sons Of Italy jaunts can be.

During the last board meeting, a discussion ensued about the need to source a webcam and try to make our meetings available online as well as in-person. While I certainly acknowledge the *pros* for such a move, I am not immune to the *cons* of losing that comradeship that just a while back, was the most important reason to join the society for at least half the folks present.

So, we're starting with baby steps; an outside BBQ first. It's little about Culture and a lot about Community. I suspect it won't suck and it'll get everyone excited to meet a few weeks later at Sons of Italy to tell more stories and further enjoy each other's company.

And this dinosaur said it first, the Webcam thing is probably unavoidable. But I really do want to see everyone in person. So, honor one old guy's wish, come to the BBQ, then come to SOI for the September meeting. If you have a great time at each, it's because our Society is filled with amazing folks that really are fun to be around. If you have less than a grand time, blame it on me and tell me what we need to tweak the situation.

And about the Webcam. It is very much in the discussion stages only. Stay Tuned.

I'll see everyone August 21st. Bring a side dish/a salad/ or a dessert as you see fit or as the first letter in your last name dictates. I can't wait.

If you plant in clay pots or have room for more plants, you need to come. We've got lots of each. And September's meeting will be in person at Sons of Italy, if it's safe to do so. It's my hope that all attending members will be fully vaccinated and unless otherwise dictated, masks will be optional but certainly not frowned upon.

Brandt Moran



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOS Barbeque (Will replace regular meeting). See Page 4 for details.

21 (Saturday) Aug 2021 12 PM - 4 PM
58 Main St., Pepperell, MA

Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill

04 Sep 2021 11:00 AM

IN PERSON Monthly Meeting – J&L Orchids, Cordelia Head (TBD)

14 Sep 2021 7:30 PM
Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA

Monthly Meeting - (TBD)

12 Oct 2021 7:30 PM

Mass. Orchid Society Show & Sale presents "The Carribean"

Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA
22 Oct – 24 Oct 2021 Details below



The MOS show is going live!

We are looking for volunteers for event setup and breakdown, hospitality, clerking, ticket sales and much more.

Click [here](#) for details and sign-up sheets.

Oct. 20th

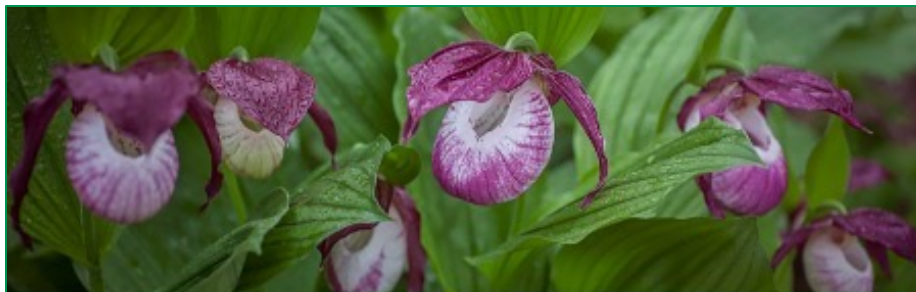
Setup (set up: floor layout, pipes and drapes, etc.)

Oct. 21st

Build MOS display. Vendors and NE Societies arrive to set up their displays and tables

Oct. 22nd-24th

Show Dates



Hillside Nursery

The Website is updated for Fall 2021 shipping

Hi Folks,

Just a quick note to let you know that the website is now updated for fall shipping. This season, I am excited to offer a few new plant varieties, and of course, many of our old favorites. We will be shipping during the first two weeks of October.

This has been our first summer at the greenhouse site, and we are settling in to our new home. The big project in the coming months is improving our irrigation and erecting some additional shade-houses.

I hope everyone is doing well, staying cool and having a great summer!

Best wishes,





MOS SUMMER BBQ



When:

Saturday, 21 August, 12 - 4 pm

If Saturday looks terrible - we'll try again Sunday. Expect a rain delay email no later than 9 AM Saturday. No email - the party is on.

Where:

Brandt and Lisa Moran's Backyard

58 Main St
Pepperell, MA 01463

Why:

- First Society in person visit in over a year
- The Society has a lot of orchids staged at Brandt's house and it's time for them to go.
- There's potting mix and too many clay pots to count.
- Also a handful of orchid books - all priced to go.

Particulars:

- Society provides hotdogs/hamburgers/drinks. Members bring appetizers (last name A - F), desserts (G - L) and salads (M-Z)
- Parking in driveway for 8, next store vacant apartment building parking for 10, along Cross street and in Grocery Store parking lot across the street.
- Plant/potting mix/and book sale starts at 12:30
- The 10 choice plants will be raffled off at 3:30. Need to be present to win the raffle.
- Bring a lawn chair for yourself
- Cash preferred, but credit card accepted > \$10

Please RSVP by Saturday 14, August for food planning purposes

Spouses, significant others and orchid friends are welcome!

