

Message from the President

I'd like to again thank Dr. Bob Hesse, MOS member and AOS Judge for his entertaining and insightful talk at our February meeting. We bonded over our mutual orchid disasters and now all know what kind of orchid killer we are.

On February 14, 2016, show captain George Baltoumas led Brigitte Fortin and Bob Richter in setting up our display at the New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale in Nashua, NH. We won many ribbons and thanks go to Linda Abrams, Mike Badia, George Baltomaus, Brigitte Fortin, and Bob Richter for use of their plants in our display. Congratulations all on your multiple ribbons! Mike also won the best Cypripedium Trophy and the best windowsill rosette for his Paph. St. Swithin. Such amazing growing!

Year after year, George creates our lovely display at the New Hampshire show. This year, after ribbon judging, Dr. Hesse came up to me with a big smile and asked if I had done our displa. I replied, "Oh no, I can't take credit for that! George Baltoumas did as he does every year." I soon found out why Dr. Hesse was smiling: George won not only the AOS Trophy for Most Outstanding Exhibit but also an AOS Silver Certificate Award for the MOS exhibit. Way to go, George!

In addition to the AOS photo of our display and awards, list of the trophy winners is published in this newsletter. The full listing of all MOS ribbons won at the NHOS Show will be in a future newsletter when they become available.

Some of the very same ribbon-winning plants found their way to the Amherst Orchid Society Show and Sale a week later. Thank you again Linda Abrams, Mike Badia, George Baltomaus, Brigitte Fortin, and Bob Richter for your plants and congrats on more ribbons. The full listing of all MOS ribbons won at the Amherst Show will be in a future newsletter.

Our March speaker is MOS member and owner of Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Daryl Yerdon. He will discuss the very important topic of orchid repotting. He is very kindly offering a 10% discount for all prepaid preorders which will be delivered to our meeting on Tuesday, March 8. MOS members may simply use Coupon Code MOS2016 when placing an order and 10% will automatically be deducted from their purchase.

Daryl will bring supplies for sale during the meeting but this offer is good only for prepaid orders to be delivered to the meeting please. Members should order by Sunday March 6 to be sure that they have time to prepare them for delivery to the meeting. http://kkorchid.com/. Please click here for more details on our March meeting: http://massorchid.org/event-1997534

The American Orchid Society (AOS) is offering two webinars in March. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Operating Officer will be leading a "Greenhouse Chat" on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 8:30 PM EST. On Tuesday, March 29, 8:30 PM EST, Steven Frowine will speak on "Growing Under Lights." Please go to https://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=509 to register for these webinars. Both are free and open to the public.

Lastly, and most importantly, elections for the MOS board of directors and officers will be held at our May meeting. Vice President Jeff Feldman has been appointed the chairman of the nominating committee. Please seriously consider helping MOS by become a member of our board. We are a volunteer organization and our members make us great.

Sincerely,

-Adrienne Giovino, President

From the New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual show



Official AOS Photography of MOS Display that won the AOS Trophy for Most Outstanding Exhibit at the 2016 NHOS Annual Show and Sale. Congrats, George Baltoumas.

Photo by Dr. Bob Hesse.

Close up of awards won by MOS at the 2016 NHOS Annual Show and Sale.

Photo by Adrienne Giovino.





Ribboned MOS Display at the 2016 NHOS Annual Show and Sale.

Photo by Adrienne Giovino.

Don't forget!

If you bring a snack to share with the group, you get an extra raffle ticket. Extra tickets means extra chances to win a new plant for your collection!





MOS Display at the 2016 Amherst show. Photo also by Adrienne Giovino.

New Hampshire Orchid Society 2016 Orchid Show — Major Awards

Best Cattleya Alliance - Lee Soule Award; to John Crooker for Pot. Kozo's Scarlet 'Vi-Emi' HCC/AOS

Best Cymbidium Alliance; to John Crooker for Cymbidium Sara Jean

Best Cypripedium Alliance – Jim Campbell Memorial Award; to Mike Badia (MOS) for Paph. Saint Swithen

Best Dendrobium Alliance; to John Crooker for Dendrobium speciosum

Best Oncidium Alliance: to Tom Gregg (CAIOS) for Oncostele Midnight Miracles 'Masai Red'

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance; to Bob Cleveland Orchids for Phalaenopsis aphrodite

Best Pleurothallid Alliance – **David O Moreton Award**; to J & L Orchids for Masdevallia Sandra Tillisch Svoboda (*herradurae x veitchiana*)

Berst Vandaceous Alliance; to Ulla Jurrissen (MeOS) Rhynchostylis gigantea

Best Miscellaneous Genera – Laura Slavin Memorial Award; to Chuck & Sue Andersen for Coelygene Unchained Melody

