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Minute Minutes Notes from the Board

- ◆ The October meeting will be in-person, and our Membership Committee will be giving out new name badges and lanyards for new members. Make sure you come and get yours.
- ◆ October's meeting will be an extended show table & culture discussion. Bring a plant you want to talk about! November's meeting is still under discussion, but suggestions include "Easy Orchids" by MOS members who can tell you – all orchids aren't as hard as they look!
- ◆ Holy Mackerel! There was an astounding net profit from the BBQ of over \$850.00 - and counting, which doesn't include an additional supplemental profit for trophy sponsorships. Thanks to you, MOS is in great financial shape.
- ◆ Our Sister Society New Hampshire Orchid Society is having their annual auction on October 9th. See Page 10 for details and view the catalog.

- ◆ Please share the postcards you picked up at the September meeting - they're good for a door prize, so make sure you hand them out to friends and family alike!
- ◆ We will need blooming orchids for our display at our show in October. Please email the show committee at showtable@massorchid.org to let them know if you've got a plant to display.
- ◆ Join the fun planning the Mass Orchid Society Show! This is our biggest event of the year and 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. A sign up link is on page 2.
- ◆ For those who came away with clay pots at our recent BBQ, you might find Sue Bottom of St. Augustine Orchid Society's article on page 13 that's all about sterilizing used clay pots useful. And for you folks who missed out, there are literally hundreds still for sale at basement bargain prices. Contact Brandt brandtm@massorchid.org if interested!

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Last but not least, 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.

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



We still need volunteers for the upcoming show!

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

This year's beautiful card design is by MOS's own Meg B.-R. Thank you, Meg!

For information about our 2021 vendors and exhibitors, click <https://www.massorchid.org/2021-Vendors>



THE MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

World of Orchids
The Caribbean



Show & Sale
October 22–23, 2021

Sons of Italy Hall
117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA

Tolumnia triqueta
Photo Credit: Eric Hunt

www.massorchid.org/show

President's Message

Our Annual Orchid Show

This year's show is doubly important. It's our first in-person show since the "new normal"; since Covid has become a reality, and it's the *first show on the New England Orchid Social Calendar*. All of our sister societies are holding their breath and waiting to see how we do.

So, here's the reality of it all:

This is Your Society and Your Show. The event is planned and implemented by none other than US. No professionals, No outside NGOs - just YOU and ME.

The festivities start Wednesday, October 20th, when a few folks set up the hardscape.

It becomes more involved on Thursday the 21st with the load-in and set-up that is so magical to watch.

Things are going full tilt by Friday; ribbon and awards judging taking place in the morning, followed by the grand opening at 12:30. If there's *any way possible*, find time to come Friday morning and volunteer to be a clerk during judging. No prior experience is needed, and you will learn so much!

Saturday and Sunday are managed chaos as we continue to invite in the public. We continue attending to the myriad of lectures and commercial vendor needs – most that are scheduled, but some that aren't.

And then, the most amazing scene in the Orchid World – BREAKDOWN. Where a beautiful show that took a full day and 100's of man-hours to install disappears before your very eyes in what is just a flash.

All of this is done by US. And by US, I mean you.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER. Click the link [here](#), or on Page 2 to get to the show tab and sign up.

And perhaps more importantly, take some time during the weekend to corral your green-thumbed relative or neighbor and drag them to see this marvel of plant growing alchemy. It can be the best show in the world, but if we don't get folks through the door to understand our addiction, then it's just another Show Table.

Thanks all and See You There,
Brandt Moran



Clay pots for sale! Contact Brandt Moran brandtm@massorchid.org. Assorted sizes for mere pennies. Great for seedlings all the way up to specimen plants.

See article by Sue Bottom on Page 13 and learn how to sterilize your pots safely.

MOS show table results September 2021

Judges: Mike B., George B., Daryl Yeardon, Steve K.

Scribe: Linda A.

