

# Massachusetts Orchid Society



**May: Cordelia Head, J&L Orchids**

**Topic: Miniature Oncidiums**

Cordelia Head is one of the three owners of J & L Orchids. She has been growing orchids for more than thirty years. Cordelia is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and orchid judging. She is an American orchid Society accredited judge and sits on the AOS Judging Committee.

Cordelia has been fortunate to travel extensively throughout Central and South America in search of orchids. She has discovered many new species and has three named after her.

Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally including the World Orchid Conferences in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glasgow and many other places.



## Bus Trip to NENYOS Piping Rock Picnic – Sat. June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### There's still time to sign up!

New England societies have been extended an invite to the NENYOS Piping Rock Orchids Open House and Picnic in Galway, NY. We think this is a great opportunity to meet orchid lovers from outside our area, hear some great speakers and spend a summer day among beautiful orchids (and maybe bring a few home with you).

Featuring Special Guests:  
Marc Hachadourian (Speaker: New York Botanic Garden)  
Darrin Norton (Speaker & Plant Sales: Mountain Orchids)

MOS is sponsoring a bus trip to the event. **Cost for the trip is \$40/person** and includes bus fare to and from Galway, a light breakfast on the bus, and a donation to NENYOS for lunch.

### Tentative Schedule

7:30am Depart Waltham, MA (parking lot with 24hr security) – light breakfast on bus  
11:00 Arrival in Galway / Greenhouses Open for shopping / Raffle Tickets on sale  
12:15 Picnic Lunch  
1:30 Lunch clean up  
1:45 Begin Raffle Table  
2:00 Short Meeting & Announcements  
2:15 Speaker: Darrin Norton  
3:15 Speaker: Marc Hachadourian  
4:00 Q&A and Greenhouse Shopping  
5:00 Pick up  
6:30 (approx) - Rest-stop / Dinner  
8:30/9:00pm Arrival in Waltham, MA

If you have any questions, please e-mail [sasha@massorchid.org](mailto:sasha@massorchid.org)

### **Please sign up by May 10<sup>th</sup>!**

You can sign up at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting or online: [www.massorchid.org/events?eventid=468431](http://www.massorchid.org/events?eventid=468431)

## Upcoming Events

### **May 8 –**

MOS Monthly Meeting  
Speaker: Cordelia Head  
Topic: Miniature Oncidiums  
[www.JLOrchids.com](http://www.JLOrchids.com)  
(pre-orders welcome)

### **June 2 –**

NENYOS Piping Rock Picnic  
(see article below)

### **June 12 –**

MOS Monthly Meeting  
Auction  
[massorchid.org/kubickauction](http://massorchid.org/kubickauction)

### **June 23 –**

MOS Annual Picnic



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Show table  
photography by  
Brigitte Fortin.

Dtps. Tying Shin  
Pink Kite "Geneva"

## Membership

### 2012-2013 membership dues are due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Did you know you can now pay for your membership online using PayPal?

- log into your account on

[www.massorchid.org](http://www.massorchid.org)

- click "View Profile"

- click the "Renew" button.

Or send your dues (\$20) to:

Susan Flier, 27 Colchester Street,  
Brookline, MA 02446

Or pay in cash or check at a meeting.

### MOS Welcomes New Members

**Peter & Jean Cochrane,**  
**Kingston, MA**

## 2012 Focus on Phals Day

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to our 2011 back-to-back IPA meetings, we are pleased to announce that the IPA Northeast Team will once again be co-hosting, on **Saturday, September 8th, 2012**, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Orchid Society our annual "Focus on Phals Day."

Dr. Ron McHatton will be our keynote speaker, giving his amazingly informative presentation on "New Approaches to Pest and Disease Control," a presentation that applies to every orchid grower.

Barring any potential hurricanes aiming for Puerto Rico, Carlos Fighetti will be speaking on the newest advances in the improvement of Phal species, covering some that might actually qualify as primary hybrids, despite the fact that

they're labeled as species. His presentation is entitled "Phal Species and Their Variants."

Carri will bring us all up to speed on the newest and most unique directions in Phal breeding as seen at the Taiwan International Orchid Show in March 2012. A nominal registration fee will provide a continental breakfast and lunch. The day will also include a roundtable discussion and regional fundraising mini-auction to enable us to continue to bring in great speakers.

Visit the IPA website ([www.phal.org](http://www.phal.org)), beginning in April, where the registration forms will be posted. The meetings are open to all, IPA members and non-members alike.

- IPA Regions 17 & 18 Directors Marilyn Shapiro and Carri Raven-Riemann



## Ask Joan



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)

**Q:** I have a large Oncidium, Sharry Baby that I bought in bloom last spring. The plant is growing well, but it has a few small spots on some of the leaves. Should I be worried and what should I do?



**A:** The foliar spotting on Sharry Baby and related types is not unusual, unfortunately. A survey of the online literature suggests a variety of theories as to the cause.

