

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

## October 2016

## Message from the President

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So, happy October! It's almost show time! Yippee!

Our speaker this month will be Alan Koch, the owner of Gold Country Orchids. He will be talking about **Sarcochilus, Exciting Modern Hybrids from Australia** - We will see the plants that are finally available to us and learn how to grow them. He will have orchids for sale at our meeting. You can also **preorder plants no later than the afternoon of October 5, 2016** from his select plant lists on our website and on the Gold Country Orchids website [www.goldcountryorchids.com](http://www.goldcountryorchids.com).

Alan offers a **20% discount on all preorders** and free freight. To be able to take advantage of this you will need to go to the website follow the steps on the page about the meeting. You may email in your pre-order or call it in and pay either through PayPal via [gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com), with your credit card if you phone in your order, or at the meeting with cash or check. Gold Country Orchids prefers that you email or phone in your order to 916-645-8600.

The show is fast approaching and **we need your help!** Volunteering some time at the show is not only a whole lot of fun, but it's a great learning experience (and depending when you're there, you may have early access to the vendors...). There are lots of different jobs to do and you won't be expected to do anything that you feel is above your head. We need folks for the membership table, admissions, general questions, and many other things! Please help our society's show truly shine!

I want to thank everyone who helped make the auction a success! Thank you if you participated at the auction by attending, buying, or helping. I would especially like to thank



*August show-table photos,  
courtesy of Linda Pakravan*

Dr. Charles Wingate Jr., Bob Richter, Adrienne Giovino, Sasha Crotty, Brandt Moran, Brigitte Fortin, and you!

I am starting to put together a group order from the Orchid Zone. I have a list of plants and prices. Please send me an email ([brian@massorchid.org](mailto:brian@massorchid.org)) and I would be happy to send the list to you. If we order as a group, we will get a pretty good discount.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please email me or any member of the board, or heck, attend a board meeting (they're open to all members) and bring the issue up yourself!

Please bring a snack for the hospitality table and get an extra ticket for the raffle. See you soon!

—Brian Leib, MOS President

## Renew your dues and share the harvest

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

Our October meeting features Alan Koch, owner of Gold Country Orchids in California. He is one of our finest vendors and speakers. Following on the heels of this program, our Annual Orchid Show and Sale will run from November 4 – 6. 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 this flurry of events, and following the show by only 2 days, our November membership meeting will feature Fred Clark, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids also from California. Fred is an excellent speaker and vendor/hybridizer of high quality orchids. Of course, both Alan and Fred will bring their fine plants for sale.

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 Mahoney's Greenhouse. Why buy a ticket for admission to *our* show?

Dues renewal can be accomplished on line [http://massorchid.org/Sys/Membership Renewal](http://massorchid.org/Sys/Membership/Renewal), by check/cash at a meeting or by mail: Mass Orchid Society P.O. Box 1041, Medford, MA 02155.

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## Orchid Culture Exchange

Have you missed a meeting while one of your favorite plants was in bloom? Want to show it off? Perhaps you have some experience with growing a “difficult” orchid and would like to share it with the group but don't know how. This section features pictures and short

commentary from MOS members about their orchids. If you'd like to have your orchid featured in the newsletter and/or have some advice, feel free to send a picture (or two) and some culture information to the Newsletter Editor, Daniel Renfro, at [newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org).



This is **Paph. Wossner Helene (charlesworthii x helene)**.

The flower is only about 1 1/2" tall. There is a second spike currently close to blooming. The plant is a miniature, is in a small bark mix and a 2" plastic container that gets watered 2x a week.

This, along with most my plants is fed very, very lightly each week. It's not a difficult plant to grow and I highly recommend this charming Primary Hybrid.

—Jeff Feldman

The **Paph. St. Swithin** is one of the most awarded orchids annually. It is a pretty easy paph to grow, can get 4-5 flowers per stem and each flower has a beautifully striped dorsal with very long, whisker-like sepals and an overall chestnut brown color. If you keep this hybrid happy by repotting once every 1-1.5 years, water 2x per week in summer and 1x per week in winter with dilute fertilizer (I use a product called "K-Lite" that has less potassium with added Mg and Ca which ladyslippers seem to appreciate; ¼ teaspoon/gallon) at each watering and give it high light levels (e.g. south facing window in winter and outside in partial sun all summer) it can get quite large over time.

Once these multiflorals reach a certain size with multiple growths, they become very reliable bloomers. For example, I repotted my large St. Swithin this summer (I use a mix of medium ochiata bark, medium charcoal, coarse perlite and medium coconut husk chips (CHC)) and it didn't miss a beat and even sent up a flower spike a month later! In fact, if you are patient enough (I have had this plant for 15+ years), stay on top of repotting, watering and feeding and have a little luck, you can even get 3-4 flower spikes at once. I was able to get mine to do just that last winter and won Best Cyripedium in Show at the NHOS show.