Exhibitor's Name	Plant's Name	Lights/Windowsill/ Greenhouse	Warm/Cool /Int.	Comments
Millard H.	Vanda Pine River x Bangkok Sunset	L	I	First bloom, under LED
Millard H.	Angcm. didierii	L	I	1/4 tsp MSU, Epson salt
Daryl Y.	Group of Den. Hibiki	G	W	
Daryl Y.	Den. smilliae	G	W	
Daryl Y.	Den. serratilabium	G	W	Mounted
Daryl Y.	Gomesa radicans	G	W	Oncidium family, wanders
Brigitte F.	B. nodosa	L	I	Outside for summer, basket, no media, full sun
Brandt M.	Encyclia prismatocarpa	G	I	People's choice , full sun
Bob F.	Catt. Floralia's Azul	G	I	
Bob and Marsha R.	Phal. cornu-cervi forma chattaladae	G		Grows with Neofinetias
Leslie J.	BCD Gilded Tower ' Mystic Maze'	W	I	
Mike Badia	Paph St. Swithin	L	W	Easier to grow, plastic pot best
Mike Badia	Phrag. sedenii	L	I	Add bone meal!

Total Ribbons: 13 Plants

MOS show table summary 2021-2022

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	people choice award	Total
Brigitte F.					1				1
Mike B.					2				2
Daryl Y.					4				4
Bob F.					1				1
Leslie J.					1				1
Millard H.					2				2
Brandt M.					1			September	1
Bob and Marsha R.					1				1
Total # ribbons	0	0	0	0	13	0	0		13

Total plants 0

*** beginner

** photos

September's Peoples Choice Award went to Brandt Moran, for his *Encyclia prismatocarpa*. Congrats, Brandt!



Brandt noted the following:

This is a vigorous species from Southern Mexico through most of Central America That will bloom from late spring through early fall. Very fragrant and floriferous.

While it will tolerate being potted, mounting the plant is more to its liking and will provide the WOW factor that these plants endear when they become specimens.

I have never had a plant double on every growth as consistently as this individual does. 2 leads become 4 and 4 are 8 a year later and..... (you get the picture).

Full sun in an intermediate greenhouse with daily watering year-round when bright (remember - mounted culture).

There's 14 new growths starting to mature on this 12" x 16" mounted plant. I get growths first then roots - making it demanding of fertilizer year-round with no discernable rest.

I've yet to have any sunburn even though I'm at the peak of a just barely shaded greenhouse.

Grows warm to cool with very satisfying results.

From windowsill to orchid ranch, everyone should grow this species. You terrarium growers are going to need a bigger terrarium.

Show table ribbon winners



Encyclia prismatocarpa, Brandt M.



C. Floralia's Azul, Bob F.



Den. smilliae, Daryl Y.



Gomesa radicans, Daryl Y.



Angraecum diderii, Millard H.



Den. serratilabium, Daryl Y.



B. nodosa, Brigitte F.

Den. Hibiki group, Daryl Y.





Paph. St. Swithin, Brigitte F.



Phrag. sedenii, Mike B.



Vanda Pine River x Bangkok Sunset, Millard H.



Phal. cornu-cervi forma chattaladae, Bob & Marcia R.



BCD. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze', Leslie J.

Dear Members,

There are only a few awards left needing sponsorship!

Click the link [here](#) to select an award you want to sponsor.

Our vendors, the New England Orchid Societies and our own MOS members deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the show. See open sponsorships below.

2021 MOS Show Trophy Sponsorships

Please help MOS cover the cost of trophies for the show. All trophy sponsorships are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you!