July Virtual Show Table Results

Click [here](#) for Culture Notes



Congrats to winners Linda A. and Ralph & Chieko C. for July's People's Choice Awards



Epigeneium lyonii Crestwood,
Ralph & Chieko



L. purpurata
'Carnea',
Linda (right)



Ralph & Chieko (with green-
house custodian, Godzilla)





Coelogyne xyrekes, Sally I



Ang. dideri,
Millard H.



Cleisocentron gokusingi, Anne P.



Ang. dideri,
Jeff F.

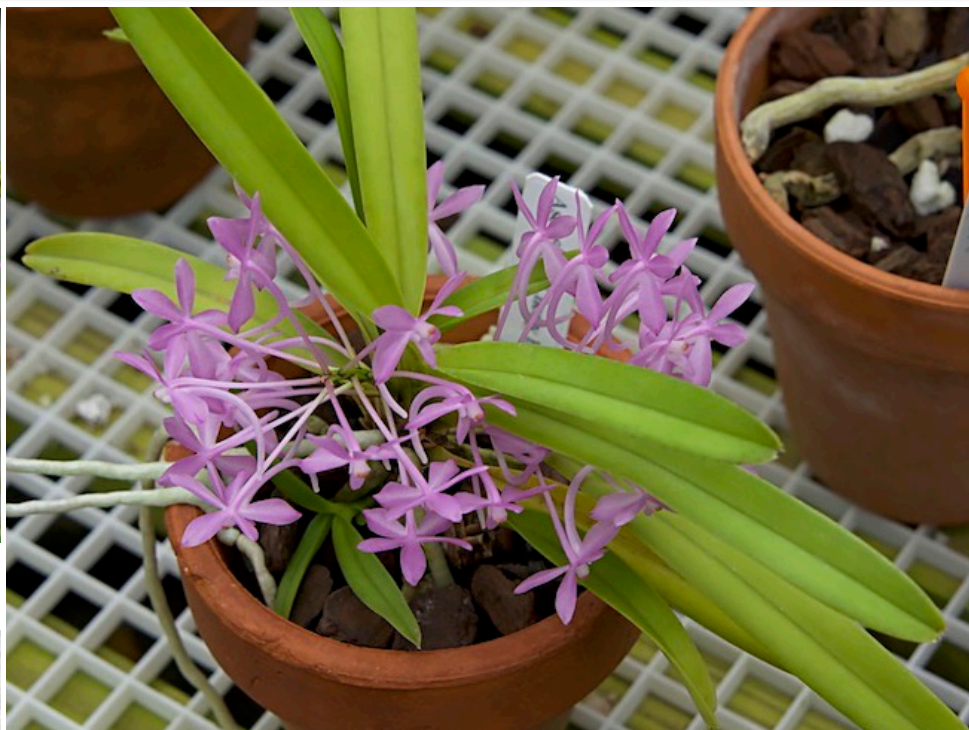


Left and right:
Den. setifolium,
Daryl Y.





Neo. falcata MOMO-NO-CHOU,
Ralph & Chieko C.



Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom, Ralph & Chieko C.



Paph. Catherine Briois, Sally I.



Epipactis species, Emily D.



Phal. Jia Ho Summer Love Little Pixie HCC/AOS,
Daryl Y.



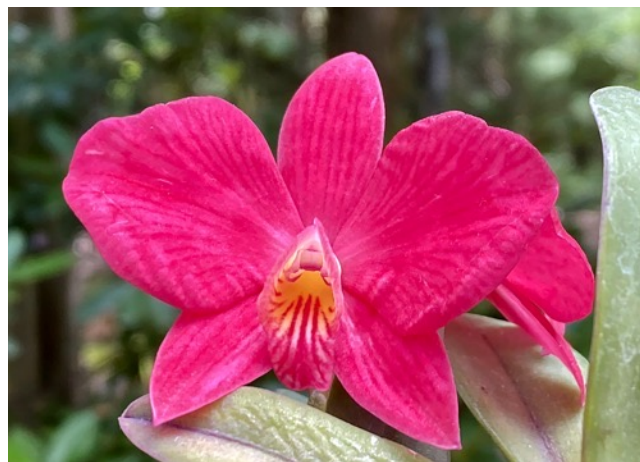
C. Aloha Case x L. dayana, Anne P.



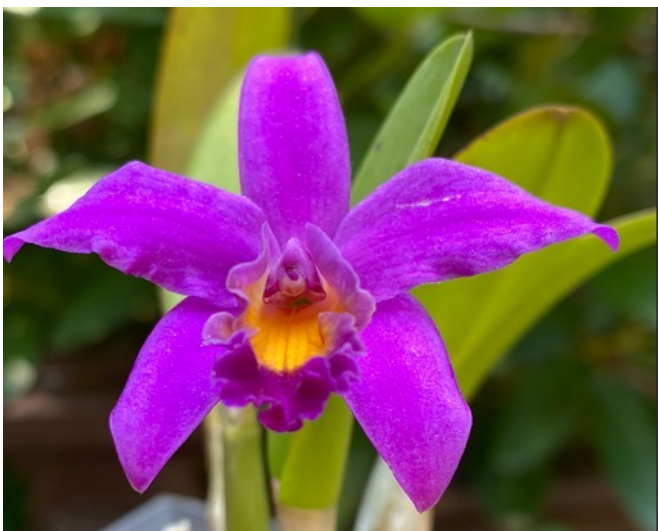
C. Orchidom Brabant 'Ocelot', Anne P.



