

Massachusetts Orchid Society



September: Annual Auction

When?

Tuesday, September 13th. We will start at **7pm** instead of the usual 7:30.

What?

This is the society's biggest fundraiser. It's the perfect time to free up space for new plants (and fill it up again)! Donated plants are tax-deductible as are any bids over the fair market value.

Will There Be A Show Table?

No, but you can buy some more plants!

How Can I Help?

- Bring your extra or unwanted plants (please make sure plants are pest and disease free) and send Brian (brian@massorchid.org) a list ASAP so he can post on the website.
- Buy lots of plants
- Have fun!

Partial Plant List:

www.massorchid.org/auction

Like plant photos?

Check out page 2!

Orchid Trivia – Orchid Ice Cream



"Dondurma" is Turkish for "ice cream" but this is ice cream with a difference. For a start, you eat it with a knife and fork. It's made with a unique ingredient too – sahlelep, a natural gum produced from ground wild mountain orchids.

Sahlelep is the dried powdered root of a wild orchid that grows in southern Turkey. It's used as a thickener for a hot milk drink that is very popular in Turkey - but is also the natural gum that goes to give Maras ice cream its unique flavor and texture.

This special ice cream is boiled, stirred,

aerated and churned – both by hand and machine – to get an amazing texture. It takes a couple of hours to prepare it. You can eat it with a knife and fork because it melts very slowly and doesn't have that icy consistency you sometimes get with milk-based ice creams.

Sahlelep, known also as sahlab and saloop, was used to make a popular drink in 17th century England and is also prized for its health properties. It comes mainly from orchids native to Asia Minor but is actually grown all over the world – even in Germany and India. It's said to be good for stomach irritations and gastro-intestinal problems. The drink is still available in Turkey and in Turkish cafes in Australia – it is served hot with a dusting of cinnamon or nutmeg.

What's the most common genus used to make sahlelep?

Find out at the bottom of page 4.

Full text:

http://www.sbs.com.au/food/foodart/152/Dondurma_%28Turkish_Ice-cream%29

Upcoming Events

September 13th –

MOS Annual Auction

Time: **7pm**

Location:

Arlington Senior Center
27 Maple St, Arlington, MA

October 11th –

Speaker: Leon Glicenstein,
formerly of Hoosier Orchids

November 8th –

Speaker: Ray Barkalow

Topic: Hydroponics

Website: www.firstrays.com



Orchid Ice Cream

Photos:

<http://myorchidsjournal.blogspot.com/2011/05/turkish-wild-orchids-ice-cream.html>

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Show table
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Angraecum
Lemforde
White Beauty

Membership

MOS requests your 2011-2012 annual dues ASAP!

In order to have your name appear in our hard copy Membership Directory, payment must be received by **Sept. 30, 2011** (no exceptions!). Please send your \$20 dues to:

Susan Flier
27 Colchester Street, Brookline, MA 02446

Or bring you dues to the Sept. 13 meeting.

Hope to see you at the Annual Auction!

**MOS Welcomes
New Member**

**Sanford Levy
Swampscott, MA**

MOS Annual Auction Plant Photos

See more photos:
www.massorchid.org/auction

#10. Bc. Waiana King 'Kosaki'



#40. Miltassia Dark Star



#44. Sarcochilus ceciliae



#29. Phal. Natasha 'Joy' X I-Hsin George 'JH'



#13. Dendrobium crumenatum



#49. Paph. delenatii





Ask Joan

Q.

What do I do with a beautiful dendrobium which has become a group of lifeless, leafless green sticks?



A.