Trophy Name	Cost	Sponsor
Wilford B. Neptune Trophy for Best Culture	\$100	Mike & Karen Badia
Paul B. Moore Trophy for Best Exhibit by a Novice	\$65	George Baltoumas
Cynthia Guy Memorial Trophy for Best Plant or Bloom	\$100	
Halbersleben Memorial Trophy for the Best Cattleya	\$65	Anne Pfaff
Irving Versoy Trophy for the Best Vandaceous	\$65	
Esther Sweet Memorial Trophy for the Best Phalaenopsis	\$65	Cindy Drozynski
Louis Guida Memorial Trophy for Best Sunset/Artshade Phalaenopsis	\$65	Ralph DiFonzo
Paul B. Moore Memorial Trophy for Best Paphiopedilum	\$100	Jeff and Roberta Feldman
MOS Trophy for the Best Miltonia/Miltoniopsis	\$65	Karyn Stewart
John E. Miller Trophy for the Best Odontoglossum	\$65	Cliff Derderian
John E. Stacy Memorial Trophy for the Best Oncidium	\$65	Maria Caldini
MOS Trophy for the Best Cymbidium	\$65	Heriberto Moreno
MOS Trophy for the Best Pleurothallid	\$65	
Harry Kubick Memorial Trophy for the Best Dendrobium	\$65	Meg Bright-Ryan
Richard Peterson Memorial Trophy for the Best Species	\$65	Bob Francey
The Kraus Family Trophy for the Best Large Specimen	\$65	Linda Abrams
MOS Trophy for the Best Miniature Specimen	\$65	Millard Hennessee
MOS Trophy for Best Culture of Plants Grown in the Home	\$65	Ron Maloney
MOS Trophy for Best of the Artwork Classes	\$65	
MOS Trophy for Best Fantasy Orchid (Misc. Gen)	\$65	Nadine Lepick
DeRosa Award for Artistic Design	\$100	Brigitte Fortin
AOS Show Trophy	\$75	
Orchid Digest Trophy for Best Non-Commercial Display	\$75	

Renew your dues and share the harvest

It's time once again to reap the harvest of the events, benefits and camaraderie of MOS membership.

Our October meeting features an extended show table and discussion of both culture and 'tuning up' your orchids for the show. Following on the heels of this program, our Annual Orchid Show and Sale 'World of Orchids: The Caribbean' will run from October 22-24 at SOI. As an added perk, this is a FREE event for members!

This show provides MOS with exciting local visibility, a fine opportunity to expose potential new members to our Society and it also helps finance our ability to continue to bring great speakers in from around the country (and world). Continuing on from these events, the Board is working on a unique new idea for the November meeting, the December Holiday Party and Award Ceremony, as well as the 2021 program. The 2021 speakers' program has 11 of the 12 months already planned, and includes presentations and orchid sales by Francisco Miranda, Glen Decker, Kristen Uthus and Jason Fischer, to name a few.

This harvest comes our way at a very small price - our dues renewal. Please remember that only active (dues current) members are admitted free to the *World of Orchids* at SOI. Why buy a ticket for admission to *your own* show?

For those of you that have already renewed, *Thank You!* For those of you renewing now, dues renewal can be accomplished on-line by clicking <http://massorchid.org>; by check/cash at a meeting, or by mail to: Mass Orchid Society P.O. Box 1041, Medford, MA 02155.

So please, renew your membership and share the harvest.

See you soon,
Membership Committee

PS: Updated member badges will be available at the October meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS[Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill](#)

02 Oct 2021 11:00 AM

Tower Hill Botanic Garden – 11 French Dr,
Boylston, MA[New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Auction](#)

09 Oct 2021 11:00 AM

Bedford Old Town Hall - 3 Meetinghouse
Rd, Bedford, NH[Deep Cut Orchid Society Annual Auction](#)

09 Oct 2021 9:30 AM

Belford Engine Fire Company - 739 Main
Street, Belford, NJ[Monthly Meeting – Extended show table and how-to on prepping for shows](#)

12 Oct 2021 7:30 PM

Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street,
Winchester, MA[Mass. Orchid Society Show & Sale presents "The Carribean"](#)

22 Oct – 24 Oct 2021

Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street
Winchester, MA[Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill](#)

06 Nov 2021 11:00 AM

Tower Hill Botanic Garden – 11 French Dr,
Boylston, MA[Monthly Meeting - TBD](#)

09 Nov 2021 7:30 PM

Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street,
Winchester, MA[Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill](#)

04 Dec 2021 11:00 AM

Tower Hill Botanic Garden – 11 French Dr,
Boylston, MA[Monthly Meeting –Holiday Party with awards and silent auction](#)

14 Dec 2021 7:30 PM

Sons of Italy - 117 Swanton Street,
Winchester, MA[Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show](#)

22 – 23 Jan 2022

The Resort and Conference Center - 35
Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA

The October meeting will feature an extended show table, plus a how-to on grooming and preparing your plants for shows. We'll also talk about designing award-winning displays. This will be an interactive meeting.

Please have your plants on the show table by 7 p.m.

