

# Massachusetts Orchid Society

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**March 2018**

## Message from the President *Happy March!*

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Hope you visited some of the local New England orchid societies' shows and are all having a delightful time and have a few plants getting ready to bloom! I have a couple in bloom (okay, so I did buy them in bud), but a couple that may be spiking soon!

I want to thank everyone who set up, lent plants, or were otherwise involved with our displays at both the New Hampshire Orchid Society and the Amherst Orchid Society show! We (the Massachusetts Orchid Society) want to thank you! Your efforts on our behalf are appreciated. I hope that you (yes, you!) will consider joining our Board. It's not a big commitment of time, but I think it has substantial personal (and orchid related) rewards.

March will feature a growers forum, so bring your orchid related questions! If you bring several photos of an issue you're experiencing, that will be one of the most helpful diagnostic tools.

Well, I have little to say this month other than don't forget about the Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show coming up Saturday and Sunday, March 17th and 18th. [CLICK ME for Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show Info!](#)

Thanks for readin'! -Brian Leib 

# March Growers Forum

## The Program

The March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting program will feature a Growers Forum. Three MOS members will lead 20-minute segments of different growing styles: Windowsills, under lights and growing in a terrarium. In each case, a 10-15 minute talk will be followed by 5-10 minutes of interactive discussion and questions.

*The proposed discussions and their leaders will be as follows:*

Mike Badia – Mike brings extensive experience and success growing award winning plants on windowsills. He also is an experienced grower under lights, and currently is completing the construction of a growing room in his basement. For this program he will focus on windowsill growing.

Linda Abrams – Another excellent grower, Linda is very successful under lights, and has been for a long time. She grows several alliances with diverse cultures under lights. Her growing room, which she calls primitive, has different lighting conditions based upon her plants needs. A long time member of MOS, Linda ran the MOS show table for 20 years. Linda will focus her talk on her different lighting and growing conditions.

Sasha Crotty – An extremely knowledgeable orchid grower, Sasha (a former MOS President) has conquered the challenge of space limitations in a townhouse. Her 200+ plants attest to her ingenuity and commitment to succeed. Sasha focuses on smaller (and often lesser known orchids) and grows in terrariums. She creates growing environments consistent with the culture requirements of her orchids and has extensive success with her plants. She controls temperature, air movement, humidity and light in the terrarium. This will be an excellent opportunity to gain insight into a growing style that too few of us are familiar with!

-Jeff Feldman





Psychomorchis pusilla  
(aka Encyclia  
pusilla),  
Dina Diresh

R: NOID Cat, Linda Abrams



## MOS show table results Feb. 2018

Judges: Mike Badia, Linda Abrams

Scribe: Linda A.

Exhibitor's name	Plant's name	Lights/Windowsill/Greenhouse	Warm/Cool/Inter	Comments
Joey Pavey	NOID Dendrobium---specimen	W	Cool	Awesome specimen loaded with flowers!
Jeff Feldman	Encyclia vittellina	L	I	Great orange colored flowers
Sasha Crotty	Den. hercoglossum	L	I	Mounted – NICE!
Linda Abrams	Den. Victorian Blush 'Royal Show 2002' HCC/AOC	L	I	"AOC" = Australian Orchid Council Loaded with speckled white/pink flowers
Maria Cutone	Den. normanbyense	W	W	Mounted - huge flowers
Dina Diresh	Psychomorchis pusilla (aka Encyclia pusilla)	LED lights	W	Super cute miniature
Ed Lipchus	NOID Phalaenopsis	W	W	Office plant rescue; spotted flowers
Susie Pierce	Phal. Purple Cherry	W	W	Deep pink/purple color
Ellen Shapiro	NOID Cymbidium (standard size)	W	I	Ellen's first showtable plant!!!
Ralph DiFonzo II	Ludisia discolor (aka Jewel Orchid)	W	W	Outside in summer—well grown.
Mike Badia	Phal. KS Balm	L	W	Red flowers with slight yellow halo
Apologies to all the owners of the plants I missed recording but were awarded.				

total ribbons: 11+

total plants: a bunch!



## NEW HAMPSHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS "A Flurry of Orchids"

Thank you, Brigitte Fortin and her incredible volunteer team for creating our lovely display at the 2018 New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale. And, special thanks to all our members who contributed their plants to our display. Congratulations on all your ribbons and awards!



"On behalf of the MOS I would like to thank all the people involved in the MOS display at the Amherst Orchid Show.

