



# Massachusetts Orchid Society

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## Message from the President

Welcome to the New Year!

Let's start 2016 by thanking all the MOS members who were able to attend our Holiday Party at our December 2015 meeting. Thanks to you, the wonderful food you brought, and your happy spirits, we had the biggest and best party in recent years with over 80 members and guests. Given the success of the holiday party, our annual June picnic should be a blockbuster.

Please try your best to bring a plant to our January meeting. The topic will be "Ask the Experts" and all the plants on the show table will be discussed. If you have a plant that's giving you problems, bring it so our experts can give you advice on how to grow it better. If it is diseased or has pests, just put it in a plastic bag and leave it at the back of the room and we'll do our best to give you a diagnosis.

January continues the orchid show season with the Cape and Islands Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale in Hyannis. We will need your plants to create another beautiful MOS display. Please read Vice President Jeff Feldman's article on the CAIOS Show (page 2, bottom) to learn how you can contribute to our display.

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS)? Even if you aren't, they offer free webinars along with members' only events. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Operating Officer will be leading a free "Greenhouse Chat" on Thursday, January 7, 2016; 8:30 PM EST. Join Ron for a Q&A session on orchid culture. Everyone is invited. If you have a question, please submit your questions by January 6 to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net). [Click here to register for this webinar.](#)

On Thursday, January 14, 2016; 8:30 PM EST, please join George Hatfield, Accredited AOS Judge, who will discuss how to judge cymbidiums. Viewing this webinar will qualify to fulfill one hour of the twelve required annual education hours for AOS judges. Free for everyone. [Click here to register for this webinar.](#)

The last January AOS webinar is a members' only "Tour of the Habitats Brazilian Cattleya (Laelia)" on Wednesday, January 20, 2016; 8:30 PM EST. Please join Francisco Miranda, owner of Miranda Orchids, for a discussion and tour of the Brazilian Cattleyas and their habitats. [Click here to register for this webinar.](#)

Our 2016 meeting calendar is full of exciting and fun speakers and seminars. You can view them all in the events section of our website at <http://massorchid.org/events>. I hope to see many of you on the second Tuesday night of the month at the Sons of Italy.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Giovino, President

## *Have you seen a green sticker?*

The membership committee has begun placing a round Green Sticker on the name badges of new members. This will identify our newest members to all and give us a chance to say hello and introduce ourselves. Hopefully we will all offer any information that is requested to help foster a sense of welcome and belonging to these folks. The individuals will decide for themselves how long they wish to wear them. So please remember to say hello and welcome to the folks behind the green stickers.

—The Membership Committee

## **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!

## **Corrections**

Last month's newsletter erroneously credited Linda Roberts with photos of the MOS Annual Show. In fact, it was Lisa Roberts who provided the photos. In addition to the photos on this page, you can find more of her photography at <http://lisaroberts.smugmug.com>.

## *Show Table program for January*

Rather than a speaker, the January membership meeting will feature the SHOW TABLE exclusively. All members – and particularly our new members – are encouraged to bring plants, even if not in flower, to the show table. Our “experts” will discuss every plant on the table and they will also field questions. This will be an excellent opportunity for all to gain some new knowledge about our orchids. The founding purpose of The Mass Orchid Society is, in fact, education. So bring your plants and your questions to the meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The entire evening will be devoted to the Show Table.

—The Program Committee

## *Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show*

The Cape and Islands Orchid Society's Show will be open January 23 and 24, 2016. The set up day is Thursday January 21 and the committee will need plants for the MOS display. Please email [Brigitte@massorchid.org](mailto:Brigitte@massorchid.org), [Ralph@massorchid.org](mailto:Ralph@massorchid.org) or [Jeff@massorchid.org](mailto:Jeff@massorchid.org) with the accurate name of your orchid(s) and flower color so that we may register them and arrange pick-up or drop off prior to the 21<sup>st</sup>. MOS has been a supporter of this show for several years and we want to put our best foot forward once again. Let's bring home some ribbons!