If upcoming COVID guidelines suggest otherwise, we will convert this meeting to a virtual meeting. Check our website for updates.

THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER AND SOI REQUIRE MASKS FOR THIS EVENT

*Deep Cut Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Auction*

APPROXIMATELY 300 ORCHIDS

October 9th, 2021
Preview 9:30AM
Auction 10AM till 4PM

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**Belford Engine Fire Company
739 Main Street,
Belford, New Jersey 07718**

POC: Joan Mesander | (732) 778.0922

Refreshments & Lunch Available

For more information visit:
deepcutorchidsociety.org/auction

New Hampshire Orchid Society's Annual Auction is coming!

October 09, 2021

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Bedford Old Town Hall,
3 Meetinghouse Rd.
Bedford, NH

Click [here](#) to view
the catalog.

Details and questions? E-mail sue@nhorchids.org.



Let's All Play...Orchid Trivia!

1. The most comprehensive website for orchid culture can be found at:
 1. Your favorite box store.com
 2. American Orchid Society.org
 3. Trader Joes.com
 4. HGTV.com
2. Which orchid has the greatest culinary value?
 1. Cymbidium
 2. Bulbophyllum
 3. Vanilla
 4. Cypripedium
3. The vanilla bean comes from what part of the orchid plant?
 1. Seed Pod
 2. Root
 3. Leaf
 4. Flower Petal
4. Which orchid genera is infamous for their putrid odor?
 1. Angrecum
 2. Cymbidium
 3. Cattleya
 4. Bulbophyllum
5. Corsages were commonly made with which genera of orchid?
 1. Oncidium
 2. Bulbophyllum
 3. Paphiopedilum
 4. Cattleya
6. Orchids are naturally pollinated by:
 1. Moths
 2. Insects
 3. Birds
 4. Bees
 5. All of the above
7. A healthy orchid seed pod can hold:
 1. 10 seeds
 2. 100 seeds
 3. 1000 seeds
 4. 10,000 seeds or more
8. On which continent are orchids not naturally found?
 1. North America
 2. Australia
 3. Antarctica
 4. Africa
 5. C and D
9. New members of the Mass Orchid Society receive this gift at their first meeting:
 1. Honors chair position for the hospitality table
 2. Free plant
 3. 2 cu. feet of green cow manure
10. Where can you get the best and most economical advice on orchid culture?
 1. Join the Mass Orchid Society and ask a lot of questions
 2. Learn by "Trial By Fire" - keep buying plants until you figure it out
 3. Repeatedly ask your mother-in-law how she grows her plants
 4. Buy every orchid culture book available and keep good notes
11. The best place to purchase strong, healthy orchids is:
 1. A pawn shop
 2. A box store when they're on sale
 3. A dark alley corner from someone calling himself "The Orchid Thief"
 4. A commercial dealer at the Mass Orchid Society Annual Show this October 22-24
12. The following is NOT a member of the Laeliinae subtribe:
 1. Leptotes
 2. Cattleya
 3. Coelogyne
 4. Vanilla
13. Which of the following is NOT true concerning Dancing Doll Orchids:
 1. They are all members of the Oncidium genera
 2. They are pollinated by South American Vampire Bats
 3. They flower on long sprays with many flowers
 4. Their flowers are yellow with large, attention-demanding lip

14. Which *Cattleya* species is infamous for producing 2 and sometimes 4 extra rudimentary pollinia in addition to the 4 normal packets associated with *Cattleya* species?

1. kerri
2. dormaniana
3. velutina
4. araguaiensis

15. Which *Cattleya* species is the National Flower of Costa Rica?

1. skinneri
2. aurantiaca
3. bowringiana
4. deckeri

16. Which *Cattleya* species is NOT a bifoliate?

1. loddigesii
2. leopoldii
3. labiata
4. bicolor

17. Which *Cattleya* species does not need warm conditions to grow successfully?

1. violacea
2. aclandiae
3. eldorado
4. percivaliana

18. The country that hosts the most *Cattleya* species is:

1. Brazil
2. Columbia
3. Guatemala
4. Venezuela

19. Which *Cattleya* species is NOT indigenous to Brazil?

1. purpurata
2. intermedia
3. walkeriana
4. Aurantiaca

20. Which orchid plant is ALWAYS the grower's favorite?

1. The next one to bloom
2. There are no more possible options

Answers:

20. A
19. D
18. A
17. D
16. C
15. A
14. B
13. B
12. C
11. D
10. A
9. B
8. C
7. D
6. E
5. D
4. D
3. A
2. C
1. B



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Cleaning Clay Pots

by Sue Bottom, sbottom15@hotmail.com

If you want to reuse your clay pots, it is important to clean, sterilize and desalt them prior to reuse. It is a chore that can quickly become unmanageable unless you clean your pots daily while you are repotting during the marathon repotting season in the spring.



