

Cape and Island Orchid Society
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March Newsletter

Notice of Meeting

12:30 PM – March 12, 2023
St. David's Episcopal Church
205 Old Main St.
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Miniature and Compact Vanda Hybrids
Martin Motes, Motes Orchids



Martin R. Motes Ph.D., author of *The Natural Genus Vanda* and a Research Associate at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, has maintained a lifelong interest in the genus *Vanda*. He began as a boy in the late 50's collecting the new hybrids which were coming out of Hawaii and Singapore and growing them in a shade house in Miami. While still in high school, he started to import *Vanda* species from India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand in substantial quantities in order to select the best flowered forms for hybridization and for propagation. His career in horticulture,

like the careers of most American males of his generation, was disrupted by the war in Vietnam. Following a Ph.D., several years teaching college in Ohio, and a Fulbright lectureship in Kosovo, he was able to return to his beloved Florida and begin breeding with the remnants of his *Vanda* collection.

By the mid-70's, thanks to the pioneering work of Rapee Sagarik, the center of *Vanda* breeding had shifted to Thailand and was producing large-flowered *Vanda* hybrids in a wide range of colors. Motes realized that only a limited number of species had contributed to these hybrids and he began to incorporate other species into his breeding program. A decade on the initial results of this were published in the American Orchid Society Bulletin. His insights into both the hybrids and the species evolved into the book *Vandas, their History, Botany and*

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Culture (1997). By the time of the 18th World Orchid Conference in Dijon (2005), the unique hybrids he had produced were striking enough to garner all of the medals given in the initial international judging and one, V. Mary Motes, was voted Best in Show and given a Gold Medal.

Dr. Motes continued his research into the taxonomy of the genus *Vanda* describing new species and clarifying the relationships of previously described plants. This collaborative work led to the publishing of *The Natural Genus Vanda* (2021), the first monograph of the genus. He continues both to breed improved *Vanda* species and hybrids, as well as, his research of the genus.

For hobbyist outside of Florida, one of the challenges of growing Vandas is their large size. His presentation will focus on his current efforts to breed miniature and compact *Vanda* hybrids. ***We are attempting to arrange for a shipment of plants from the Motes nursery and will have them available at ~\$15 per plant (you can't get a no-name Phal at the grocery store for that price!). Bring your wallet or your checkbook (or both)!***

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 St. David's, ***that said, if you are at all feeling under the weather, even if it is "just a cold", be courteous to you fellow orchid lovers and mask up. If you have COVID, the flu or RSV please follow CDC guidelines.***

Announcements

Society Display at the Nutmeg State Orchid Society Show. We will be installing a society display at the NSOS annual show in West Hartford, CT on Friday March 17th. ***We need plants!*** Bob and Marsha will be doing the installation. Tina will be placing the plants (grooming if necessary) in baskets; plants should be in Tina's possession by 6PM Tuesday the 14th. Since this is the weekend after our March meeting the easiest way to get plants to Tina is to bring them to the meeting. Bob and Marsha will dismantle the display and bring home the orchids. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to clearly mark your plants with your name at least. A telephone number helps, too. Lower cape members should arrange return of plants after the show with Bob and mid and lower cape members the same with Marsha.

2024 CAIOS Annual show. Tina has announced, pending approval for AOS Judging date, the date of our next show. ***Wednesday January 17th – Sunday January 21st, 2024 – mark your calendar!*** If you have an idea for a future show theme or have a unique item we can create a display around, please let Tina know

as she keeps a short list of theme ideas. Orchids in Captivity came from Nimitz ten years ago. It took the pandemic to make use of this unique theme.

