

Massachusetts Orchid Society

Message from the President

December 2016

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Happy December, folks!

This month we don't have a speaker but instead have our holiday party (yes, holiday as we have folks who do and don't believe in many different things). Please bring a dish to share. If you'd like, please bring a dish according to the list below. The list refers to last names. If you have a specialty dish or a favorite recipe and it means you don't follow the list, that's great too! I will likely bring something that does fit me into the listing below, but since the categories rotate, this will be the first time in several years.

Salads A – F
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If you're making something that can be an allergen, if possible, please bring a list of ingredients to leave with the dish. The society will provide the traditional turkey and ham. This is a great way to meet and get to know folks in the society. If there's a grower who you've always wanted to meet but have felt they may be too advanced in their knowledge to want to talk to you, you're likely wrong! Please let me know and I'll introduce you, if'n I can.

As we get ready to start this new year, I hope that you've enjoyed and learned a lot through the Massachusetts Orchid Society. We are an educational society (it's in the bylaws and they're on the website if you want to read them). If you want to know about a topic or have a particular speaker, please send a note to someone on the board to pass along to the person who plans our speakers. We always welcome new ideas for speakers or programs.

We are now in the period I like to call the show season. Our show is now in the rear view mirror for a little while, though plans for



August show-table photos,
courtesy of Linda Pakravan

next year have already begun. The Cape and Islands Orchid Society (CAIOS, pronounced "chaos") has their show and sale the end of January. New Hampshire is around Valentine's day, and those are just for starters! It's a great time to stock up on plants or materials.

If you ever feel like writing an article for the newsletter, please do! Daniel Renfro, our fantastic newsletter editor, would welcome the content and many members will likely enjoy reading it! Okay folks, back to our regularly scheduled newsletter....

—Brian Leib, MOS President

A Shout Out To Our New Members

A special welcome to our new members that have recently become part of MOS. We are pleased that you chose to share the orchid experience with us. You have joined with 172 others who enjoy learning, growing and gaining expertise with these beautiful plants and flowers.

Some of you are very new to orchids and some of you have experience growing. This is similar to most of us, though we are blessed to also have several highly skilled and experienced members. You will find these folks and all our members approachable and willing to help. Have a question: ask. Worried about a plant: bring it to a meeting.

The show table at each meeting is for all of us, so bring your flowers in. For our less experienced folks, use a brown card (beginner) to identify your plant; for those that have been growing for a while, use a green card. And be sure to peruse the show table prior to the meeting. You will see some truly beautiful flowers.

The purpose of the Mass Orchid Society is to interest and educate our members and the public on the joys of these special plants.

Our speakers, available programs and events are designed to further your knowledge.

Of course, it is also important to enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow growers and share your experiences. In this regard, do be sure to come to the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13th. Information about this event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as on your website massorchid.com. We will have a show table, but there is no formal meeting. There will be a buffet and bar available. So come and socialize with your new friends.

Finally, upcoming meetings will feature a talk on preparing your plants for a show in January, a special expert panel in February and a repotting clinic in March. These first few programs will offer valuable information as you (and your plants) go forward.

Ralph and myself are always available to help in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to ask.

—Membership Committee

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Pictures, Awards from the MOS Annual Show last month

Hopefully everyone was able to make it to the annual show this year and enjoy the exhibitions, talks, guided tours, vendors, plant raffles, and all the wonderful plants. Congratulations to the ribbon and trophy winners and thanks to everyone involved.

Many of us went home not only with new plants, but with a number of great photos. Adrienne Giovino submitted three—at right, from top to bottom:

- Our Orchid Digest award-winning display created by Director and membership co-chairman Ralph DiFonzo II.
- Gus Wehrly and beautiful bird Scooter. Gus and his brother Henry travelled from Michigan to help his mother Dr. Kristen Uthus and father Kevin Wehrly at the New World Orchids booth as well as behind the scenes with hospitality to keep our vendors, exhibitors, and volunteers fed and hydrated.
- Keynote speaker and Smithsonian Orchid Specialist Tom Mirenda helps Janice Baltoumas fold table clothes during show breakdown.

Some of us went home with even more than that! Below you'll find the lists of trophy winners. A number of MOS members won ribbons—too many to list here. You can find the [full list online on the MOS website](#).

2016 World of Orchids

Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show Awards

Cynthia Guy Mem. Tr. for Best Plant/Bloom

Plant: Rlc Prada Green Deluxe 'NN' Ports of Paradise x Hemlock Pass

Owner: Roger West, Amherst OS

MOS Trophy for Best Fantasy Orchid

Sponsored by Roberta and George Bonoff

Plant: Habenaria x Regnier

Owner: Jim Marlow, Marlow Orchids



Halbersleben Mem. Tr. for Best Cattleya*Sponsored by John Dellechiaie*

Plant: Rlc Prada Green Deluxe 'NN' Ports of
Paradise x Hemlock Pass
Owner: Roger West, Amherst OS

MOS Trophy for Best Dendrobium

Plant: Dendrobium Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles'
Owner: Chuck & Sue Anderson, NHOS