Clay pots are porous so they can absorb salts and pathogens which can be damaging to the next inhabitant of the pot. Pots should be cleaned and then sterilized before they are used again. Your final repotting chore of the day is cleaning the debris from the pots so you don't end up with the tedious chore of cleaning a stockpile of dirty pots.

Scrub Debris from the Pot. The first step is to remove the potting mix, roots and other detritus from the pot. I fill a 5 gallon bucket with water and drop the pots into the bucket as I am repotting. You can add dishwashing soap to the water if you like. Your last repotting chore of the day is scrubbing your pots. Use an abrasive pad to scrub away as much of the roots, encrusted salt and other debris as you can.

Sterilize the Pot. You sterilize the porous clay pot so you don't transfer pests, diseases or virus from the last inhabitant to the next inhabitant of the pot. You can use wither chemicals or heat to sterilize clay pots.



Traditional Bleach Soak. The traditional advice is to disinfect your clay pots by soaking them for several hours in a 10% bleach solution (10% bleach or 9 parts water to 1 part bleach). If you are using a 5 gallon bucket, add one half gallon bleach, drop in your scrubbed pots and fill to the top with water. You can also add pool algaecide (2 tsp/gal if 10% strength) in lieu of or in addition to your bleach solution for extra killing power. You'll pull the pots out of the bucket, wash them off with a hose and drop them into a second 5 gallon bucket filled with water. Let them soak for several hours to remove any residual bleach or algaecide. Remember to use rubber gloves so your skin doesn't contact the bleach/algaecide solution, which after a very few exposures can cause skin sensitivity and chemical burns. The bleach/algaecide kills everything with the possible exception of virus so the next step is heat treatment. If you bake the pots in the oven at 400 degrees for two hours, any virus will be eliminated. Add your used rhizome clips and other wire products to the oven to decontaminate them at the same time. Let the pots cool off in the oven and they are ready to be reused, assuming the salts are gone.



Once you've removed the debris from the pot, you can use the dishwasher to finish cleaning them and help draw salts from the pot. The pots still require sterilization to eliminate virus particles.

and, if present, scrub with an abrasive pad while the pots are still warm. Then bake the pots in the oven for two hours at 400 degrees along with any wire products that need decontamination. Let them cool in the oven. If salts are not visible on the pots, they are ready to be reused.

Dishwasher and Oven Alternative. I have started washing prescrubbed pots in the dishwasher followed by baking them in the oven, thereby eliminating the need for the bleach soak. After the initial scrub, I let the pots soak in a water filled 5 gallon bucket to start dissolving any residual salts. Alternatively, you can bring them into the kitchen and soak them in hot water which will hasten salt dissolution. I scrub the pots a second time to remove encrusted salts and residual debris and then pop them into the dishwasher, sometimes with twice the normal amount of soap or a few teaspoons of Trisodium Phosphate (TSP). The heat and soap will draw the salts either out of the pot or to the outside edge of the pot. As they are removed from the dishwasher, check for any remaining salt encrustation



Remove Stubborn Salt Encrustation. Sometimes you'll find or acquire pots with stubborn salt encrustations that are still present after your normal cleaning sequence. You need to remove any residual salts that have been absorbed into the porous clay pots. Otherwise, the roots of your newly repotted orchid can burn if they come into contact with the white deposits as a result of salt toxicity. If soaking and washing the pots does not remove all the salts, you have a few alternatives.

