

***Cape and Island Orchid Society***  
(Affiliated with American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest Corp)



## January Newsletter

### Notice of Meeting

**12:30 PM - January 8, 2023**  
**The Administration Building**  
**of the Cape Cod Fairgrounds**  
**1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy, (Rt. 151)**  
**East Falmouth MA 02536**  
**(White fences on North side of Hwy.)**

## ***“And You Think I’m a Pest?”***

### **Brian Leib**



Soft brown scale – AOS website

After a short and ill-fated career in the business world, Brian found happiness through a horticulture internship. After his internship at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery Greenhouse, Brian went on to become the assistant manager of the Brown University Plant Environmental Center and then the greenhouse manager at Harvard's Weld Hill Research Building. For the past couple decades, Brian has been heavily involved in the 'wonderful world of all things orchid', including serving on the board of the Massachusetts Orchid Society where he held several offices, including president and vice president and the Cape and Islands Orchid Society where he is currently the co-president. Brian is a passionate horticultural educator and enjoys giving talks to orchid societies, garden clubs, and at times, anyone who will listen. He has been known to stop people at big box stores to make sure they know how to take care of the orchid that is in their cart. Brian is experienced in diagnosing and treating plant pests of all types and has never met a Paph he didn't like....

***Food is back! Members with last names starting A-K are encouraged to bring a savory dish to share and those with last names starting L-Z are encouraged to bring something sweet.***

As always visitors are welcome, you are encouraged to bring blooming plants for the show table and we will have raffle plants available. ***Masks Optional*** at the Fairgrounds.

## **Announcements**

***From Tina Balog. Show Time is almost here!*** Seems like an age ago when we last created a CAIOS Show together. As many veterans know there are many things you can do to help us create a memorable and fun event where we can enjoy the many aspects of orchids and the interesting people who grow them. So you need not be an expert just willing to learn new things and work together. So please look at your calendar for January 17-22 to see if you can spend a couple of hours over a few days creating this beautiful unique event.

**Developing CAIOS Display Ideas.** We are creating a central floor display this year using the white and black diagonal square floor cloth, a Wardian Case of brushed stainless steel & glass, black wrought iron plant stands, a marble farm table and other black & green plant containers. If you have a container or some other item that sounds like it might blend with the idea please feel free to talk to Lee Drescher or Tina Balog. Always looking for new Display Team Members, feel free to join us. Many of you have quite unique and sometimes amazing items we have created Award winning displays with in years past (beat up wooden skiff, milk cart & retro car). If you have an item for this year or some idea for the future feel free to take a photo and send it along or bring your idea to a meeting.

**Show Awards 2023.** It's not too late to sponsor a Show Award for the 2023 event. It is a great way to support excellence in Orchid, or to honor a person in your life. There are several categories (Culture is one) you could consider sponsoring that are available. We currently give cash awards in the \$50-\$100 range as determined by the individual sponsor. Please Contact Tina if you want to discuss options.

**Sign Up – Sign Up – Sign Up** to Volunteer at the Show. If you can't be at a meeting Call Tina 508 540-5006

**Tuesday Jan.17 & Wed. Jan 18, 2023 Need folks with trucks and larger vehicles**

- Weather dependent, move Show equipment from storage facility in Falmouth to event venue,
- Set up lights, CAIOS display infrastructure, Judging Equipment, Hospitality Room.

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- Anyone with greater than 10 Orchid Plants should consider delivering plants later Wed afternoon so grooming, labels can be accomplished early Thursday.
- Mark all Plants with your Name and Phone # with marker & or tape
- Do you want to enter it for ribbon judging? If you do and can review the Judging Schedule on the CAIOS.org website for what you believe is the correct category for each plant you wish to register. A Plant Registration form will be available for you to fill in. There will be people on site to help with this task as it can take some practice.
- Pick up Rental Floor plants/ferns from Country Gardens in Hyannis
- Plants for CAIOS display must be delivered by Noon on Thursday. Entries for Judging close at 6:00 PM Thursday

### **Thursday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>: Create Displays & Data Entry for Plant Judging**

This is when you begin to see the real magic of an orchid Show in creation.

