



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

First, I have to apologize to everyone who brought plants for the show table.

In the excitement of sanitizing and setting up for the auction, I completely forgot to have someone take pictures of the awarded plants for the newsletter.

Next, I want to commend Sue Ussiglio for an incredible job organizing the auction and to everyone who helped and participated. We had perfect weather and a fabulous selection of plants. Many of us went home with bargains.

For our November meeting, Bob Cleveland will talk about proper sterilization techniques and show us how to test our orchids for viruses. This will be a hands-on workshop so bring a leaf from one of the orchids you wish to test to the meeting. Everyone present will get a virus test kit and we will actually go on to perform the test during Bob's presentation. The results should be interesting. We will have a show table and I will make sure someone is available to take pictures.

The precautions for this meeting will be the same as those that were in place for the auction.

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NHOS MEETING NOTICE

Virus Testing with Bob Cleveland
(Please bring one of your plants for testing)

Sat. Nov. 14, 11:00 AM
Bedford, NH Old Town Hall

Plants must be on the show table by 11:00 AM.

(Please wear a mask & Social Distance)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please monitor <https://www.nhorchids.org/> for updates on NHOS and other related events being impacted by COVID-19 State and local Orders. Once COVID-19 restrictions have been eased and we have a better understanding of what events can be held and under what guidelines, we will once again publish our full, long-term schedule of events for your planning purposes.

Marlow Orchids Open House

Sat. Nov. 7, 2020, 10AM-3PM

We are limiting the number of customers in the nursery to 10-15 at a time, so please follow this [LINK](#), to sign up for a time slot.

We have lots of plants still available, including some specimen plants that will be available for sale. If you have any questions, please free feel to give me a call at 585-889-7083 or via email at info@marlowsorchids.com.

NHOS Monthly Meeting

Sat. Dec. 5, 2020, 11:00 AM

Annual Holiday Party & AOS Judging

Location– Old Bedford Town Hall

President's Message (con't from Pg. 1)

Masks will be required, seats will be places 6 feet apart, sanitizer and gloves will be available. The society will provide coffee, soda and water but no food. Please bring your own lunch.

At the present time we are still planning to have AOS judges present at our Holiday Party which will be Saturday December 5th. I will let you know if that changes.

For those of you that were not at the auction and may not have heard, the Board and the Show committee have come to the difficult decision to cancel our show yet again. It is sad but it is the right decision given the continued uncertainty of actually being able to hold the event in March.

On a more positive note, Mr. Simon Leeming has offered to donate to the society 2 volumes of the Orchidaceae of Mexico and Guatemala written by James Bateman. These belonged to his late father. They are fairly valuable books and are wonderfully illustrated. I hope to have them available for you view soon.

Stay safe, and hope to see you all on the 14th.

Anita

Marlow Orchids Closing Their Doors

Sadly, Jonathan, Jim and the crew have made the difficult decision to close the business. As a long time trusted vendor at our annual show, they will be sorely missed. Below is an excerpt from a recent email they sent to their customers.

They still have many great plants for sale (Ed.- I just bought 3!) so check out their website <https://www.marlowsorchids.com/>

The time has come that we must say goodbye. It is with great sadness that we write this email to you today. Despite my best efforts, I have had to make the difficult decision to officially begin closing Marlow Orchids, LLC.

This decision has not come lightly and has by no means been easy for any of the partners, colleagues, or employees. With the inability to secure proper financing, coupled with the uncertainty of our times, I cannot justify the push to continue now any longer. While this is the beginning of the end, it by no means removes Jim's, Mike's, or my involvement with orchids. We will always love orchids and keep many plants in our personal collections.

We want to take the time to personally thank each and every one of you for your support, loyalty, and love over the years. It is you that we will miss the most: your smiles, laughs, and joy you bring to each of us and the world. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

What's next and what you need to know:

1. Our closure will be a phased-out approach with an ending date of the end of the year or the early part of 2021
2. We have lots of great plants available that we will continue to sell through our website and in house by appointment.
3. As the weeks move on, we will continue to add new products from the greenhouse as well as specials to the website for you to purchase. (i.e. - we have a lot of Paphs that we will begin to list starting next week)
4. If you have a Gift Certificate from us, please use them as soon as possible.
5. Starting October 1st, all sales will be final.
6. If you are interested in shopping in person, please give us a call so we can set up an appointment for you.

While this may be the end of this chapter, it is not the ending of the book. I am looking to the future with hope, optimism, and excitement.

Wishing you all good wishes and happiness.

