

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

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## Message from the President

### *Hello, I must be going...*

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Since this is my last month serving as President, I truly want to thank everyone who helped make my two terms successful. Especially, I want to thank all of you who have stepped up whenever we needed to get things done. Thank you to all of the steadfast members who have this inexplicable love for orchids that has ~~suckered coerced~~ persuaded folks to do what was necessary, to ensure success at meetings and events. I wish I could thank every one of you by name, but thank you all! The Mass Orchid Society thrives because of folks who volunteer their time and we couldn't do it without your selfless contributions.

Our June meeting will feature Jason Fischer from Orchids Limited. There is a discount for pre-orders.... Pre-order deadline is 6/6/18. The variety and quality of plants at Orchids Limited is truly fantastic! Please order early and often.

There is progress in finding a spot for the show, but your help is still appreciated. Please contact [newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org) with your thoughts or suggestions.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President and I look forward to the future successes of the Massachusetts Orchid Society. Please consider serving in a position on the board. It's fun and a great way to meet more folks in the society.

In lieu of parting words, I hope that everyone has enjoyed my past letters and found in them a little bit of inspiration, a dash of meaningfulness and above all, sparkling wit! - Brian Leib 🌸



*Aerangis fastuosa*  
Linda Abrams



Dend. Hama Lake 'Prism'  
Jeff Feldman



Dend. Sashi 'Marchand'  
Joel Shelkroft



**MOS Upcoming Events**

**Monthly AOS Judging**  
**02 June 2018 10:30 AM**  
**Tower Hill Botanic Garden,**  
**11 French Dr, Boylston, MA**

**Monthly Meeting – Jason Fischer/Orchids**  
**Limited**  
**12 June 2018 7:30 PM • Sons of Italy,**  
**117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA**

**Monthly AOS Judging**  
**07 Jul 2018 10:30 AM**  
**Tower Hill Botanic Garden,**  
**11 French Dr, Boylston, MA**

**Monthly Meeting – Fred Clarke/Sunset**  
**Valley Orchids**  
**10 Jul 2018 7:30 PM • Sons of Italy,**  
**117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA**

**Monthly AOS Judging**  
**04 Aug 2018 10:30 AM**  
**Tower Hill Botanic Garden,**  
**11 French Dr, Boylston, MA**

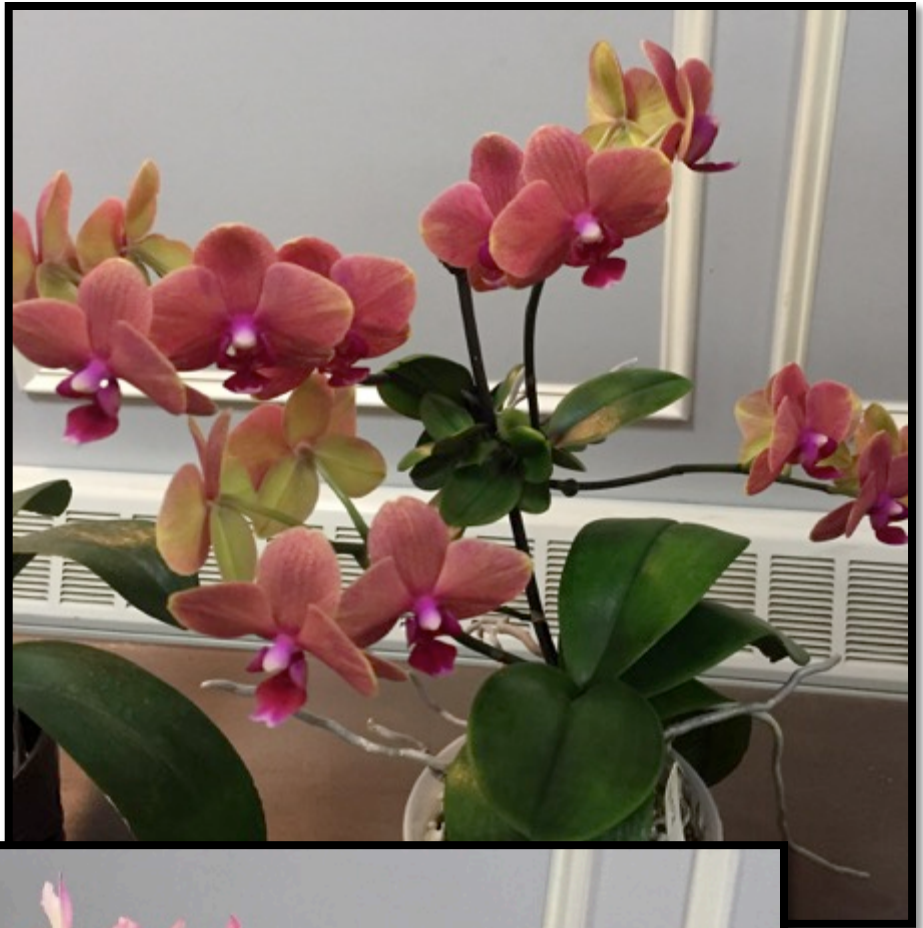


Phal. NOID



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 Brigitte Fortin

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Iwanagara Apple Blossom  
'Mendenhall'  
Anne Pfaff