—MOS Display Committee



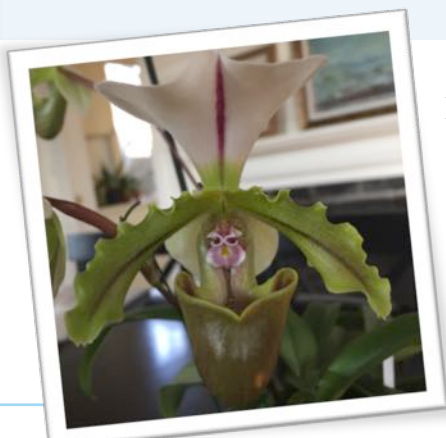
## *J&L Orchids 25% Discount Sale*

J&L Orchids is having a 25%-off discount this holiday season on any order placed between now and December 31, 2015. This includes *Gift Certificates* — a great present for the orchid lover in your life! All their regular stock can be found at <http://www.jlorchids.com>. Check out the *Gift* and *Featured* pages for budded and blooming plants. The discount also applies if you visit the greenhouse, where you can find many fascinating plants not listed on the website.

*Note* that the discount will not show in the shopping cart when purchasing online, but will be applied when the order is processed and your card is charged.

## *December show table results*

Name of plant	Exhibitor	Level	Lighting	Temperature
<b>lc. C.G. Roebling 'Sentinel'</b>	Waren & Susie Wheelwright	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	Cool
<b>masdevallia floribunda</b>	Joe Rajunas	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	Cool
<b>cattleya Swan Lake 'Cimmaron Valley' AM/AOS x cattleya Earl 'Marie Palister'</b>	Brigitte Fortin	Int/Adv	Under Lights	Intermediate
<b>Onc. Taiku Marguerite (twinkle x ornithorhyncum)</b>	Alan Katz	Beginner	Under Lights	warm
<b>Encyclia cochleata 'Boquet' x 'Belize'</b>	Waren & Suzie Wheelwright	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	cool
<b>Sophronitis cernua</b>	Jaroslav Luciw	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	cool
<b>Burr Kilauea 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS</b>	Suzie Pierce	Beginner	Windowsill	warm
<b>Phragmipedium bessae x kovachii</b>	Jaroslav Luciw	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	cool
<b>Stenorrhynchos speciosum 'C.H.' x sib</b>	Jaroslav Luciw	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	cool
<b>Laelia anceps</b>	Jaroslav Luciw	Int/Adv	Greenhouse	cool



Paph. spicereanum.



Cattleya Swan Lake,  
grown by Brigitte Fortin

## Upcoming Events

### Monthly AOS Judging

2 Jan. 10:30am Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Bolyston, MA

AOS judging centers are a great place to learn about and see new orchids, what new species are coming out of the wild, new hybrids, and possibly new information about growing. Bring your orchid to this publicly-open judging session of the AOS Northeast Regional Center.

### Monthly Meeting — January *Ask the Experts*

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.

### CAIOS Orchid Show

23-24 Jan. The Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, 35 Scudder Ave., Hyannis, MA

The Cape and Island Orchid Society (CAIOS) is presenting their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show “*Winter Wonderland of Orchids*” in Hyannis. As with every orchid show, there will be fantastic displays and much to see!

January 22: Preview Dinner 6pm

January 23: 9am — 5pm

January 24: 9am — 5pm

For more information, visit the CAIOS website at: <http://www.caios.org>



### Monthly AOS Judging

6 Feb. 10:30am Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Bolyston, MA

This is a publicly-open Judging session of the AOS Northeast Regional Center at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston MA. For more information, visit <http://www.massorchid.org/judging>.

### 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.

## New Hampshire Orchid Society Show & Sale

12-14 Feb. Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH

The New Hampshire Orchid Society is presenting their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale, entitled “*Blizzard of Orchids*” from February 12 – 14 in Nashua. Please note the new location at the Courtyard Marriott. Admission is \$10 for adults (\$8 for seniors 65+), and is free for children 12 & under. A 3-day pass is \$15. All tickets are sold at the door (no advance purchase available).

Fri, February 12: 1 p.m. — 7 p.m. (Awards ceremony 5-7pm)

Sat, February 13: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Sun, February 14: 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Cash bar, general admission price applies. Free photographer access 8-9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday only. The NHOS website says they have “a great schedule of Educational Programs again this year” and that all talks are free to show guests.

For more details and the full schedule, please visit <http://www.nhorchids.org>.



Above, the MOS 2015 Holiday Party festivities.

Right, a link to a video showing the show table from the Holiday Party. (Click the image, or [go to this link.](#))



# Massachusetts Orchid Society Board

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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>

### Renew by mail:

Please mail a check made out to Massachusetts Orchid Society to:  
Massachusetts Orchid Society,  
PO Box 550141, Waltham, MA 02455

Below, a display of orchids at the Carleton-Willard Village, by Dr. Alan Kaitz.





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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