

Massachusetts Orchid Society



June 12 (Tue): Plant Auction

June 23 (Sat): MOS Picnic

Plant Auction

Harry Kubick, long-time MOS member, has donated his collection to the MOS. We will be auctioning his plants at the June meeting.

Plant list:

<http://massorchid.org/kubickauction>



MOS Picnic

June 23rd, 12:30-3:30pm

Bob Richter's Home,
283 Elm St, North Reading, MA

The MOS will provide drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers. The rest of the food is up to you! Suggested dishes (by first letter of last name) are:

- A-F Salads
- G-L Desserts
- M-Z Appetizers / Chips & Dip

Spouses, significant others and orchid friends are welcome!

RSVP: <http://new.evite.com/services/links/APMCFRYJT4>

Next Month: Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

Peter Lin, owner of Big Leaf Orchids, will speak about "Novelty and Fragrant Phalaenopsis. In this program, he will use pictures of various novelty Phalaenopsis to show why this group deserves to be in an orchid collection. Peter will also share growing tips from his experience to keep these novelty Phalaenopsis happy.

He is offering a **10% discount on pre-ordered plants plus free shipping**. You can order from his store here <http://www.bigleaforchids.com/store/> and for a listing of his latest Phal. hybrid and species imports from Taiwan, go to http://massorchid.org/Resources/Documents/BigLeafOrchids_PriceList_Summer2012.pdf. To order from this list, send an email to: phal@bigleaforchids.com. **The pre-order deadline is Sunday, July 8, 2012.**

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, and turned his orchid growing into hybridizing. He started the company

Big Leaf Orchids in 1996, a family-owned operation in Southlake, Texas that specializes in Phalaenopsis orchids. Peter takes annual trip to Taiwan to personally see the latest Phalaenopsis development, and to hand select new varieties to add to his hybridizing and for his customers.

Peter specializes in growing Phalaenopsis as their flowers are long lasting: 2 to 3 months indoor and longer in a temperature-controlled greenhouse. Peter has received numerous AOS awards. His other interest in orchids include Vanda, Cattleya, and Paphiopedilum.



Upcoming Events

June 12 –

MOS Monthly Meeting
Plant Auction

Plant list:

massorchid.org/kubickauction

June 23 –

MOS Annual Picnic
12:30-3:30pm
(more info page 5)

July 10 –

MOS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Peter Lin
Topic: Phalaenopsis Breeding
www.BigLeafOrchids.com
10% off pre-orders

August 14 –

MOS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Fred Clarke
www.SunsetValleyOrchids.com



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Show table
photography by
Brigitte Fortin.

Tolumnia
Popoki 'Red'

Membership

Did you know you can now pay for your membership online using PayPal?
- log into your account on www.massorchid.org
- click "View Profile"
- click the "Renew" button.

Or send your dues (\$20 before July 1st) to:

Susan Flier, 27 Colchester Street,
Brookline, MA 02446

Or pay in cash or check at a meeting.

Membership dues are increasing effective July 1st to \$25 for a single membership and \$30 for a dual membership.

Please see page 5 for more information.

2012 Focus on Phals Day

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to our 2011 back-to-back IPA meetings, we are pleased to announce that the IPA Northeast Team will once again be co-hosting, on **Saturday, September 8th, 2012**, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Orchid Society our annual "Focus on Phals Day."

Dr. Ron McHatton will be our keynote speaker, giving his amazingly informative presentation on "New Approaches to Pest and Disease Control," a presentation that applies to every orchid grower.

Barring any potential hurricanes aiming for Puerto Rico, Carlos Fighetti will be speaking on the newest advances in the improvement of Phal species, covering some that might actually qualify as primary hybrids, despite the fact that

they're labeled as species. His presentation is entitled "Phal Species and Their Variants."

Carri will bring us all up to speed on the newest and most unique directions in Phal breeding as seen at the Taiwan International Orchid Show in March 2012. A nominal registration fee will provide a continental breakfast and lunch. The day will also include a roundtable discussion and regional fundraising mini-auction to enable us to continue to bring in great speakers.

Visit the IPA website (www.phal.org), beginning in April, where the registration forms will be posted. The meetings are open to all, IPA members and non-members alike.

- IPA Regions 17 & 18 Directors Marilyn Shapiro and Carri Raven-Riemann

Ask Joan



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

Q: I'd like to buy some orchids online. Where do I start?

A: It's fun to buy orchids online. And if you are careful you will find good buys and healthy plants. There are important things to consider as you begin this adventure. Think of which plants you want, and your growing conditions. It might be a good idea to start with vendors who have come to MOS meetings, considering the quality and type of orchids they bring. The Orchid Mall is also a good source of vendors, especially if you are looking for a particular family of orchids.

What is your price point? Some vendors have better values than others. For example, Oak Hill has been notable for good value. Now that they are transitioning to another owner, it's hard to know what to expect. One caution is to avoid seedlings and bare root plants, if you can. I find that they are more vulnerable than plants which are in pots or mounted and are NBS (near blooming size.) Do they package the plants carefully? Sometimes you only find out after you have ordered and received the plants. Therefore these are good points to consider. In general, vendors are

open to hearing your feedback or complaints.