Happy Growing!

Jonathan

**New Hampshire Orchid Society
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Oct. 10, 2020**

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests.

- The President thanked everyone for attending our meeting today.
- Since we are without a Vice-President, who usually takes care of the Programs, the membership was asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer for this position.
- Membership – we had 117 members with 172 memberships. To date there are 61 members that have not renewed their memberships. Dues can be renewed via the website or please contact either Lee Brockmann or Sue Labonville for more information.
- A meeting of the Show Committee was held to discuss logistics surrounding our 2021 Annual Show during the COVID-19 Pandemic. After much discussion and for everyone's safety, it was felt that the cancellation of the 2021 Annual Show (to be held at the Falls in Manchester) was the prudent course of action. The Show Committee's concerns and recommendation were expressed to the Board. The Board voted unanimously to postpone the 2021 Annual Show "A Bounty of Orchids" until 2022 at which time there are plans of possibly returning back to the Marriott.
- One of our Members, Dr. Chuck Wingate, is under the weather and will not be our Auctioneer for today. His presence and enthusiasm will be sorely missed. Chuck Anderson will try his best to take his place. Get well soon Chuck!
- Discussion on the TD Affinity Program was presented by Andrea Deachman.
- Our next meeting (Saturday, November 14th) will be held at the Bedford Town Hall and Bob Cleveland will give a presentation and workshop on Orchid viruses. We will be having a Show Table at this meeting and please remember to BYOL. Coffee and tea will be provided by the club.

**Respectfully submitted:
Susan Usseglio, Secretary**



L to R..... *Aerides lawrenceae*, *odorata* & *quinquevulnera* (Leigh Coolidge)

Photographer WANTED !!!
(to support March 2021 NHOS Show Judging)

Looking for someone (member, spouse, friend ???) with good photography skills and camera, willing to learn the requirements and tricks of orchid photography, for documenting AOS awards. Training provided and some mentoring may be arranged as well, along with lots of support and encouragement. An official "photographer" is necessary for the day of judging at the NHOS Orchid show, now postponed indefinitely. Judging is typically on Friday, so you must be available during the day on that day (and not swamped with other show tasks). You would be welcome to come to Tower Hill judgments the first Saturday of each month, and hopefully could also observe and practice at the December NHOS meeting as well. Please contact Jean Stefanik for additional information.
Thanks!

Sunset Valley Orchids
It's October! Catasetinae plant culture

As we can all tell the weather is changing and your Catasetinae should now be in their final stages of growth. This was an excellent year for Catasetinae; many growers from around the country reported a fantastic flowering season. The first signs of dormancy will soon be evident, with some areas of the country already see the start of the dormancy. Soon it will be time to stop fertilizing and begin to decrease irrigation frequency, in effect lengthening the dry period in-between watering, mimicking the end of the rainy season.

In nature the rainy season is nearing its end, the rains are less frequent, nights are cooler and day length is shortening. These are the environmental factors that start the dormancy process. With less rain fall fewer nutrients are moved to the root system (thus stop fertilizing) and the roots stay dryer longer (thus reduce irrigation frequency). This increasing dryness is an indicator to the plant to harden off their pseudobulbs in preparation for the 2-4 month winter dry period. Hardened off bulbs are better at storing water through dormancy. Humidity should be maintained at 40-60% however brief periods outside this range is not a problem. Maintain light levels and keep night temperatures at or above 55 degrees.

No re-potting at this time, the roots are well-developed and will resent being disturbed. If you were negligent (how could that be?) it is better to wait until next spring at this point. As soon the new growth begins in the spring, that's the time to re pot, as you can now see the best way to position your plant in its new pot. With Catasetinae the roots follow the new growth usually several weeks behind. In nature, the roots grow out and then the rains start. So, as I have said many times, "wait to water until the new growth has new roots 3-4" long." This gives the best results as large healthy root systems make for strong healthy bulbs and better yet, excellent flowering.

One of the great attributes of the Catasetinae is their deciduous nature, if you experienced leaf damage, don't worry, as those leaves are going to drop off and next spring/summer you will have a new set. How many orchids are that forgiving when the leaves are damaged?

When walking around the greenhouses these days it looks like almost everything is blooming! This is my favorite time of year as there are *Catasetums* in flower, the *Cycnoches* are blooming, and the first of the *Mormodes* are in spike! But there is still more to look forward to as the blooming season for *Clowesia rosea* hybrids begin flowering in December and January. These late season plants bloom on deciduous bulbs, with inflorescences cascading over the side of the pot with many fragrant flowers.