Some write that these "freckles" are part of the genetics of one variety, "Sweet Fragrance". There are some varieties, much less common,

that do not display this spotting trait. Other sites suggest it is a cultural problem, probably caused by a secondary infection of leaves damaged by poor watering practices, e.g. letting water stand on the leaves. Other sites suggest that this variety develops spots when the light is too high. In any case, it does not seem as if these spots are caused by a virus. The freckles are not catching. Sharry Baby likes moderate temperatures, high light, (which increases the spots) and should be watered twice weekly. A temperature drop to 60 degrees for several weeks will initiate spikes.



## A Visit to an Orchid Garden in Costa Rica

We were in Costa Rica recently and had the pleasure of spending a morning in a ½ acre orchid garden located in the cloud forest of Monteverde. The owner, Grettel, is a knowledgeable young woman who clearly loves her garden. She spends "a couple of hours" in it every day and knows every flower that is blooming that day. Grettel says that there are 1,000 species of orchids in Costa Rica and that she has 500 of them in her garden. On the day of our visit, 200 of them were blooming!

Because of her location in the cloud forest, Grettel told me that she only has to water her orchids 8 days a year! She explained to me that she tries to control pests organically – using sprays made from water and rosemary or water and onions. She cleans the leaves with a mixture of ½ milk and ½ water. For her plants that are in pots, Grettel uses peanut shells to mix with bark. She ties her epiphytes to trees with strips of panty hose that her grandmother saves for her.

Grettel supplied us with magnifying glasses so we could see the second smallest orchid in the world and the smallest orchid in the world: Plateately Jurnamenoides – whose flower measured 1 ml across!

The Orchid Garden has a website with great pictures: [www.jardinsanbosco.com](http://www.jardinsanbosco.com)

Carol McClennen



Jardin des Orquideas  
San Bosco

## The DeRosa Collection

The lanky man with dirt-caked gardener's hands and the twinge of a Texas drawl points to a small round nub at the base of a potted flower

"See this?" He leans down in the muted light of the greenhouse, rubs it gently with his thumb. "New growth."

Giving the unbloomed orchid an approving look, he nods. "Look at that growth. That's healthy."

As far as Jim Marchand, 63, is concerned, orchids are the "ultimate plant obsession." The Hopkinton resident and Texas native has been collecting, cultivating, and hybridizing the elegant, diverse, and vibrantly colorful family of flowers for nearly 20 years.

And now, he has a whole lot more to care for: He recently came into possession of one of the area's most prized private orchid collections. Formerly owned by Victor DeRosa, who in his late 80s has retired and recently moved to Florida, the flowers are what remain of what was once one of the most successful cut flower businesses in the Northeast, DeRosa Florist in Natick.

Full article here:

[http://www.boston.com/yourtown/natick/articles/2012/04/19/derosa\\_orchid\\_collection\\_lives\\_on\\_with\\_jim\\_marchand](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/natick/articles/2012/04/19/derosa_orchid_collection_lives_on_with_jim_marchand)

## April Show Table Results

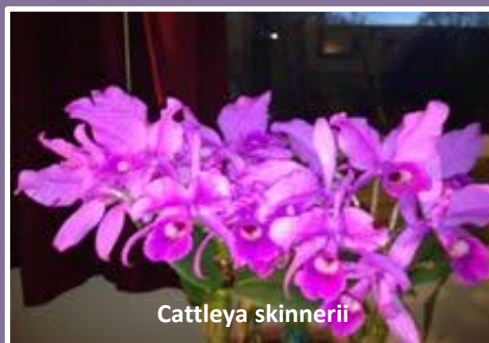
### 11 Plants Awarded

| Plant                                   | Owner                  |
|---|------------------------|
| Vanda Sansai Blue                       | Jody Maggio            |
| Vanda Brighton Ruby Jewel               | Brigitte Fortin        |
| C. skinnerii                            | Elizabeth Jancko       |
| Macroclinium manbinum                   | Sasha Varsanofieva     |
| Podichilus muricatus                    | Betty Levine           |
| Dtps. Tying Shin Pink Kite "Geneva"     | Jason Rodriguez        |
| Phrag. Eric Young                       | Jason Rodriguez        |
| Den. Aggregatum                         | Susan Shapiro          |
| Ada keilana                             | Ralph & Chieko Collins |
| Phrag. schroederii                      | Don Gosselin           |
| Epc. Circus Lady "Coastal Star" HCC/AOS | Brandt Moran           |

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.**



Macroclinium manbinum



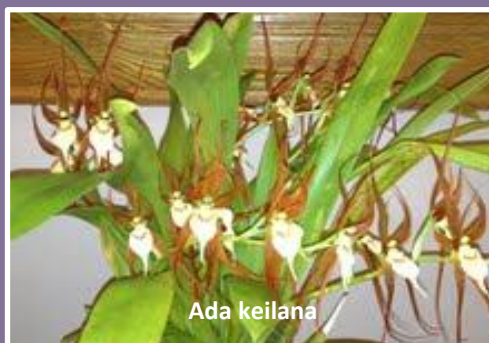
Cattleya skinnerii



Vanda Sansai Blue



Vanda Brighton Ruby Jewel



Ada keilana



# Announcements

## Save the Date for the MOS Picnic

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30-3:30pm

More details in June newsletter & e-Vite.

