

# Massachusetts Orchid Society



**December:**

## Holiday Party & Mini-Auction

Let's have some fun. Bring your food, your orchids, and some holiday cheer.

Will we have a **show table**? Yes!

We will also have a **mini-auction**.

Please see plant list here:

<http://massorchid.org/ViewEvent.ashx?eventId=402551>

**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: Desserts

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## A New England Rainforest – MOS Show & Sale

Dear members & friends,

Thank you so much for your support during the wonderfully successful 2011 MOS show & sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

Just barely a week before the show, we learned that our (irreplaceable!) show chair, Joanna, was taken ill (please see page 2 for an update). This was grave news indeed. Could we still put on the show without our leader when Tower Hill still didn't have power after the storm?

Fortunately, at times of great need you can always rely on your friends (and power being restored). Thanks to Joanna's careful planning the show went as well as can possibly be imagined.

Special thanks go to Jo McHale and Jean Stefanik for running plant registration on such short notice.

I cannot thank Cliff & Kathy Derderian enough for the feasts they provided all weekend.

To Adrienne, who seemed to run everything, you rock!

To Brigitte, Susan, Jody, Brian – as always, thanks for being there.

Last, but most certainly not least, Joanna – all my best! This show is a testament to your gifts! Thank you.

To our plant donors, hospitality table volunteers, vendors, exhibitors, judges, and anyone else who helped out, **thank you!** My sincere apologies if I missed anyone!

Happy Holidays!

- Sasha Varsanofieva, MOS VP

P.S. Congrats to Bob Richter who took home two trophies!

## Upcoming Events

**December 13<sup>th</sup> –**

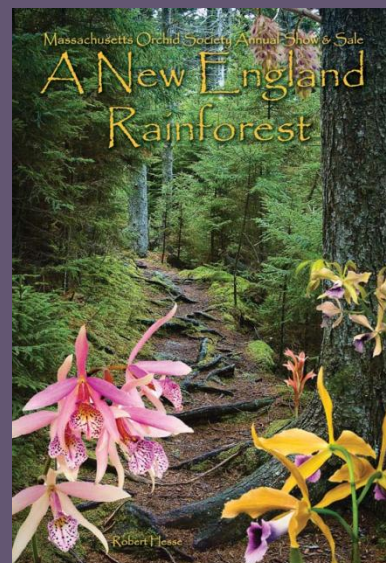
MOS Holiday Party & Mini  
Auction

Meeting time: **7pm**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> –**

Speaker: Jerry Kessler

Topic: My One and Only Award-  
Winning Orchid



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### Program –

Brigitte Fortin,

Adrienne Giovino,

Sasha Varsanofieva

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MOS 2011 Show  
photography by  
Nick Pavey.

## Membership

If you haven't paid your 2011-2012 annual dues, please do so ASAP!

Please send your dues to:

Susan Flier  
27 Colchester Street, Brookline, MA  
02446

Or bring you dues to the Holiday Party.

### MOS Welcomes New Members

*Darlene Corbett-Hyjek, Holden*

*Amy Gustavson, Spencer*

*Michael Hirsh, Northborough*

*Richard Hohmann, Framingham*

*Elaine Wong, Brookline*

## An Update for a Dear Friend

Dear MOS Friends,

Thank you all so much for your outpouring of good wishes since I had a stroke in late October. After spending a week in the hospital, I am recuperating at home and going to outpatient rehab two days a week. I am very lucky that I did not lose any major functions – I just move at a slower pace right now. Rehab is helping me regain strength, coordination and do simple math. I've moved from a walker to a cane

and though I'm not sure when I'll be ready to drive again, I'm expecting a full recovery.

Bob and I hope to join you at an MOS meeting very soon so that we can thank you personally for your kind thoughts and prayers. Have a wonderful holiday season and thank you again.

Warmly,

Joanna and Bob Eckstrom





An occasional column answering questions and providing orchid growing information. Some of this information is derived from the AOS member site and some from fellow MOS members. I've been growing orchids for about eight years, still a beginner, and this is a good way to learn and share. To keep the column lively and timely, please contribute your questions and comments to [joan@massorchid.org](mailto:joan@massorchid.org)

## Ask Joan

**Q**

Tell me more about a winter rest for my orchids.

**A**

Want bloom, better bloom? As I suggested last month, the beginning of November is the start of a dormancy period for many orchids which need a winter rest in order to bloom. Leaf drop is a clear indicator of need for a winter rest. Your orchid care guide or culture sheets will help to identify if other orchids need rest in order to bloom.

For most orchids, shorter days and cooler temperatures signal the plants to stop growing and to rest. Then, there is not much need for fertilizer, and watering is also reduced. If possible, it is helpful to separate the resting orchids to their own shelf, away from those which need more water, more regularly. During the winter most plants can be sprayed once every two weeks. This period continues til mid-February when you begin to see signs of life in your plants again. It may be signs of

growth in the roots, or the canes on dendros may begin to shrivel.

According to the online forum, Orchid Board, ([www.orchidboard.com](http://www.orchidboard.com)) D. nobile, D. speciosum, D. Findlayanum, D. anosmum get a full winter rest. Aerangis luteo alba v. rhodosticta, Brassavola nodosa, D. kingianum. The Japanese orchids D. moniliforme, and Neofinetia falcata want that winter rest also.

Resting orchids can have a light misting once every two weeks. No fertilizer. The cooler temperatures require that care be taken with any watering to avoid fungal problems. Note there is an important distinction between misting and watering. Good air movement is another important element in your grow space keeping the air fresh and drying off any water before the temperature drops at night.

