

Massachusetts Orchid Society



September: Premium Plant Auction

Start Time: **7pm**

Since the MOS has held 3 auctions in the last 12 months, the MOS Board has made the decision to do something a little different and make this year's annual auction into a premium plant auction. We will auction off only quality plants that we have purchased from vendors.

Members are welcome to contribute special plants, but we ask that they be pest and disease free. If you have a plant to contribute, please e-mail sasha@massorchid.org so we can enter it in the plant list.

Plant List

www.massorchid.org/auction

(with pictures and descriptions)

Come for the Orchids, Stay for the Food

If you attended last year's auction or have volunteered at our past Annual Shows, you're one of the lucky members to feast on MOS members Kathy and Cliff Derderian's delectable dishes. We are so very fortunate to have them back at this year's auction, where they will once again cover our hospitality table with an array of savory and sweet delights.

You'll be able to hear the auctioneers as you fill your plate with the Derderians' creations, so you won't miss bidding on that special plant you've had your eye on.

Because of the auction, our meeting starts a bit earlier this month, at 7 p.m. I hope to see all of you there as this one of the highlights of our calendar year: great food and beautiful orchids. Seriously, how could it get any better?

Next Month: Bob Winkley, Plant Grooming for Shows

Orchids deserve to look their best when they're putting on their show. Proper staking and grooming can make a big difference in how orchid flowers appear.

Flowers and spikes of orchids can be heavy and, if they aren't

staked properly, they'll open at an awkward and disconcerting angle. This can be a distraction, because the most interesting and alluring perspective to view orchids is usually the head-on view.

Orchid judges notice. Looking for ribbons? Learn how to get them.

Upcoming Events

September 11 –
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massorchid.org/auction

October 9 –
MOS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Bob Winkley
Topic: Grooming Plants for Shows

November 2-4 –
MOS Annual Show
"Orchid Jubilee"
Celebrating 60 Years of MOS

November 13 –
MOS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Bill Thoms
Topic: Bulbophyllums



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Show table
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Membership

2012-2013 membership dues were due July 1st. Please renew your membership if you haven't done so!

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 (\$25 individual/\$30 dual) to: Adrienne Giovino, 47 Spellman Rd, Westwood, MA 02090

Or pay in cash or check at a meeting.

Last Call - 2012 Focus on Phals Day

In just six short weeks, on **September 8th** the New England and New York/Eastern Canada Regions of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) will be hosting their Second Annual "Focus on Phals" Speakers' Day—a fun and informative day-long event with IPA members and non-members alike. We will be in Bedford, New Hampshire sharing the day with the regular monthly meeting of the New Hampshire Orchid Society.

Our Keynote Speaker is Ron McHatton, PhD, AOS Director of Education and Chief Operating Officer, speaking on "New Approaches to Pest & Disease Control," a brilliant presentation that applies to all orchid growers, giving them new insight into these problems with new ways to control them—a fabulous talk that is not to be missed!

Our second guest speaker is Carlos Fighetti, Immediate Past President of the AOS and

current President of the IPA. He will be speaking on "Phal Species & Their Variants: Are They or Not?" With so many new and improved forms of Phal species being shown now, he will explore the question of whether they are actually a species or a primary hybrid.

Our third speaker, Carri Raven-Riemann, New England Regional Director, past IPA President and owner of the orchidPhile, will present "The Best, the Brightest, the Smallest—New Breeding Directions for 2012" with a special emphasis on the newest brilliantly colored novelties and adorable space-saving Micro-Minis currently being bred in Taiwan.

Registration forms for both events are available for download from www.phal.org/events.htm. The minimal Registration Fee covers food expenses. Therefore, it's important to send in your registration by **September 3rd** so enough food and chairs can be provided.

**MOS Welcomes
New Member**

**Michael Badia
Bedford, MA**



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

Ask Joan

Q: We've had a dryish summer and some of my orchids were outside. I know I should be bringing them in soon. But what else can you tell me about how to take care of orchids in the fall?

A: Thanks for asking. No need to rush bringing the orchids in since the temperature will probably not get down to 55 before well into October. In fact we may still have some very hot days. But this time will allow you to carefully plan your fall clean-up routine and not rush through it all.

First I'd like to mention a treatment that I have recently started giving my orchids and which you too may like to try. Various sources have good things to say about the use of magnesium, (Epson Salts from your local drug store). This trace mineral is said to green up the leaves, increase growth, and produce more robust plants. Use one teaspoon per gallon, every time you fertilize. Since you will be reducing the fertilizer through the late fall and winter, you can easily use it year-round. Magnesium is said to be especially helpful in aiding Phals to flower well. So you'll get a good head start for your fall blooming Phals

But to get back to your question: Warm growing orchids such as dendrobiums and oncidiums should be moved indoors first. Phals, catts, and cymbids like a cooler temperature and can stay out a while longer. Dendros would benefit from a low nitrogen formula fertilizer now to promote good flowering.