## Auction at June 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Harry Kubick, long-time MOS member, has donated his collection to the MOS. We will be auctioning his plants at the June meeting.

Plant list: <http://massorchid.org/kubickauction>

## MOS 2012 Show Theme Suggestions

Nov 2-4 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Have a good idea for MOS 2012 show theme?

Send it to [show@massorchid.org](mailto:show@massorchid.org)

## Roy T. Fukimura Award

Ralph and Chieko Collins of Lexington, Massachusetts, have spent many years developing a collection of orchids native to Japan. At the heart of their collection is *Neofinetia falcata*, a highly variable species prized among orchid growers for its aesthetic appeal both in and out of flower. In July 2010 they exhibited four different plants at the Northeast Judging Center's monthly meeting at Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston, MA.



All the plants were grown in stoneware pots and mounded in the Japanese style. The focal point of their exhibit and the winner of the Roy T. Fukimura Award, was *Neofinetia falcata* var. *Higashidemiyako* 'Liberty Hill'; it earned the growers an 86-point CCM/AOS for its robust growth habit, pristine variegated foliage and 65 delicate, fragrant flowers and two buds, all captured in in a perfectly composed photograph by Teck Hia. Nearly all varietal designations related to *Neo. falcata* come from Japan where entire clubs have arisen in celebration of the species; they are horticultural (as opposed to botanical) in nature and are intended to describe or celebrate a particular defining aspect of the plant. In this case, 'Higashidemiyako' translates to "east side capital" and is a reference to the east side of Tokyo where it is thought to have originally been cultivated. – Bob Winkley

# SHORE ORCHID FESTIVAL

Held at Silva Orchids

New this year  
at the Shore Orchid Festival:  
**Silver Decoy WINERY**

Friday, June 8 – Sunday, June 10, 2012 • 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

## Guests to include

- Andy's Orchids
- Black Jungle Terrarium Supply
- Blue Moon Pottery
- Brennan Orchids
- Cal-Orchid
- Canaima Orchids
- Fishing Creek
- Hatfield Orchids
- J&L Orchids
- Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies
- Little Brook Orchids
- Main Street Orchids
- Oak Hill Gardens
- Orchid Phile
- Paul Donohoe Photography
- Piping Rock
- Seed Engei
- Silva Orchids
- Stony Brook Orchids
- Suwada Orchid Nursery
- Ten Shin Gardens
- Waldor Orchids



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Yes, you. Through the Mass Orchid Society, I've met many kind, knowledgeable, and generous orchid lovers. You help at our annual show, bring snacks for our hospitality table, hand out divisions of plants, and share your valuable experience to those us less experienced. Thank you for all your help.

I ask that you consider serving as a director on the board or on a committee. The annual show is also in the planning stages and we need your help.

Volunteering is a great way to see how others grow their plants as well as enjoy the company of some very lovely people, but most importantly, help MOS.

If you're interested in helping out, please get in touch with one of the board members (full list on page 2) or e-mail [adrienne@massorchid.org](mailto:adrienne@massorchid.org) Thanks!

- Adrienne

## Upcoming Events

| Date & Time  | Event   | Location   |
|--|---|--|
| Tue, May 8, 7:30pm   | Monthly MOS Meeting<br><a href="http://www.JLOrchids.com">www.JLOrchids.com</a>           | Arlington Senior Center<br>27 Maple St, Arlington, MA      |
| Sat, June 2, 10:30am   | Monthly Regional AOS Judging  | Tower Hill Botanic Garden<br>11 French Drive, Boylston, MA |
| Sat, June 2, 7:30am-9pm  | <b>Bus Trip to NENYOS Piping Rock Orchids</b> (see page 1)                                | Piping Rock Orchids<br>Galway, NY                          |
| Tue, June 12, 7:30pm<br><a href="http://massorchid.org/kubickauction">massorchid.org/kubickauction</a> | Monthly MOS Meeting: Auction -<br>Harry Kubick's Orchid Collection                        | Arlington Senior Center<br>27 Maple St, Arlington, MA      |
| Sat, June 23, 12:30-3:30pm   | <b>MOS Annual Picnic</b>  | Bob Richter's Greenhouse, XXX,<br>North Reading, MA        |
| Sat, July 8, 10:30am   | Monthly Regional AOS Judging  | Tower Hill Botanic Garden<br>11 French Drive, Boylston, MA |
| Tue, July 10, 7:30pm   | Monthly MOS Meeting<br><a href="http://www.BigLeafOrchids.com">www.BigLeafOrchids.com</a> | Arlington Senior Center<br>27 Maple St, Arlington, MA      |

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**See Page 1 for details.**



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