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Minute Minutes

Notes from the Board

Prior to in-person meetings, the Show Table Committee kindly requests the names of your orchids.

If you are planning to display at the show table, please email your orchids' names to <mailto:showtable@massorchid.org>.

And, if you happen to know them, please include the parent names.

As your orchid collections continue to grow, our show table expands. While the format of our virtual meetings allowed the judges to do a little research in advance, this is not the case when we meet in-person.

This will give the committee a chance to provide us with more information about the plant.

Thank you! - The Show Table Committee

Did you know you can submit articles to the newsletter? Got extra orchid supplies you want to unload or looking for garden swaps? Submissions are due 10 days prior to monthly meetings. Email Anne at newsletter@massorchid.org to post or advertise in the newsletter!

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.

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President's Message

Opportunities Lost

I don't know if everyone knows, but I've been involved with our Society for 24 years – give or take a week. I've been the Show Chair for many years, I've been on the Board more than once – sometimes as the Secretary and most recently, as the President.

And in all that time I have never once hosted a lecturer or a vendor. For the first 18 years it was because I was intimidated by those in our hobby that seemed to know so much and who could so eloquently speak to the botanical names of our plants – knowing where they came from, when they bloom, and most importantly, how to get them to prosper in our home environments. Yep – Talks Too Much Brandt Moran was a chicken to engage with those “experts” in our hobby.

So now, as I'm about to pull up some very deep roots in New England and move to the more temperate climates of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, I realize I could not have been more wrong. With no exceptions that I can think of, those folks who earn their living plying the orchid trade are some of the kindest, most amiable, unpretentious folks alive. And let's face it, if they did have an attitude, they would not last very long as commercial vendors.

The takeaway is, don't be intimidated in the least. When you offer to host a vendor or any fellow orchid enthusiast, it's about the friendship that is sure to spring up. So let me be the first to say, speak up and announce your desire to host an upcoming speaker or a vendor at our show (or New Hampshire's or Cape and Island's depending on where you live). Don't let 24 years slip by before you feel you're worthy of our esteemed vendor's time. You'll be a better person for it, and you just may learn something about growing your orchids without having to pay for a house call.

For those that don't know, I'm hosting Francisco Miranda – this month's speaker – and I can't wait. Later this summer, right before I haul South, Fred Clarke is going to pass through, and it's got nothing to do with orchids – seems he loves fishing even more than Millard Hennessey and I. Blue Fin Tuna has been on his bucket list and we're going to try like hell to let him get the check in the box. I'll let you know how it goes. If we get him a tuna or two – I'll pass the word and you guys hit him up hard for auction plants at a fair price.

One last thought on this hosting topic; I helped Eucagenea during all three days of the New Hampshire Show and they left me with just short of a dozen plants that are not going back South, and not one of them is a dog.

On a more emergent note, we need some new blood on the Board and June is the date of the turnover. NO PREVIOUS experience necessary – it's on-the-job training at it's very best and you get first crack at hosting our traveling lecturers.

Your Humble Orchid Murderer,
Brandt Moran



March Show Table

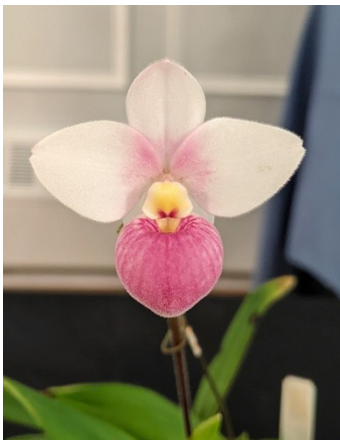
Congrats to Anne P. for her 2 winning orchids for March People's Choice show table!

Below left: Phrag. Nicholle Tower Below Right: Clowesia Grace Dunn 'Chadd's Ford' AM/AOS



Max. spilotantha, ?

Phrag. besseae, Linda A.



Phrag. Pink Panther, Linda A.



Promenaea Limelight, Linda A.



Paph. insigne 'Harefield Hall', Mike B.



Ddc. wenzelii 'Cooper', CCM/AOS, Daryl Y.



Oeoniella polystachys, Daryl Y.



Phal. cornu-cervi f. chattaladae, ?



Phal. NoID, Bob F.



Phal. NoID, Bob F.



Dendrobium arrangement
By Ramona R. and
Elysian Design



Den. Aussie Chip, Mike B.



Den. kingianum, Anne P.



