

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

## June 2016

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### New England Summer Orchid Festival

The first annual N.E. Summer Orchid Festival is scheduled for June 24-25 in Northampton, MA. This will be the first ever event of this kind purposely located to be easily accessible from all of New England. It will include vendors, one central exhibit, AOS judging, workshops, and most important: a food truck! Geared with a focus on our hobby-growing friends, there will be around 10+ vendors, each with their own orchid specialty.

It's a fun opportunity to touch base with friends from all over New England, spend a leisurely day shopping, viewing, learning and just kicking back. And because it's an indoor venue, the weather will not be a factor ~ the building will protect us &, even more important, our orchids from heat, cold or rain!

See the attached flyer or the MOS website for more details.

### Orchid of the Month: *Aplectrum hyemale*

Commonly known as the "Adam & Eve orchid", this small orchid grows natively in the low woodlands and swamps of North America. It ranges from Ontario as far south as Georgia.

*Aplectrum hyemale* is a wonderful example of the morphological variation found in orchids. It grows a single evergreen leaf in the fall which dies off around May, soon followed by a flower stem. The stem typically holds 8-20 brownish-purple flowers about ½ - 1 inch long.



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*Close-ups of A. heymale's  
flower and single leaf.*

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## Message from the President

Thank you, George Newman, long-time MOS member, for your talk on the native orchids in northeastern North America at our May meeting. If you missed George's talk, hopefully he will reprise it during our annual orchid show and sale this November.

On June 14, 2016, Dr. Kristen Uthus, owner of New World Orchids, specializing in Japanese species, returns to MOS to give us a travelogue on the Tokyo Dome Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival. She will have plants for sale. You may preorder plants at <http://newworldorchids.com/product-category/plants/neofinetia/>

The First Annual Summer Orchid Fest will be held on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (<http://massorchid.org/event-2213224>). To support our show vendors, many who will be at the Orchid Fest, we've moved our annual picnic at Marcia and Bob Richter's home to Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. You will receive an Evite by email about a month before the picnic with more information; it's already posted under the Events section of our website.

The American Orchid Society (AOS) is offering two public webinars in June. AOS COO, Ron McHatton, will have a greenhouse chat on Tuesday, June 14, 2016; 8:30 PM EDT. Ron will answer your questions about orchids. On Tuesday, June 21, 2016 join Past AOS President and Education Chair Sandra Svoboda as she talks about the endemic orchids of North American and the conservation efforts and organizations that exist to ensure that our North American native orchids survive. Please go to <http://www.aos.org> for more information.

As outgoing president, I'd like to welcome our new board members George Baltoumas, Brandt Moran, Linda Pakravan and, after a few years absence, president Brian Leib. I also want to sincerely thank outgoing treasurer Jody Maggio who has served six years working tirelessly on the behalf of MOS. Through her we have our meeting place at the Sons of Italy, raffle plants, as well as the new location for our annual show at Mahoney's in Winchester. Jody, the board and I thank you for all your past and future efforts.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Giovino, President



*May show-table photos*

### Calling all Phalaenopsis growers

In conjunction with the monthly New Hampshire Orchid Society meeting, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) is pleased to present its 6th Annual Speakers' Day, "Focus On Phals" on **September 10, 2016**. The event will be held at the Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford NH.

This day-long event will include our keynote speaker, Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, Consultant & Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University, sharing his vast knowledge of Phalaenopsis culture. Joining him will be Rob Shepherd, owner & hybridizer of *Sapphire Dragon Orchids* who will update us on his breeding program & modern trends to achieve cerulean blue Phalaenopsis. Carri Raven-Riemann of the *orchidPhile*, Past IPA President & current Regional Director, will update us on some of the cutting-edge breeding as seen at the Taiwan 2016 TIOS Show, including some exciting new directions from some of the smaller boutique hybridizers who are always thinking outside the box.

