



Massachusetts Orchid Society

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Message from the President

Thank you, everyone, for making our 2015 Show and Sale at Mahoney's such a success! Having our show in Winchester increased your volunteering and attendance tremendously. The show went incredibly smoothly due to your help with set up, hospitality, judging, admissions, raffle, membership, and breakdown.

Congratulations to all the ribbon winners in our gorgeous display:

Charlie Briggs, Ralph DiFonzo II, Jeff Feldman, Emory Griffin-Noyes, Jaroslaw Luciw, Brandt Moran, Susie Pierce Chana, Joe Rajunas, Bob Richter, Brenda Samiljan, Joel Shelkrot, and Sonja Slik.

Thanks to our display designer extraordinaire Brigitte Fortin, the MOS display won the AOS Show Trophy and Certificate and the DeRosa Trophy for Best Artistic Design. Brigitte, merci beaucoup for ensuring year in and year out that we have such outstanding displays.

In addition to winning ribbons for his entries, Brandt Moran won the MOS Trophy for Best Fantasy Plant, the Kraus Family Trophy for Best Large Specimen, and the Wilford B. Neptune Trophy for Best Culture for his *Bulbophyllum cococinum*. The AOS judges also awarded this plant a Certificate of Cultural Excellence. The CCE/AOS award is the highest award given to the grower for excellence in culture. Brandt surely deserved this AOS award for this fantastic plant.

Ralph DiFonzo II won the MOS Trophy for Best *Miltonia*/*Miltoniopsis* for his *Colmanara Wildcat*. Ralph won this out of bloom Mahoney's plant at one of our monthly raffles. Grow yours up well and you too can win an MOS trophy.

One of the best outcomes of our show is that we have 49 new members. Thank you so much for joining and I hope to see you at our upcoming meeting, our holiday party. Please make sure to RSVP to the Evite!

Sincerely,

Adrienne Giovino

President, Massachusetts Orchid Society



World of Orchids — 2015

Our first Annual Show and Sale at Mahoney's Greenhouse in Winchester, **The World of Orchids**, was an exciting and satisfying event. The Show Committee led by Sasha Crotty is proud of the contributions of many members.

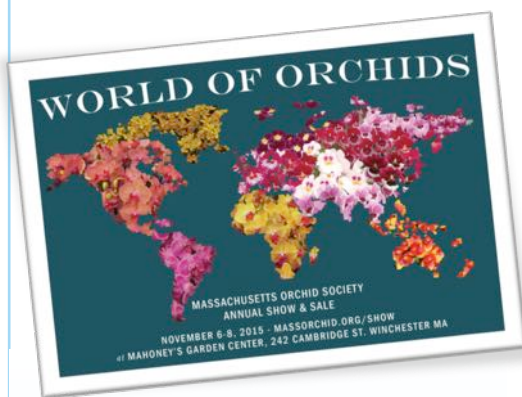
Special thanks go out to Sasha for her leadership and planning, Joanna Eckstrom for organizing the registration and judging of the plants and to Brigitte Fortin and her general contractor (and membership co-chairman) Ralph DiFonzo for the design and construction of the Mass Orchid Society's award winning display. Jody Maggio saw to it that our vendors, judges and show volunteers had morning coffee and snacks, lunches and a general respite to regenerate energy for the demands of the show from Wednesday thru Sunday. President Adrienne Giovino, a tireless worker, was virtually involved in all aspects of this event from the very beginning and Joe Rajunas kept a busy admission desk functioning efficiently. Your membership committee was quite active and is pleased to report that we grew by more than 50 members around the show and some of them helped with the raffle table.

The size of the Greenhouse allowed Brigitte to design a very comfortable layout that provided large aisles and a perfect flow through the displays and the vendors were pleased with the layout and venue.

Many thanks also go to Jody Maggio for her long-term development and care of our relationship with Mahoney's, which is primarily responsible for the opportunity to "move our show home" close to the majority of our members.

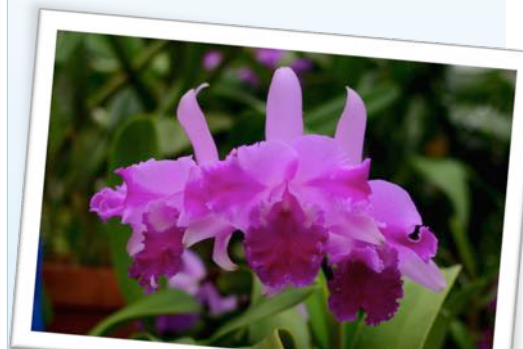
Finally, kudos goes to Mahoney's management and employees for their high level of help and cooperation. Emily Covino of Mahoney's was the driving force behind their effort.

— Jeff Feldman



Don't forget!

If you bring a snack to share with the group, you get an extra raffle ticket. Extra tickets means extra chances to win a new plant for your collection!