Helping me with setup on Thursday were Alexandra Drogus and Jeff Feldman.

On Sunday Ed Lipchus and Michel Perbost were responsible for tear down and returning plants.

The display is not possible without plants, so thanks to Bob Richter, Linda Abrams, Charlie Briggs, Jeff Feldman, Alexandra Drogus, Brigitte Fortin, Mike Badia & Anne Pfaff.

Thank you all, George Baltoumas"









# GROW AND SHOW!



**This month we feature Charlie Briggs.** Charlie has been a member of MOS for decades (he should be made an honorary member). He has been a solid contributor to all of our shows and is a great grower.

Charlie built a 14x14 wood framed greenhouse many years ago with a layer of poly on the inside and 2 on the outside. He insulates it by blowing air between the 2 exterior plastic layers and heats it through an air exchanger system in his basement. His greenhouse is attached to the house with an exterior access but he can enjoy his plants daily since the bathroom window opens in the greenhouse!

Charlie keeps the temperature around 60f at night and grows a mixed collection, including phalaenopsis, cattleyas, dendrobiums (he has many from Dr. Neptune), cymbidiums, oncidiums and he is "The King" for growing complex paphs (bulldog type). Air is circulated with one household fan, which costs \$14.99, so when they

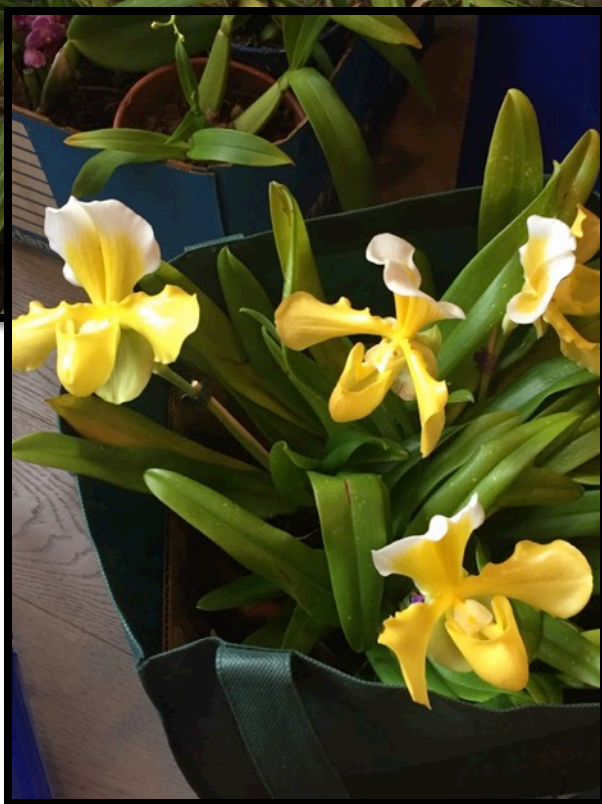


*break he just buys a new one. He uses plain cinderblocks act as spacers to stagger and stack the shelves, many of which are planks of cheap lumber.*

*Charlie's greenhouse is not automated, so he spends an hour or so everyday watering by hand and doing basic maintenance. He likes to experiment with different types of pots and media. His plants go outside every summer under 60% shade clothes where they enjoyed the ocean breezes from his perch in Winthrop. This setup worked well until last fall, when he had to go into rehab for a broken shoulder (that was not broken!) and a hail storm blew in. Lucky for Charlie, his kids came to the rescue and salvaged his collection while braving the ice and wind, and they managed to put everything safely back in the greenhouse (that was not damaged!).*







*Please email your comments to our Newsletter Editor – **HAPPY GROWING!***





# GROW AND SHOW!



Say folks, we're starting something new in 2018 and it features... YOU! Each month, members will tell us how they grow their orchids. If yours grow on windowsills, under lights year-round, outside in the summer, or, if you're one of the lucky ducks with a greenhouse, start taking photos of your growing spaces and send them, along with your success stories to [newsletter@massorchid.org](mailto:newsletter@massorchid.org).

Some thoughts to get you started –

- Indoors, how do you maintain proper humidity, light & temp levels?
- What are the pros and cons of your lighting, ventilation and humidification systems?
- Watering without ruining your floors, messing up the bath or breaking your back carrying buckets.
- Greenhouse culture & setup; is yours a DIY or ready-made?
- How to induce flowering under lights; day lengths and temps.
- Growing on mounts, in orchidariums, micro-climates, hydroponically...