- Bring all plants by 12 Noon for placement in the CAIOS display
- If you have plants for the show but can't bring them please call Tina or Brian or Michelle so we can arrange for pick-up and return.
- Insure your plant is registered for Plant Judging by 6pm – should see a white tag attached to your plant/s in the display.
- There are lots of jobs for everyone during this daylong set-up. CAIOS will continue to have a Hospitality Room as we have in the past for lunch. Coffee & Tea service will be available in the main event room through the day. If you wish to sign up to bring specific hot, cold foods, deserts etc. We will have a Signup sheet for Saturday & Sunday at next two the meetings.

### **Friday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Ribbon 9-12noon & AOS Judging 1:30-5pm**

- Need large number of people to sign up to clerk for Ribbon Judging 8:30-12noon coffee & cold Danish and wonderful hot lunch is provided for all volunteers.
- Preview Banquet & Awards 6PM – 10PM
- Finalize set up Front Door, Membership Table, Education Area for Opening

### **Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Show Opens to Public 9AM-5PM**

- Staff Front Door
- Staff Membership Table information
- Aids for Hospitality Room
- Introduce Speakers throughout Day

### **Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break down**

Kind of all hands on deck is needed for this effort. It's really amazing it takes days to put together and a few hours to remove.

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- Plants need to be carefully removed from the display and organized by owner and who is responsible for taking them offsite.
- If you cannot be there at the end of the day let us know. We do not want your plants lost or damaged.
- Last all the lighting equipment and other materials are returned to Storage Facility in Falmouth that evening if at all possible. Larger props may need to be removed then as well

*From the Board of Directors.* We are currently investigating returning to the **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE CAPE COD FAIRGROUNDS** in East Falmouth. For those upper Cape members this is likely good news, for those lower and outer Cape members maybe not such good news. We recognize that there is not a single venue that allows for a short easy drive to meetings for all members and that both the fairgrounds and St. David's have their advantages. For a while, we will be using both the fairgrounds and St. David's so please take the time to read the newsletter noting the venue for the month's meeting.

With the advance in distance communication (or distance learning if you are from an academic setting) and driven home by the COVID pandemic, many top flight speakers have discovered that they would much rather give talks from their living room rather than getting on an airplane. To able to continue to bring the society high-level talks by leading expert orchid breeders and growers we are likely going to have to adapt. Our first voluntary experimentation with distance communication will take place this March with Martin Motes of Motes Orchids being our speaker. We will see if we can arrange a society pre-order with appropriate discounts so that members can acquire plants from this famous orchid vendor.

Some breeders/growers still are willing to get on a plane to give talks at society meetings. The only way we can afford this, is to split travel cost with four other societies and the speaker gives 5 talks in 5 days. This consortium approach is bringing us Kelly McCracken and Tim Culbertson this year. Unfortunately, Kelly's trip was booked before anyone realized that Easter was April 9<sup>th</sup> this year. We apologize for the obvious conflict this will cause some members.

*The new website has gone live!* After nearly a month of virtual headaches, we have switched hosting platforms from bluehost to Walden Pond Designs and we are again fully functional. Apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the outages. Hopefully our new hosting platform will be much more responsive than bluehost was. The website serves three basic functions: 1) communications, 2) repository, and 3) on-line store. In terms of communication, the site is our face to the on-line world where others can find out more about us. It, along with the monthly

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newsletters, is the Society's method of communicating with the membership. You can see upcoming events such as shows and meetings. You can also find important documents concerning the show ranging from the schedule to plant registration to menus. As a repository you can find the current as well as past newsletters, an early history of CAIOS, an ever-expanding number of posts on all things orchid culture and pictures of past shows. As an on-line store you can renew your membership and buy tickets to the show and various show events.

