

Massachusetts Orchid Society



MOS Picnic & BBQ

Thanks, Marcia and Bob Richter, for once again graciously hosting the annual picnic. Although the weather this year wasn't quite as sunny as previous years everyone had a good time, nonetheless. Thanks all for making this day a great success!

July Meeting – MOS Open House at A&P Orchids

The monthly meeting for the month of July will be held at A&P Orchids at 1pm. Join us for an exclusive tour of the public and private A&P greenhouses. The address is 110 Peters Rd, Swansea, MA. Please bring a snack to share with the group.

Note: There will be no Tuesday-night meeting in Winchester on Tues, July 14.

August Meeting: The importance of water quality

Brandt Moran and Bob Richter will speak on the importance of good quality water in growing your orchids. Come prepared with the type of fertilizer you use and its contents (NPR.)

Upcoming: Annual Plant Auction

Sept 8

The Massachusetts Orchid Society annual plant auction will be during the monthly meeting in September. This is the society's biggest fundraiser and your help is essential! All plant donations are tax deductible, and please note there will be no show-table during the September meeting.

If you have plants you're planning on donating, please let Adrienne know in advance so that she can get some lists up on the website. (See Adrienne's email in the sidebar of the next page.)

Upcoming MOS Events

July 14

No Regular Tuesday Meeting

July 18 (Saturday) - 1-4pm

MOS Monthly Meeting & Open House at A&P Orchids

110 Peters Rd, Swansea, MA

www.aandporchids.com

August 1

Monthly AOS Judging
Tower Hill Botanic Garden,
Boylston MA

<http://massorchid.org/judging>

August 11

MOS Monthly Meeting
Brandt Moran & Bob Richter
Topic: Water Quality

For more events, go to

<http://massorchid.org/events>



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Show table photos
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Have membership questions?

E-mail our membership chair:
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Membership dues:

individual membership - \$25, dual - \$30

Renew online:

<http://massorchid.org/Sys/MembershipRenewal>

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



Orchid of the Month: *Pteroceras semiteretifolium*

What a name! The long name might not match this small orchid, but good things come in small packages!

Members of the *Pteroceras* genus, about 19 in all, are native to Southeast Asia and India. This species, *semiteretifolium*, can be found growing on tree branches in Vietnam. Named for the shape of its leaves (“semi-terete” describes a smooth, circular cross-section and usually implies a long tapering form,) this small monopodial epiphyte typically blooms $\pm 1.85\text{cm}$ (3/4 in.) white flowers, one per stalk.

A member of the *Vanda* family, this orchid is best grown in a hanging basket or mounted and usually requires moderate light and warm-to-hot temperatures. It prefers to be kept moist (but not wet) and does best when fertilized heavily.

July Show Table

Plant	Owner
<i>Brassia hybrid</i>	Susie Pierce
<i>Zygo. Hybrid</i>	Jaroslav Luciw
<i>Den. Lori's star</i>	Jaroslav Luciw
<i>C. Indigo Mist</i>	Jaroslav Luciw
<i>Lc. Love Knot 'Seto'</i> AM/JOGA	Mike Badia
<i>Laelia purpurata</i> 'Marcia Richter'	Bob Richter
<i>Psychopsis Kahlihi alba</i> 'Green Valley'	Brenley McIntosh
<i>Phal. Tying Shin Cupid</i> 'Marie Perese'	Adrienne Giovino
<i>Milt. Morris Chestnut 'H171'</i>	Linda Abrams
<i>Colmanaara Wildcat</i> 'Gold'	Brenley McIntosh
<i>Neo. Falcate group</i>	Sasha Crotty
<i>Lycaste campbellii</i>	Linda Abrams
<i>Promenaea Winelight</i>	Ralph & Chieko Collins
<i>Group of Laelia purpuratas</i>	Brandt Moran
<i>Lycaste aromatic</i>	Brandt Moran
<i>Masd. Angel Heart</i> AM/AOS	Brandt Moran
<i>Phrag. D'alessandrae</i>	Sasha Crotty



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In order to get our meetings started by 7:30, we kindly request that show table plants be ready for judging by **7:15pm**.



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**Join us for the 5th Annual:
INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE
"FOCUS ON PHALS" DAY**

Co-hosted by the New Hampshire Orchid Society
Saturday, September 12, 2015
Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH

In conjunction with the monthly New Hampshire Orchid Society meeting, IPA is pleased to present its 5th Annual Speakers' Day, "Focus On Phals". This day-long event will include our keynote speaker, Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids, presenting Part II of Moss Culture. Joining him will be Tom Mirenda, Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, who will cover Phal. species in situ with an eye to growing them successfully in cultivation. Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, Past IPA President & current Regional Director, will update us on some of the newest directions in breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2015 TIOS Show, including hybrids from some of the smaller boutique forward-thinking hybridizers.

The day will also include reviewing the traditional New Hampshire OS show table, a roundtable discussion and a mini auction of select plants. The Registration Fee of \$15 for non-NHOS members covers just the cost of morning refreshments and a light lunch. We invite all orchidists, IPA members & non-members alike, to join us for this very special Speakers' Day. Guest vendors will include: Norman's Orchids, the orchidPhile and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- 8:30 - 9:15 am Morning Refreshments & Sales Tables Open
- 9:30 - 10:15 am **Tom Mirenda:** *The Keys to Successful Phal. Species Cultivation*
- 10:30 - 11:15 am **Carri Raven-Riemann:** *Thinking Outside the Box: Taiwan's Cutting-Edge Breeding*
- 11:15 - 11:45 am Mini Auction (to raise funds for future meetings)
- 11:45 - 12:45 pm Lunch Break & Sales Tables Open
- 12:45 - 1:30 pm Review of the Show Table
- 1:30 - 2:15 pm **Norman Fang:** *Part II – Demystifying Moss Culture*
- 2:15 - 2:45 pm Roundtable Discussion with the Speakers (time permitting)

***** PLEASE NOTE: EARLY & FULLY PAID REGISTRATIONS BY AUGUST 30th ARE REQUIRED TO ASSURE PLENTIFUL FOOD & CHAIRS FOR ALL !**

NHOS & non-NHOS members can **Register online** at: <http://nhorchids.org/event-1933903>
Non-NHOS members can also pay by cash/check at the door or complete & mail the Registration Form below.

For further information contact:

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Additional information will also be available on the IPA website (www.phal.org)

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**REGISTRATION FORM for non-NHOS members: Must be received no later than August 30, 2015
IPA/NHOS "Focus on Phals" for Saturday, September 12, 2015**

NAME(S): _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ HOME ORCHID SOCIETY: _____

Enclosed is my check for _____ registration(s) at \$15 each

Send form with check, made payable to NHOS, to: NH Orchid Society, PO Box 5375, Manchester, NH 03108

For Vendor Pre-Orders - Please mention " IPA Regional Pre-Order " in subject line:

OrchidPhile: orchidphile@optimum.net - or - www.facebook.com/orchidphile

Norman's Orchids: www.orchids.com

Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies: www.kkorchid.com

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Sat, July 18, 1:00pm	Monthly Meeting – MOS Open House @ A&P Orchids	A&P Orchids 110 Peters Rd, Swansea, MA
Sat, Aug. 1, 10:30am	Monthly AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, Aug. 11, 7:30pm	Monthly Meeting	Winchester Sons of Italy 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA
Sat, Sept. 5, 10:30am	Monthly AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA



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