Cymbidium, Ellen Shapiro



Den normanbyense,  
Maria Cutone



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monthly Meeting,

MOS Members Speaker's Forum:

Growing in the Home

13 Mar 2018 7:30 PM

*Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St,  
Winchester, MA*

### Nutmeg State Orchid Society

Annual Show and Sale

17 Mar 2018 12:00 PM

*West Hartford Town Hall,  
50 South Main St, West Hartford, CT*

### Monthly AOS Judging (??NOT LISTED THIS MONTH ON OUR WEBSITE)

2018 10:30 AM

*Tower Hill Botanic Garden,  
11 French Dr, Boylston, MA*

### Lyman Estate Spring Orchid Sale

30 Mar 2018 9:30 AM

*Lyman Estate Greenhouses,  
185 Lyman St, Waltham, MA*

### Monthly Meeting – TBA

10 Apr 2018 7:30 PM

*Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St,  
Winchester MA*



Above:  
Ralph DiFonzo, Jewel orchid *Ludisia  
discolor*

Below:  
Den Victorian Blush 'Royal Show 2002',  
Linda Abrams



## •THE AOS CORNER•



## Seasonal Orchid Care

Organizing orchid culture and its chores by season is a convenient way to make sure that your orchids get the proper care at the right time. Becoming in tune with your plants' growth cycles creates a connection with the natural world and makes you a better grower.

Click here for [March/April Checklist](#)

NOID Dendrobium,  
Joey Pavey





## MOS EXHIBIT RIBBON AWARDS AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

PLANT OWNER	PLANT NAME	AWARD
Alexandra Drogus	Lc. Koulau Seagull's 'Volucano Queen' AM/AOS	3RD
Anne Pfaff	Clowesia 'Grace Dunn' AM/AOS	1ST
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Anne Pfaff	Clowesia 'Grace Dunn' AM/AOS	1ST
Anne Pfaff	Dendrobium kingianum	2ND
Anne Pfaff	Clowesia 'Grace Dunn' AM/AOS	2ND
Anne Pfaff	Blc. Kaboom (Blc. Schroder's Love 'SVO' AM/AOS x Blc. Guess What 'SVO' AM/AOS	3RD
Anne Pfaff	Blc. Waianae King 'Orchidheights' AM/AOS x Blc. Buckaroo Pisgah 'Orchid Court'	3RD
Bob Richter	Phal Artemis	1ST
Bob Richter	Brassavola subulifolia	2ND
Bob Richter	Paph Chou-Yi Yuki	2ND
Bob Richter	Onc Twinkle red	2ND
Bob Richter	Phrag. Cardinale 'Birchwood' AM/AOS	3RD
Bob Richter	Vanda Pompimol x V. Faye Bennett	3RD
Brigitte Fortin	Phrag. Eric Young x sargentianum	2ND
Caren Savone	40305 Paph. Jagueline's Spring Moon	1ST
Caren Savone	Den.Pixie Princess x Livingstone 'Mishima'	2ND
Caren Savone	Den.Pixie Princess x Livingstone 'Mishima'	3RD
Charlie Briggs	Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' HCC/AOS	1ST
Charlie Briggs	Paph hybrid	2ND
Charlie Briggs	Phalaenopsis hybrid	2ND
Charlie Briggs	Cymbidium hybrid	3RD
George Baltoumas	Cym Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits' Am/Aos	1ST
George Baltoumas	Cym Pipeta York	2ND
George Baltoumas	Cym tracyanum	3RD
George Baltoumas	Cym Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits' Am/Aos	3RD
George Baltoumas	Cym tracyanum	3RD
Jeff Feldman	Prosthechea vitellina x sib	1ST
Jeff Feldman	Phal. KV Charmer "5705"	1ST
Jeff Feldman	Prosthechea vitellina x sib	2ND
Jeff Feldman	Phal. KV Charmer "5705"	2ND
Jeff Feldman	Den. Nano Chip	3RD
	exhibit	1ST



## **2018 New Hampshire Orchid Society Show Major Awards**

**Orchid Digest Diamond Award awarded to Norm Selander-Carrier**

**AOS Show Trophy – Most Outstanding Exhibit - awarded to the Cape and Islands Orchid Society, exhibit designed by Tom Gregg**

**Orchid Digest Trophy – Best Non-Commercial Exhibit – awarded to the Cape and Islands Orchid Society, exhibit designed by Tom Gregg**

**Best Interpretation of Show Theme - Grace Barwood Memorial Trophy - awarded to the NH Orchid Society Exhibit Design Team led by Anita Walker and Norm Selander-Carrier**

