

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

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Discover a new interesting hybrid?  
Have a question about one of your  
plants? Have meeting or event  
suggestions?

Often times we discover different but  
successful new growing techniques,  
new problems or helpful tips as we  
grow and care for our orchids. The  
MOS Board encourages all members  
to submit timely articles, solutions or  
questions for inclusion in the  
newsletter. Please submit your article,  
pictures, or links to  
[newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org) by the  
end of each month.



## World of Orchids

Join the MOS for exhibits of blooming orchids,  
potting demonstrations, educational sessions,  
hourly plant raffles and sales of orchids and supplies.

This year's annual orchid show & sale will be held at a new  
location, the Mahoneys Garden Center at 242 Cambridge St.  
in Winchester. The schedule includes talks and demonstrations  
for all orchid lovers and you won't want to miss the exhibitions  
and vendors. Admission is \$10 (free for MOS members and  
children 8 & under). Be sure not to miss it!

- Friday, November 6, 2015: 1 pm-5 pm
- Saturday, November 7, 2015: 9 am-5pm
- Sunday, November 8, 2015: 9 am-4 pm

Find the full schedule, vendor info, map to Mahoneys, and  
more on the website at: <http://massorchid.org/show>.

## From the vendors:

**Mathilde Duffy**, botanical illustrator and photographer in Watertown, MA, combines her love of nature with a wry sense of humor to create unusual cards that more often get framed than mailed. She will draw orchids while showing her flower-themed cards, prints, and bookmarks. Mathilde conducts colored pencil drawing classes and welcomes "orchid portrait" art commissions.

Art website: <http://MathildeDuffy-Artist.com>  
Email: [mathilde.artist@comcast.net](mailto:mathilde.artist@comcast.net)

Established in 1985, the **orchidPhile** specializes in cutting-edge Phalaenopsis breeding with a focus on the more unique, colorful and often fragrant compact growing waxy novelties and the amazingly floriferous multi-floral miniatures. As a result of our annual trips to Taiwan, we are able to obtain many Phalaenopsis species and hybrids that would otherwise never be available in the US.

In addition to Phalaenopsis, we also carry the miniature varieties of many other genera, including Cattleyas, Dendrobiums and Vandaceous, which grow and flower easily under the same low light and warm temperature conditions as our Phalaenopsis.

Although we don't maintain a retail business location at our nursery in CT, you can readily find us exhibiting and selling at many orchid shows and events in the Northeast. We always send out an informative Pre-Order List (complete with pictures, descriptions and prices) prior to many of our shows so please contact us at [orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) if you'd like to be added to our e-mail list.

As a "Special One-time Offer" for the Massachusetts Show only, we will be bringing some previously flowered, fully mature, select Phalaenopsis mericlones that are just getting ready to spike again ~ a great opportunity to obtain quality Phals at a greatly reduced price. These plants, specially priced at just \$18 each, will also be described, complete with photos, on our Pre-Order List.

**Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies** has everything you need to grow great orchids including a full line of orchid pots and baskets, labels, humidity trays, fertilizers, T5 fluorescent light fixtures and a large selection of hangers, rhizome clips and many other wire supplies. We sell all types of media for potting or mounting your orchids and also make our own blend of potting mixes using the highest quality ingredients available. Please visit our website at [www.kkorchid.com](http://www.kkorchid.com) to see our entire line of orchid supplies.

Prepaid pre-orders to be delivered at the show are eligible for a 10% discount. When ordering on the website simply enter Coupon Code MOS2015 and 10% will be subtracted from your purchase. Pre-orders are always encouraged to be sure we have the items you are looking for. You can save on your purchase and we'll have it packaged and ready for you to pick up anytime during show hours. This coupon is only valid for supplies to be delivered at the MOS "World of Orchids". (Pre-orders must be received before November 5 to allow time to prepare and package your supplies).

**Main Street Orchids** operates in the Philadelphia area and has been in business since 1997. It is owned and operated by Michael and Sharon Kauffman.

We specialize in Phrags, Catt species, and Phal. species. We also carry some Den. species and a general variety of other species that we consider desirable. Many of the Phrags involve kovachii breeding and other cutting edge hybrids.

Since most of our revenue comes from installations, we do not have a web site. If you have some species you are looking for, send us an email at [msorchids@comcast.net](mailto:msorchids@comcast.net).





## Orchid of the Month

This month's featured orchid is a plant most people are familiar with, but few seem to know is an orchid – *Vanilla*.