Best Specimen; to Chuck & Sue Andersen for Coelygene Unchained Melody

Best Species – Chuck Wingate Award; to Daryl Yerdon/Kelley's Korner for Dendrochilum *glumaceum* 'Sumerod' CCM

Best Artistic Display – Marcia Epstein Memorial Award; to Carol Robey for "West Berlin, January 2015" painting

Best Conservation/Education Display – Ovid Slavin Memorial Award; to Jean Stefanik for "A Little About Vanilla"

Best New Exhibitor – Michael Wirth Award; to Ann Chepjian

Best Interpretation of Show Theme – Grace Barwood Memorial Award; to the Twin State Orchid Society

Best Windowsill Rosette; to Mike Badia (MOS) for Paphiopedilum Saint Swithen

Best Fluorescent Lights Rosette; to Alan Stauch (NSOS) for Ludisa discolor

Best High Intensity Lights Rosette; to Dartmouth/Brout Collection (TSOS) for Stenosarcus Vanguard

Best No-Name Orchid - Roger's Rosette; to Tom Gregg (CAIOS) for Cymbidium Hybrid

NHOS Special Award Rosette; to Chuck & Sue Andersen for peloric frilly petal form of Rlc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'

NHOS Special Award Rosette; to Glen Decker / Piping Rock Orchids for collection of Paph *venustrums* (two forms)

Reserve Grand Champion; to John Crooker for Cymbidium Sara Jean

Grand Champion – Marty Epstein Memorial Award; to John Crooker for Dendrobium speciosum

Orchid Digest Trophy; to Ann Chepjian for a charming woodland exhibit

Orchid Digest Diamond Award; to Les and Peg Regenbogen for 15 years of service as NHOS members

AOS Trophy – Most Outstanding Exhibit; to MOS – Massachusetts Orchid Society Exhibit

AOS Silver Certificate Award; to MOS – Massachusetts Orchid Society Exhibit

AOS Award of Merit, 81 points to Glen Decker / Piping Rock for Paphiopedilum Born Cross-Eyed 'Haley Suzanne'

Upcoming Events

Monthly AOS Judging

5 March 10:30am Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Bolyston, MA

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

Monthly Meeting — March Repotting Clinic

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

Daryl Yeardon, owner of Kelly's Korner Orchid Supply and an MOS member, will be our speaker. You can preorder your potting supplies at http://kkorchid.com.

As always, *please* bring a snack to share!

Nutmeg State Orchid Annual Show & Sale

19-20 March West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main St., West Hartford, CT

Nutmeg State Orchid Society 5th Annual Show and Sale

March 19 12 – 5pm March 20 10am – 4pm

Admission \$5; Children 12 & under are free.

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2 April 10:30am

Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Bolyston, MA

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

Monthly Meeting — April Masdevallia

12 April 7:30 - 9:30pm Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., , MA

Monthly meeting starts at 7:30, coffee and plant sales start at 7. Please have your plants on the show table by 7pm.

Darrin Norton, owner of Mountain Orchids, will speak on *Masdevallia*. To preorder plants, please go to http://www.mountainorchids.com.



TIP:

Check the website (http://massorchid.org) for the most recent list of events and information.

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7 May 10:30am

Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Dr., Bolyston, MA

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Monthly Meeting — May Terry Kennedy 10 May 7:30 - 9:30pm Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., , MA

In Vandorf, Ontario, a greenhouse full of thousands of orchids offers Doug Kennedy and his wife Terry a little bit of the tropics in the midst of the frigid Canadian winter. They are here to talk to MOS about Cattleyas — don't miss it!

Take a look at their website http://orchidsinourtropics.com to get a flavor of what is in their greenhouse.

Terry is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society. Both Terry and Doug are past presidents of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society, and have been on the organizing committee for the society's annual show since its inception.

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February show-table results

Name of plant	Exhibitor	Lighting
Paph. primulanum var. purpurascens	Mike Badia	Lights
Paph. St. Swithin	Mike Badia	Windowsill
Phrag. sedenii	Mike Badia	Lights
Epc. Rene Marques HCC/AOS	Brigitte Fortin	Lights
Epc. Yucatan 'Richella'	Linda Abrams	Lights
Phal. Mituo 'Golden Mituo #1' AM/AOS	Mike Badia	Lights
Phal. Sogo Rose 'Sogo F-987'	Mike Badia	Lights
Dend. Little Atro	Mike Badia	Lights
Microterangis hariotiana	Mike Badia	Windowsill
Masd. Macchu Pichu 'Crown Point'	Joe Rajunas	Greenhouse

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Membership dues:

individual membership - \$25, dual - \$30

Renew online:

http://massorchid.org/Sys/MembershipRenewal

Renew by mail:

Please mail a check made out to Massachusetts Orchid Society to: Massachusetts Orchid Society,

PO Box 550141, Waltham, MA 02455

Below, a display of orchids at the Carelton-Willard Village, by Dr. Alan Kaitz.





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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