C. Orpetii, Jeff F.



Sl. Pink Opal,
Jeff F.



C. harrisoniana x L. lucasiana, Jeff F.



Pot. Dream Circle Lone Jack_AM/AOS x
Pot. California Queen Red Angel SM/JOGA,
Anne P.



CTT. Rojo x Rlc Love Sound, Millard H.



Den. unicum, Sally I.



Enc. vitellina,
Jeff F.



Epi. mariai x C. aurantiaca, Anne P.



Den. Aphrodite, Daryl Y.

Brought to you by the American Orchid Society, the Orchid Marketplace is a curated collection of the world's top orchid vendors.



The Orchid Marketplace is launching on August 1, 2021 to give you **easy access to everything you need to grow and care for your orchids in one convenient location.**

You'll find everything from thousands of orchid species and hybrids to rich nutrients, the latest orchid supplies, books, equipment, handmade orchid pots, greenhouses, and even orchid jewelry.

Those of you who are **AOS members will save a minimum of 5% from every Orchid Marketplace vendor.** AOS members that **renew for a 2 year term will receive a \$30 coupon from EACH Elite Marketplace Partner** upon renewal on purchases of \$100 or more - that's hundreds of dollars in savings.

If you aren't an AOS member yet, this would be a great time to [join the AOS and enjoy all the benefits](#) including the exclusive savings from Orchid Marketplace vendors.

Stay tuned for the Orchid Marketplace launch on August 1st...and keep your eyes on your inbox for a sneak peek on Saturday the 31st!

Sincerely,

American Orchid Society

Growing and Caring for Orchids



Whether you are a beginner, grower, or hobbyist this event will give you hope, help and inspiration.

Join us to explore the mystery of orchids at our beautiful and newly constructed assisted living community. **We will also be serving tea pairings with some sweet and savory snacks, offering tours of our community and hosting a free raffle for all who attend!**

Speaker: Brandt Moran



Brandt Moran, a retired Naval Officer, President Massachusetts Orchid Society, and resident of Pepperell, MA will share his vast knowledge and experiences as a hobby grower for 25 years. From a windowsill to building his own greenhouse, learn practical tips on how to add Orchids to your life. Beware... It may lead to a serious malady - Orchidelirium!

Please RSVP by calling Brooke at 866-957-8733 Ext 105



HOST
Giving Tree Senior Living

DATE
Thursday, September 9th, 2021
1:30 - 3:00 PM

LOCATION
1827 Bridge Street
Dracut, MA, 01826

**Tea Pairings, Sweets,
Raffles & Mementos**

• THE AOS CORNER •



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.

00:58 Phalaenopsis- leaf shape
04:38 Fungus damage to leaves
09:39 leaves losing chlorophyll
12:50 hydroleca vs. hydroponic
14:54 Paphiopedilum foliage with strange
growth
17:14 stimulating root growth
19:35 Media recommendations for
Oncidiums
22:49 Vanilla pompona
26:50 Boisduval scale
29:27 watering with ice cubes
31:37 Cattleya with wrinkled pseudobulbs
34:03 Eulophia petersii
35:42 benefit of using charcoal in your
media
41:11 Sustainable tree fern
42:36 Osmocote/Time Release Fertilizer
49:40 Aeration/oxygenation of rainwater
51:28 Do roots need dry out
55:55 Alkaline water- supplements
59:53 Inorganic vs.organic media

Seasonal Orchid Care July/August

Click [here](#) for Checklist

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.

The American Orchid Society Northeast Judging Center Is Back!

In-person monthly judging will resume at Tower Hill
Botanic **Garden, 11 French Dr, Boylston, MA 01505** on
June 5th. We meet in Classroom C and are adhering to
State of Massachusetts pandemic safety rules and
encourage exhibitors to bring orchids to be judged within
the guidelines outlined below.

10:30AM - doors open and announcements
11:00AM - 12:00PM (noon) - Educational Presentation:
Ginna Plude, Associate Judge 'Coelogyne - *Judging a
genus that is not classically orchid beautiful*'
12:00PM (noon) - All plants to be judged must be checked
in by this time
12:00PM - 1:00PM - Plant research and lunch break
1:00PM - 4:00PM AOS plant judging
This event will adhere to all current local and state social
distancing guidelines during the pandemic, as safety is our
priority

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