

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

## July 2016

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### Message from the President

Hi folks.

Thanks for voting me in as the current president of the Massachusetts Orchid Society. It is a privilege to serve the society in this role again.

I was reflecting on my time in the society and I think this is my sixteenth year (really?!). I have served several terms as a director, two terms as vice president, two terms as president, and of course, two terms as past president.

I have really enjoyed working with people across our and other societies and I have learned a great deal. It has also been a lot of fun and has mostly only required an extra night a month and maybe a few more hours.

I'm also looking forward to returning to the 2016 Auction Committee. It is one of our biggest fundraisers and how we are able to afford to bring world class speakers from near and far. (Member donations are always accepted and are tax deductible....)

This month, Marguerite Webb of J&L Orchids will be speaking on Miniature Orchids. She will be bringing plants for sale. As usual, our monthly meeting will start at 7:30. Please bring your plants for the show table and a snack to share (you'll get an extra raffle ticket!). In an effort to get our meetings started closer to on time, please bring plants for the show table by 7:00 if possible (7:15 at the latest), so judging can finish in time to start the meeting.

Also this month is our annual picnic. Bob and Marcia Richter have graciously donated the use of their house and greenhouse for our enjoyment. Please RSVP and don't forget to bring a dish!

We (the board and I) are dedicated to making this society a welcoming, friendly, and fun place to learn and enjoy orchids, both those we grow and those described by the speakers. I hope that if you have any concerns about the society or anything else that you'll let me or another member of the board know. This society isn't for the board, it's for all of us, the members of the Massachusetts Orchid Society so please let us know how we can better serve you.

—Brian Leib



May show-table photos

## From the Board

President Brian Leib brought the first meeting of the new Board to order on Thursday evening, June 30. A quorum was present and several issues were discussed. Bringing financial status updates to membership monthly is in the plans, as is a form of questionnaire regarding members' preferences.

The show committee has begun meeting and the theme of the November Show at Mahoney's will be "The World of Orchids" once again. (Mahoney's customers have continually asked about "The World of Orchids" since last November and in doing so, made this decision for us.) Major focus will be placed on increasing attendance and membership participation.

MOS recently rented a storage cell in Woburn close to our meeting site and this will relieve a few members who have performed this service for several years in their homes.

The Board is also involved in preparing for the auction in September. Past President Adrienne Giovino has already received plants from Alan Koch (Gold Country Orchids) and we are in the process of contacting other vendors. Do not miss the auction this September, or you will be missing a chance to bid on several very nice plants. Enjoy the MOS 'bidding wars'.

Finally, we are looking forward to our picnic at Bob and Marcia Richter's home and greenhouse on Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>. This is always an excellent opportunity to share and socialize with some very nice people (your fellow members). Your invitation is in your inbox now. Please reply.

As always, a quick visit to our website ([massorchid.org](http://massorchid.org)) will keep you up to date on all our events.

—Jeff Feldman

*World of Orchids 2015,  
MOS Annual show at Mahoney's*



## Upcoming Events

### Monthly AOS Judging, July

July 02, 10:30am  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Bolyston, MA

This is a judging session of the AOS NorthEast Regional Center, open to the public. For more information, see <http://massorchid.org/judging>

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

July 12, 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 Ritcher'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

Spouses, significant others and orchid friends are welcome! Invitations have been sent via email — be sure to R.S.V.P.!

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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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## Monthly AOS Judging

Aug. 06, 10:30am  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Bolyston, MA

## Monthly meeting — August

Aug. 09, 7:30-9:30pm  
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

**Jason Fischer** of *Orchids Limited*, will be speaking about Phragmipedium hybridizing. Jason works and helps manage Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota with his father, Jerry Fischer. The business opened in 1978 in a small retail greenhouse and have grown to now occupy 4 large greenhouses, a shade house, and a laboratory. Jason has had a lifetime of experience with orchids; at age 14 he started breeding Phals, which gave way to Paphs, Phrags & misc other hybrids.

Jason will have orchids for sale and is offering a 10% discount on pre-orders. To preorder orchids, please visit the website at <http://ww.orchidweb.com>.



## IPA Focus on Phals Day, at NHOS

Sept. 10, 8:30am - 3:00pm  
Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, NH

In conjunction with the monthly New Hampshire Orchid Society meeting, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) is pleased to present a great Speakers' Day, Focusing on Phalaenopsis. For our 2016 meetings, we've invited **Rob Shepard**, owner of Sapphire Dragon Orchids and **Dr. Yin-Tung Wang**, Consultant & Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University. Rob will bring us all up to speed on his coerulea-focused breeding program in his quest for a true blue Phalaenopsis. **Carri Raven-Riemann** will finish the morning session by bringing everyone up to speed on the newest directions in breeding seen at the recent 2016 Taiwan International Orchid Show and several nurseries in Taiwan. Dr. Wang will share invaluable culture information with an eye to helping us achieve the best from our Phalaenopsis. As always, Daryl Yerdon, owner of Kelley's Korner Orchid Supply will be the vendor for all your orchid supply needs.

Registration deadline is August 30, 2016. Register online here: <http://nhorchids.org/event-2248086>. Non-NHOS members may register online to pay the \$15 registration fee.

See the MOS website for more info, at: <http://massorchid.org/event-2251204>

## MOS show table (June meeting)

Name of plant	Exhibitor
Maxillaria tenuifolia	Bob Richter
Lycaste aromatica	Bob Richter
Lycaste aromatica	Linda Abrams
Lycaste aromatic	Brandt Moran
Colmanara Wildcat 'Bobcat'	Brandt Moran
Brassavola perrinii	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Shoenorichis seidenfadenii	Dorothea Honer
Promenaea Winelight	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Malaxis calophyllum	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Phrag. China Dragon	Brandt Moran
Phal. Blake	Ralph DiFonzo II
Phal. lueddemanianum	Jaroslav Luciw
Laelia group	Brandt Moran

## MOS Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs

### Officers

President	<a href="#">Brian Leib</a>
Vice President	<a href="#">Jeff Feldman</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Ellen Shapiro</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Sasha Crotty</a>

### Directors

<a href="#">George Baltoumas</a>	<a href="#">Brandt Moran</a>
<a href="#">Bridgitte Fortin</a>	<a href="#">Linda Pakravan</a>
<a href="#">Ralph Di Fonzo</a>	

### Past President

[Adrienne Giovino](#)

### Committee Chairs

AOS Trustee	Howard Bronstein	Orchid Show	Sasha Crotty,
AOS Representative	<a href="#">Brigitte Fortin</a>		Brigitte Fortin,
Conservation	<a href="#">Robert Hesse</a>		Adrienne Giovino,
Hospitality	<a href="#">Ellen Shapiro</a>		Joanna Eckstrom,
Library	— currently open —		Lynn Hennessey,
Membership	<a href="#">Jeff Feldman</a> , and <a href="#">Ralph Di Fonzo</a>		Marcia & Bob Ritcher, Board of directors
Newsletter	<a href="#">Daniel Renfro</a>	Show Table	<a href="#">Linda Abrams</a>
Orchid Digest Rep.	<a href="#">Adrienne Giovino</a>		
Program	<a href="#">Adrienne Giovino</a>		



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

In conjunction with the monthly New Hampshire Orchid Society meeting, IPA is pleased to present its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Speakers’ Day, “Focus On Phals”. 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.

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))

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**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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