

Massachusetts Orchid Society



New Location! New Location! New Location!

The Arlington Senior Center has asked us to find a new location. The **April** and **May** meetings will be held at:

Winchester Sons of Italy
117 Swanton St
Winchester, MA

This location is about 4 miles from Arlington.

We welcome your feedback on the location as well as suggestions for alternate meeting places:

mos@massorchid.org

Thanks for your understanding and we hope to see you on April 9. Joe Silva will be giving a presentation on the theories of orchid potting. Lots to learn!



April: Joe Silva, Silva Orchids

Topic: Orchid Potting Theory

Joe Silva will speak on the history of orchids in New England with changing theories on potting media and how different theories on culture evolve. Joe is a second generation orchid grower who along with his brother Tony operates Silva Orchids in Neptune, New Jersey. The brothers sell premium quality flowering orchids and other orchid specimens to the high end flower shops in New York City. Their greenhouse are open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays. The company has received over 75 AOS awards and

they were the winner of the 2006 Ernest Hetherington Award for the best plant grown in the country for that same year and the Robert Dugger Award for the best *Odontoglossum* grown in 2005. Silva Orchids is also the home of the Shore Orchid Festival held annually in June.

Joe will be selling plants and Orchiata bark potting media.

- <http://www.silvaorchids.com>
- silvaorchids@optonline.net
- Info about Orchiata bark: www.acadianwholesale.com/FAQ.aspx

Upcoming MOS Events

April 9 –

MOS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Joe Silva

Website: www.silvaorchids.com

Topic: Orchid Potting Theory

May 14 –

MOS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Carrie Raven-Reimann

Website:

www.facebook.com/orchidPhile

Topic: Taiwanese Phal Breeding

Pre-order:

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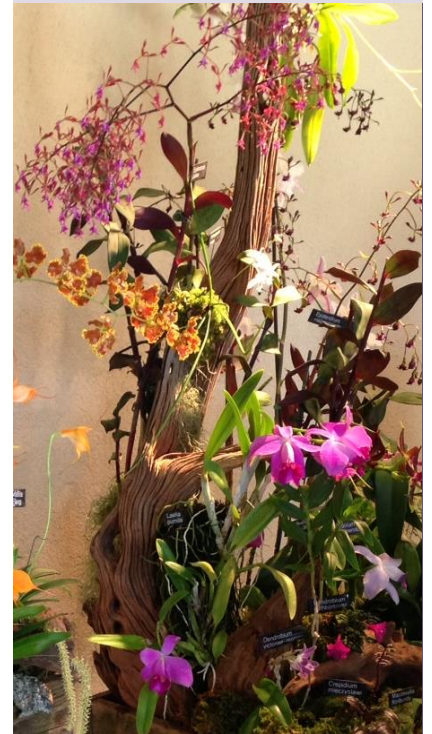
June 10 –

MOS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Satomi Kasahara

Website: www.seed-engei.com

Topic: Neofinetia Falcata



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Show table
photography by
Brigitte Fortin.

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(Great Pacific x
Spotgen)

Membership

Have membership questions?

E-mail our membership chair:
Adrienne@massorchid.org

Want to get a jump start on your
membership dues for 2013-2014?

Renew online:

www.massorchid.org

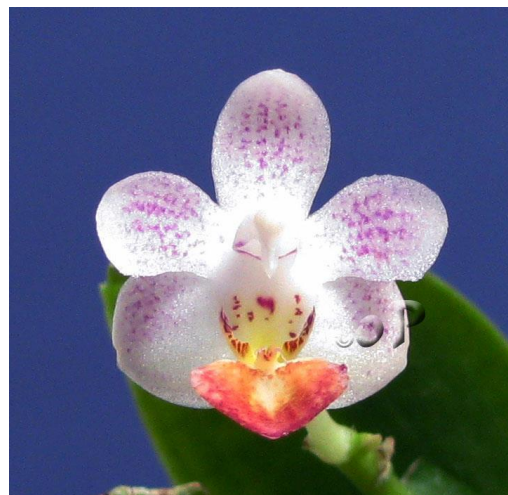
- Log in using your e-mail
- Click "Renew"

MOS Welcomes New Members

**Howard McLendon
Dorchester, MA**

**Robert Niquette Jr.
Granby, MA**

May Meeting: The orchidPhile



Website:

www.facebook.com/orchidPhile

Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile will talk about the best and newest Phalaenopsis hybrids seen at the March 2013 Taiwan International Orchid Show. She will have plants for sale and you can preorder from her spring list here:

[http://massorchid.org/Resources/Documents/PRE-ORDER%20LIST%20\(compact\)%20-%20Spring%202013.pdf](http://massorchid.org/Resources/Documents/PRE-ORDER%20LIST%20(compact)%20-%20Spring%202013.pdf)



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: Dear Joan, I have been growing orchids for a long time and I am discouraged that I don't have much luck getting most of them to rebloom. They don't die but just limp along, sometimes just growing more leaves. I've tried giving them more light, and more fertilizer. My collection includes phalaenopsis, dendrobiums some oncidiums and a couple of paphiopedilums. I grow under fluorescent lights.