Mild Acid Soak. If the pots still have visible white stains, try an overnight soak in a mild acid. Use white vinegar in whatever concentration you are comfortable handling, either a pure or a diluted solution. Scrub any residual salt from the pot followed by a second soak in water to remove the acetic acid. Ray Barkalow of First Rays suggests using citric acid, a mild organic acid that is very effective for removing deposits. Citric acid may be sold in your grocery store for use in ethnic recipes as "sour salt". Even at an addition rate of one cup/gallon, it's still quite plant friendly, so you need not worry too much about rinsing. The product is used in fertilizers to enhance solubility and in leaf cleaners for removing deposits, it is also used in fertilizers to enhance solubility.

Simmer on Stove. For stubborn salt depots, drop your pots in a stew pot filled to the brim with water and set on a slow simmer for several hours. The heat will help draw the salts from the pot. You can add a mild acid like vinegar or citric acid to help solubilize the salts into the water. Then soak the pots in fresh water to remove acid.



Terry set up a heat treatment station in the boat house with a second hand oven he bought for \$50. I set the oven to 500F and let the pots bake for 2 hours to eliminate all pathogens and also to help remove stubborn salt encrustations.

High Temperature Heat. Then bake the pots in the oven for two hours at 500 degrees along with any wire products that need decontamination. Let them cool in the oven. If salts are not visible on the pots, they are ready to be reused.

The deposits on the pots are a combination of minerals from the water supply (probably naturally occurring bicarbonates and carbonates), minerals from the fertilizers (nitrates, sulfates, etc.) and plant wastes that are organic. Ray Barkalow of First Rays contends that these materials are all blended together and are probably deposited on the pot rather than chemically bonded to it. The cooking process destroys the sticky organics and possibly changes the physical or chemical properties of the inorganic material making them more friable and easy to remove. At any rate,



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cook the pots for an hour or two at your oven's highest heat setting and when the pots are cool enough, place them in the sink and fill the sink with water for a brief soak. Best to use this alternative when the house is open and vapors can be dispersed easily. The fumes are similar to those you get when you put the oven on a self cleaning cycle. You'll have to ventilate to get rid of the fumes, but your pots will look brand new without using chemicals like bleach or acid.



Pots in the final soak after heat treatment. The pots look almost brand new and are ready to return to duty.

One Step Cleanup Using a Kiln. Bob Scully of the former great orchid nursery Jones and Scully uses a kiln to sterilize and desalt pots prior to reuse. He simply removes the coarse debris from the pots and runs them through a kiln. The kiln has a firing temperature on the order of 1000F, a high enough temperature that pests, diseases, virus and salts are all eliminated in one step. He brushes any residual ash off the pots after removal from the kiln and they're ready to reuse.

Cleaning up your pots can quickly become a chore if you stockpile dirty pots to handle "later". Drop your dirty pots in a bucket of water as you are repotting so the debris and roots will be softened up by the end of the day. Your last repotting chore of the day will be to scrub the debris from the pots. Then you either stockpile prescrubbed pots or continue on with the sterilization process and drop them into a bleach solution, wash in the dishwasher, cook in the oven or however you choose to sterilize your pots. You'll be able to sleep the sleep of the righteous knowing that your almost new pots are ready for your new beauties.

• 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.

- 00:48 Vanda (vandaceous) winter care
- 03:26 Aerides odorata winter care
- 04:37 Dendrobium moschatum - is it deciduous?
- 09:27 Oncidium sharry baby - color break possibilities
- 14:00 Prophylactic treatment of orchids
- 20:36 Fusarium damage after a cold snap and treatment suggestions
- 26:38 Oncidium intergenerics culture and repotting
- 28:59 Plug plants growing in less than ideal conditions adaptations
- 31:14 Rescue orchid in freezing weather potential causes of brown spots
- 35:03 Rhyncholaelia digbyana spots on leaves - what are they?
- 39:18 Outdoor sodium light effects on orchids
- 41:28 Formerly Equitant Oncidium care, now Tolumnia, not like oncidium care
- 46:13 Hydrogen Peroxide use as a pesticide
- 48:29 Stubborn flowering Vanda Gordon Dillon
- 50:31 Cattleya Earl 'Imperialis' explosive growth - no blooming

Seasonal Orchid Care September/October

[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 has resumed at **Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Boylston, MA 01505.**

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 - Educational presentations
- 12:00PM - 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

Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

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