

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

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## **M**inute Minutes **Notes from the Board**

- ◆ We had a terrific turnout last month for photographer David Leifer's info-packed presentation on orchid photography. Along with tips about different kinds of set-ups, pleasing composition and good lighting, David shared a great deal about photo technologies, covering everything from taking pictures with SLR cameras and smart phones to computer photo editing websites (yay, Pixlar is free!). And there was much more interesting stuff. In case you missed it (or couldn't keep up with notetaking, like me) you can find his complete syllabus by clicking [here](#).
- ◆ 2021 Orchid Show – will be held at Sons of Italy with dates needing to be confirmed. A conflict exists between an American Orchid Society meeting and the original dates of 4-7 Nov. Moving the show either earlier or later was entertained. Further discussion will take place.
- ◆ Brandt and Mike have submitted an order to Carmela's Orchids in Hawaii for the grab bag. After doing a bit of research on suppliers, they found that Carmela's offers a good diversity of plants in 2.5- inch pots at a great price point of \$10 each. Share holders will be notified when they arrive. In true grab bag fashion, identities of plants will be kept a secret. It's a great opportunity to build your collection with hard to come-by plants, so consider it next time!
- ◆ Membership perks (incentives to join) were discussed at the recent board meeting. Providing discounts to local businesses like Brookline Booksmith, Lyman Estates or possibly shows/museums are to be investigated. Equipment associated with orchid growing as well as purchasing in bulk, such as virus test strips, were also chaired.
- ◆ The board is currently soliciting the Membership for suggestions for speakers and topics, or special programs for upcoming general meetings. Please email ideas to [mos-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:mos-board@googlegroups.com).

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## Message from the President

Welcome to March!

I have some pretty exciting news this month, so I'll get right to it: we have two new members of the board! I am so excited to welcome Brandt Moran as our Secretary and Emily Dewsnap as Director of Social Media!! Please take a moment to meet Brandt and Emily by reading their bios on pages 4 and 5. We are incredibly lucky to have you both!

With those positions filled, we are still in need of another director. This is a great time to join, as we are just starting the planning process for the next *World of Orchids* show. Check our director roles and responsibilities document [here](#). Please contact me or anyone else on the board if you are interested!

This feels like a good time to mention that elections are coming up soon, in May. All positions, except the Treasurer role as it is a 2-year commitment, are up for election. Please check out the roles and responsibilities documents [here](#) and let me know if you have any questions. If you are interested, you may fill out **this form**: (<https://forms.gle/cC3D3TP47etT8dpQ7>).

Finally, I would like to announce that I will not be able to continue as President for the 2021 year. I have had two fantastic, consecutive terms in this role and cannot per the bylaws continue. I have also accepted a role that will require me to relocate to Texas sometime around August. I will, of course, offer all my support as past president to the new board. I have had an amazing time as president and would highly recommend the role to anyone that is passionate about the society. I would also like to remind you that my first position on the board for the MOS was as President, 2 years ago. So please, do not feel intimidated if you have no experience. Reach out - and let's have a chat about this role or any of the other roles on the board.

Best,  
Dina

**UPCOMING EVENTS**Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill

Closed until further notice

Virtual Monthly Virtual Meeting – Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise, “Paphiopedilum Culture”

09 Mar 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>Virtual Monthly Virtual Meeting – Marni Turkel of Mostly Species

13 Apr 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>AOS Spring Members Virtual Meeting

13 Mar 2021 (See Below)

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>Virtual MOS Annual Auction and Member Meeting

11 May 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>Virtual Monthly Meeting – Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids

08 June 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>Virtual Monthly Meeting – TBD

13 July 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>Virtual Monthly Meeting – TBD

10 Aug 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>*This month, Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise covers Paphiopedilum culture*

Use code **MOS10** for 10% off orders of \$100 or more. Not applied to sale items and discount expires March 31st.



After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about 15 years and seriously hybridizing for the past 10 years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his paphiopedilums have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants play important roles in his breeding program. In 2018 Dave left winemaking in order to focus all his time running Paph Paradise Orchids.

**Three-way tie for February's People's Choice (could it get any closer?)**

From left to right: Brandt Moran with *Coelogyne cristata*, Anne Pfaff (represented by her left hand) with *Laelia anceps* and Jeff Feldman with *Encyclia mariae*.

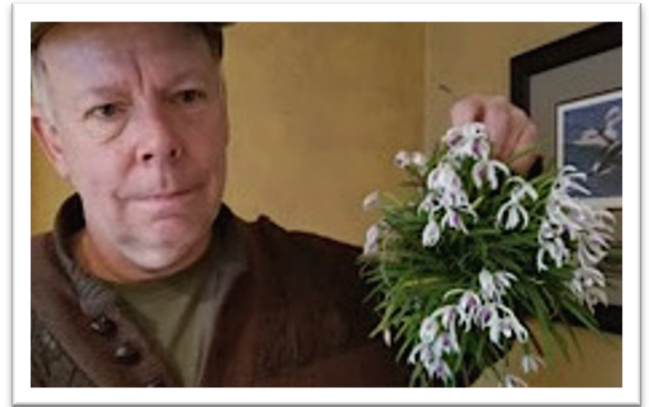
Congrats!!!