**Best Conservation/Education Display - Ovid Slavin Memorial Trophy - awarded to Vanilla Display designed by Jean Stefanik**

**Best New Exhibitor - Michael Wirth Memorial Trophy – Ten Shin Orchids**

**Best Artistic Display - The Marcia Epstein Memorial Trophy – Skyspyder Pottery**

**Best Cattleya Alliance - Lee Soule Trophy – awarded to Blc Momilani Rainbow shown by Mike Wagner in the Maine Orchid Society display**

**Best Cymbidium Alliance Trophy - Cymbidium Red Beauty ‘Evening Star’ shown by Tom Gregg in the Cape & Islands Orchid Society display**

**Best Cypripedium Alliance - Jim Campbell Memorial Trophy - Phragmipedium Sedenii shown by Harry Pringle in the Maine Orchid Society display**

**Best Dendrobium Alliance Trophy – awarded to Dendrobium Brimback You Beauty ‘Susan’ AM/AOS shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen in the Andersen/Wingate exhibit**

**Best Oncidium Alliance Trophy - awarded to Aliceara Donald Halliday ‘Smile Eri’ AM/AOS shown by Daryl Yerdon in the Kelley’s Korner exhibit**

**Best Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy – awarded to Phalaenopsis OX Prince “OX 1482” AM/AOS shown by Carri Raven-Rieman in the OrchidPhile exhibit**

**Best Pleurothallid Alliance - David O. Moreton Memorial Trophy – awarded to Masdevallia ruscaria shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen in the Andersen/Wingate exhibit**



**Best Vandaceous Alliance Trophy - awarded to Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset shown by Jim Marlow in the Marlow Orchids exhibit**

**Best Miscellaneous Genera -The Laura Slavin Memorial Trophy - awarded to Coelogyne Unchained Melody shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen in the New Hampshire Orchid Society exhibit**

**Roger's Rosette - Best No-Name Orchid - awarded to a Cymbidium Hybrid shown by Tom Gregg in the Cape and Islands Orchid Society exhibit.**

**Best Grown Using High Intensity Lights Rosette – awarded to Phragmipedium Sedenii grown by Harry Pringle in the Maine Orchid Society exhibit**

**Best Grown Using Fluorescent Lights Rosette - awarded to Phragmipedium Don Wimber grown by Steve Tacopina in the New Hampshire Orchid Society exhibit**

**Best Grown on a Windowsill Rosette - awarded to Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits' AM/AOS shown by George Baltoumas in the Massachusetts Orchid Society Exhibit**

**Special Award – awarded to Terrariums designed by Chuck and Sue Andersen**  
**Special Award - awarded to Den. Cuthbertsonii as a beautiful miniature specimen shown by**  
**Chuck and Sue Andersen**

**Best Species - Chuck Wingate Trophy awarded to Phalaenopsis Aphrodite shown by Carri Raven-Riemann in the OrchidPhile Exhibit.**

**Best Specimen Plant Trophy - awarded to Phragmipedium Sedenii grown by Harry Pringle in the Maine Orchid Society Exhibit**

**NHOS Reserve Grand Champion Trophy - awarded to a Cymbidium Hybrid grown by Tom Gregg in the Cape and Islands Orchid Society Exhibit.**

**NHOS Grand Champion – Marty Epstein Memorial Trophy - awarded to Phragmipedium Sedenii grown by Harry Pringle in the Maine Orchid Society Exhibit**



## American Orchid Society Awards granted at the NHOS Orchid Show

**AOS Show Trophy and Silver Certificate - awarded to the Cape and Islands Orchid Society Exhibit designed by Tom Gregg**

**Certificate of Botanical Recognition – awarded to *Cyrtorchilus sharoniae* ‘Susan’ CBR/AOS shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen**

**Certificate of Botanical Recognition – awarded to *Masdevallia robineae* ‘Susan’ CBR/AOS, shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen**

**Certificate of Botanical Recognition – awarded to *Appendicula malindangensis* ‘Susan’ CBR/AOS, shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen**

**Flower Award of Merit – awarded to *Dendrobium Brinbank* You Beauty ‘Susan’ AM/AOS shown by Chuck and Sue Andersen**

**Certificate of Cultural Excellence awarded to Harry Pringle for his *Phragmipedium Sedenii* CCE/AOS**

**Certificate of Cultural Merit - awarded to Chuck and Sue Andersen for their *Pleurothallis ruscaria* ‘Susan’ CCM/AOS**



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