I find dendrobiums to be a tricky group. It took me a while to discover that if they lose their leaves it doesn't mean they are dead or that I should cut off the naked canes. There are evergreen dendrobiums and deciduous ones. There are really so many species in the Dendrobium alliance, some 1,400, that

it's best not to lose the label. It's your guide to how to care for the plant. Most of us enjoy these showy, colorful, easily available plants. They are mostly epiphytic, some have fat pseudobulbs but most have thin erect or pendent stems which we call canes. If you don't know which of the caned dendrobiums you have and it loses its leaves, here are some things to consider. All dendrobiums like high light, right up there with catts. They like to be underpotted and their roots may grow over the sides of the pot. Water and feed generously during growing period. True deciduous dendrobiums like cooler weather, outside down to 55 degrees. Then bring them in and give them a cool (but still intermediate) winter rest. During this dry period, if the canes seem to be shriveling, mist them or set them on a humidity tray. No water or fertilizer until growth appears. Don't cut off old canes unless they are dry and have no substance. Resume watering and the plant will produce colorful flowers along the leafless canes. *D. anosum*, *D. speciosum*, *D. moniloforme* are some examples.

An occasional column answering questions and providing orchid growing information. Some of this information is derived from the AOS member site and some from fellow MOS members. I've been growing orchids for about eight years, still a beginner, and this is a good way to learn and share. To keep the column lively and timely, please contribute your questions and comments to joan@massorchid.org

Book Review: Vanilla Orchids

Susan Flier

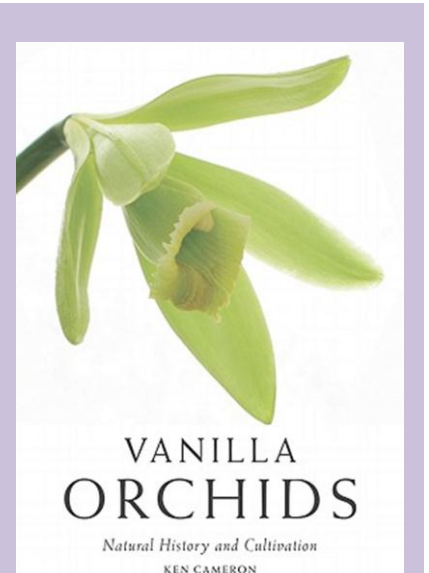
Author Ken Cameron, in his book *Vanilla Orchids Natural History and Cultivation*, leads the reader through the genus *Vanilla* orchids' origin, biology, cultivation and domestication of one of the oldest surviving members of the orchid family from the very early Pacific plantations of the Philippines, Tahiti, and other Old World islands to the present day production of one of the world's most popular flavor and fragrances. The tour includes pre-Columbian *Vanilla* in Mexico, the Spanish introduction of *Vanilla* to Europe, the French influence, and the explosion of plantations in Madagascar in the mid-19th century after a 12 year old slave developed a speedier and more reliable method of hand pollination which revolutionized the industry.

History aside, the reader is then immersed in the *Vanilla* species,

hybrids, pollination and cultivation of *Vanilla* at home and in the greenhouse. There is even a section on harvesting and processing the vanilla bean plus a bonus of 140 photographs.

Cameron, a botany enthusiast from an early age, became one of the first people to apply modern DNA sequencing methods to the study of orchid evolution and classification. As a result of his lab and field research, he has become an international authority on *Vanilla* and its relatives. Formerly a curator and director of the New York Botanical Garden's molecular systematics laboratory for ten years, he currently is professor of botany and director of the State Herbarium at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

This delightful little book is available in the MOS library. Those of you interested in reading *Vanilla Orchids*, please e-mail susan@massorchid.org



212 pages

Timber Press

Released June 14, 2011

Lists for \$34.95, but may be purchased for \$22 - \$25 online.

July Show Table Results

6 Plants Awarded

Judges: Jody Maggio, Joan Blackett, Brian Leib

| Plant | Owner |
|---|------------------------|
| <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> | Bob Richter |
| Ascda. Motes Hot Chestnut | Bob Richter |
| <i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Sasanomai' | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| <i>Gastrochilus japonicus</i> | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| <i>Angraecum Lemforde</i> White Beauty | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| <i>Phalaenopsis hybrid</i> | Charlie Briggs |

In an effort to get our meetings started by 7:30, we kindly request that show table plants be ready for judging by **7:15pm.**