I always available to take your calls and E-mails, so please feel free to contact me. I love to talk orchids!

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I would like to take this opportunity to say
THANK YOU
to everyone who attended the 2020 Vendors' and Members' Auction and helped make it a success. We had lovely plants, GREAT Company, Live Entertainment.
I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Members and Vendors who donated their lovely plants.
Our Auctioneers: Bob Cleveland, David Sparks and Chuck Anderson
The Auction Committee: Anita Walker, Andrea Deachman, Norm Selander-Carrier, Lee Brockmann, Sue Labonville, Adrienne Gioviano
Respectfully,
Susan Usseglio - Auction Chair



November 2020 AOS Judging

(" Due to increasing concerns about Covid cases increasing, including travel restrictions to and from Massachusetts, the November 7 Judging at Tower Hill has been canceled, and future monthly judgments will be a month-to-month decision.")

Judging takes place at the Tower Hill Botanic Gardens near Worcester, 11 French Dr., Classroom C, Boylston, MA. Start time is 10:30am for announcements, 11am for presentations or education discussions, with judging commencing at 1pm after a noon lunch break.

This event will adhere to all current local and state social distancing guidelines during the pandemic, as safety is our priority.

Please adhere to the following:

- All plants to be judged must be at the location by 12noon.
- All attendees are required to wear a non-vented face mask at all times.
 - Please limit drop-off to one person.
- Please follow directions regarding the use of hand sanitizer when filling out paperwork.
- Depending on the number of attendees on the day, you may be asked to leave your plant and come back at a specified time to pick it up after it is judged.
- If we are within safe attendee numbers you may stay but you will be asked to maintain six feet distance and wear your mask throughout the judging event.

If your state of residence is among those considered low risk by the State of Massachusetts (list can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#lower-risk-states->) and you are an exhibitor with a plant for judging, a judge from our center, or a judge from a nearby AOS judging center, please send an email before 5pm ET, Thursday, October 1st, to northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com to let us know that you plan to attend. If you do not let us know ahead of time and we exceed the safe limit of attendees (currently not to exceed 9 for our space at Tower Hill), you will not be admitted to the event.

We apologize for this inconvenience, but it is the only way we can try to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please check subsequent Facebook postings up to the time of the event in case there is a need for a last-minute cancellation.



**L- Catt. Portia Corulea 'Mrs. Carl Holmes; R- Guarianthe bowringiana
(L. Coolidge)**

November 2020 Sunset Valley Orchids
Catasetinae Growing Tips

What a great year! Feedback from Catasetinae growers across the country has confirmed that this was a spectacular growing and flowering season.

Now that winter has clearly arrived, your *Catasetums* should have matured growths and be mostly done flowering, *Cycnoches* will be finishing their blooming, *Mormodes* should be flowering now, and *Clowesia* should be starting soon.

Those of you in Florida and southern states already have dormant plants. Those in other areas like here in California should be seeing good signals indicating the start of dormancy, with the lower leaves starting to turn yellow and brown before they drop off.



These four plants demonstrate the first stages of dormancy, from left to right: 1) no signs, 2) slight leaf tip yellowing, 3) obvious yellowing and beginning of leaf tip die back, 4) several yellow leaves and tip die back clearly evident.

Leaf yellowing and drop signal the beginning of dormancy. This is when you stop fertilizing and cut back on watering frequency, simulating the end of the wet season in nature. This change in culture will cause the pseudobulbs to harden off in preparation for the upcoming months of dormancy. When most leaves are yellow/brown and have fallen off, cease watering altogether. This marks the start of the dormant period.

Interestingly, not all plants enter dormancy on the same schedule, and it is not uncommon to have plants in several stages of dormancy at the same time. As plants progress toward their dormant period, I segregate some of my most important Catasetinae into groups at similar stages of leaf loss. Grouping plants this way makes watering easier and assures proper transition into dormancy. Also, not all plants lose all of their green leaves when dormant, and it's not uncommon for some to hold a few leaves well past the point when irrigation has stopped.

The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors: the maturity of the pseudobulb, shortening day length, cooler day/night temperatures and a reduction of root zone moisture. Generally, this process occurs naturally; however, when the plants are cultivated in warm growing areas such as in the home or under lights, dormancy sometimes needs to be encouraged. I have found that managing irrigation is one of the best tools to trigger dormancy. Decrease watering frequency in November and stop watering in

mid-December, regardless of the number of green leaves. This will trigger dormancy in plants that are resisting the transition.