A:

This is a frustratingly common problem. To some extent the solution is by trial and error. But I will tell you what I've found.

Light, temperature, humidity and air movement are key elements in successful orchid growing without a greenhouse. Ninety percent of the time, if orchids are not blooming, this suggests that there is not enough light. So I will focus on the light problem.

Orchid lighting is calculated by a measure called foot candle, which is a unit of the measure of the intensity of light falling on a surface. You've read the instructions about putting your hand above the leaves to see the shadow cast?

A more fool-proof measure of foot candle is a light meter. Hydroform makes a very effective light meter that costs about \$20.00.

Care sheets for a particular orchid often make the following recommendations: Low to medium light: 500 to 2000 foot candles; This includes orchids such as phalaenopsis, paphiopedilum, masdevallia or ludisia . 2,000 foot-candles= two hours of filtered sunlight per day, 14 hours of fluorescent light within 8 inches of the tubes.

Medium light is in the 2000 to 3000 foot candle level and these orchids include, oncidium, miltonia, dendrobium. = four hours of sunlight per day, 16 hours of fluorescent light within 6 inches of the tubes.

High light loving plants include cattleya, cymbidium and vanda . High light = 3,000 4,000 foot-candles, six hours of sunlight per day, positioned within 3 inches of tubes, near the center of the fixture. 12 hours of fluorescent light or less. Avoid leaf burn. Remember that plants are sensitive to day length.

Variables include, placing the plant in the center of the light tube or at the end, using T-5 fluorescent tubes that provide more intense light, and reducing the duration of time under the lights in the winter. Here is a reference:

http://books.google.com/books?id=dGeTl-3wH28C&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage

Orchid of the Month: *Caleana major* (The Large Duck Orchid)

Caleana major is a terrestrial orchid, very difficult to spot because of its size and inconspicuous colouring in bushland. It is found in exposed sunny locations in heath, woodland and open forests, often in groups.

2-4 flowers grow on a green stem to 40cm high. The single leaf, arising near the base of the stalk, is about 10cm high and reddish.

The 'upside-down' flower is reddish-brown, 15-20 mm long. The labellum or tongue, at the top, is a deep red and attached to the rest of the flower by a sensitive strap. Pollination is via male sawflies. When the insect touches the sensitive labellum it snaps shut, trapping the insect in the sticky body of the column. It deposits pollen it may be carrying and picks up more. It is then released to fly to the next orchid.

Caleana major was named after George Caley, an early botanical collector.

Caleana major flowers from September to January.

Original text:

http://www.friendsoflanecovenationalpark.org.au/Flowering/Flowers/Caleana_major.htm



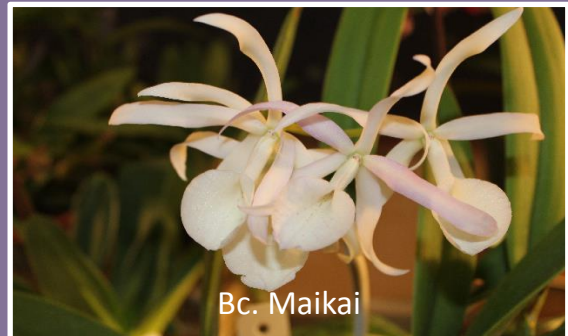
March Show Table Results

Plant	Owner
Lc. Fire Dance 'Patricia'	Bob Richter
Paph. Great Pacific x Spotglen	Bob Richter
Den. Aussie Chip	Joan Gitlin
Paph. Fairburn x Milmore 'Khasi'	Charlie Briggs
Paph. Wossner v. aloari	Brigitte Fortin
Bc. Maikai	Joe Rajunas
Dtps. Leopard Prince 'Sogo' HCC/AOS	Brigitte Fortin
Phal. Sogo Lawrence 'Taida'	Brigitte Fortin
Phal. Hybrid	George Baltoumas
Phal. Wedding Promenade	Edward Lipchus
Pair of Mini Phals	Elizabeth Janko

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.**



Phal. Hybrid



Join the MOS Board

We are looking for directors to join the MOS board. Please help out the society by volunteering an extra day per month. You also get to hang out with the other board members and we're really, really fun!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Sasha
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Hospitality

Bring a snack to the meeting. Not only will you be everyone's favorite orchid grower, but you get an extra raffle ticket to boot!

