

MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY



Sept 9 Meeting MOS Auction

Hi folks! It's that time again, the MOS Annual Auction! Please bring your plants to donate. It will clear some space for you and will help the society. Donations of plants are tax deductible! Bring your Cash and/or checks! If your purchases exceed the fair market value, the excess is tax fully deductible.

When you know what plants you will donate, contact me (Brian Leib) at auction@massorchid.org and I will put them on the website. This is your Societies most important fund raiser so come and support the MOS!

Partial plant list

- Brassia Rex 'Sakata' AM/AOS**
- Phal. Bedford Burgundy Cream with fine deep red dots**
(Phal. Taida Maajor x Dtps..(King Shiang's Coral x Happy Smile
'Orchidheights') x (Phal. (Pinlong Cinderella x Morgenrot) x Dtps. Sun
Prince) 'Burgundy Red' Solid bright pink
- Phal. equestris 'Gino' Pretty magenta with white edges**
- Billra. Tropic Splendor 'Golden Gate' White patterned star shaped flower**
- Brassia Shooting Star**
- Vuyl. Mem Mary Kavanaugh 'Angie' AM/AOS Looks like Milt. spectabilis**
- Chondrorynchos aromatica Smells like black pepper**
- Cochleanthes discolor Cream with purple lip**
- Ludisa discolor Jewel Orchid**
- Den. Lovely Virgin Angel? Pink, yellow and white**
- Den Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe' Keiki, yellow**
- Den. Sachi Marchan Keiki, pink**
- Dendrobium Himezakura 'Sanokkii' x Den. Super Ise 'White Center' White**
- Pleurothalis(Trichosalpinx?) blaisdellii Keiki**
- Masdevallia (Firecracker 'Black Cat' x triangularis 'Alpha') Orange**
- Masd. scabringuis White**

Cadetia taylorii White and fragrant
Milt. Robert Jackson (Ambre x Pearl Ono) White, magenta and purple
Lc. Jungle Elf x Sc. Beaufort Yellow with big red lip
Zygopetalum John Banks x Zba. Gumeracha
Angraecum Lemforde White
Dendrobium moniliforme 'Nichigetsufukirin'
Jumellea maxillarioidis
Jumellea major Bifrenaria vitelina
Coelogyne {unknown}
Oncidium hastilabium
Bulbophyllum masdevalliaceum
Pleurothallis restrepioides 'Elfin Beauty'
Dendrobium moniliforme 'Kanayama'
Dendrobium Gatton 'Sun Ray'
Cymbidium {unknown}
Pholidola chinensis
Bulbophyllum lobbii
Epidendrum porpax {Courtesy Woodland Orchids}
Angraecum magdalenae {Courtesy Woodland Orchids}

August 25, 2008

To our friends & customers,

Hoosier Orchid Company is closing and here is your chance to be a part!

If you have any questions or concerns about our sales procedures, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support in the past.

William A. Rhodehamel, President

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Are you ready to be Bewitched by Orchids?

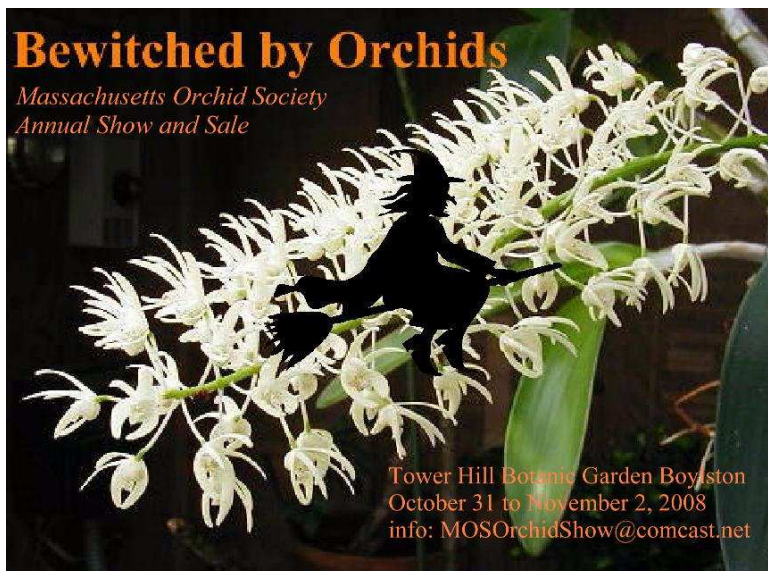
MOS' 27th Annual Show and Sale is set for October 30 (setup) through November 2, 2008 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston MA.

We have received reservations from A&P Orchids, Frosty Hollow, J&L Orchids, Kinderwassa Acres, New Earth Orchids, The orchidPhile and Piping Rock Orchids; Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies; Elegant Orchids (silver and gold jewelry), and Jai Kelley (Cornstarch Flowers). We hope they will be joined by Enchanting Earth orchid accessories. All vendors are required to mount a display, and with the creations of sister societies and individual growers and artists, there should be nice variety of displays.