To clean your pots and get rid of unwanted pests, you can dip your plants into a soapy solution or spray insecticidal soap over the plant after thoroughly soaking them with water. By submerging the plants into soapy water, using dishwashing detergent or laundry detergent, slugs or earwigs or other unwanted insects will crawl out of the pot. After making sure all pests escape, you can rinse them with clean water. Do this several times to be sure you've rid the plant of the pests.. Happily, you may need to plan for repotting some orchids that have had a growth spurt over the summer. The plants still have some time to settle in before their rest period. Greg Allikas has a good repotting video on U-Tube, and there are many other orchid specialists who can help with this task.

Orchid of the Month: *Angraecum didieri*

Intro:

Angraecum didieri is native to Madagascar and grows at an elevation of 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The miniature *Angraecoid* has star-shaped 2" flowers on a plant barely 3" in size. This plant is easy to grow and flower.

Light:

This plant prefers 1,500 to 3,500 footcandles. When growing under fluorescent lights grow within ten inches of the tubes. East windows are ideal in a home or a south window during the dead of winter for Northern or Southern extremes. In the greenhouse grow at between *Cattleya* and *Phalaenopsis* light.

Temperature:

This plant prefers intermediate temperatures with winter nighttime lows between 58 and 62 degrees and winter daytime highs of 70 degrees or above. Summer temperatures can be a few degrees higher.

Humidity:

50% or higher is ideal.

Water:

Use rain, distilled or reverse osmosis water

for best results. Municipal water with a pH of 7.5 or lower can also be used. Water the plant when the mix just dries out. It should be thoroughly watered so that water is flushing out all of the drain holes. When in flower, keep more evenly moist.

Flowering:

This plant flowers in late summer to fall months. The flowers are large in size. Plants that are barely 3" across can produce flowers 2" in size. The flowers are star-shaped with white, rounded, somewhat elongated lips, and are fragrant in the evening smelling like a combination of spicy candy and floral scent. When buds appear and during the flowering period it is important to keep this plant more evenly moist between watering.

Repotting:

This plant prefers a bark mix, charcoal or tree fern fiber as potting media. Pot in clay pots. They can also be mounted on cork or tree fern slabs. Repot or remount these plants only when necessary being careful not to damage the roots. It is best to repot in spring months when active growth is occurring.



Full article:

<http://www.orchidweb.com/orchidofweek.aspx?id=428>

August Show Table Results

Plant	Owner
Haraella odorata	Joan Gitlin
Dendrobium Ise	Brigitte Fortin
Encyclia cochleata	Brigitte Fortin
Dyakia hendersoniana	Sasha Varsanofieva
Dtps. Yupin Lady	Adrienne Giovino
Phal. (Brother Pepride x Kuntrati Karashati)	Adrienne Giovino
Den. moniliforme Shiten-daidou	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Angraecum Lemforde 'White Beauty'	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Paph Godefroyae	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.**



Dtps. Yupin Lady



Encyclia cochleata



Phal. (Brother Pepride x Kuntrati Karashati)



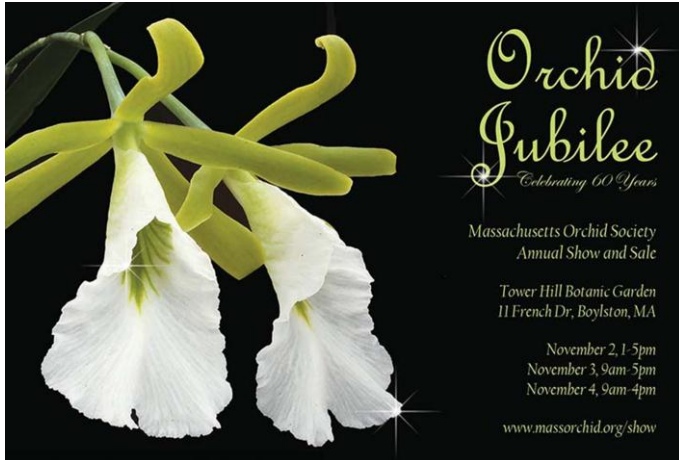
Den. moniliforme Shiten-daidou



Paph Godefroyae

MOS Annual Show "Orchid Jubilee"

Celebrating 60 Years of the Massachusetts Orchid Society



Friday November 2, 2012: 1pm-5pm

Saturday November 3, 2012: 9am-5pm

Sunday, November 4, 2012: 9am-4pm

This year's show will once again be held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Boylston, MA

Join the MOS for exhibits of blooming orchids, potting demonstrations, educational sessions, hourly plant raffles and sales of orchids and supplies.

Tower Hill Admission:

Adults \$12 / Seniors \$9 / Youth (6-18) \$7

Free to THBG and MOS members as well as children under six

Seeking volunteers:

If you would like to help out with the show please e-mail show@massorchid.org

Participating Vendors:

A&P Orchids www.AandPOrchids.com
Art Embroidered www.ArtEmbroidered.com
Bob Cleveland Orchids noversun@live.com
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Additional Show Info:

www.massorchid.org/show



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



This beauty arrived too late to be judged as part of the show table, so it gets honorable mention here!

Grower: Brandt Moran

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Tue, September 11, 7:00pm	Premium Plant Auction www.massorchid.org/auction	Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA
Sat, October 6, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
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