

MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY



July 8 Meeting

“Murder Night at MOS”

Our own Vincent Price, his long lost brother Robert Hesse Price will lead a horrifying discussion of murder most foul members will share in the dissection with RHP with case histories from the files of our most revered growers or should I say Killers ?

This evening will commence with
The MOS annual business meeting.

AUG 12 Meeting

Our speaker will be Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids in Charlotte, North Carolina. She will be speaking on *Oncidium* intergeneric hybrids.

Linda and her husband Rolf founded Woodland Orchids where they specialize in breeding warmth-tolerant *Oncidiinae* and compact *Cattleyas*. Several of their *Oncidiinae* hybrids have received AOS awards.

Linda is an active, accredited AOS Judge and a trustee of the AOS.

She plans to bring an assortment of plants for sale at the meeting. She urges all interested members to visit Woodland Orchids' Web site at www.woodlandorchids.com and see what is currently available. In order to be sure she has what is really wanted, we encourage you to pre-order the plants you want through Betsy Opitz. Betsy prefers to receive orders by email at bfopitz@rcn.com. All orders must be prepaid, preferably by check mailed to Betsy F. Opitz, 171 Carlton Road, Newton, MA 02468-1823

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Reminder

Members \$20.00 annual dues are due in July. New members joined since April 2008 are exempt from this requirement.



September is MOS Auction Month

September 14 - Amherst Orchid Society Plant Sale

Hadley Garden Center, Rt. 9, Cross from Buffalo Farm, Hadley, MA. Contact: Harold Norman, (413) 267-5124, leilani.norman@verizon.net.

Monthly Checklist for July and August

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growth should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Show update

Plans for the MOS 2008 Annual Show and Sale are well underway. **Bewitched by Orchids** will be held at the Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston Massachusetts on Halloween weekend.

We expect that commercial orchid aficionados - A&P Orchids, Frosty Hollow, Green River Orchids, J&L, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Kinderwassa Acres, New Earth Orchids, theOrchidphile, and Piping Rock Orchids, and Andre Godbout, Peter Grigg, Bob Hesse, Jai Kelley, Son Pho and Sumner Silverman will fill the sales spaces with some gorgeous plants, supplies and orchid-related art. Many of last year's non-commercial exhibitors are coming back - if past shows are indicative of these folks' creativity, we're in for a treat as exhibitors interpret the show theme in their displays.

Set-up and registration for all participants is Thursday, October 30th. On Friday morning, October 31st, there will be ribbon judging, followed by AOS judging in the afternoon. The show and sales area will be open to the public on Friday afternoon, but the official opening of the show is the preview party on Friday evening.

The show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday November 1st and 2nd, 10:00 AM to 5:00PM. There will be guided tours of the show and the Tower Hill gardens; the regular AOS judging session on Saturday; daily raffles; orchid talks and workshops.

Putting on an orchid show takes many hands. We need people to help with: set-up and tear-down; plant registration; the MOS display; the MOS Sales table (raffles, membership, etc.); tour-guides and work-shop leaders; hospitality and receptions (Judges Luncheon, Preview Party, daily refreshments for vendors/exhibitors); publicity; etc. Please contact us for details of how you can help make this our best show yet!

Until next month! **Be Bewitched by Orchids!**

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Each year, MOS presents several trophies at its annual show. Some of the trophies are paid for by 'endowments' - ie the Cynthia Guy Memorial Trophy - but most of them are purchased by MOS without any offsetting income. You can help MOS ' defray this expense by sponsoring a trophy either annually or for a longer period (ie 10 years). Money paid to sponsor a trophy is tax deductible (in the year paid) for those that itemize. Sponsorship opportunities are available for all trophies, even those that are named or permanently endowed. These are the trophies that are to be presented at the 2008 Annual Show and Sale

AOS Show Trophy (purchased from AOS)

Paul B. Moore Trophy for Best Exhibit by a Novice

Cynthia Guy Memorial Trophy for Best Plant or Bloom

Halbersleben Memorial Trophy for the Best Cattleya

MOS Trophy for the Best Vandaceous (Vanda)

Esther Sweet Memorial Trophy for the Best Phalaenopsis

Louis Guida Memorial Trophy for Best Sunset / Artshade Phalaenopsis

Paul B. Moore Memorial Trophy for Best Paphiopedilum

MOS Trophy for the Best Miltonia/Miltoniopsis

John E. Miller Trophy for the Best Odontoglossum

John E. Stacy Memorial Trophy for the Best Oncidium

MOS Trophy for the Best Cymbidium

MOS Trophy for the Best Pleurothallid

MOS Trophy for the Best Dendrobium

Richard Peterson Memorial Trophy for the Best Species

The Kraus Family Trophy for the Best Large Specimen

MOS Trophy for the Best Miniature Specimen

MOS Trophy for Best Culture (of plants) Grown in the Home

MOS Trophy for Best of the Artwork Classes

MOS Trophy for Best Fantasy Orchid (Misc. Gen)

DeRosa Award for Artistic Design

Special Award for Creativity



MOS Monthly Show Table

June 2008

Judges: Susan Flier, Bob Hesse, Sheila Selby

Scribe: Linda Abrams

6 Plants Displayed; 3 Plants Awarded

encyclia species

Bob Richter

C. Summer Spot `Carmela`

Sasha Varsanofieva

Den. Blue Violetta

George Baltoumas

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 7 July 5	Northeast Judging Center Boylston, MA , Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA, Robert Winkley, rwinkley@aol.com . Presentations begin @ 10:00 AM. Judging begins at 12 PM. Directions
Tuesday, June 10 July 8	MOS Meeting , Suburban Experimental Station, 241 Beaver St., Waltham, MA, 7:30PM
September 9	MOS Fall Auction
October 31-November 2	MOS Fall Show and Sale "Bewitched by Orchids" Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA; MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net
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