MOS Tr. for Best Miltonia/Milioniopsis

Plant: Bllra. Marfich 'Howards Dream' AMOS/AOS
Owner: Jeff Bookbinder, OSOS

John E. Miller Tr. for Best Odontoglossum

Plant: Odontocidium Wildcat 'Green Valley'
Owner: Monty Sabolcik, COS

John E. Stacy Mem. Tr. for Best Oncidium

Plant: Oncidium splendidum
Owner: Jim Marlow, Marlow Orchids

Paul B. Moore Mem. Tr. for Best Paphiopedilum*Sponsored by Roberta & Jeff Feldman*

Plant: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice longifolium x
sargentianum
Owner: Bob Cleveland Orchids

Esther Sweet Mem. Tr. for Best Phalaenopsis

Plant: Phal. OX Prince 'OX1482' AM/AOS OX Black
Jack x Leopard Prince
Owner: the orchidPhile

Louis Guida Mem. Tr. Best Sunset/Artshade**Phalaenopsis**

Plant: Phal. Sanjay Peach
Owner: Clair Heaton, OSOS

MOS Trophy for Best Pleurothallid

Plant: Masdevallia roseola
Owner: Chuck & Sue Anderson, NHOS

Irving Versoy Trophy for Best Vanda

Plant: Aerides lawrenceae 'June Sabolcik' AM/AOS
Owner: Monty Sabolcik, COS

Richard Peterson Mem. Tr. for Best Species*Sponsored by Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies*

Plant: Phal. equestris fma.alba
Owner: the orchidPhile

MOS Trophy for Best/Worst Fragrance

Plant: Colmanara 'Our Dog Spot'
Owner: Janelle Delicata

Wilford B. Neptune Trophy for Best Culture

Plant: Aerides lawrenceae 'June Sabolcik'
AM/AOS
Owner: Monty Sabolcik, COS

MOS Trophy for Best Orchid Grown in the Home*Sponsored by Mike and Karen Badia*

Plant: Oncidium Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS
Owner: Brigitte Fortin, MOS

Kraus Family Trophy for Best Large Specimen

Plant: Coel. fimbriata
Owner: Herb Fishman, NSOS

MOS Trophy for Best Miniature Specimen

Plant: Masdevallia roseola
Owner: Chuck & Sue Anderson, NHOS

MOS Trophy for Best of the Artwork Classes

Artwork: Lady Slipper
Owner: Jai's Homemade Cornstarch Flowers

DeRosa Award for Artistic Design*Sponsored by BF Design*

Exhibit: Tina Balog, CAIOS Display

AOS Show Trophy*Sponsored by Gib and Lynn Hennessey*

Presented to: Andy's Orchids

Orchid Digest Orchid Society Display Trophy

Presented to: Ralph Di Fonzo II, MOS

Orchid Digest Diamond Award

Awarded to: Jody Maggio

Orchid Culture Exchange

This is Pot. Denis Roessiger (Slc. Angel Eyes 'SVO' HCC/AOS x Pot. Golden Circle 'OPRL'). It is a small plant from the Cattleya family that I got from Sunset Valley Orchids. It quickly spiked and flowered. Its care is similar to Cattleyas and it wants strong light (2500 fc). The flower is 3" wide and adds beautiful color to my mantle.

—Jeff Feldman



Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

Dec. 13, 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 7 pm start time. We will we have a **show table**.

Turkey, ham and 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: Salads
G-L: Desserts
M-Z: Appetizers

*If you would like to see something
in the newsletter, just ask!*

*Email the editor at:
newsletter@massorchid.org*

Monthly AOS Judging

Jan. 7, 10:30am

Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

This is a judging session of the AOS Northeast Regional Center at the Tower Hill Botanical Gardens is open to the public. To learn more about AOS judging, please visit the MOS website at the following URL: <http://massorchid.org/judging>.

Monthly Meeting — So you're having a show

Jan. 10, 7:30-9:30pm

Sons of Italy — 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA

AOS Judge Jean Stefanik shows us how to prepare for an orchid show. Learn how to stake and clean your orchids, register them and create a visually-pleasing display.

Monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Please have your plant on the show table by 7 p.m. Please **bring a snack** to share, you receive an additional raffle ticket if you do.

CAIOS Annual Orchid Show

Jan. 28-29

The Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis — 35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis, MA

Cape and Island Orchid Society 28th Annual Orchid Show "Orchid Passion". Admission \$10. For more information, see www.caios.org.

January 27: Preview Dinner 6 p.m. \$45 per person

January 28: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 29: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NHOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Feb. 10-12

Courtyard Marriot — 2200 Southwood Dr, Nashua, NH

New Hampshire Orchid Society 26th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$6, Children under 12 free. 3-Day daytime pass \$15. For the full schedule, see www.nhorchids.org.

February 10: 1 pm to 7 pm

February 11: 9 am to 5 pm

February 12: 9 am to 4 pm

Amherst Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale

Feb. 25-26

Smith Vocational High School — 80 Locust St (Route 9), Northampton, MA

Admission: \$5 (Children under 12 Free).

For full info, see

<http://amherstorchidsociety.org>.

Saturday, February 25: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 26: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Patrons enjoying the vendors and displays at the MOS Annual show last month.

MOS Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs

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President	Brian Leib
Vice President	Jeff Feldman
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George Baltoumas	Brandt Moran
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Ralph Di Fonzo	

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[Adrienne Giovino](#)

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

Orchid Show

Sasha Crotty,
Brigitte Fortin,
Adrienne Giovino,
Joanna Eckstrom,
Lynn Hennessey,
Marcia & Bob Richter,
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Show Table

[Linda Abrams](#)

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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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