

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

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## Minute Minutes Notes from the Board

### *May is MOS election month*

- ◆ The 2021/22 Board of Directors slate was submitted for the Society's approval. Nominees will be brought to a vote at May's members meeting. They are:

President: Brandt Moran

Vice President: Jeff Feldman

Secretary: Meg Bright-Ryan

Directors: Linda Abrams, Ralph DiFonzo

Mike Badia, Emily Dewsnap, Margaret Bright-Ryan, Anne Pfaff and Amanda Larson will remain on the Board.

If you wish to nominate yourself or someone you know who is interested, contact [anne@massorchid.org](mailto:anne@massorchid.org) prior to the meeting. It's never too late to join the board!

- ◆ The previously proposed May auction will be postponed to a later date. May's meeting will remain virtual and will include an end-of-fiscal-year treasurer's report, as well as a brief presentation by Brandt Moran on the History of the Massachusetts Orchid Society. Dina and Meg will also present their respective growing conditions, with a theme on how two very successful apartment growers deal with the hobby.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE!** *The MOS show is going live!! Show Date: October 21 setup 22-24<sup>th</sup>. Show Theme: The Carribean.*
- ◆ Live meetings at SOI: We will be resuming our lease this May, but will be reserving the right to stay virtual through July. The goal is to resume in-person meetings again in August, in time for our out-door picnic.
- ◆ For additional newsletter fodder, a Community Classified section was suggested for anyone to make announcements and observations as they deem appropriate.

*We are 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](mailto:mos-board@googlegroups.com).*

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**Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of Charles H. Briggs, who passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the young age of 93. Charlie had been a member of MOS for 56 years! As Bob Hesse so aptly put it, Charlie was “an important part of MOS for as long as I can remember; always cheerful, always helpful, always generous, always kind. His love of orchids was infectious and inspiring; he kept and shared the wonder and excitement we all felt on discovering orchids.”**

**In 2018 Charlie received the esteemed Orchid Digest Diamond Award for his many contributions to MOS.**

**Charlie touched everyone in the Society and will be dearly missed.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill  
Closed until further notice

Virtual Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors  
Vote, followed by a presentation by Dina  
Deresh and Meg Bright-Ryan on terrarium  
growing and fans

11 May 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>

Virtual Monthly Meeting – Fred Clarke of  
Sunset Valley Orchids (TBD)

08 June 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>

Virtual Monthly Meeting – Francisco Miranda:  
Genus Laelia – Brazilian Tour

13 July 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>

MOS Picnic Goes Live! - Details To Follow  
August 2021

Virtual Monthly Meeting – Brandt Moran:  
Fantastic Fertilizer

10 Aug 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>

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

14 Sep 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>

Virtual Monthly Meeting - (TBD)

12 Oct 2021 7:30 PM

<https://meet.google.com/suu-oabp-kqt>

*Introducing the first in an occasional series of articles, “Beginner’s Corner”, penned by non other than our MOS advanced grower, Brandt Moran*

**'Tis the Season**

It's always surprising to me how quickly Spring sneaks up on us in New England. One minute there's a pile of snow at the end of the driveway and the next, the lump has transformed into dandelions and a lawn that needs to be cut. At least that's the way it is at my house. So, I thought I'd transcribe a few ideas about how I manage the change of seasons with my collection.

The sun is a lot higher in the sky than it was just before Christmas. Those windowsill plants that were gasping for every photon of light are now on the verge of being fried. Bare windows worked all winter long but it's time to add a sheer curtain or adjust the plants so they're a little further away from the bare panes. If the greenhouse growers haven't added additional shade cloth or paint on shading, NOW'S THE TIME!

I know we've heard it so many times before, but the surface of the leaves of our orchids really do get warm to the touch when they're getting too much light. The best way to tell where you're at with your plant's light requirements is to use a light meter. I'm told there's an APP for that though as everyone out there knows, I'm as old school as it gets, and my light meter is never that far away. I'm pretty good about lending it out too - you just need to come to Pepperell to borrow it. Point is - it's getting bright out and be careful that you do not burn your plants - this is the time of year when it happens.