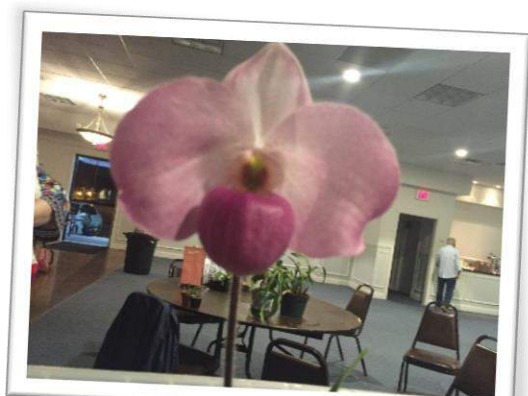
The day will also include reviewing the traditional New Hampshire OS show table, a roundtable discussion and a mini-auction of select plants. The Registration Fee of \$15 for NON-NHOS members covers just the cost of morning refreshments and a light lunch. We invite all orchidists, IPA members & non-members alike, to join us for this very special Speakers' Day. Vendors will be: *Sapphire Dragon Orchids*, the *orchidPhile* and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

For registration info and a full schedule, please visit the MOS website at: <http://massorchid.org/event-2251204>,

See the attached flyer.



*Brandt Moran presenting the show-table orchids at the May 2016 meeting.*



*May show-table photos*



## A New Year ~ A New Board

As a new MOS year approaches July 1st, it is time to say thank you to the outgoing Board members and good luck to the incoming Board.

Very special thanks to Jody Maggio who this month completes six consecutive years as our Treasurer. Jody's commitment to MOS has encompassed several projects and programs and sets a standard for member service. Jody opened the relationship with Mahoney's and has nurtured the MOS/Mahoney's "friendship" for years. She is called almost monthly to pick up donated orchids and has stored them with her own collection, bringing some monthly to our meetings for our raffles and for new members. Her willingness to run "Orchid 101" seminars was greatly appreciated by Mahoney's and it was following one of them that the opportunity to move our Show there was first explored last year. These seminars have been responsible for significant exposure of MOS as well as several new members. Not only donated plants, but a large part of our supplies for meetings, our picnic and Holiday party have "lived with her" for years. Jody's long association with the Town of Winchester and her friends in town continues to be of value to us throughout the year, drawing attention to MOS and even allowing for the placement of signs advertising our show in strategic locations. Finally, our meeting place at the Sons of Italy was found and favorably negotiated by Jody and her husband Richard. You will find Jody anyplace that requires member involvement.

Thanks also to Joe Rajunas who is completing his two year term as a director. Joe's experienced advice and work has been a valuable contribution to MOS and we all look forward to Joe's help and experience at our Annual Orchid Show at Mahoney's on November 4-6 and other events. These thanks also go to Leslie Buchanan who unfortunately needed to retire from the board earlier this year due to other priorities.

The new Board, which was voted in at the May general meeting, will serve from July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017. Brian Leib, a past President, will serve as President (providing some welcome relief to Adrienne Giovino), who continues on the Board as the immediate Past President. Jeff Feldman will serve one more term as Vice President. Ellen Shapiro has agreed to be Secretary for another year and Sasha Crotty will pick up from Jody and be our Treasurer. New directors, Brandt Moran, George Baltoumas and Linda Pakravan are joining existing directors, Brigitte Fortin and Ralph DiFonzo, which completes the 10 member Board.

Many thanks again to all the outgoing Board members, and welcome to our new folks.



*May show-table photos*

## MOS show table (May meeting)

Name of plant	Exhibitor	Level	Windowsill/Greenhouse/under Light	Temperature
Paph Honey	Bob Richter	int/adv.	Greenhouse	Cool
Phrag. Susan Decker	Bob Richter	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Cool
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Paph. Ho-Chi-Min	Bob Richter	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Cool
Ascocentrum 'garayi'	Bob Richter	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Cool
Neofinetia collection	Bob Richter	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Cool
Vanda Memoria Paul Kupp	Bob Richter	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Cool
Phal 'Wedding Serenade'	Ed Lypchus	Int/adv	Window	Intermediate
Phal Taisugo 'Mickey'	Jaroslav Luciw	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Intermediate
Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Carmelo'	Jaroslav Luciw	Int/adv	Greenhouse	Intermediate
Angraecum florulentum	Ralph and Cheiko Collins	Int/adv	Greenhouse	cool
Neostylis Pinky	Ralph and Cheiko Collins	Int/adv	Greenhouse	cool
Den Tosaence	Ralph and Cheiko Collins	Int/adv	Greenhouse	cool
Sarcochilus cecillias	Sasha Crotty	Int/adv	light	warm
Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Frae' AM/AOS	Charlie	Int/adv	Greenhouse	cool
Leptodis bicolor	Brandt and Lisa	Int/adv	Greenhouse	cool
Laelia purpurata alba 'Orchidglade'	Brandt and Lisa	Int/adv	Greenhouse	cool
Prosthechea cochleata W.E. Higgins	Bren and Daniel	Int/adv	Window	Intermediate
Chysis bractescens	Ann Pfaff	Int/adv	light	warm
Maxillaria tenifolia x maxillaria sanguinea	Ann Pfaff	Int/adv	light	warm