The show features ribbon and AOS judging on Friday, October 31. There will be a preview party / awards ceremony on Halloween - details to follow. Official public hours on Saturday and Sunday feature programs, workshops, guided tours. And as the first Saturday of the month falls in with the show, there will be AOS Judging and/or workshop on November 1st.

The success of the MOS show depends on MOS members. There are several ways to volunteer - sponsor a trophy, help with registration and setup, welcome visitors to the show, lead a tour, man the raffle / membership table, coordinate refreshments, do a talk about how orchids have bewitched you, etc. Please let us know (via e-mail or phone) that you'd like to cast a spell or two and we'll put you to work! E-mail to mosorchidshow@comcast.net or phone Joanna at 603-654-5070.

Keep track of the show at MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net



MOS Aug Show

TableJudges: Pam Swearingen, Bob Hesse and Joanna

Eckstorm

Scribe: Linda Abrams

16 displayed / 8 awarded

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| Vlauren Gardiner | Bob Richter |
| Ascda. Motes Burning Sand 'Mary Motes' HCC/AOS | Bob & Joanna Eckstrom |
| Habenaria rhodocheila | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| Encyclia citrine | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| Neocogniauxia monophylla | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| Den. atrovioleaceum 'Pygmy' X atrovioleaceum 'Little Elf' | George & Roberta Bonoff |
| Kesevolaelia Marlow | Betsy Opitz |
| Schombergkia Welleslana | George Baltoumas |

Tricks of the Trade – Adjustable Bloom Stakes

By Dave Tribble, Contributing Editor Illinois Orchid Society

Pre-made wire rings (fig. 1) look great on paper. But when you try to get them to stay on pots (especially plastic ones), it's another story. Fig 2 shows a recalcitrant ring that won't stay upright. Fig 3 shows the solution. One additional support crimped on the ring at the top.

fig 1



fig 2



fig 3



Cypripedium Experiment

Steven Kirincich

In 2007, Ron Burch (<http://www.gardensatposthill.com/>) came to an MOS meeting and gave a talk on woodland slipper orchids and their culture. Although I was unable to attend, the possibility of growing such low maintenance plants was quite intriguing. I already had enough orchids that require artificial lighting and time-intensive watering during the cooler months. I got onto the email list of the Vermont Ladyslipper Company (<http://www.vtladyslipper.com/>), and by the fall of 2007, I received their message notifying me of their available plants. I took the plunge and order four *Cypripedium reginae* plants. As you may already know, these plants are expensive. Several weeks after mailing the check, I received four plants wrapped in bags full of moist vermiculite. More specifically, I received four root masses. The plants were dormant and with cold weather approaching, they were ready for planting. I made a trip to Lesco in Waltham and purchased a couple bags of Turface. Following Ron's recommendations, I dug up a 6' x 4' foot area near my house that gets good morning light but not the bright rays of the afternoon. Once the soil was removed to a depth of about ten inches, I mixed the Turface with sand, vermiculite, perlite, and pine straw, and filled the area. The root masses were planted about 1 inch below the surface making sure the roots were spread out. Apparently the goal is to spread the roots horizontally without getting them more than an inch or two below the surface.



As the cold, drying winds of winter approached, I covered the bed with several inches of pine straw. As New Englanders know well, winter stays for quite awhile. By mid March, I removed the layer of pine straw. I was hoping that critters had not dined on the roots during the long winter. Inspecting the bed became a weekly event, and by mid-April,

I was preparing myself for the reality that this was not meant to be. I have heard the stories that this is often a hit-or-miss proposition, and I figured that I would eventually be performing a postmortem sometime in the late spring or early summer – assuming that there was anything left to examine.

One day in late May, after the weekly visits to the bed had come to an end, I swung by and noticed what appeared to be four growths emerging from the bed. Since I had previously marked the position of the roots with small wooden skewers, I was cautiously optimistic that these emerging plants were not just weeds. As of early June, the four cigar-shaped bundles of leaves were about six inches in height. Ultimately one plant bloomed, and before the three others could follow suit, a hailstorm arrived in late June. The four plants were shredded and I must wait until next spring to see if there is any hope for these plants. Based on some discussions over the Internet with fellow cyp. enthusiasts, I am cautiously optimistic about the future of these hardy plants.



Upcoming Events

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| <p>Oct 4 Nov 1 Dec 6</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, Sept 9 (Auction) Oct 14 Nov 11 Dec 9 * • Holiday Party</p> | <p>MOS Meeting, Suburban Experimental Station, 241 Beaver St., Waltham, MA, 7:30PM</p> |
| <p>October 31-November 2</p> | <p>MOS Fall Show and Sale "Bewitched by Orchids" Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA; MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net</p> |
| <p>December 21, 2008</p> | <p>Winter Solstice/ Happy Holidays</p> |
| <p>www.massorchid.org newsletter editor: George Bonoff</p> | |

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