

Massachusetts Orchid Society



May: Darrin Norton, Mountain Orchids Topic: Pleurothallids

Darrin Norton is the owner of Mountain Orchids located in North Springfield, VT.

Mountain Orchids offers an assortment of cool to Intermediate growing orchids with an emphasis

on compacts and miniatures. A selection of accessories and growing supplies are also available.

Website: www.mountainorchids.com

Next Month: Brandt Moran, *Laelia purpurata*

Brandt Moran, MOS member and master orchid grower, will speak about breeding the perfect *Laelia purpurata*.

Bylaws Amended

At the April 8th meeting the membership voted to add the following amendment to the MOS bylaws:

“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

May 13 –
MOS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Darrin Norton
Topic: Pleurothallids
www.mountainorchids.com

June 10 –
MOS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Brandt Moran
Topic: *Laelia* Breeding

June 28 –
MOS Picnic
Home of Bob & Marcia Richter



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Show table photos
by Brigitte Fortin

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>

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Bulbophyllum fimbriatum

Orchid of the Month: Bulbophyllum fimbriatum

In the months of January to April, if you head out towards the Coorg region of Western Ghats in India, you will be delighted to sight these little flowers decorated almost on every tree.

Bulbophyllum is the largest genus in the orchid family Orchidaceae. With more than 2000 species, it is also one of the largest genera of flowering plants, exceeded only by genus Astragalus. Bulbophyllum is named from the Latin word bulbus (bulb like) and the Greek word phyllon (leaf) – meaning leaf growing on top of the pseudobulbs.

Known as the Fringed Bulbophyllum, Bulb. fimbriatum is a small sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte (or lithophyte). They are found at

elevations of 1200 to 1600 m in South-West parts of India.

Pseudobulbs are 15 to 20 mm long, with 2 leaves that are 5 cm long. The plant is leafless during flowering time and blooms during the spring time with a slender scape much longer (8-10 cm) than the leaves, bearing multiple flowers. Flowers are in shades of green, yellow to purple or chocolate.

Culture: Many members of the genus Bulbophyllum are beautiful as well as interesting and deserve place in every collection. They are best cultivated on fern blocks with little sphagnum and fed at regular intervals during growing period.

Original article: <http://www.toskar.org/bulbophyllum-fimbriatum>

Monthly Checklist for May and June

Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum

The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the



inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

April Show Table

Plant	Owner
Lc. Tokyo Magic	Jeff Feldman
Otaara Jane Fumiye 'Hawaii'	Julian Oliver
C. aurantiaca 'Kumquat'	Bob Richter
Leptotes bicolor	Brandt Moran
Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Tangerine Glow'	Brandt Moran
Phal. stuartiana	George Baltoumas
Phal. Chienlung Luedgiana	Adrienne Giovino
Pha. Hybrid	Sasha Crotty
Sedirea japonica	Sasha Crotty
Neostylis Lou Sneary	Adrienne Giovino
Den. Ise	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Den. moniliforme Hime-Ginetsu	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Onc. croesus	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Tolumnia Red Berry	Sasha Crotty
Phrag. Grande	George Baltoumas
Paph. dianthum 'Twister' x 'JAFS'	Mike Badia
Sarcochilus hartmanii 'Rob't Dazzler' x 'Bullshit'	Linda Abrams

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.**



Dendrobium moniliforme

2014-2015 Proposed MOS Board Slate

Elections to be held at June meeting.

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If you would be interested in joining the board
please let us know!

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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!



AOS Webinars

If you haven't seen these already, take a look! The AOS has created a monthly webinar series covering all sorts of topics. These are available to AOS members at no extra cost.

A few recent topics:

Orchids: Pests and Their Management

Demystifying Dendrobiums

An Introduction of Orchids and their Culture

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Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
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
Saturday, June 28	MOS Picnic	Home of Bob & Marcia Richter North Reading, MA
Sat, July 5, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, July 8, 7:30pm	MOS Monthly Meeting Speaker: Brian Leib	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester MA



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