Have you had challenges overwintering your *Catasetinae* plants? If you are losing plants due to excessive dehydration, this may be caused by long periods of low humidity. Here is a solution that is being used successfully by some ingenious growers.



Set the pot in a jar with water, making a loose-fitting seal with the rim of the jar. The water should not touch the bottom of the pot. The reservoir will maintain high humidity around the roots, even while the plant remains dry during dormancy. This innovative technique produces great results! We have had lots of positive feedback from growers who are using this method.

By late December, it's important to get your *Catasetinae* into the dormant stage and provide them with an adequate rest period so that they will "wake up" early in the spring to a long growing season.

As my *Catasetinae* go to "sleep" for the winter I am reminded of an old proverb (with apologies to Ben Franklin) "*Early to bed and early to rise, makes a plant healthy, happy and floriferous.*"

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Affiliated Societies News

AOS Members' Meeting Update & OD Speakers' Day By Jean Stefanik, AOS/OD Rep

I attended two Zoom meetings in the recent past. The Orchid Digest Speakers' Day was fabulous... four international speakers gave in-depth presentations and answered questions... what a delightful marathon of orchid talks!!! Virtual visits to Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, and South Africa were amazing. I'm so glad I registered... because I also received a link to view all of the talks at my leisure in the future too! And for those who registered and were not already OD members, they will receive a full year's membership at no additional cost.

Having attended the recent AOS Members' Meetings in Homestead Florida and San Diego last year, attending this one virtually was interesting. No cost to AOS members and it was chock full of interesting information and updates including:

- * Membership is increasing, as is use of the Facebook page, and Orchid Pro, now a member benefit at no additional charge.
- * **Congratulations to Chuck and Sue Andersen for their plant *Bulbophyllum dhaninivatii* 'Sue's Royal Tassels' CHM/AOS being awarded the prestigious Jesup Award, for the best Species awarded in 2019 !**
- * The AOS Conservation program has awarded several grants in the \$2,000 - \$4000 range, including some for 2 years. Awards are both national and world-wide, including some encouraging youth to become more involved in orchid research and culture.
- * Most societies are canceling their show, but one "quarantine" show was held in Lakeland, Florida recently.
- * Since 2021 is the 100th anniversary of AOS, a Centennial Celebration is planned. It was scheduled for the Spring of 2021 and has now been postponed to October 2021... stay tuned for more details on this gala event.
- * The new AOS website is ever improving... more photos and work is ongoing to index both articles and photos so that searching for information in back issues is enhanced.
Check out the new website!



Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows (L. Coolidge)



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When	November 05, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	November 10, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	December 02, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	December 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	A Columbian Orchid Adventure	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Orchid Conservation Projects in Florida and Cuba
Presenter	Ron Parsons Renowned photographer and author	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Lawrence Zettler Biology Professor, Illinois College

To view REGISTRATION is REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

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October Show Table Results

Judges: David Sparks, Bob Cleveland, & Chuck Andersen

Hobbyist Category:

Phalaenopsis Alliance: None

Dendrobium Alliance:

Den. Phal NOID	Nicola Kernan	1st
Den. Violet Yamaji	Caron Savone	1st

Cymbidium Alliance:

Cym. Golden Elf	Anita Walker	1st
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Advanced Grower Category: (All Cultural Awards)

Vanda vietnamica	Lee Brockmann
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Expert Grower Category: All Cultural Awards

Vanda (Neo.) falcata	David Sparks
Aerangis mystacidii	David Sparks
Sigmatostalix radicans	David Sparks
Barboselle Sp. Peru	Chuck & Sue Andersen
Acrorchis roseola	Chuck & Sue Andersen
Bulb. tingabarinum var. alba	Chuck & Sue Andersen
Pleurothallis niterophylla	Chuck & Sue Andersen



MOS Virtual Orchid Symposium!
World of Orchids: Africa and Madagascar
Sat. Nov. 7, 11 AM- 5 PM

This event will be held online. We will have a key speaker, and 5 vendor speakers presenting. Join us for:

- Vendor discounts
- Awesome presentation and sneak peeks into vendors' greenhouses
 - Raffles Every Hour
- Enter photos of your blooming orchid for virtual judging!
 - A People's Choice announcement for BEST IN SHOW
 - A presentation of the best entries for each category.

The show will feature something for every level of enthusiast, from beginner to advanced.

[Register Here](#)

Take a tour of the [official show page](#) to meet our incredible speakers.

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