

Massachusetts Orchid Society

Message from the President

So, I've figured out why I keep hearing folks talking about a show. It's because **our** show is almost here!

November 2016

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If you want to help at the show but couldn't make any commitments until the time was closer, the time is now! There are lots of fun things to do and your support will absolutely be appreciated whether you know a little or a lot about orchids! We need help for the show setup on Thursday, during the show, and tear down. I've always enjoyed working the raffle table or hanging out at the membership table. There is a full schedule of show events, a list of vendors from whom you can also preorder, and directions to Mahoney's on the website at www.massorchid.org/show. Don't forget we have a very special guest speaker Tom Mirenda, Orchid Collection Specialist at Smithsonian Institution. You must get tickets ahead of time if you want to insure you have a seat. Don't forget to tell your friends!

Show hours are

Friday, November 4 from 12:30 pm – 5 pm

Saturday, November 5 from 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, November 6 from 10 am – 4 pm

Another fun and interesting way to learn more about orchids and help the society is to clerk! Friday morning, American Orchid Society judges and volunteer clerks are going to be judging the show. Clerking involves walking around the show with the judges talking orchids and orchid displays for a few hours. You even get lunch afterwards! There are three types of clerks in addition to a general clerk: pointer, ribbon clerk, and head clerk. Pointers will walk ahead of the group and will look for the tags of the plants the judging team is judging (did I mention that folks are divided into groups with two or three judges and three or so clerks and that each group will be assigned a different tribe of orchids or



August show-table photos,
courtesy of Linda Pakravan

artwork to judge. Some tribes are small so groups may have a few different tribes). Pointers will often have a stick they use to, well, point. Ribbon clerks carefully put the ribbons on the winning plants. Head clerks keep an official copy of the winning plants.

To continue this busy month, our speaker for the November meeting will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred is known for his fantastic *Catasetum* and relatives as well as unbelievable *Paphs*, *Catts*, and many others! Really, check out the website www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/. There's some fantastic stuff there and not only are the plants great, but he's offering a 10% discount on orders placed before November 4!

Please help with the show. It's one of our biggest fundraisers and a great way to learn about orchids and get to know people in the society. Not only that, but depending when you're helping, you may have early access to the vendors....

—Brian Leib, MOS President

A Flood of Opportunity

Whenever there are needs, there is *opportunity*. And your Show Committee's need for participation offers membership a **flood of opportunity** to play a part in bringing "The World of Orchids" to the communities of Eastern Massachusetts, on November 3rd – 6th at Mahoney's Greenhouse in Winchester.

We offer **Opportunity** to help with: **Registering** plants, joining a **judging team** (an excellent chance to gain Orchid knowledge), help the **hospitality** committee, join the **raffle** table (sell tickets), help with **admissions** (take money/give tickets), be a **greeter** (say hello and direct folks to our show at the door), bring a contribution to the Sunday **potluck** lunch or get destructive and help **breakdown** the show on Sunday afternoon. These tasks are easily accomplished with a few extra hands. You may also help relieve the cost burden of our show trophies by sponsoring one (see the Trophy sponsorship link below).



Understand that your Show Committee has put many hours into this show and it is now time for the rest up us to step up and put our collective hands "all in".

Please go to the links below, click on one or more and share the opportunity that the "World of Orchids" offers. And by all means, come to the show, visit the vendors and hear our

speakers, including Tom Mirenda, Orchid Specialist of the Smithsonian. Please email show@massorchid.org with questions or if you'd like to help out in some way.

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Meet the vendors:

New World Orchids was founded by Glenn and Maria Lehr over 20 years ago. Since then, they have brought the beauty of Japanese orchids to the United States along with the knowledge acquired from years of interacting directly with growers in their native country. Our goal is to bring you beautiful plants, pots, and books along with the customer service and support necessary to ensure your success with and enthusiasm for this truly unique group of orchids. Visit <http://newworldorchids.com/> for more information.

An expert in *Phragmipedium*, renowned orchidist Glen Decker of **Piping Rock Orchids** has been growing orchids since the age of 15. Piping Rock Orchids flowered the first *Phragmipedium kovachii* in 2007 and currently offers a large variety of Paphs, Phrags, Masdevaallia, Bulbophyllum, and other genera.

Marlow's Orchids, based in Scottsville, NY, sells a wide variety of orchids including Orssioglossum, Tolumnia, & Sarcochilus. Their website provides not only a selection of orchids, but also potting supplies, specialized orchid arrangements for gifts, information on orchid care, upcoming events, and more. Visit the website at <http://marlowsorchids.com/>

Jai's Handmade Cornstarch Flowers features beautiful flowers made from cornstarch mixed with Elmer's glue. Each petal, leaf and stem is made by hand and assembled to create unique flowers. They are set in hard wood or ceramic pots. Some small flowers are available as magnets. Visit <http://www.cornstarchflowers.com/>.

Maine Orchid Society's first president and charter member **Bob Cleveland** has been growing orchids over 35 years. He specializes in species and Paphiopedilum. Make sure to use the magnifying glass at his display and sales table to appreciate his magnificent miniatures. Bob has been awarded 6 AOS awards and is an avid hybridizer.