## Upcoming Events

### Monthly AOS Judging, June

June 04, 10:30am  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Bolyston, MA

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

### Monthly meeting — June

#### *Tokyo Dome Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival*

June 14, 7:30-9:30pm  
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

Dr. Kristen Uthus, owner of *New World Orchids* will give us travelogue on the Tokyo Dome Japan International Orchid Festival. She will also have plants for sale. Our monthly meeting starts at 7:30. Coffee and plant sales start at 7pm.

To preorder plants, please go to:  
<http://www.newworldorchids.com>

### First Annual New England Summer Orchid Festival

June 24 12:00pm to June 25 4:00pm  
Smith Vocational High School  
80 Locust St. (Route 9), Northampton, MA

This will hopefully be the first in a long series summer orchid fests hosted by the Amherst Orchid Society. We hope to bring together several orchid vendors providing opportunities to learn about orchid growing as well as pick up new plants for your collection.

We also hope orchid societies from the greater New England area will provide information about their societies. This way visitors that attend the fest can learn about potential societies they can join to further expand their knowledge of orchids.

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

*Email the editor at:*  
[newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org)

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Admission is free. The festival will be open:

Friday, June 24: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Smith Vocational High School is located at 80 Locust Street (Route 9) next to the Cooley Dickson Hospital. For more information see the Amherst Orchid Society website at <http://www.amherstorchidsociety.org>, or email [neorchidfest@gmail.com](mailto:neorchidfest@gmail.com)

### Monthly AOS Judging, July

July 02, 10:30am

Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Bolyston, MA

### Monthly meeting — July — *Miniature Orchids*

June 14, 7:30-9:30pm

Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

Marguerite Webb will be sharing information on miniature orchids. Please have your plants on the show-table by 7pm so we may start the meeting promptly at 7:30pm.

As always **please bring a snack** to share! (You get an extra raffle ticket!)

### MOS Picnic & BBQ

July 24, 12:30pm — 3:30pm

Marcia & Bob Richter's Home & Greenhouse

Marcia and Bob Richter have once again been kind enough to open their home for our annual picnic. Join us for a barbeque and potluck lunch and explore Bob and Marcia's beautiful greenhouse filled with thousands of orchids.

The MOS will provide drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers. **Please RSVP by Saturday, July 16th** so we know how much food to buy. Look for an Evite in your mailbox. If you do not receive one, please RSVP to [sasha@massorchid.org](mailto:sasha@massorchid.org)

Please note: To give our grill masters time to enjoy the event, the grill will run from 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

The rest of the food is up to you! Suggested dishes (by first letter of last name) are:

**A - F** Appetizers / Chips & Dip Salads

**G - L** Desserts

**M - Z** Salad





### Upcoming Events, abbrev.

Monthly AOS Judging	June 4
Monthly Meeting	June 14
New England Orchid Festival	June 24-25
Monthly AOS Judging	July 2
Monthly Meeting	July 12
MOS Picnic & BBQ	July 24

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### MOS Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs

#### Officers

President	<a href="#">Adrienne Giovino</a>
Vice President	<a href="#">Jeff Feldman</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Ellen Shapiro</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Jody Maggio</a>

#### Directors

<a href="#">Bridgitte Fortin</a>	<a href="#">Joe Rajunas</a>
<a href="#">Sasha Crotty</a>	<a href="#">Ralph Di Fonzo</a>

#### Committee Chairs

Conservation	<a href="#">Robert Hesse</a>
Hospitality	<a href="#">Ellen Shapiro</a>
Library	— currently open —
Membership	<a href="#">Jeff Feldman</a> , and <a href="#">Ralph Di Fonzo</a>
Newsletter	<a href="#">Daniel Renfro</a>
Program	<a href="#">Adrienne Giovino</a>

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# New England Summer Orchid Fest



**The Amherst Orchid Society is happy to host the  
First Annual**

**New England Summer Orchid Fest !**

**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 12-5pm & Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-5pm**

**The festival will be held at Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School located at:  
80 Locust St (Rt. 9), Northampton, MA 01060.**

This venue can be easily reached off of Interstate 90 by connecting to Interstate 91  
Centrally & conveniently located for most of New England !

