

Cape and Island Orchid Society

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October Newsletter

Notice of Meeting

12:30 PM – October 15, 2023

1st Congregational Church of Falmouth

68 Main St

Falmouth, MA 02450

Orchid Blooming Triggers

The Cultural Requirements Our Orchids Need to Bloom

Brandt Moran



Brandt Moran has been growing orchids for 25 years in every way imaginable. He started on a west facing windowsill. As the collection grew, he built a dedicated growing space where he grew under lights. When the orchids threatened to take over his growing area, the

kitchen table, and his side of the bedroom furniture, he built his own greenhouse providing 192 sq ft of prime growing space. Of course, this was again quickly filled, so with a recent move to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, he is once again building a greenhouse that will start life as a 400 sq ft structure, with the infrastructure to add two more 400 sq ft growing areas at a later date.

His current collection has morphed into mostly Brazilian species in the Epidendroideae subfamily (editor's note – this subfamily is quite a diverse group which includes the usual suspects of *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Encyclia*, *Epidendrum* and a host of other varied genera such as *Gomesa*, *Miltonia*, *Zygopetalum* and *Catasetum*). Along the way he has tried his hand at almost every major genus within the orchid world.

Please note the change in venue.

His presentation will focus on the cultural “tricks” that will convince our sometimes-stubborn orchids to bloom at their very best. An open forum is anticipated with everyone hopefully becoming involved in the discussion. So, come ready to share your secrets and successes.

As always visitors are welcome, you are encouraged to bring blooming plants for the show table and we will have raffle plants available. There will be ***no sales table***. Enjoy a buffet-style brunch! Members with last names starting A-K are encouraged to bring something savory to share and those with last names starting L-Z are encouraged to bring something sweet.

Announcements

New venue. Due to an unanticipated (at least on our part) visit from the Bishop, we are unable to meet at St. Mark’s. Thanks to Lee Dresher for procuring space at the 1st Congregational Church for us on short notice. We are still trying to negotiate with the Falmouth Fairgrounds for three meeting dates.

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 bring plants please email Tina Balog at dglover@whoi.edu so we can coordinate the number of society plants we offer.

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

November 12th – Cordelia Head, J&L Orchids – Growing Miniature Orchids in the Home – sales table – preorder discount coupon code CAIOS23
December 10th – Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party
January 14th –
February 11th –
March 10th –
April 14th –
May 12th – Annual re-potting workshop
June 9th – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

Shows:

November 3-5, 2023, *Massachusetts Orchid Society's "World of Orchids - India"*. Location: Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Contact: Brigitte Fortin, 617-838-8682, bfortin425@msn.com

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January 20-21, 2024, *Cape and Island Orchid Society's "Orchid Impressions"*
Location: The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, 35 Scudder Avenue,
Hyannis, MA 02601. Contact: Tina Balog, 508-540-5006, dglover@whoi.edu

Judging:

October 7th, 10:30am – 3pm - Northeast Judging Center - Boylston Site. Website -
<https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>; email - Robert Winkley
northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com; phone 617.282.7351

Greenhouse Sales:

October 6-8, 2023, 9:30am - 4 pm - Historic New England, Lyman Estate
Greenhouses, 185 Lyman Street, Waltham, MA
Maps - <https://goo.gl/maps/jemFba1kFxCrTDxH9>

Past events

September saw the return of our monthly meetings, and as we did last year, we kicked off the 2023-2024 season with a society cookout. Members Bob Findlay and Lori Lyon hosted 19 members and guests at their home in Brewster. Everyone enjoyed ribs, chicken, burgers and an amazing array of appetizers and sides provided by members. We are looking forward to a season full of exciting speakers, great social gatherings, award-winning society displays and a successful society show.

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