For three decades, **A&P Orchids** has grown some of New England's most exotic Phalaenopsis and specialty Paphiopedilums. Since 1985, their collection has grown to an acre of a variety of orchids. They feel they have assembled one of the best Phalaenopsis

and Paphiopedilum collections, and have received hundreds of AOS awards in the past decade, and flowered over a quarter of a million seedlings of their exclusive hybrids. They are the last remaining orchid nursery in Massachusetts. Visit their website at <http://www.aandporchids.com>, or email them at aandporchids@gmail.com.

Inspired by the forms created in British pottery for centuries, **Coldbrooke Pottery** carries on the beautiful tradition of hand-thrown pots for your home and garden. These exquisite pots can be customized with rope rims, handles, and/or stamps in terracotta or other clays. We know you'll enjoy growing your favorite plants in a pot from Coldbrooke Potter. Visit the website at <http://www.coldbrookepottery.com>.

Main Street Orchids operates in the Philadelphia area and has been in business since 1997. It is owned and operated by Michael and Sharon Kauffman. We specialize in Phrags, Catt species, and Phal. species. We also carry some Den. species and a general variety of other species that we consider desirable. Many of the Phrags involve kovachii breeding and other cutting edge hybrids. Since most of our revenue comes from installations, we do not have a website. If you have some species you are looking for, send us an email at msorchids@comcast.net.

Established in 1985, the **orchidPhile** specializes in cutting-edge Phalaenopsis breeding with a focus on the more unique, colorful and often fragrant mult-floral miniatures. We also carry many other genera including Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and Vandaceous, which grow and flower easily under similar conditions as Phalaenopsis.

Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies is offering a 10% discount for all prepaid pre-orders to be delivered to you at Mahoney's Garden Center during the MOS show. Shop online at www.kkorchid.com, enter Coupon Code **MOSSHOW2016** during the checkout process and 10% will be subtracted from your total purchase.

Pre-orders are always encouraged to be sure we have the items you are looking for. Best of all you can now save on your purchase and we'll have it packaged and ready for you to pick up at your convenience during show hours. This coupon is only valid for supplies to be delivered at Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester, MA during the MOS show.

Pre-orders must be received before November 3 please.

Oncidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phalaenopsis, and many more. Their long-lasting blooms are a dramatic addition to any indoor environment. This adaptable species can grow in a variety of home conditions.

Staff are available to offer expert advice. Please call 617-994-5913 for more information. (See attached flyer.)

Upcoming Events

MOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Nov. 4-6

[Mahoney's Garden Center](#), 242 Cambridge St.,
Winchester MA

Show times and dates:

Friday Nov 4 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Saturday Nov 5 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday Nov 6 10:00am – 4:00pm

General Admission \$10. Free to MOS members & children 8 and under. Purchase tickets [online](#) or at the door.

For more information, contact show@massorchid.org, or visit the website at <http://massorchid.org/show>.

Please help us have a fantastic show by **volunteering**, there are a number of ways you help. Click the links below to sign-up or view the schedule:

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Monthly AOS Judging

Nov. 5, 10:30am

Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

This is a judging session of the AOS Northeast Regional Center at the Tower Hill Botanical Gardens is open to the public. To learn more about AOS judging, please visit the MOS website at the following URL: <http://massorchid.org/judging>.

Monthly Meeting — Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

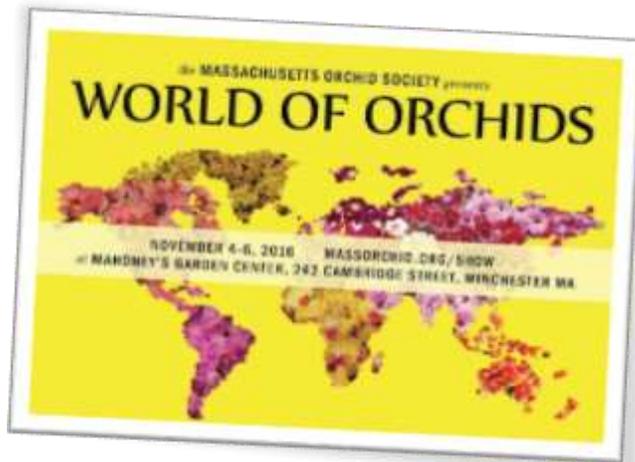
Nov. 8, 7:30pm

Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

Monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m, please have your orchids on the show-table by 7pm so the meeting can start promptly.

Fred Clarke, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids, will speak on a topic to be announced.

Fred is offering a 10% discount for pre-orders with free shipping. Go [Sunset Valley Orchids](#) to place your order.



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something in the newsletter,
just ask!* to

Email the editor at:
newsletter@massorchid.org

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Orchid Show

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Show Table

[Linda Abrams](#)

MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



The Massachusetts Orchid Society is a non-profit educational organization of individuals from all walks of life who share an interest in orchids. These interests range from the simple appreciation of orchids as beautiful flowers to the highly technical involvement in breeding and taxonomy. Join now and enjoy the world of orchids!

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