## **The New England Summer Orchid Fest will feature**

- **AOS sanctioned Judging on Saturday, June 25, starting at 12 Noon**
- **Any vendor or Fest attendee may bring their own plants for AOS judging (plants should arrive by 11am to be registered for AOS award consideration)**
- **The Comfort Zone Food Truck which serves a variety of fresh gourmet pretzels!**

**Free parking will be available at the school and entrance to the Festival is FREE !**

### **Orchid Vendors will include:**

- **orchidPhile:** Specializing in miniature and novelty Phalaenopsis orchids
- **Piping Rock Orchids:** Specializing in Paphiopedilums & Phragmipediums
- **Marlow Orchids:** Unusual species including Angraecoid, Bulbo., other genera.
- **Fair Orchids:** Specializing in Paphiopedilum & smaller Vandaceous plants
- **New Earth Orchids:** Specializing in Cattleya hybrids
- **flora-peculia:** Specializing in Neofinetia, Japanese orchids & orchid species
- **Ecuagenera:** Specializing in South American species
- Non-plant vendors, including **Grace Emporium:** orchid embroidered apparel
- **Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies:** Specializing in media and material for orchid growing



Join us for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual:  
**INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE**

**“FOCUS ON PHALS” DAY**

Co-hosted by the New Hampshire Orchid Society

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

8:30 - 9:15 am	Morning Refreshments & Sales Tables Open for Early Birds
9:30 - 10:15 am	<b>Rob Sheppard:</b> <i>Got the Blues? Coeruleas to the Rescue !</i>
10:30 - 11:15 am	<b>Carri Raven-Riemann:</b> <i>Happiness Is: Exciting New Directions in Breeding</i>
11:15 - 11:45 am	Mini Auction (to raise funds for future meetings)
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Lunch Break & Sales Tables Open
12:45 - 1:30 pm	Review of the Show Table
1:30 - 2:15 pm	<b>Dr. Yin-Tung Wang:</b> <i>Tips to Get the Best from your Phals in the Home</i>
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Roundtable Discussion with the Speakers (time permitting)

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: EARLY NHOS REGISTRATIONS (& FULLY PAID NON-NHOS MEMBER REGISTRATIONS) ARE REQUIRED BY AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup> TO ASSURE PLENTIFUL FOOD & CHAIRS FOR ALL !**

Both NHOS & NON-NHOS members can Register online at: <http://nhorchids.org/event-2248086>

Non-NHOS members can also pay by cash/check at the door or complete & mail the Registration Form below.

**For further information contact:**

New England Regional Director: **Carri Raven-Riemann** at [orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) or (203) 329-7255

New York/Eastern Canada Regional Director: **Marilyn Shapiro** at [mlshap2@juno.com](mailto:mlshap2@juno.com) or (212) 831-3076

Mid-Atlantic: MD/ DE/ PA/ NJ Regional Directors: **Mitch Paroly** at [hilolip@aol.com](mailto:hilolip@aol.com) or (215) 943-7516

**Les Werner** at [leswer@verizon.net](mailto:leswer@verizon.net) or (410) 793-0756

Additional information will also be available on the IPA website ([www.phal.org](http://www.phal.org))

**REGISTRATION FORM for non-NHOS members: Must be received no later than August 30, 2016**  
**IPA/NHOS “Focus on Phals” for Saturday, September 10, 2016**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ORCHID SOCIETY: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ registration(s) at \$15 each Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If paying by mail, send this form with your check, made payable to NHOS, to:** NH Orchid Society  
 PO Box 5375  
 Manchester, NH 03108

**For Vendor Pre-Orders - Please mention "IPA Regional Pre-Order" in subject line:**

orchidPhile: [orchidphile@optimum.net](mailto:orchidphile@optimum.net) - or - [www.facebook.com/orchidphile](http://www.facebook.com/orchidphile)

Sapphire Dragon Orchids: [www.saphiredragonorchids.com](http://www.saphiredragonorchids.com)

Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies: [www.kkorner.com](http://www.kkorner.com)

## 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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