But to the meat of the matter and the purpose of this rant: with Spring comes the first opportunities to get our plants outside. This can be a blessing as well as a curse with our New England Springs. It can be perfect weather for our cool growing plants for weeks at a time and then all of the sudden, there's six inches of wet/heavy snow trying to break the backs of everything we have out. My recommendation is to put your plants out as soon as possible but keep a weather (sailing term) and be ready to move everything in at a moment's notice., Standard cymbidiums are the first to go out and for good reason. The sooner you can get this season's growth going the sooner it'll be finished. Pushing the Cyms now means more blooms in the fall and winter. If you want your plant to look its best, the effort starts now.

Your Masdevallias, cool growing Dendrobiums, and Odontoglossum hybrids are the next to migrate. All can take nights in the 40s and some can take a light frost as long as they're on the dry side when it happens.

While the Cymbidiums will be able to take the full sun after a short transition period of light shading, the rest of the plants may need a longer hardening-off period before the unfettered rays of the Sun can do their work. I like to use the 4" plastic lattice that you can get at the big home improvement stores to provide my shade. This setup seems to let just enough light in to keep everyone happy.



By mid-June, everything can be out except the warmest of growers. If you have questions about a particular plant - please ask. If I do not have experience with the genera in question, I'm sure I know someone who does.

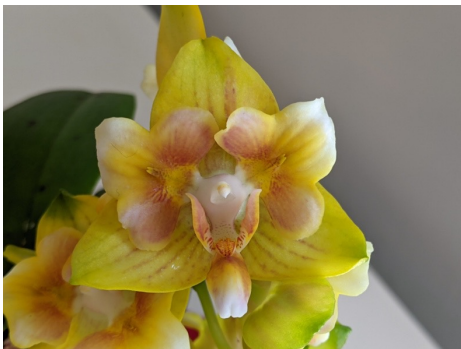
And one last thought:

It's time to repot any plants that are due and if there was ever a time to get serious about properly fertilizing your plants - this is it. Good growing conditions only equate to great plants if all their other needs are being met... but that's an article for another time.

You Humble Orchid Murderer,  
Brandt Moran



March Virtual Show Table Results



Phal. Brenda\_Matthews,  
Amanda L.



Den. sulcatum, Daryl Y.



L. Gold Star, Brandt M.

*Congratulations to the April  
People's Choice winner Dina D.,  
for her beautifully grown  
Caularthron bicornutum!*

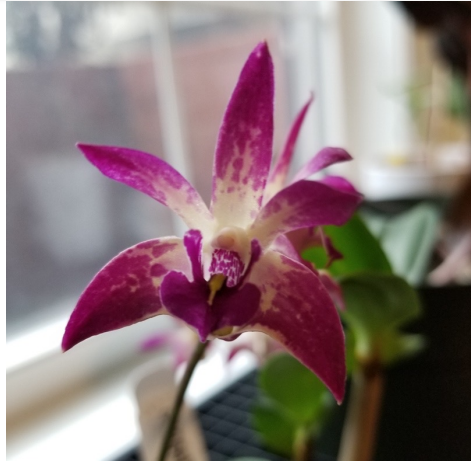


Chysis bractescens, Anne P.





Den. kingianum 'Trident's Baby', Brandt M.



Den. kingianum 'Zip' x  
Den. 'Faye Roshan', Debbie McM.



Den. Keiki Chip, Emily D.



Phrag. Kovachii, Mike B.



Paph. glaucophyllum v. moquetteanum,  
Mike B.



Paph. Ho Chi Minh, Mike B.



Paph. delenatii,  
Ralph & Chieko C.



Phal. NOID, Amanda L.



Octomeria estrellensis,  
Ralph & Chieko C.





*Oberonia rufilabris*, Mike B.