Annual Dues are now past due! If you haven't renewed your annual membership, it is time. Benefits of membership include 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:

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

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Upcoming Events

Meetings:

March 12th – Marin Motes, Motes Orchids, Vandas (remote)

April 9th – Kelly McCracken, High Desert Orchids, Fragrant Miniature Orchids, will have plants for sale

May 21st – Annual Potting Workshop

June 11th – Tim Culbertson, We will likely choose one of his Paph talks this time, will have plants for sale

September 10th – Society Cookout

Shows:

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
January 17–21, 2024, *2024 CAIOS Annual show.*

Judging:

March 4, 2023, 10am – 3pm - Northeast Judging Center - Boylston Site. *Websites*
-<https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>,
<https://www.nejcaos.org/home>; email - Robert Winkley
northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com; phone 617.282.7351

Past events

New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Show. Tom Gregg, Tina Balog, Bill Golden, Mike Lincoln, Millard Hennessee, Leslie James, Peter Smith and Brian Leib contributed plants to the display. Tina groomed and placed plants in containers. Forest Henderson, Michele Wolf and Kelly Grinnan traveled to New Hampshire and installed the display, with Forest staying overnight and clerking on Friday morning. On Sunday, Forest returned and along with

Marsha Fredericks and Brian Leib took the display down and returned plants to their owners.

Dick and Eleanor Phillips installed a small hobbyist display. It is clear from the pictures of

the displays that society members took several best of class awards



(Angraecum, unnamed Phal, Cattleya) but we still await the official ribbon judging results.. These will be posted on our website once available. Dick and Eleanor Phillips, Marsha Fredericks and Michele Wolf kindly provided pictures.

February Meeting. Bob Findlay presented a talk aimed at growing orchids on the windowsill and focused on the 6 basic aspects of orchid growing that make orchids different from other house plants – but with a twist – emphasizing potential beginners mistakes as “ways to kill an orchid”.

There were a good number of plants (3 tables worth) on the show table, given that the New Hampshire show was the same weekend as our monthly meeting. The following plants were displayed:

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| Anonymous Tina Balog | Ludisia discolor var. nigricans, Den kingianum ‘Albert West’ C Lana Coryell, Paph Oriental Allure, Phal Tailda King’s Caroline ‘Tarda Little Zabra VA’ AM/AOS, Phal (Fuller’s E- plus x Liu’s Twilight Rainbow) ‘1506’, Phrag QF Ula’ula, Oip Onocicious ‘Vivid’ |
| Larry Barry | Den Chocolate Chip, Den Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga 'Christmas Cheer' x Den. Snow Leopard, Phcal Kryptonite 'Parkside' AM/AOS |
| Charles Black | Rth Fuch’s Orange Nuggett |
| Lee Dresher | C No ID, Paph No ID, Paph No ID |
| Bob Findlay | Phal No ID, Rlc Jim Nickou x Rth What About Love |
| Bill Golden | C Magic Melody x Rth Picotee Charm, Phal No ID, Phal No ID, Phal No ID, Phal No ID |
| Tom Gregg | Ohd Cherry Fudge, Unknown |
| Millard Hennessee | Cl Grace Dunn, Masd stobellii |
| Leslie James | C Circle of Life ‘Bonnybriar, Rth Dan O’Neil ‘Jubilee’ HCC/AOS, L Santa Barbara Sunset ‘Showtime’ HCC/AOS |
| Mike Lincoln | Phal Katie’s Fierce Frog, Phrag Savage River (Sunset Glow x d’allesandroi) #1 & #2, Phrag Noirmont (3N) #1 & #2, Phrag Thérese Faust (Sorcerer's Apprentice x Sunset Glow), V Pachasa Delight ‘Sakate’ |
| Michele Wolf | Rth Shinfong Little Sun 'Young-Min Golden Boy' |



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Addendum – Ribbons won by members Richard & Eleanor Phillips in their Hobby Display – CAIOS 2023 show

| Plant | Owner | Place | Category | Best of Class/Best of Show/AOS awards |
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| Display | Richard & Eleanor Phillips | 1 st Place | Open Competition (50 sq ft) T/F Hobbyist | |
| B. martiana | Richard Phillips | 1 st Place | Brassavola/Rhyncholaelia S & H | |
| Phal. Sogo Yukidian | Richard Phillips | 3 rd Place | Phal/Dtps Hybrids – WHITE, no markings | |
| <i>Scaphosepalum microdactlum</i> | Richard Phillips | 3 rd Place | Onc/Odm Species – Non Equitants Species Only | |
| L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' | Eleanor Phillips | 1 st Place | Laelia & Soph spec & hybrids | Edith W. Gregg Memorial Award – Best Cattleya Alliance |

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