# MOS Welcomes New Board Members

## **Brandt Moran** **Secretary**

"Like I need an introduction, lol!  
Everyone – I'm Brandt Moran"



### *When did you join MOS?*

A southern bred orchid grower who joined the Society some 22 years ago, when my wife's work brought us to New England.

### *What got you interested in orchids and how long have you been growing?*

I've been growing orchids of every genera for about 2 years longer than I've been in the Society.

### *What's in your orchid collection?*

My focus in the orchid world is species Cattleya and Laelia. I have 10 different color forms of *L. purpurata* as well as over 100 plants of the same species that I bred myself.

Lately, as I run out of room in the greenhouse, I've started to collect several species of the Brazilian Rupicolous Laelias. I can fit a dozen of these plants in the footprint of 1 *purpurata*.

Other hobbies include: Training and hunting over Labrador Retrievers/ Deep sea fishing/ Hunting Invasive wild pigs in Southern Florida.

I also grow anywhere from 1500 to 2000 hot pepper plants covering about 15 different varieties on my farm in Virginia and I've been hybridizing Marigolds for about 10 years now.

### *What do you hope to bring to the Board?*

I should be able to bring Corporate knowledge and an olde guy's perspective to the board in the same manner as I've tried to bring to the general meetings.



## **Emily Dewsnap** **Director of Social Media**



### ***When did you join MOS?***

I joined on November 6, 2019.

### ***What got you interested in orchids and how long have you been growing?***

I started growing orchids and other tropical plants in 2017. But my passion for plant life began as a child. My mom had a bunch of houseplants, including a particularly spiky cactus that I often foolishly touched and thus quickly developed a dislike for, lol. I've always loved the outdoors and believe we need nature surrounding us now more than ever. It's fantastic that more people are getting into growing plants. I remember being fascinated upon first seeing the unique and almost face-like flower of phalaenopsis orchids. Intrigued, I brought one home and that's where the addiction began, as I'm sure it did for many. Officially, I was now a Phal Gal. With such a beautiful and extensive variety in the orchid world, there is truly an orchid to suit every person.

### ***What's in your orchid collection?***

Lots of Phals (species and hybrids), Latouria Dendrobiums (my fav), Cattleyas, an Encyclia, and some Oncidiums. Bizarre flowers are my jam (looking at you, Dendrobium spectabile).

### ***What do you hope to bring to the Board?***

I hope to use my interest in technology and design as a benefit to MOS. I love creating graphics in Photoshop and Illustrator. And I enjoy meeting other plant/orchid nerds and building a sense of community, whether online or in-person. I also bring a love for puns. 😊

February Virtual Show Table Results

Click [here](#) for culture notes



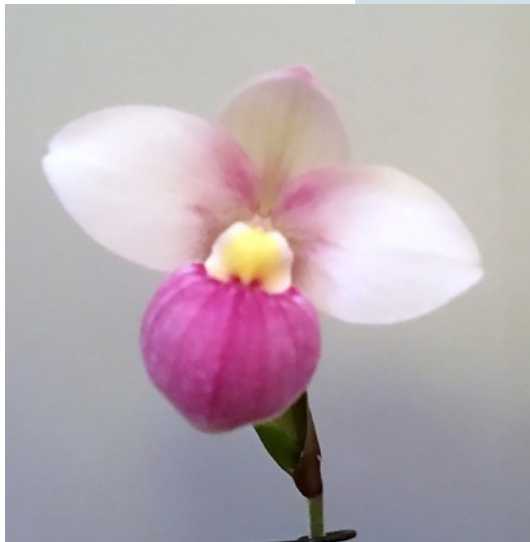
Angraecum bosseri, Ralph C.



Den. Roy Tokunaga ('Christmas Cheer' x 'Snow Leopard'), Emily D.



Phcal. Kryptonite 'Blood Bath' HCC/AOS, Daryl Y.



Phrag. Pink Panther, L. Abrams



Ddc. quadrilobium, Daryl Y.





Top row, left to right:  
Paph. leeanum, Mike B.

P. Hungsheng (Fantasy x Red Apple), A. Larson

Paph. Double Wood 'Delightful Wood' x Excitingly Wood, Ron M.



Paph. Fair Yerba, Mike B.



Paph. philippinense var. album x lowii var. album, Ron M.



Paph. St. Swithin, Mike B.





