

Feb 2009

MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY



What's happening Feb 12 ?

Orchid Doctor will be in at 7:00 PM
Dr. Robert Richter presiding

Show table from 6:45 till 7:30

"So you think I'm a pest"
Orchid pests and there treatment

Present by

Brian Leib

After a short but ill-fated career in the business world, Brian found happiness through a horticulture internship. For the past decade Brian has been heavily involved in the 'wonderful world of all things orchid', including serving on the board of the Massachusetts Orchid Society where he is currently the president. Brian is the Sr. Greenhouse Technician at Brown University, where he provides education and research support to Brown professors, students and members of the community. He also works as a consultant for a local greenhouse which employs people with disabilities. When he is not actively caring for plants he can be found on many of the orchid forums online. Brian is extremely experienced in diagnosing and treating plant pests of all types. Brian never met a Paph he didn't like....

Your newsletter editor plans on giving up the reins on or before the June issue. If interested please contact George at bonoffg@rcn.com

The MOS board is pleased to announce the addition of
Joan Blackett



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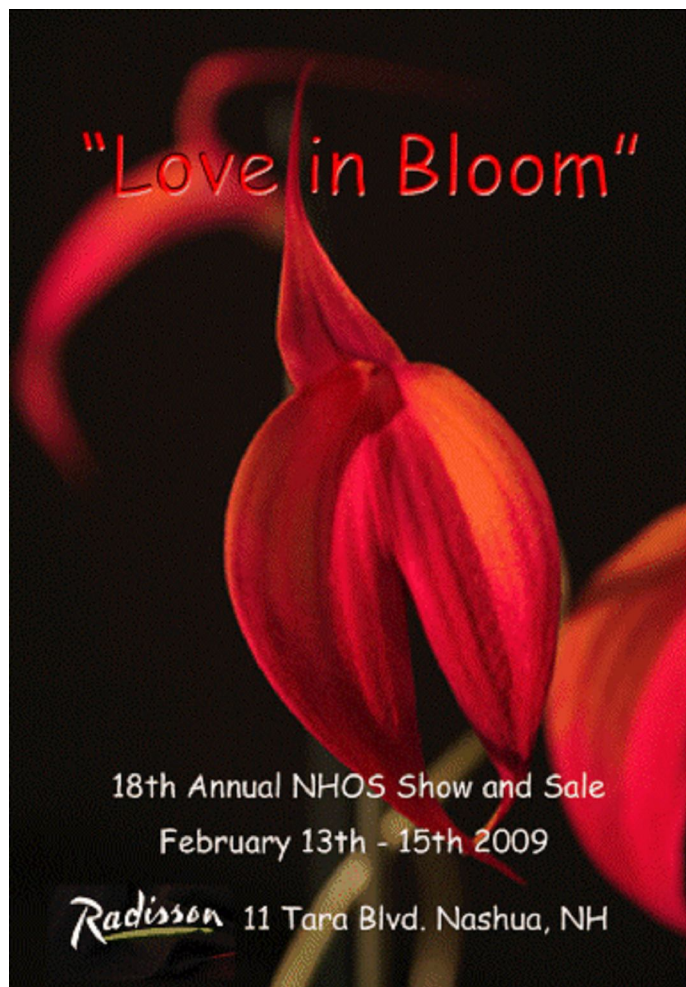
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The **AOS** is seeking member's help and guidance. Members are encouraged to check out www.aos.org. Guidelines for comments suggested changes can be found and are welcome

The MOS also seeks help and guidance from it's members. Please contact any board member or write to bonoffg@rcn.com with ideas and comments.

The MOS Educational Exhibit For Library & Flower Show Display

The Story

Orchids have stories to tell: fantastic natural histories of cunning and deceit, stories where botanical needs and human desires become tangled and blurred in the cloud-forest mist. Charles Darwin pondered the mysteries of orchids. Captain Bly collected specimens during his voyages around the globe. Susan Orlean chased orchid ghosts through the Fakahatchee to discover that they reside primarily in the human heart. Orchid plants flourish in the woods and wetlands just beyond our backyards. They bloom on our windowsills, enriching the life at hand while transporting us to worlds beyond our own. 30,000 individual species grow in awesome variety on every continent except Antarctica. The Hawaiian Islands have two native species: Greater Boston has twenty-six. The Massachusetts Orchid Society would like your help getting the word out.

The Exhibit

The nonprofit MOS, in conjunction with the Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium at Harvard University, can bring the enthralling world of orchids to your community with an award winning educational exhibit designed especially for display in libraries. A large, three- leafed free standing panel uses superb text, graphics and light boxes to explore six orchid topics. One heading asks us "What Is An Orchid?" The next entices us with "Orchid Allure". Others address "Wild Orchids In Greater Boston", conservation, growing orchids at home, and how you can find out much more about these fascinating plants through your local orchid society. An illuminated orchid terrarium completes the exhibit with live, flowering plants tended by an Orchid Society member who visits once a week to maintain the display.

The Basics

The hinged panel system stands 7'-3" tall, and unfolds to accommodate a range of spaces, but when locked into position requires at least 6'-0" x 9'-0" of floor area. The orchidarium sits on its own base which is 30" x 32" wide and 42" tall. Both units require electricity, either from the ceiling or grounded wall outlets. Vinyl cord covers adhered to the floor eliminate the trip hazard posed by power cords. Because of the size--72" L x 50- 1/2" H x 22 1/2" W in it's case--and weight of the display, ramp or elevator access to your exhibit area is a must! Orchid Society members can have everything up and flowering in an hour-and-a-half.

Displayed at various orchid and flower shows in the area over the past several years, the exhibit has received numerous awards, including an 95 point Educational Certificate from the American Orchid Society and a Bronze Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. A striking ensemble in building lobby, alcove or exhibit area, the display has generated great enthusiasm in local library patrons and staff. Norma Gamon at Memorial Hall Library in Andover offered to keep the display past the agreed to period after having it for four weeks. Director Chuck Flaherty at the Brookline Public Library was so impressed that he offered to personally recommend the exhibit to every library in the Metro West System. When the display left the Brookline Main Branch Library, Orchid Society members were compelled to console several disappointed librarians with the gift of an orchid from the display.



A short history of the MOS Educational Exhibit

In the late 1990's George Bonoff conceived the idea of creating an educational exhibit. His idea that this could serve both as a means for recruiting new members and also to aid the society in fulfilling it's mandate under our exempt status to be an educational organization. Bonoff spoke about his idea with many society members about his idea, and often received positive comments, but it was not until he spoke with then new member Gerard Nadeau. Gerard was then a designer and aspiring architect. Gerry and George soon became partners and with Gerry's new design in hand began to petition the board and later with their approval made several presentations to the general membership. The display was a large undertaking and quite expensive and under our by-laws required the approval of the membership. The Educational Display was first shown at our own show at Tower Hill in 1964. The AOS judges were so impressed with the display and it's execution that gave the MOS and Bonoff and Nadeau an AOS award of 95 points.

What the MOS needs is for some member or members to accept the challenge of finding venues suitable for display in metro Boston communities. The display is generally placed for a month. This is an easy sale as we have never had library with adequate space decline. Please contact George at 617-734-9827 Or bonoffa@rcn.com

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 07 March 07	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
February 10	MOS Meeting , Suburban Experimental Station, 241 Beaver St., Waltham, MA, 7:30PM
February 13,15	NHOS show: "Love in Bloom" Radison Hotel, Nashua, NH. Just off Rt.3 at exit 1
February, March	Baby it's cold outside
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