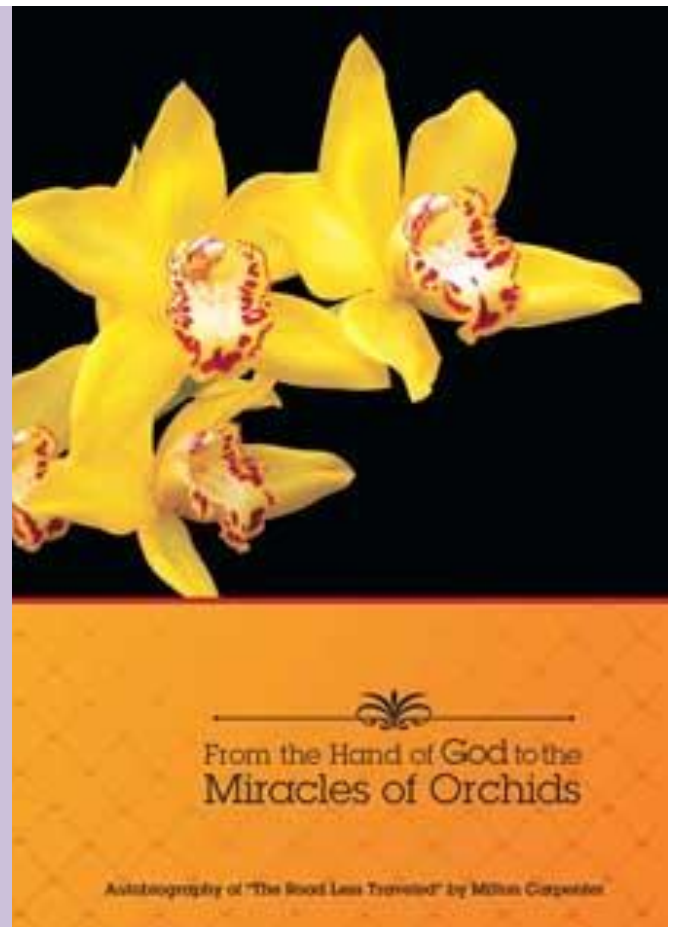


Book Review

When Milton Carpenter's wife, Nancy, was in the hospital for the delivery of their second daughter, Peggy Ruth, he gave her a flowering plant of *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Brassocattleya*) *Springtide*. The large, pinkish, fragrant cattleya cast its spell over this Florida native and so began his journey into the world of orchids. Decades later he has written the lavishly illustrated book *From the Hand of God to the Miracles of Orchids* that chronicles his life with these seductive plants from many angles, including that of grower, hybridizer, judge, speaker, traveler, photographer and owner of the nursery Everglades Orchids. Coupling this book with the two discs that come tucked inside the cover — one with narrative of 10 trips, the other filled with music — reveals that the joy of orchids is rooted in the friendships these plants make possible, both at home and abroad.

Carpenter welcomes the reader into his world, providing a glimpse of his upbringing, college, work, public service and hobbies, all the while mentioning orchids as one progresses from one chapter to the next. It's a sort of family-orchids scrapbook crammed with adventures, tales, facts, personalities and destinations, plus mentions of his involvement with the American Orchid Society, which he served in various capacities, including that of president. Carpenter's casual writing style makes for engaging reading that is made even more so because the lively text is peppered with the names of orchid personalities that will be familiar to long-time growers as well as orchid trivia that offers newcomers a glimpse of just how much fun orchids can be.

Continue reading: <http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=665>

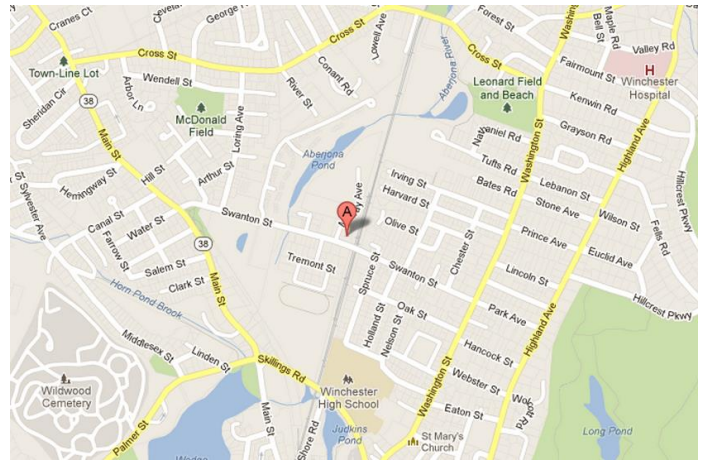
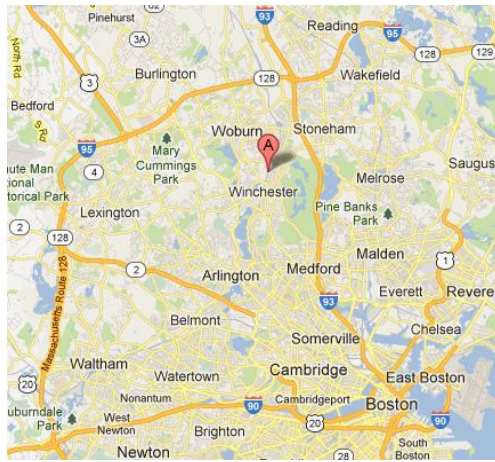


Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Tue, April 9, 7:30pm	Monthly MOS Meeting www.silvaorchids.com	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester MA
Sat, May 4, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, May 14, 7:30pm	Monthly MOS Meeting facebook.com/orchidPhile Pre-order info on Page 2	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester MA

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