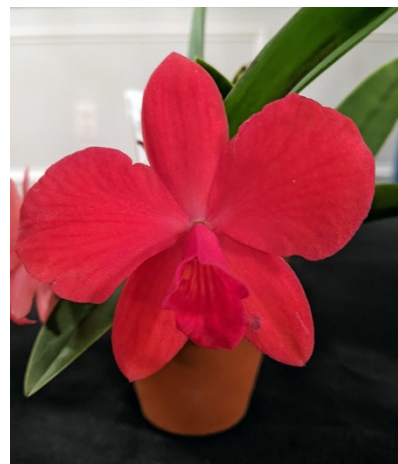
Bc. Daffodil Equilab, ?



Rlc. Seto Rainbow 'Fantasy', ?



Lc. ?



Sl. Minipet, Linda A.



Pot. Lovely Martha 'SVO' x Martha Clarke 'Amazing', Anne P.



Blc. Love Sound 'Dogashima' x Epc. Koyoguchi, Dina D.



Pot. Pat Thrall 'Magenta Fire' AM/AOS x Paradise Rose 'My Valentine', Anne P.



Blc. Izumi Charm 'SVO', AM/AOS, Anne P.

Many thanks to the Display Committee, to all who volunteered and to those who donated plants to the NHOS show!

Super congrats to Mike Badia for winning blue ribbons in all 3 categories his Paph. insigne 'Harefield Hall', (photo p.) was entered in, including Best Paph In Show. Amazing growing, Mike!

Show Committee designers George and Brigitte put the finishing touches on the MOS display.

Below: the bedecked and beribboned MOS Display



UPCOMING EVENTS[Lyman Estate Spring Orchid Sale](#)

08 April 2022 9:30-4:00
185 Lyman St., Waltham, MA

[Monthly Meeting – Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids: Orchid Habitats of Interior Brazil](#)

12 Apr 2022 7:30 PM
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St.
Winchester, MA

[Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill](#)

07 May 2022 10:30 AM
Tower Botanic Garden,
11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

[Monthly Meeting – Carri Raven-Riemann of The Orchidophile, “Is That Really a Phalaenopsis?”](#)

17 May 2022 7:30 PM
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St.
Winchester, MA

[Monthly AOS Judging at Tower Hill](#)

04 June 2022 10:30 AM
Tower Botanic Garden,
11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

[Monthly Meeting– Tim Culbertson](#)

14 Jun 2022 7:30 PM
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton Street,
Winchester, MA

*Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids
presents “Brazilian Habitats”*

A taxonomist, naturalist and orchid grower, Francisco travels extensively in the U.S. and internationally speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. He has been doing this since 1988, while still living in Brazil. The subjects of his presentations reflect Francisco's extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments.

Miranda Orchids is owned by Maria Cristina and Francisco Miranda, both born in Brazil and living in the U.S.A. since 1999.

Brazilian Orchid Habitats – The Interior

This presentation depicts dry Central Brazil and goes to the interior mountains where most rupicolous orchids are found. Francisco's presentations are purely habitat, and as such, are the result of lots of travel and will give you a good idea of what Brazil looks like.

Miranda Orchids

“Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specializing in growing mainly selected *Cattleya* alliance species. In a sense, it is a continuation of Boa Vista Orchids, a nursery we ran in Brazil from 1986 until we moved to the U.S.A. Many of the plants available are produced in our lab and nursery in Central Florida from our extensive collection of stud plants. The rest we bring from Brazil to increase variety and novelty. Being native Brazilians, and having had a nursery for many years, we know that there is a lot of development in *Cattleya* species being done there. This is mostly because a lot of those species are native from Brazil (including all the bifoliate cattleyas) and because these plants are favorites of growers there. Of course, having lived and grown orchids for a long time there we know most of the growers and what is being produced and we go there several times a year to make sure we are kept up-to-date. Miranda Orchids also grows other Brazilian species.”

- Francisco

2022 MOS Meeting Program

Jan.	Mike and Daryl – repotting and mounting
Feb.	Fred Clarke of SVO – Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower
Mar.	Glen Decker (formerly Piping Rock Orchids)
Apr.	Francisco Miranda – Miranda Orchids
May	Carrie Reimann – The Orchidophile
June	Tim Culbertson
July	Kristin Uthus – New World Orchids
Aug.	MOS BBQ
Sept.	MOS Annual Auction
Oct.	Bob Winkley
Nov.	Bob Cleveland Orchids
Dec.	Annual Holiday Party!

MOS....Moving Forward



We are particularly indebted to those who have served on the Board for these past few years. The new folks that joined the Board have successfully helped keep our Society strong and were not deterred by COVID 19. Currently, we find ourselves in a very strong membership position with active interest and enthusiasm for the show table, our speaker program, the BBQ, our annual auction, our Orchid Show and our personal interaction with our fellow members at our social events.

