

Dec 2008

MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY



Turkey and Ham and all kinds of goodies

There will be a Show Table, so bring in your blooming beauties.

You're welcome to bring both family and friends,
So they can see why your passion for Orchids never really ends.

We've been missing some friends who no longer drive
Why don't you call them and offer a ride.

We'll start at seven (7:00), Volunteers arrive about six.
With help to set-up and break down the party will proceed without a hitch.

So mark your calendar, be sure to come
You don't want to miss out on all the fun.

Suggestions on what to bring by initial of last name:

A-F Desserts

G-L Appetizers

M-Z Salads

There will be a **Raffle**, tickets for **\$5:00/ea.**

Prizes include an Orchid Pin donated by Sumner Silverman of Elegant Orchids, the book "Orchids for Dummies" donated by Ulla and Jan Jurrissen of Kelley's Korner, an Orchid Virus Test Kit and more.

MOS show “ Bewitched by Orchids” A smash Hit!

Massachusetts Orchid Society’s 2008 annual show and sale was one of the most well-attended and successful shows in the society’s history. *Bewitched by Orchids* attracted more than 2,000 visitors to Tower Hill Botanic Garden over the three-day Halloween weekend.

Moderate to large-sized groupings of blooming orchids were creatively arranged in the Great Hall and East Link; the Milton Gallery was filled with orchid-related art displays of botanic illustrations, photographs, silk embroidery, cornstarch sculpture, sterling silver jewelry and jewelry and accessories made from real orchids; smaller plant displays were staged amidst Tower Hill’s camellia collection in the Fern Gallery.

On Halloween, AOS judges screened the plants in the show and made four awards. Then, on November 1st - the first Saturday of the month being the Boylston center’s regular session - show visitors were treated to a talk on Draculas by AOS Judge Tom Etheridge and to the AOS judging process itself. There was lots of positive feedback about AOS judging and we look forward to more public participation at our monthly sessions.

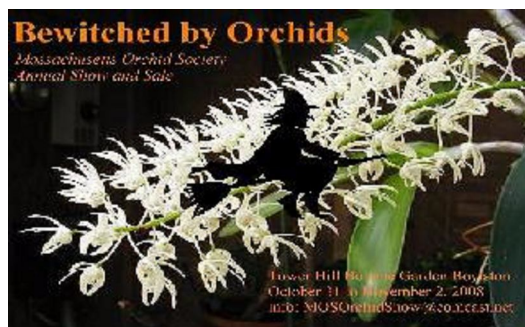
In addition to the AOS judging, the weekend was filled with an instant raffle and educational programs, videos and tours of the displays and the Tower Hill grounds. And of course, there was a well-stocked sales area featuring plants, supplies and orchid art from A&P Orchids, Cornstarch Flowers, Elegant Orchid (jewelry), Enchanting Earth (jewelry and accessories), Frosty Hollow Orchids, J&L Orchids, Kelley’s Korner Orchid Supplies, Kinderwassa Acres Orchids, New Earth Orchids, The orchidPhile and Piping Rock Orchids.

Plans are already underway for next year’s event - mark your calendars October 29 (set-up) through November 1, 2009. Look for show info on the MOS website at www.massorchid.org or send e-mail to MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net

Bewitched by Orchids was a hit for orchid neophytes and seasoned veterans alike. Thank you sincerely for joining us!

Best regards,

The Witches
Joanna K Eckstrom, Senior Chair
Lynn Hennessey and Sasha Varsanofieva, Co-Chairs



MOS Monthly Show Table**11/12, 2008****Judges: Betty Levine, Joanna Eckstrom and Robert Hesse****Scribe: Linda Abrams 23 Displayed 6 Awarded**

Cattleya hybrid	Bob Richter
Potinara Hwa Yukon Gold "02"	Bob Richter
Lycaste Aquila 'Dentente'	Bob Richter
Sigmatosdalix Picturtisima	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Angraecum distictum	Ralph & Chieko Collins
LC. Bowri Albida 'Pink Lady'	Sasha Varsanofieva

The **AOS** is seeking members help and guidance. Members are encouraged to check out www.aos.org .Guidelines for comments suggested changes can be found and are welcome



Massachusetts Orchid Society
Officers and Directors Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2008
S. Flier's House
Prepared by S. Varsanofieva, Secretary

Present: L. Abrams, G. Bonoff, S. Flier, B. Leib, B. Opitz, S. Selby, S. Varsanofieva

1. Minutes of prior meeting approved.
2. Treasurer's Report (Balances as of 10/31/08)
 - Overall - \$32,569
 - Brought in over \$1000 in dues.
 - Approximately where we were last year.
3. Old Business
 - Paper Copies of Newsletter - have significantly reduced the number of hard-copy newsletters sent out by comparing to active membership lists.
 - Survey
 4. Sent out in newsletter.
 5. Will have a number of copies at the next meeting.
 6. Have an electronic copy sent out through the newsletter e-mail list.
 - Show
 7. Overall the show was very successful.
 8. Raffle was not as profitable as anticipated. Things remaining from raffle will be auctioned off at holiday party.
 - Speakers
 9. December - Holiday Party.
 10. January - Jeanne Stefanik on Orchid Conservation.
 11. March - Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids.
 12. Suggested future speakers:
 - Lynn O'Shaughnessy on Pleurothallids.
 - Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids. (FL)
 - Joane Molenock - Tolumnias (Ithaca, NY)
 13. November - Dennis D'Alessandro
14. New Business.
 - CAOIS Show - Jan 24-25, 2009
 - New Board Member Needed
 - Dr. Neptune will be giving the society an extensive slide collection.
15. Meeting adjourned.

Who's What at the MOS

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec 6 Jan 3	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
Dec 9 Holiday Party	MOS Meeting , Suburban Experimental Station, 241 Beaver St., Waltham, MA, 7:30PM
December 21	Winter Solstice Begins
January 1	Happy New Year
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