I have found the Charles and Marge Baker culture sheets ([www.orchidculture.com](http://www.orchidculture.com)) full of detailed information on the setting in which the orchid grows and the amount of rainfall and at what time of year, thus giving clues as to the period of rest which is natural to the plant. Hope this helps.

## Orchid Trivia: A Swamp Loving Orchid



I am an orchid that is wide spread throughout the coastal strip of Western Australia. Sited on the Southern ocean with its cold winter storms, this sparsely populated region has an almost constant sea breeze even on calmer days.

My handsome purple flowers of grow mainly in swamps, sometimes covered in thick rushes and often with my roots in water. I start my growth while there is standing water in the swamps, and growth continues as my stems push their way up

through the water, and flowering continues as the standing water dries out through the summer. I can be seen flowering into the southern summer between November and January and, after flowering, become deciduous. I resume growth with the winter/spring rains.

I am not difficult to find on the low lying coastal plain. I grow in profusion in standing water alongside the road with my flowers easy to spot from the road. There is quite some variation in color forms within a 1 km range with some lighter and others darker. My color is difficult to describe, often being called mauve.

My pollinators are unknown at this time, but at the Windy Harbour site many plants carried seed capsules in various stages of development. It is common to see buds, fully open flowers and seed capsules on the same plant as my flowers open in succession.

**What am I?**

Find out at the bottom of page 4.



A Swamp Loving Orchid

More photos and full story:

[http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/A\\_Swamp\\_Loving\\_Orchid\\_of\\_the\\_SW.htm](http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/A_Swamp_Loving_Orchid_of_the_SW.htm)

## November Show Table Results

### 7 Plants Awarded

Judges: Peter Tishler, Bob Richter, George Baltoumas / Scribe: Brigitte Fortin

Plant	Owner
<i>Plectrelminthus caudatum</i>	Ralph & Chieko Collins
<i>Neostylis</i> Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'	Jason Rodriguez
Lc. Melinda Rose Weber 'Douglas'	Bob Richter
<i>Anoectochilus chapaensis</i>	Joe Rajunas
<i>Onc.</i> Autumn Splash	Joel Shelkrot
<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	Brigitte Fortin
<i>Cymbidium</i> Diane Falk	Brigitte Fortin

In an effort to get our meetings started by 7:30, we kindly request that show table plants be ready for judging by **7:15pm.**



#### Orchid Trivia Answer:

*Epiblema grandiflorum* var. *grandiflorum*



# J&L ORCHIDS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

December 2, 3 & 4

9:00 to 4:00 each day

We have a large and varied selection of blooming orchids ideal for giving or for making your home glow for the holidays. Come enjoy our tasty homemade treats while you shop. We will continue to have a nice array of unusual and showy blooming orchids throughout the holiday season.

In bud and bloom, we are offering longlasting Cymbidiums, white & green Lady Slippers, as well as Masdevallias, Maudiae type Lady Slippers in a variety of colors, and Miltonias. In addition we have a wide range of Oncidium Intergenerics in colors of red, burgundy, white and yellow, some of which are highly fragrant. You will not find quality orchids like this at your local grocery store. We also have full plants of bright red Anthuriums.

Check out our website, [www.jlorchids.com](http://www.jlorchids.com) for on-line shopping. A beautiful blooming orchid makes a wonderful holiday gift. We can ship anywhere in the US.

*Hope to see you soon. Happy Holidays!*

J&L Orchids, 20 Sherwood Road Easton, CT 06612

## AOS Corner – December

With the holidays approaching I thought I could offer some suggestions for gifts for the orchid enthusiast in your life.

- A gift of membership in the American Orchid Society is a great gift for anyone who may not already a member, or a renewal of their membership. To order a gift membership, contact AOS Headquarters [561-404-2050](tel:561-404-2050).
- Access to OrchidsPlus (the web-based AOS awards program also known as AQPlus). For non-members, please call Pam at [561-404-2050](tel:561-404-2050) or send AOS a check to Pam's attention and AOS can set up a subscription to AQPlus offline.
- The 2012 AOS Calendar is now available and is available with a 10% discount AOS Members with free shipping. The new calendar is a 14-month calendar and loaded with fabulous orchid photographs.
- Many of the AOS published books are also located in the Store on the AOS website and would make a great gift.
- Support your local orchid vendors or those in the *Orchid Source Directory*. Many of these vendors support local societies' fundraising efforts, it is a great time to support their businesses in return. In addition, any of them have holiday specials.

Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



**Cape & Islands Orchid Society**  
23rd Annual Orchid Show "Orchid Vessel"  
**January 28th & 29th 2012 (9-5)**  
Admission \$10

Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis  
35 Scudder Ave. Hyannis, MA 02601  
More information: [www.caos.org](http://www.caos.org)

**You Are Cordially Invited to Our  
Preview Dinner Party**  
"French Soirée"

Friday, January 27th at 6pm.  
\$45/pp - For Reservations Contact Joyce at 508-758-2888  
Reservation Deadline is Friday January 21st.

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	Event	Location
Tue, December 13, 7:00pm	MOS Holiday Party & Mini-Auction	Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA
Sat, January 7, 10:30am	Monthly Regional AOS Judging	Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA
Tue, January 10, 7:30pm	Monthly MOS Meeting	Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St, Arlington, MA
Sat & Sun, January 28 & 29	Cape & Islands Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale	More info: <a href="http://www.caios.org">www.caios.org</a>

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Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

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