

Massachusetts Orchid Society

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Message from the President

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Well, my second month as president seems to be going okay. I hope you think it is too. I am excited for our upcoming programs as there are some world class speakers and experts in the orchid world!

Jason Fischer from the world famous nursery Orchids Limited will be speaking this month. Orchids Limited offers some very hard to find plants (and are offering a discount on preorders)!

I really want to stress how important it is to me personally that this society is rewarding for everyone. If you want to know about a subject, please let me or another board member know (well, preferably me and by email: brian@massorchid.org).

Don't forget about the auction! It is how we are able to afford world class speakers (although donations are also happily accepted and are tax deductible). Please remember to bring extra plants and let me know what vendors you prefer. We need the auction to succeed and everyone's help is appreciated. If you want to help as a plant runner, an auctioneer, or in another capacity, please let me know.

Know what comes after the auction? The show!!! Although every bit of help is appreciated, the show is when we truly need everyone's help. We need help with setup, with judging (clerking is a whole lot of fun and you learn a great deal and no experience is required, really), during the show staffing the member table, selling tickets, working the plant hotel, giving tours, to name a few things. Then, after the show we will need help tearing down. It goes faster than setting up, but it isn't as much fun, in my opinion.

I would like to send out a big thank you to Marcia and Bob Richter for hosting our picnic and to everyone who contributed to it being a success. Not only were the dishes brought delightful, but I would especially like to thank and recognize the board who went above and beyond to organize this successful event. It took some time but not a huge commitment of time, but (hopefully) a good time was had by all!



May show-table photos

Message from the President, cont'd

This is our orchid society and we need everyone's help to keep it that way. Please consider giving some of your time to help. It's a great way to get to know folks in the society better and the society benefits!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

—Brian Leib

Orchid Culture Exchange

You may have missed a meeting while one of your favorite plants was in bloom. Perhaps you have experimented with a "difficult" orchid, with great success. Or maybe you are just proud of one of your flowers.

As an extension of our show table, this new section of the monthly newsletter will allow members to show a picture of one of their flowering plants along with just a couple of sentences giving its name and how you grow it. Hopefully, this will help facilitate an exchange about orchid culture among members. So please don't be bashful...your experience will definitely be of value to our diverse membership.

Pictures and culture information can be sent directly to our Newsletter Editor, Daniel Renfro at newsletter@massorchid.org.

This plant is an *Encyclia lancifolia*. It is a species with a delightful fragrance and is relatively easy to grow.

This one is growing in a medium bark mix, is watered weekly and is showing 5 new growths already.

—Jeff Feldman



Upcoming Events

Monthly AOS Judging, August

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

This is a judging session of the American Orchid Society as the Northeast Regional Judging Center and is open to the public. For more information, see <http://massorchid.org/judging>

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 has 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://www.orchidweb.com>.

Monthly AOS Judging, September

Sept. 03, 10:30am
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr, Bolyston, MA

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

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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>

Monthly meeting — Annual Auction

Sept. 13, 7:00-9:30pm
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA

It's Auction time again! The Auction is the September Massachusetts Orchid Society Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016! Please note there is no show table this month.

This year we'll be having a potluck. MOS will provide the finger sandwiches, and as we do our picnic and holiday party, please bring an item to share based on the list below. If you would prefer to bring another type of dish, that would be most welcome, too.

- A - F** Appetizers / Chips & Dip Salads
- G - L** Desserts
- M - Z** Salad

If you have a division of insect-free and disease-free plant you would like to donate, please email auction@massorchid.org to have it included in the online catalog. All plant donations are tax deductible, and plants that go for over the fair market value can have the excess deducted (I believe this is correct but please check with your tax professionals to verify...).

This is one of the society's biggest fundraisers and your help is essential! If you have plants you're planning on donating, please let me know in advance so that we can get some lists up on the website. Thanks!

Contact brian@massorchid.org and view the auction online at <http://massorchid.org/auction>.

Note the start time of **7:00pm** and not the normal time thirty minutes later. Be sure to be on time!

Monthly meeting — October

Oct. 11, 7:00-9:30pm
Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester, MA



MOS show table (July meeting)

Name of plant	Exhibitor
Epi. Radiate	Charlie Briggs
Calanthe triplicate	Ralph & Chieko Collins
Darwinaara Charm 'Blue Star' HCC/AOS	Jaroslav Luciw
Neostylis Lou Sneary	Jaroslav Luciw
C. gaskelliana coerulea	Jarsoslaw Luciw

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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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