This is an opportune time for members to consider joining the Board, as we move into the next MOS year. Our May 10th meeting includes our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors to serve for the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 term.

Discuss the leadership opportunities with any of the current Board members at the April meeting. Moving forward, you can help shape our tomorrows...

– Jeff Feldman



Our Centennial Celebration at the Historic Biltmore Hotel

We hope that you will be able to join us in the Spring for our much anticipated Centennial Celebration in Coral Gables, Florida.

Make your hotel reservations now!

Schedule is now updated!

We are proud to present the American Orchid Society's Centennial Celebration! We invite you to join us for this once in a lifetime celebration.

The four-day event will encompass our 2022 Spring Members Meeting activities, an exciting live auction, a full day of extraordinary speakers, and a splendid gala banquet that will feature a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, music, and dancing in a beautiful and historic setting.

We'd love to have you join us!

Smithsonian Institute presents
Orchids: Hidden Stories of Groundbreaking Women
 Event Dates: Jan 29 - Apr 24

Barrier-breaking botanists. Cutting-edge conservationists. Inspired illustrators. Women have played many roles in the quest to discover, document and conserve orchids.



Spring Has Sprung

By Greg Allikas

Reprinted from the April 2012 issue of
The American Orchid Society

Beginners' Newsletter



Today is the first day of spring and for orchid growers, that means our orchids will be commencing their annual growth cycle soon. Depending on where you live, some plants may be in growth already. As we head toward summer we will be practicing a different culture regime for our orchids. We want to optimize their growth as much as possible during the warm part of the year. The most important task we associate with spring is repotting our plants. I often hear of a novice buying an orchid and immediately repotting it regardless of the time of year. That is not sound practice. The best, and safest time to repot an orchid is in the springtime and there are good reasons why. Lengthening days continue to accelerate plant growth through the summer solstice..



With some species, growth can be explosive at this time of year. Orchids that receive ample food and water, and the proper temperatures and light for their type, can quickly fill a pot with roots. The more roots, the better a plant can utilize the nutrients it receives. This rapid growth also ensures that newly potted orchids will quickly establish themselves in the fresh medium. All of this adds up to a strong, healthy plant capable of producing abundant blooms

While there are exceptions, for most orchids it is a safe bet to repot in the spring. It is a good idea to confirm that your orchids are indeed beginning their growth cycle. Monopodial and sympodial orchids should both have some active, green root tips on mature roots. Sympodial orchids should have a cluster of new roots starting from the base of the newest pseudobulb and may or may not have a new pseudobulb starting. The longer the new roots are the easier it is to accidentally break them so try to repot plants when these roots are not much more than a half-inch long. Soaking a plant in a bucket of room temperature water will make old roots more pliable and easier to remove from the pot. This is especially helpful with monopodial orchids like *Phalaenopsis*.

Repotting orchids is fairly straightforward and once you get the hang of it, it becomes an enjoyable part of the hobby. There are a few rules to remember...

Always sterilize cutting tools between plants to avoid the spread of disease. A minute or two under a torch flame will suffice. Remove old medium and dead roots. Leafless backbulbs may be removed from sympodial orchids. Use fresh, clean media and pots, do not recycle media, and reuse pots only if they have been sterilized. Potting time is a good time to examine plants for any pests that might be hiding. Spring cleaning applies to orchids too! Remove any old, dried sheaths with a toothbrush dipped in 70% isopropyl alcohol. Also remove any dead leaves or pseudobulbs. Makes sure that all of the needed materials are at hand, that includes assorted pots, enough of your preferred media, rhizome clips and/or bamboo or wire stakes and don't forget nametags!

If you pot them correctly, most orchids only need to be repotted every second or third year. Some, like *phalaenopsis* and *catasetums* appreciate fresh medium every year.

• 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.

- 3:08 Start
- 3:53 Cattleyas (Are certain colors easier to grow)
- 6:17 Greenhouse and green algae
- 8:12 Pollinating Stanhopea (does size matter)
- 10:49 Stanhopea evolution
- 13:23 Feeding Dendrobiums
- 18:06 *Dendrobium nobile*
- 21:58 Bud blast
- 23:50 AOS Award (Does the award designation go with the plant and divisions)
- 26:14 Cymbidium back bulbs (what do you do with them)
- 30:21 tiny white specks in potting mix
- 36:06 Calcium in fertilization
- 42:03 Fertilizing Vandas (heavy feeders)
- 44:16 Harvesting seed capsules
- 47:03 Culture of Hybrids
- 48:43 New Greenhouse (transitioning plants)
- 52:20 Reddish leaves
- 55:46 back to Calcium supplements
- 57:47 Media for *Cymbidium ensifolium* in Cymbidium pot

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.

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