

Massachusetts Orchid Society

April 2017

Message from the President

Happy April, folks! This month's meeting will feature Kristen Uthus of [New World Orchids \(newworldorchids.com\)](http://newworldorchids.com). She will present a program on Miniatures (or Honey I Shrunk the Orchids!) She has requested that those who do not enjoy the program not throw tomatoes, but instead to throw money. I have a similar request, but would appreciate it if you would throw money whether or not I am entertaining.

As our meeting last month was cancelled due to the weather, Daryl of Kelley's Korner (<https://www.kkorchid.com/>) and a longtime Massachusetts Orchid Society member has graciously extended their offer of ten percent off prepaid orders! Please see last month's newsletter to find the discount code.

This month we mourn the loss of Victor DeRosa. From supplier of Cattleyas for corsages to mentor for many, he was a great grower and breeder. The DeRosa Award for Artistic Design which is awarded at our show, is named in his honor.

We are moving towards elections and we need board members and officers! Please consider spending a little time giving a few more hours of your time to the society. It's fun, educational, and your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank Adrienne for setting up the Massachusetts Orchid Society's display at the Nutmeg Orchid Society show and all those folks who let us use their plants and who helped with the show. I would also like to thank all you fine folks for being a part of the Massachusetts Orchid Society.

(So, because I had to work in an April Fool's Day reference....)

Well, no foolin' but I don't have much to say this month. Don't forget to preorder from Kristin at New World Orchids before she leaves to make sure she brings your plants! And Daryl and Kelley's Korner are still offering a discount on your prepaid orders! Please bring your flowering plants for the show table!

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—Brian Leib, MOS President

Awards and Results from the 2017 Nutmeg State Orchid Society

Another March, another sister society show with the Nutmeg State Orchid Society in West Hartford, CT. Brandt Moran and I met up on a windy gray Friday to set up our display of over 50 plants. Thanks to Mike Badia, Jeff Feldman, Jaroslaw Luciw, Brandt Moran, and Bob Richter, we once again had a lovely, beribboned display. Listed below are our special award and ribbon winners—congratulations for your recognition.

I'd also like to thank Brandt and Jaroslaw for their help during breakdown. Many hands made light work.

—Adrienne Giovino



Above and left, photos of the MOS exhibit at the 2017 NSOS show along with some winning plants by Brandt Moran.

Photos courtesy of
Adrienne Giovino

Bring That Orchid to the Meeting

Our By-Laws specify that our purpose is to educate ourselves and the general public about growing and appreciating orchids. MOS is fortunate to have many expert growers (not named Jeff), who are happy to offer help and advice to all who ask.

Does your orchid not look right to you? Bugs or pests? Not sure of the proper culture for your specific plant? Bring it in and get some help before the meeting begins. If you feel you have pests put the plant in a see through plastic bag.

Please don't be shy. Your fellow members are here to help.....

—Jeff Feldman

In memoriam of Victor DeRosa

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of beloved honorary member Victor DeRosa. Although he moved to Florida well over a decade ago upon retirement from his orchid greenhouse businesses in Natick and Wellesley, his name is legendary with the Massachusetts Orchid Society for his generosity of his time and his plants. "Take whatever plants you want," he would say for any of our displays, "But make sure to return them!"

MOS members Janice and George Baltoumas, Chester Conrad, Dr. Tom Gregg (also representing CAIOS), and I

attended his wake on Friday, March 31st. According to George, white Phals were Victor's favorite orchids and they were in abundance in the flower arrangements.

Dr. Tom suggested we further honor him by having dinner at his favorite Natick restaurant, Agostino's. We had a delicious meal reminiscing about Victor and shall always keep him in our hearts.

—Adrienne Giovino



The Orchids of Thailand

The 15th Annual Orchid Show currently at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx, pays homage to the wealth of Orchids and the rich cultural history of Thailand.

The reflection pool in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory at the entrance to the show is alive with color. Elephants, a sacred animal in Thailand, are represented (in moss) and covered with orchids in the middle of the pool. Masses of orchids are displayed below, above and beside you as you pass through several greenhouses. Picture friendly scenes are everywhere and, of course, the orchids create a color explosion.



The permanent orchid collection of the NYBG is extensive and a large part of it is highlighted each year at the Orchid Show. The show is open annually from late February through early April.

—Jeff Feldman



Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting, April

11 April 2017 7 PM

Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA

Kristen Uthus of [New World Orchids](#) will present a program on Miniatures (or Honey I Shrank the Orchids!)

Monthly AOS Judging, May

06 May 2017 10:30 AM

Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 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. For more information, see the [MOS website's page on AOS Judging](#).

MOS Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs

Officers

President	Brian Leib
Vice President	Jeff Feldman
Secretary	Ellen Shapiro
Treasurer	Sasha Crotty

Directors

George Baltoumas	Brandt Moran
Brigitte Fortin	Linda Pakravan
Ralph Di Fonzo	

Committee Chairs

AOS Trustee	Howard Bronstein
AOS Representative	Brigitte Fortin
Conservation	Robert Hesse
Hospitality	Ellen Shapiro
Library	—currently open —
Membership	Jeff Feldman , and Ralph Di Fonzo
Newsletter	Daniel Renfro
Orchid Digest Rep.	Adrienne Giovino
Program	Jeff Feldman

Past President

[Adrienne Giovino](#)

Orchid Show

Sasha Crotty,
Brigitte Fortin,
Adrienne Giovino,
Joanna Eckstrom,
Lynn Hennessey,
Marcia & Bob Richter,
Board of directors

Show Table

[Brigitte Fortin](#)

MASSACHUSETTS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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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