***Our June featured guest will be Jason Fischer, of Orchids Limited.***

Pre-orders are discounted 10% if the order is placed by Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Order either online at [www.orchidweb.com](http://www.orchidweb.com) or by calling 800-669-6006. Be sure to tell them you are from MOS so your plants arrive at our meeting and not to another society's.

Jason Fischer works and helps manage Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota USA with his father Jerry Fischer. Orchids Limited opened in 1978 in Minnetonka in a small retail greenhouse and in 1983, moved to Plymouth where they have grown into a mid-sized operation of 4 greenhouses with 15,000 square feet of growing space, a shade house, and laboratory.

Jason has had a life-long education in orchids mainly from the opportunity to be raised in a family orchid business. Jason's educational interests were strongly influenced by Japan. He studied the Japanese language and culture for 6 years in high school and at the University of Minnesota. Jason lived in Kyoto, Japan from 2001 to 2003, and upon return decided to import Japanese orchid species and add a new niche to the business.

Having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from the business and hobbyists perspective. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with Phalaenopsis, which later on lead to Paphs, Phrags and miscellaneous hybrids.

Jason's first lecture on *Neofinetia falcata* at the Minnesota Orchid Society in 2004 was the kick-off for an amazing journey of lectures across America and Canada. He has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that won't put the audience to sleep.

Jason enjoys photographing orchids in situ, and has photographed orchids in situ in Japan, North America, Singapore, Malaysia and Western Australia.



Phal. NOID

Onc. Heaven Sent  
'Sweet Baby'  
Caron Savone



Neofenitia Hisui  
Bob Richter

Dend. Christy Dawn  
Jeff Feldman



Paph. NOID  
Ron Maloney



## Odds And Ends~

**FYI JOHN SULLIVAN,**  
AOS accredited Judge and Chair of the Northeast Judging Center, will be speaking at the Mid-Hudson Orchid Society on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 1:30 pm. His lecture will be about what makes a 'good' orchid flower.

### The Northeast Judging Center is Moving!

Effective July, 2018, the Northeast Judging Center of the American Orchid Society, currently based in Stamford CT, is moving to the [Frelinghuysen Arboretum](#), 353 East Hanover Ave, Morris Township, NJ 07960 just off of Interstate 287. Judging day remains the third Saturday of each month, just at a new location starting this July.

Why the move? We're bringing the judging closer to you! Many of our growers live in northern and central New Jersey. The move should facilitate more growers exhibiting their plants and encourage more growers to check out the judging program.

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum offers plentiful free parking and drive-up access to the lower level classroom where judging takes places for convenient plant drop-off. Everyone is welcome! Bring an orchid for judging, or just come and listen in. Either way, you'll learn a lot about your orchid.

Remember, the May 19 and June 16, 2018 judging days are at the current location, the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford CT. Then, starting with the July 21, 2018 and going forward, the judging is at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Come join us.

With orchids timing is everything. If your orchids are in their prime earlier in the month, the Northeast Judging Center in Boylston MA meets on the first Saturday of the month, and the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center meets in Philadelphia PA on the third Wednesday of the month. So, there are lot of opportunities to have your orchids judged and pick up a few tips from the judges.



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# GROW AND SHOW!



Please share your secrets of success (or laments) with all of our members! Everyone has their own approach to growing and flowering orchids, particularly here in New England. We're curious to know what works for you and the challenges you face. Whether you grow on a windowsill, summer outside, indoors under lights or in a greenhouse, start taking photos of your growing spaces and send them along with a short essay to: [newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org).

Just to get you started:

- How do you maintain proper humidity, light & temp levels indoors?
- What are some pros and cons of your lighting, ventilation and humidification systems?
- How to water without ruining your floors, messing up the bath or breaking your back carrying buckets.
- Greenhouse culture & setup; is yours a DIY or ready-made?
- Basement growing: induce flowering under lights; tracking day lengths and temps.
- Growing on mounts, in orchidariums, micro-climates, hydroponically...

Dear Members,

Many of you leave your flowering orchids sitting home, all alone while you're off having fun at our monthly meetings. Please don't let your babies feel left out! Bring them in for the show table! Let them bask in their beauty and be enjoyed by everyone! What I'm trying to say is, let's not be shy about it –beginners or advanced growers... we all want to see more flowers!



## • THE AOS CORNER •



### Seasonal Orchid Care

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.

Click here for [May/June Checklist](#)

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