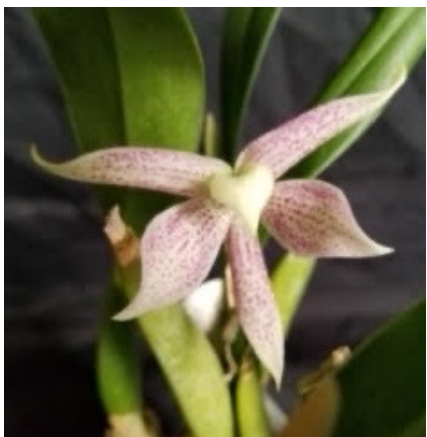
Den. Shining Pink,  
Mike B.



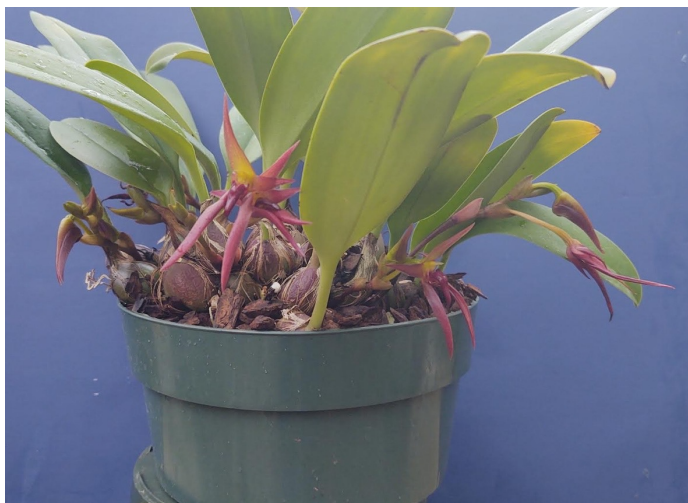
Cl. Dragon's Treasure 'Gilberto' AM/AOS, Anne P.



Onc. Sharry Baby,  
Varuna S.



Enc. Garciana, Brandt M.



*Bulb. nymphopolitanum*, Daryl Y.



*Trichoglottis rosea* v. *breviracema*,  
Ralph & Chieko C.





Blc. Wounded Warrior, Mike B.



C. mossiae, Brandt M.



L. jongheana alba, Anne P.



C. loddigesii, Brandt M.



Lc. Canhamiana 'Azure Star', Mike B.



C. luddemanniana 'Foothill', Mike B.





Phal. NOID, Dina D.



Trichoglottis rosea var. breviracem,  
Ralph & Chieko C.



Phal. NOID, Dina D.



Phal. David Lim, Daryl Y.



Den. Albosanguineum, Daryl Y.



Den. uniflorum, Dina D.



Max. tenuifolia, Anne P.



Max. tenuifolia, Amanda L.



Chysis limminghei, Dina D.





Slc. Hazel Boyd  
'Red Stone'



C. Little Vista



Sl. Pink Opal 'Sparkling', Jeff F.



C. Minipet 4N (orpetii x coccinea),  
Jeff C.



Vanda javierae, Ralph &  
Chieko C.



Vanda NOID, Mike B.



Scaphosepalum breve, Daryl Y.



Phrag. Nicholle Tower, Anne P.



# • THE AOS CORNER •



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

## Seasonal Orchid Care May/June

Click [here](#) to watch now.

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

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.

- 01:59 Shade cloth for pool enclosures
- 05:06 Damage to leaves from cold temperature
- 09:03 Angraecoid leaf disease and treatment
- 13:11 De-flasking seedlings
- 20:17 Seed capsules how many on one spike is okay
- 21:56 Treating leaf disease with chemicals
- 24:32 Catasetum culture
- 30:06 Dendrobium leaves turning brown and falling off
- 31:30 Phalaenopsis spikes turning brown
- 32:56 Air roots and repotting neofinetia
- 35:00 Viruses and how to treat them
- 41:17 Paphiopedilum root growth and light
- 48:49 Ultrasonic humidifiers and ozone
- 46:12 Phalaenopsis air roots and what to do with them
- 48:36 Using chemicals indoors



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