**Healthy plants wanted for the raffle table.** If you have unwanted plants you can always donate them to the raffle table – if you are going to donate a plant or plants please call or email Tina Balog so we can coordinate the number of society plants we offer.

**It's time to renew your membership!** Membership includes monthly meetings that offer abundant opportunities to see, learn about and acquire a variety of orchids, monthly newsletters (emailed or snail mailed directly to you) and free admission to our annual show. **You can now pay dues on line at <https://caios.org/join-caios/>.** If you wish you can do it the old fashioned way (paper, pen, check, envelope, stamp) using this form:

Membership Form:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phones Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Newsletter will be emailed unless snail mail requested*      *Check here for snail mail* \_\_\_\_\_

DUES are \$25 for individuals, \$35 for households.      Enclosed:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations to help CAIOS run are always appreciated.      Donation:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to membership chair: Christine Hight, 46 Springline Dr., Wellfleet, MA 02667  
508-662-3936 or 508-349-3225; [christine.hight01@gmail.com](mailto:christine.hight01@gmail.com)

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***Spring show season is also fast approaching.*** As you can see from the schedule below, there are two shows scheduled for February, one in March and we can anticipate at least another show this spring. If you are interested, please consider taking the lead on installing a society display this Spring. If you don't feel comfortable taking the lead, consider signing up to help and begin to learn the ropes. Again, Tina, our ace show chair, is the person to see. *Placing society displays at other societies shows is essential to the success of our show (it's a quid pro quo thing – in the good sense of phrase).*

## Upcoming Events

### ***Meetings:***

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Brian Leib, And you think I'm a pest?!

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Bob Findlay, How To (not) Kill the Orchid You Just Bought

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Marin Motes, Motes Orchids, Vandas

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Kelly McCracken, High Desert Orchids, Fragrant Miniature Orchids

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Potting Workshop

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Tim Culbertson, We will likely choose one of his Paph talks this time

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Society Cookout

### ***Shows:***

January 20-22, 2023, ***Cape and Island Orchid Society's "Orchids in Captivity"***.  
Location: The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, 35 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis, MA 02601. Contact: Tina Balog, 508-540-5006, [dglover@whoi.edu](mailto:dglover@whoi.edu)

February 10-12, 2023, ***New Hampshire Orchid Society's "Celebrating Orchids"***.  
Location The Event Center at the Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063. Contact: Brenda Campbell, 603-540-8195, [bbcampbell139@comcast.net](mailto:bbcampbell139@comcast.net).

February 25 - 26, 2023, ***Amherst Orchid Society Show***. Location: Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St Rt 9, Northampton, MA 01060. Contact: Marc Gray, 802-348-7926, [bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net)

March 18 - 19, 2023, ***Nutmeg State Orchid Society's "Come See Our Bloomers"***.  
Location: West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center, 50 South Main St, West Hartford, CT 48071. Contact: Sandy Myhalik, 860-677-0504, [myhalik@comcast.net](mailto:myhalik@comcast.net)

### ***Judging:***

January 7, 2023, 10am – 3pm - Northeast Judging Center - Boylston Site. *Due to everchanging COVID conditions it is best to check prior to leaving if you wish to attend. Websites -* <https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>,

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<https://www.nejcaos.org/home>; email - Robert Winkley  
[northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com); phone 617.282.7351

## Past events

December 11<sup>th</sup> saw our Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party. The society provided roasted turkey and baked ham and assorted drink (with rumors of co-President Marsha Fredricks and vice-President Michele Wolf being spotted in the kitchen doing the heavy lifting). Society members brought appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Good food was in abundance and members enjoyed a hearty meal and good fellowship. About 25 people attended the auction with Brian Leib serving as auctioneer aided by a crew that pulled and distributed plants and a second that recorded results and collected funds. Overall, the auction was a success and netted the Society a much needed \$1,500+ for our treasury. A most heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and purchased plants, to members who donated plants for auction and to the orchid sellers who either donated plants or provided plants at wholesale pricing.

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