

Massachusetts Orchid Society



April: Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids Topic: Dendrobium Species

MOS is fortunate to have Peter T. Lin as a speaker this month. This is his only east coast appearance in 2014, so join us for this rare opportunity.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 10 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids

include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as indoors under lights.

Peter will be bringing plants for sale. He is offering **10% discount if you pre-order your plants by this Friday, April 4, 2014.**

Go to www.diamondorchids.com/orchid-catalog.html to download the PDF catalog and then email lin.petert@yahoo.com to place your order.

Proposed Change to Bylaws: Please Attend April Meeting

At the April 8th meeting we conduct a vote to add the following article to the MOS bylaws. We need to achieve a quorum, to pass the motion so please attend the meeting.

"Article IX Internet Voting

All of the Society's votes may be completed by using an **internet based ballot**. Notice of the vote and voting deadlines shall be provided to the Members in good standing by the delivery of a monthly newsletter at least 30 days prior to the vote. The monthly newsletter shall designate

whether the vote will take place at the Society's meeting or by the use of the internet based ballot. Members may opt out of the internet based ballot by notifying the Society. After a Member opts out of the internet based ballot, that Member will receive a hard copy ballot and shall continue to receive the hard copy ballot until the Member notifies the Society otherwise. The Society must receive all forms of ballots by the voting deadline."

Current bylaws:

http://massorchid.org/Resources/Documents/mos_bylaws.pdf

Upcoming MOS Events

April 8 –

MOS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Peter T. Lin

Topic: Dendrobium Species

www.diamondorchids.com

May 13 –

MOS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Darrin Norton

Topic: Pleurothallids

www.mountainorchids.com

June 10 –

MOS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Brandt Moran

Topic: Laelia Breeding



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Show table photos
by Brigitte Fortin

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'Mendenhall'

Membership

Have membership questions?

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

Membership dues: individual membership - \$25, dual - \$30

Renew online:

<http://massorchid.org/Content/Wizard/Renewal/MemberRenewal.aspx>

Renew by mail: Please mail a check made out to Massachusetts Orchid Society to Mass Orchid Society, PO Box 550141, Waltham, MA 02455



Flowering plant under cultivation

Orchid of the Month: Papilionanthe vandarum

There are many terete Vandas that are now grouped under Papilionanthe. In this group the most spectacular and beautiful flowered one is Papilionanthe Miss Joaquim 'Agnes' - the national flower of Singapore and a natural hybrid of *P. hookeriana* x *P. teres*. Papilionanthe teres, *P. hookeriana*, and *P. subulata* are a few popular species.

Distribution: Found in NE Himalayas, Nepal, Myanmar and Southern China.

Plant: Most of the terete vandas like to climb. The leaves are modified into a pencil like structure (named after this). These leaves grow alternately on the main stem. They are erect growing epiphytes forming large masses with plenty of branching. Generally the

flowering season is in spring. Flowers are produced in pairs of white and pink in color.

Light: Terete Vandas like full sun with plenty of humidity and aeration.

Temperature: These plants withstand temperatures in the high 90s.

Humidity: This is a typical epiphyte which tends to do well with lots of humidity and copious watering.

Nutrition: These plants require very little maintenance. Dilute fertilising with a balanced fertilizer will result in good response with beautiful flowers.

Article by: Dr K.S. Shashidhar

Original article: <http://www.toskar.org/papilionanthe-vandarum>

Thank You for making our Boston Flower & Garden Show Exhibit a Great Success!

Display Design: Brigitte Fortin

**Display Set-up and Breakdown:
Brigitte Fortin, Adrienne Giovino, Sasha Crotty**

Plants: A&P Orchids, Swansea, MA
www.aandporchids.com

River Rocks: Northeast Landscaping, Chichester, NH
www.northeastgardencenter.com

Wood: Red Rail Farm, Lincoln, MA

Plants: Brigitte Fortin, Brandt Moran,
Bob Richter, Jaroslaw Luciw

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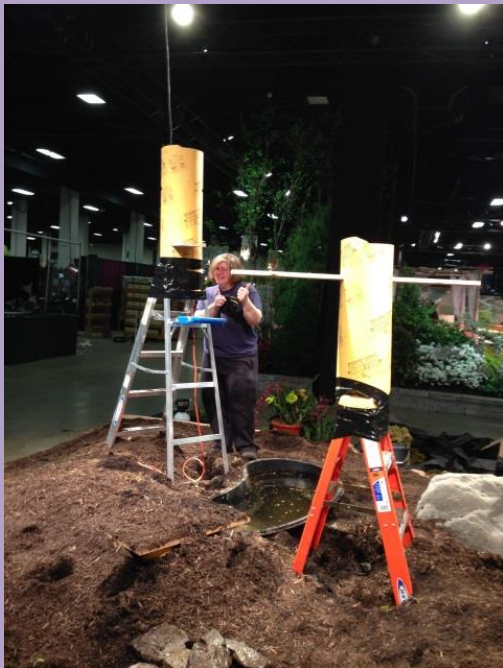
Thanks so much for all of your help. The display was admired by all and won the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Ribbon for Non-profit Displays. It was a great opportunity for people to learn about orchids and our society.