*Vanilla*'s long thin stems grow like a vine to lengths of 100+ ft.! Like many orchids it is an epiphyte, growing harmlessly upon other plants or trees. Their roots grow down until they find something to attach to; be careful, one website says they'll even attach to your living room carpet if you're not careful! As you can imagine for an orchid growing in the tropics, they require bright, filtered light and warm temperatures, high humidity, and lots of space to grow.

*Vanilla*'s blooms are short-lived and arise successively on short structures from between the leaves around the beginning of April. Each tubular-shaped flower lasts only 8 hours, is quite large, and gives off a slightly unpleasant smell (unless you are a bee). There can be up to 100 flowers on a single "vine" of *Vanilla*.

Commercially grown *Vanilla* plants are pollinated by hand, a very tricky procedure, which cause the plants to grow the much-prized vanilla bean. After ripening for some 8-9 months after pollination, the beans are harvested, yielding vanilla flavoring.

### *Vanilla planifolia*



## Upcoming Events

### Monthly AOS Judging – October

3 Oct. 10:30am Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

This is a publicly-open Judging session of the AOS Northeast Regional Center at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston MA.

### Monthly Meeting: Alan Koch/Gold Country Orchids

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

Alan Koch, owner of Gold Country Orchids, will give his Orchids species talk which covers the many orchid alliances. Any grower will be sure to learn something from this talk. Bring lots of questions and something to write his answers on.

He will have orchids for sale at our meeting. You can also preorder plants no later than the morning of October 6 from his select plant list, available on the website at <http://www.massorchid.org/event-1854923> and on their website at <http://www.goldcountryorchids.com>.

Alan offers a 20% discount on all preorders and free freight. To be able to take advantage of this you need to do the following:

- (1.) Under discount enter the following code, GCOD (case sensitive)
- (2.) Under shipping enter ship to a society
- (3.) Under comments enter the name of your society or event we are to bring your plants.

You may email in your pre-order or call it in. This can be paid through their Paypal account via [gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com), with your credit card if you phone in your order or at the meeting with cash or check.

As Gold Country Orchids is re-building their website, it may be easier to email or phone in your order.

## Connecticut Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Van Wilgen's Garden Center 51 Valley Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

For more information and a \$2-off coupon, see the CT. Orchid Society website at [http://ctorchids.org/?page\\_id=437](http://ctorchids.org/?page_id=437)

Oct. 16 1 – 5pm.

Oct. 17 9am – 5pm

Oct. 18 9am – 4pm

## Lyman Estate Fall Orchid Sale

Lyman Estate Greenhouses, 185 Lyman St., Waltham, MA

Oct. 23 9:30am — Oct. 25 4:00pm

Celebrate orchid-blooming season! Hundreds of orchid plants are for sale, including many hard-to-find varieties. Visit the greenhouses and enjoy gorgeous floral colors, shapes, and scents. Among the many varieties on display and for sale are *Cattleyas*, *Laelias*, *Oncidiums*, *Paphiopedilums*, and *Phalaenopsis*. Their long-lasting blooms make orchids a dramatic addition to any indoor environment. This adaptable species can grow in a variety of home conditions. Staff are on hand to offer expert advice.

MOS members receive a 10% discount on purchases at the greenhouses, and admission is Free!

Join the Lyman again for a [workshop on growing orchids](#) on Saturday, November 8. MOS members receive a \$5 discount for a total cost of \$20. Call 7871-891-1985 for more information.

## Annual Show & Sale: “World of Orchids”

6 Nov. 1:00pm – 8 Nov. 4:00pm Mahoney's Garden Center, 242 Cambridge St., Winchester, MA

Join the MOS for exhibits of blooming orchids, potting demonstrations, education sessions, hourly plant raffles, and sales of orchids and supplies. The show program will be distributed to attendees, with expected attendance of about 2000-3000 people.

Admission is \$10 for the public, free for MOS members, free for children age 8 & under.

For more information about the orchid show, contact: [show@massorchid.org](mailto:show@massorchid.org)

Visit the website for the full schedule, directions to Mahoneys, vendor information, awards, registration information and more: [www.massorchid.org/show](http://www.massorchid.org/show)

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Jean Stefanik, AOS judge, will be the monthly speaker. She will describe and show us the plants she saw during her month-long trip to New Zealand!

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## Membership

#### Have membership questions?

E-mail our membership chairmen, Ralph DiFonzo & Jeff Feldman at: [membership@massorchid.org](mailto:membership@massorchid.org)

#### Membership dues:

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

#### Renew online:

<http://massorchid.org/Sys/MembershipRenewal>

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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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