Buying on E Bay is an art unto itself. It is an auction site where you can bid on plant you want. Or, you may have an orchid or family of orchids, or vendor you would like to explore. You can start by browsing the Orchid section in the keyword search (more than four thousand entries), or you can indicate a keyword search for "miniature cattleyas" or species orchids or for a vendor such as "Mostly Species", (Marni Turkel's site). Save the item that you are looking for and E- Bay will send you a notice for new items that match your search. A good rule is that if the plants advertised are by vendors you don't know you will have to depend on the criteria you are given. For example, a top rated seller will have a gold seal. Pay attention to the shipping costs too. You may find the same item shipping for less with a different vendor.. Think twice before ordering something from Thailand, or other foreign lands. Just as in a real auction, you learn by experience. And it can be fun.

TAXONOMIC REVISION OF DRESSLERIA (ORCHIDACEAE, CATASETINAE)

ABSTRACT

A taxonomic revision of the neotropical orchid genus *Dressleria* Dodson is presented. A total of 12 species are included, a key to identification is given, and all species are illustrated with photographs or line drawings. *Dressleria williamsiana* H.G. Hills, sp. nov., is described.

The genus *Dressleria* was established by Dodson (1975) for a group of species previously included in a broadly defined *Catasetum* L.C. Rich. *Dressleria* is distinguished from *Catasetum* by having consistently bisexual flowers, persistent leaves, and large inflorescence bracts (Fig. 1). *Dressleria* differs from a second segregate from *Catasetum* with bisexual flowers, *Clowesia* Lindl. By having the lip adnate to the column, fleshy flowers, and pollinia under pressure but lacking a trigger.

Dressleria plants are characteristically pale green and bear white to greenish or yellowish flowers noted for their strong fragrances. Unlike *Catasetum* and *Clowesia*, pollinia of *Dressleria* become attached to the underside of the pollinator rather than onto the back of the pollinator.

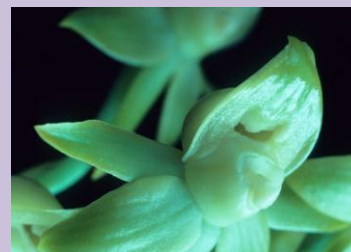
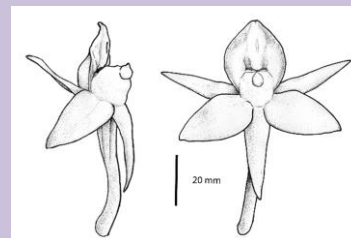
Several problems are apparent in previous studies of *Dressleria*. First, as is true of many other groups of fleshy flowered orchids, it is helpful to work from fresh or liquid preserved material. Second, there are few preserved specimens. This

is probably partially due to the difficulty of maintaining plants in greenhouse culture where they are often treated as being like the ecologically very different *catasetums*. The flowers last only 5-7 days; therefore field collections of pressed flowers are rare. Finally many of the published illustrations do not show the size and shape of the opening to the sac of the lip that is one of the more diagnostic characters in separating species. Some published illustrations have been made from previously dried and inadequately hydrated flowers and lack critical details.

Dressleria species are most easily identified from flowers that have been allowed to mature before being photographed, drawn or preserved because the position of sepals and petals is useful in distinguishing species. The final position of the segments is not fixed until 2-3 days after the flowers open, at which time floral fragrance is evident. Fragrance too is a useful character but unfortunately it is available only on fresh flowers. It is essential to view the opening to the saccate portion of the lip to distinguish species.

Full publication:
<http://www.phytoneuron.net/PhytoN-Dressleria.pdf>

Dressleria williamsiana



May Show Table Results

Plant	Owner
Phal. Hybrid	Pam Swearingen
Vanda Sensai Blue	Brigitte Fortin
Lc. Hausermann's Essence 'Splash Down'	George Baltoumas
Phal. Pine Hill 'Fireworks'	Pam Swearingen
Phal. Sogo Lawrence 'Taida'	Joel Shelkrot
Paph. Wosner Vietnam Gold	Brigitte Fortin
Lc. Trick or Treat	Linda Abrams
Phrag. bessiae	Linda Abrams
Tolumnia Popoki 'Red'	Bob Richter
C. mossiae 'Semi Alba H&R'	Bob Richter
Brassavola nodosa	Bob Richter
Epi. Serena O'Neill	Bob Richter
Tolumnia Irene Gleason	Bob Richter
Phrag. Jason Fisher	Brandt Moran
Lycaste aromatica	Brandt Moran
Group of Sedirea japonica	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Angraecum florulentum	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Paph. delenatii 'Dunkel'	Ralph & Chieko Collins

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.**



Lc. Trick or Treat



Vanda Sensai Blue



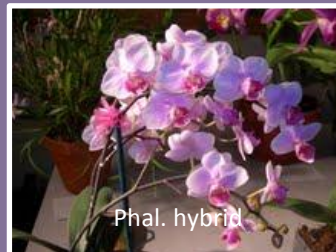
Phal. Sogo Lawrence 'Taida'