Left, top:  
*C. walkeriana* semi-alba,  
 Anne P.

Middle:  
*C. walkeriana* semi-alba,  
 Brandt M.

Bottom:  
 Sc. Mini Collins 'Pink Sherbet' HC/AOS,  
 Ralph and Chieko C.

Below:  
*C. Lacey Michelle* Matherne,  
 Mike B.







*L. anceps*, Anne P.



Above: *Epi. capricornu*, Brandt M.

Left: *Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'*, AM/AOS, Ron M.





Cal. sedenii, Daryl Y.

Coelogyne cristata,  
Brandt M.  
People's Choice

Below:  
Encyclia mariae,  
Jeff F.  
People's Choice



Ludisia species, Debbie McM.





Above left:  
Den. Yukidaruma 'The Queen' Am/AOS, Peter C.

Above right:  
Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' HCC/AOS,  
Emily D.



Above: Ddc. glumaceum 'Sumerod',  
Daryl Y.

Right:  
L. anceps 'Marble Queen', Brandt M.







*L. cinnabarina* 'SVO Giant' x *L. angereri* 'Peter's Red', Mike B.



*Restrepia* species, Brandt M.

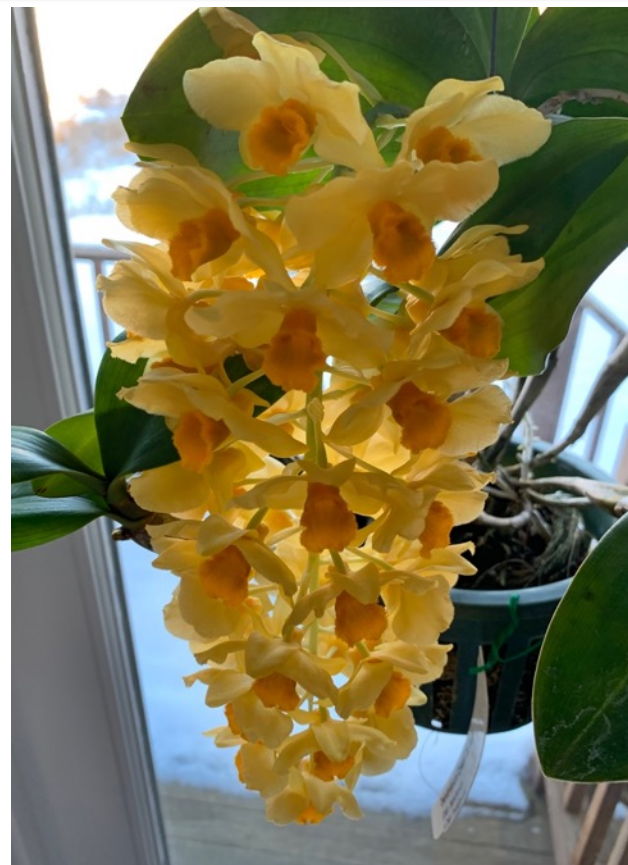


*Ludisia discolor*,  
Daryl Y.





Max. variabilis, Daryl Y.



Den. Cream Cascade, Mike B.



Den bullenianum, Daryl Y.



Ophrys speculum, Linda A.



# • THE AOS CORNER •



Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton  
March 14, 2017

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.

00:55 Adjusting which acids should you use  
3:43 Repotting reed stem Epidendrums  
5:06 Branching Phalaenopsis inflorescences  
6:50 Interesting facts about short-stemmed vandaceous plants including Phalaenopsis  
10:34 Culture of Nigrohirsute Dendrobiums  
15:04 Rescued Phalaenopsis  
18:49 Phalaenopsis buds that won't open  
21:08 Distilled water for Orchids  
23:46 fused Phalaenopsis leaves  
26:19 Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis cultural requirements  
28:07 LowE coated glass  
32:50 Warszewiczella amazonica bud blast  
34:26 Cattleya seedling growing requirements  
38:35 Phalaenopsis japonica care  
42:18 Paphiopedilums that won't bloom  
46:42 How to flower Cattleya amethystoglossa  
52:34 Lemon juice to adjust pH  
54:05 Reed stem Epidendrum growing in cold conditions  
56:43 Rescue plants- additional questions  
58:48 What causes bud blast in Cattleyas?  
1:02.15 Using aquarium water for Orchids

## Seasonal Orchid Care March/April

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 2021 Spring Members Meeting will be Virtual (Online)!

The health and safety of our Members Meeting attendees is our number one priority. After careful consideration, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic's current trajectory, we've made the decision to transition the 2021 Spring Members Meeting to a fully virtual event to be held March 13th, 2021.

Registration and Schedule details will be posted soon and announced in the monthly Orchidgram, Orchids magazine and our social media outlets.

March 13th, 2021



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Registration will be posted on our Members Meeting page once it is available.

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