March Show Table

Plant	Owner
Phal. Sogo Golden	Jeff Feldman
Epc. Yucatan 'Richella'	Linda Abrams
Pterosylis curta	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Pleurothallis brighamii	Raph & Chieko Collins
Den. Rainbow Dance	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Paph. malipoense	Brian Leib
Militonia Hybrid	Jaroslav Luciw
Dendrobium spectabilis	Jaroslav Luciw
Encyclia bratescens	Julian Oliver
Paph. Charlie's Star	Julian Oliver
Gastrochilus bellinus	Sasha Crotty
Paph. Venustum album x vert	Julian Oliver

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.**



Boston Flower Show Breakdown

New Exhibition

Thesaurus Woolwardiae: Orchid Paintings by Florence Woolward
The Botanic Garden of Smith College, Church Exhibition Gallery



NORTHAMPTON, MA – An exploration into the 19th Century *Orchidelirium*, the orchid paintings of Florence Woolward are filled with detail, color and artistic beauty. An exhibit these paintings will be on display in the Church Exhibition Gallery at the Smith College Botanic Garden's Lyman Plant House from April 11, 2014 through January, 31, 2015. Viewing hours are 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM daily.

Featuring artwork by renowned botanical illustrator Florence Woolward, this exhibit displays 20 prints from the compilation *Thesaurus Woolwardiae*. Also included in this exhibition are herbarium specimens of local orchids from the Smith College Herbarium and information about the Botanic Garden of Smith College's own orchid collection.

A compilation of prints published by Missouri Botanical Garden and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, *Thesaurus Woolwardiae* includes paintings that were commissioned in the 1800s by the 9th Marquis of Lothian, Schomburgk Kerr, to document his vast orchid collection. Woolward hand painted each of these orchids as it bloomed, over a period of 10 years.

The opening lecture for the *Thesaurus Woolwardiae* exhibit will be given by Dennis Whigham, a scientist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. The lecture will be held on Thursday, April 17th in Neilson Library Browsing Room at 7:30 PM. Whigham's talk, titled *Native Orchids: Models for Ecological Interactions, Conservation, and Education* will focus on native orchids and their future. Following the talk, there will be a reception at the Lyman Plant House with light refreshments and an opportunity to see the exhibit on display.

The Botanic Garden is wheelchair accessible. For more information, please visit our website at www.smith.edu/garden or call us at (413)-585-2740.

2014-2015 Proposed MOS Board Slate

Elections to be held at June meeting.

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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!



New Books: Compendium of Miniature Orchids



A two-volume work called, authored by leading orchid experts Mary Gerritsen and Ron Parsons.

The two volumes are nearly 1,200 pages long, with over 1,800 spectacular photos of miniature orchids in culture and the wild, featuring individual entries for over 500 different species across more than 120 genera. Each species entry includes nomenclatural and etymological information, as well as cultivation guidance and notes about habitat, conservation status and similarities to other orchids taxa. It is the most comprehensive, illustrated reference for miniature orchid species published to date; offers a uniquely detailed overview of selected miniature orchid species and cultivars from across 122 genera in an encyclopaedic format; and includes the first print published images of a number of different species. Please see the following links for more information

<http://www.redfermnaturalhistory.com/books/a-compedium-of-miniature-orchid-species-vol-1>

<http://www.redfermnaturalhistory.com/books/a-compedium-of-miniature-orchid-species-vol-2>

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Please consider using your voucher for the Massachusetts Orchid Society.

GRANT website:

<https://services.bostonglobe.com/grant/default.aspx>

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Sat, April 5, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, April 8, 7:30pm	MOS Monthly Meeting www.diamondorchids.com	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester MA
Sat, May 3, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, May 13, 7:30pm	MOS Monthly Meeting www.mountainorchids.com	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester MA
Sat, June 7, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, June 10, 7:30pm	MOS Monthly Meeting Speaker: Brandt Moran	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester MA



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