Phrag. bessiae



Phal. Pine Hill 'Fireworks'



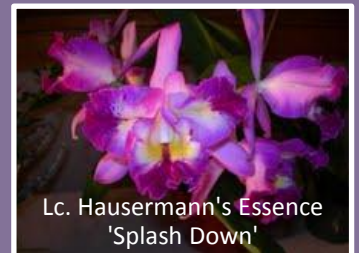
Phal. hybrid



Paph. Wosner Vietnam Gold



Lycaste aromatica



Lc. Hausermann's Essence 'Splash Down'



Epi. Serena O'Neill



C. mossiae 'Semi Alba H&R'



Angraecum florulentum

MOS Picnic

June 23rd, 12:30-3:30pm

Bob Richter has been kind enough to open his home for a picnic. Join us for a barbecue and potluck lunch and explore Bob's beautiful greenhouse filled with thousands of orchids.

The MOS will provide drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Please RSVP by Saturday, June 16th so we know how much food to buy.

The rest of the food is up to you! Suggested dishes (by first letter of last name) are:

- A-F Salads
- G-L Desserts
- M-Z Appetizers / Chips & Dip

Please note: To give our grill masters time to enjoy the event, the grill will run from 1pm-2pm.

Spouses, significant others and orchid friends are welcome!

RSVP:

new.evite.com/services/links/APMCFRYJT4

Location: 283 Elm St, North Reading, MA

MOS Membership Dues Increasing Effective July 1st

If you've already renewed for the 2012-2013 year, thank you! If no, there's a change in MOS Membership Dues, and it's time to renew your membership!

Starting July 1, 2012 dues for a SINGLE person annual membership will be \$25. A TWO-PERSON membership will be \$30.

Do you like a great deal? Pay your 2012-2013 dues before July 1st and pay the current rate of \$20 for single and dual memberships!

The easiest method to renew is by using PayPal. Login to the MOS website, www.massorchid.org, click "View Profile", click "renew" and follow the prompts.

If you prefer, you may send a check to Susan Flier, 27 Colchester Street, Brookline, MA 02446
And, remember, rates change July 1st.

Whichever way you choose, do it now and save!

Change in dues is based online membership vote:
Raise single membership dues to \$25: Yes – 75, No – 0
Raise dual membership to \$30: Yes - 72, No - 3



Yes, you. Through the Mass Orchid Society, I've met many kind, knowledgeable, and generous orchid lovers. You help at our annual show, bring snacks for our hospitality table, hand out divisions of plants, and share your valuable experience to those us less experienced. Thank you for all your help.

I ask that you consider serving as a director on the board or on a committee. The annual show is also in the planning stages and we need your help.

Volunteering is a great way to see how others grow their plants as well as enjoy the company of some very lovely people, but most importantly, help MOS.

If you're interested in helping out, please get in touch with one of the board members (full list on page 2) or e-mail adrienne@massorchid.org Thanks!

- Adrienne

J&L Annual Summer Sale

The excitement is building as we prepare for J & L's largest annual event, our Summer Sale, June 29th thru July 8th. **All J & L Stock is 15 % off**, plus we will have a large bargain bench! We have been busy dividing many of our stock plants and have recently received exciting shipments...

The first weekend, June 29, 30 and July 1, we have guest vendors, special workshops and great food. The workshops times are 11AM and 1PM, on Sunday, July 1.

Carrie of The Orchidophile, will be bringing a variety of blooming novelty phalaenopsis including many miniature multifloral types, rare species, and lots of fragrant selections. She will be releasing some of the unique phalaenopsis purchased during her March trip to Taiwan. Carrie will give a phalaenopsis workshop addressing the successful culture of this popular genus.

Lauris from Cal-Orchid will have a wide range of species and hybrids, many in bloom and spike, so there will be lots of great choices. This is a super opportunity to buy plants from this popular west coast company and to get first hand cultural advice about growing their orchids. Lauris' culture workshop is always humorous and very informative.

Although our guest vendors leave, our sale continues through the week and to liven up the last weekend of the sale we will be hosting a free Terrarium Workshop on Saturday, July 7th.

Reservations are necessary so please contact us to hold a spot for you.

We are open for business from 9 to 4

J&L Orchids
20 Sherwood Rd. Easton, CT 06612
(203) 261-3772 www.jlorchids.com

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Tue, June 12, 7:30pm massorchid.org/kubickauction	Monthly MOS Meeting: Auction - Harry Kubick's Orchid Collection	Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA
Sat, June 23, 12:30-3:30pm	MOS Annual Picnic (see page 5)	Bob Richter's Greenhouse
Sat, July 7, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, July 10, 7:30pm	Monthly MOS Meeting www.BigLeafOrchids.com	Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA
Sat, August 4, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, August 14, 7:30pm	Monthly MOS Meeting www.SunsetValleyOrchids.com	Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA

The June meeting will be an auction of Harry Kubick's collection.

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