April is National Orchid Month

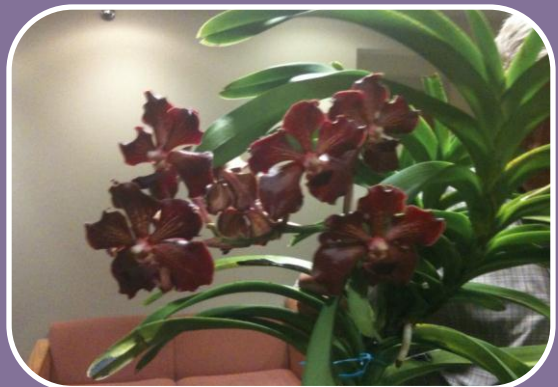
April has been designated National Orchid Month by the American Orchid Society to celebrate its 80-year anniversary and to increase awareness of the popular hobby of growing orchids. More people than ever are growing orchids, they have become the second most popular potted plants after Poinsettias.



Neofinetia falcata
'Sasanomai'



Gastrochilus japonicus



Ascda. Motes Hot Chestnut



Phal hybrid



Brassavola nodosa

Orchid Trivia Answer: Species of the genus *Orchis* are said to be the best sources of sahlep.

A NEW ENGLAND RAINFOREST

Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

Fri November 4, 1-5pm
Sat November 5, 9am-5pm
Sun November 6, 9am-4pm

Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA

Admission free to MOS and
THBG members.

www.massorchid.org/show

Seeking Volunteers

Hospitality

Greet visitors as they arrive at the show.

Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/mos20111>

Ribbon Judging

Ribbon judging will take place on Friday morning, November 4th. If you have never participated in clerking, but have always wondered what it's all about, please join us.

Contact: Adrienne adrienne@massorchid.org / 781-269-1059

Other

There are many roles that need to be filled. If you're interested in helping out with the show, please e-mail show@massorchid.org



Dear Members,

Every year the Connecticut Orchid Society puts together a beautiful display at our show. It would be great if we could return the favor.

If you would be interested in setting up (Thurs Oct 20) or breaking down (Sun Oct 23) the MOS display at this year's COS show, please get in touch with me.

Your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Sasha Varsanofieva
sasha@massorchid.org

Maine Orchid Society Invites You to Visit Longwood Gardens

Friday- Sunday March 23- 25, 2012

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn at Kennet Square, PA

Friday, March 23: Custom Coach & Limo will take the group from Portland, ME directly to Kennet Square, PA. The bus will pick up additional passengers in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Saturday, March 24: We will spend the entire day at world famous Longwood Gardens. We will be greeted at a special reception area and will receive a guided tour of the facility. We will attend the International Orchid Show and Sale, where many vendors and speakers from around the world will gather.

Sunday, March 25: Travel back to Manchester, New Hampshire, and Portland, Maine.

Contact: David Sparks / 46 Rousseau Road, Windham, ME 04062 / 207-892-8905 / dsparks51@roadrunner.com for more information or to be placed on the list for updates and further instructions. Please be sure to include your phone number and e-mail.

Maximum Cost of Trip (per person) – includes: all transportation, Longwood Gardens admission, and 2 night hotel stay (includes tax, portage, and 2 breakfasts) - **\$362***

*Price is for one person to a room. Sharing a room will lower room costs. The per person cost for the bus fare is based on 28 people who have signed up. Bus capacity is about 50 people with plenty of room for plants and souvenirs. Payment in Full will be expected to the Maine Orchid Society within a few weeks after we make our reservations; probably by the end of October, 2011.

Upcoming Events

| Date & Time | Event | Location |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Sat, September 10, All Day | "Focus on Phals" Day www.phal.org | Bedford Town Hall 3 Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford, NH |
| Tue, September 13, 7:30pm | MOS Annual Auction www.massorchid.org/auction | Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA |
| Sat, October 1, 10:30am | Monthly Regional AOS Judging | Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA |
| Tue, October 11, 7:30pm | Monthly MOS Meeting Speaker: Leon Glicenstein | Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA |
| Fri-Sun, November 4-6 | "A New England Rainforest" MOS Annual Show & Sale www.massorchid.org/show | Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA |

The MOS Annual Show needs your help!
Please volunteer: show@massorchid.org



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