Photos on this page
by Linda Roberts



MOS display at *World of Orchids*

Recipient of the American Orchid Society Show trophy 2015

This year the MOS display was a pleasure to put together. The venue was fantastic and we had a lot more help from volunteers than in the past. I would like to thank the following members for their plants contributions and/or their help assembling this award winning display:

Bob Richter, Ralph DiFonzo, Jeff Feldman, Emory Griffin-Noyes, Charlie Briggs, Brandt Moran, Gayle Carpenter, Jim Harshbarger, George Baltoumas, Brian Leib, Sasha Crotty, Adrienne Giovino and her working bees, Lynn Hennessey, Joe Rajunas, Jaroslaw Luciw and Joel Shekrot.

Thank you all and if I forgot someone I apologize, I was concentrating on making sure our display at our first show at Mahoney's would be the best ever!

—Brigitte Fortin
MOS display designer and Board member



Brian Leib is an invaluable Massachusetts Orchid Society (MOS) member. Although his formal education had nothing to do with plants, a plant-related internship at Mount Auburn Cemetery launched his passion and career in horticulture. He was the senior greenhouse technician at Brown University for 10 years and the Plant Growth Facility Manager at Harvard.

Brian's first orchid probably was from a big box store in the late 90s. 1999. His primary orchid interest are Paphs, and has spent the last 15 years in a greatly orchid-obsessed state.

Brian has been a member of the MOS since 2000; a MOS board member for several years, and has served as vice president, president and past president.

He has run the MOS auction for several years, and has frequently done set up and tear down for the MOS Show as well as other shows in New England, including Cape and Islands, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Having served as a ribbon clerk at shows; he toyed with the idea of becoming a judge someday!

Brian likes the social aspect of the society, especially welcoming new members. He has given talks on a variety of topics like pests and potting at MOS meetings as well as at local garden clubs and other societies. Someone once told him that he took some of the stuffiness out of the MOS and is personally pretty proud about that.

It is with great pleasure that MOS awards the Orchid Digest Diamond of Excellence to Brian Leib.

—Adrienne Giovino



Brian and his Diamond Award

Upcoming Events

Monthly AOS Judging – December

5 Dec. 10:30am New Hampshire Orchid Society 3 Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford NH

This is a publicly open judging session of the AOS Northeast Regional Center at the New Hampshire Orchid Society. There will also be an auction sponsored by the Northeast Judging Center to help defray its costs.

Holiday Party

8 Dec. 7:00pm Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

Let's have some fun! Bring your food, your orchids, and holiday cheer. **Please note the 7pm start time.** Turkey, ham, & drinks will be provided by MOS — the rest is up to you. Potluck by first letter of your last name, but if you have a favorite dish please bring it!

A-F: Appetizers
G-L: Salads
M-Z: Desserts

There **will be** a show table, so bring your orchids!



Monthly Meeting — January

12 Jan. 7:30-9:30pm Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

The meeting starts at 7:30, *as per usual*. Coffee and plant-sales start earlier at 7pm. Please bring a snack to share.

We will welcome our new members with an “Ask the Expert” panel. Whether you’re new or a long-time member, bring your orchid questions. We’ll do our best to answer them.

Upcoming Events (cont'd)

Monthly Meeting — February *What Kind of Orchid Killer Are You?*

9 Feb. 7:30-9:30pm Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

Dr. Bob Hesse, AOS judge and MOS member, will help us find out what kind of orchid killer each of us is. Prepare yourself for an entertaining evening. Meeting starts at 7:30, and please bring a snack to share with everyone.

Show table results

Plants	Grower
Bulbophyllum coconium	Brandt Moran, <i>int/advanced, greenhouse</i>
Cattleya schofieldiana x Blc. Waikiki Gold 'Lea' HCC/AOS	Ann Pfaff, <i>beginner, under light</i>
Cattleya bicolor	Brandt Moran, <i>int/advanced, greenhouse</i>
lc. Blueboy	Jaroslav Luciw, <i>int/advanced, greenhouse</i>
Bllra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS	Susie Pierce, <i>beginner, windowsill</i>
Sophronitis cernua	Jaroslav Luciw, <i>int/advanced, greenhouse</i>
zygopetalum Louisendorf	Nick Pavey, <i>int/advanced, windowsill</i>
Dendrobium Hibiki	Brenda Samiljan, <i>int/advanced, windowsill</i>



Dendrobium Hibiki 'Tiny Bubble'



Lc. Blueboy



Sophronitis cernua

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

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Above, Brandt Moran and Sasha Crotty in front of a winning Bulbophyllum, awarded an AOS *Certificate of Cultural Excellence* award. Other ribbons are for the MOS display.



The Massachusetts Orchid Society is a non-profit educational organization of individuals from all walks of life who share an interest in orchids. These interests range from the simple appreciation of orchids as beautiful flowers to the highly technical involvement in breeding and taxonomy. Join now and enjoy the world of orchids!

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