—Mike Badia

## What is that species?

Orchid Species ([www.orchidspecies.com](http://www.orchidspecies.com)) is an excellent source of information for the experienced and beginner grower. This site is an important tool for MOS members, as it offers an enormous database of registered orchids. You can find culture information, images and parentage of a wide variety of orchids with just your plant name. Take advantage of this site.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Miranda, Orchid Specialist of the Smithsonian. Please email [show@massorchid.org](mailto:show@massorchid.org) with questions or if you'd like to help out in some way.



[Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#)

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*Photos from the 2015 MOS Annual Show "World of Orchids"*

## 10% Discount for Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies (preorders at the MOS show)

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](http://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.

## Lyman Estate Greenhouses Fall Orchid Sale

The Lyman Estate Greenhouses' Fall Orchid Sale runs from **Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23**, 9:30a.m. - 4:00p.m, at the [Lyman Estate Greenhouses](#), 185 Lyman St., Waltham, Mass.



Celebrate orchid-blooming season. Hundreds of orchid plants are for sale, including many hard-to-find varieties. Visit the greenhouses and enjoy gorgeous floral colors, shapes, and scents.

Varieties on display and for sale include Cattleyas, Laelias, 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.)

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*If you would like to see something in the newsletter, just ask!*

## Upcoming Events

### Monthly meeting — October

Oct. 11, 7:00-9:30pm  
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

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[newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org)*

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[Gold Country Orchids 2 inch availability.docx](#)

and on their website: <http://www.goldcountryorchids.com>.

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1. Under discount enter the following code, **GCOD** (case sensitive)
2. Under shipping enter ship to a society
3. Under comments enter the name of your society or event we are to bring your plants.

You may email in your pre-order or call it in. This can be paid through their Paypal account via [gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com), with your credit card if you phone in your order or at the meeting with cash or check. Gold Country Orchids prefers that you **email or phone in your order** to 916-645-8600.

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Oct. 21-23 9:30am - 4pm

Lyman Estate Greenhouses, 185 Lyman St., Waltham, MA, 02452

*See feature about the Lyman Estate Greenhouses' Fall Orchid Sale above.*

## MOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Nov. 4-6

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

Show times and dates:

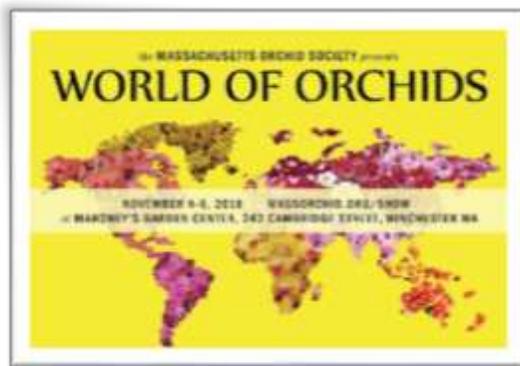
Friday Nov 4 12:30pm – 5:00pm

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](mailto: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:

[Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#)

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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 to [Sunset Valley Orchids](#) to place your order.



*August show-table photos,  
courtesy of Linda Pakravan*

## MOS show table (August meeting)

Please have your plants on the show table by 7:00 PM. Judging will start promptly at 7:15 PM. Plants arriving after judging starts may not be included in the formal judging. Thank you.

Name of plant	Exhibitor
Phal. solace	Jaroslav Luciw
Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'	Ulla Jurissen
Laeliocattleya Precious Stones	Jaroslav Luciw
Vanda hybrid	Charlie Briggs
Encyclia alata	Brandt Moran
Origami group	Michael LaFosse
Dendrobium Hibiki	Joey Pavey
Zootropion dayanum	Nick Pavey
Den. Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles'	Jaroslav Luciw
Den. Enoki 'Purple Splash'	Jaroslav Luciw
Cattleya loddigesii 'Lake View'	Jaroslav Luciw

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Show Table

[Linda Abrams](#)



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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 10 AM–NOON**

## *Beginning Orchid Growing Workshop*

You don't need a greenhouse to grow orchids. Learn the essentials to achieve success on your windowsill, from selecting the right plants to proper lighting, watering, fertilizing, and repotting. Taught by Greenhouse Manager Lynn Ackerman.

*\$25, \$20 Historic New England members, \$15 Garden and Landscape members. Registration required*

For more information, please visit  
[HistoricNewEngland.org](http://HistoricNewEngland.org)



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## 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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