

Cape and Island Orchid Society
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November Newsletter

Notice of Meeting

12:30 PM – November 12, 2023

**The Administration Building
of the Cape Cod Fairgrounds**

1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy (Rt. 151), East Falmouth, MA 02536

Growing Miniature Orchids in the Home
Cordelia Head
J&L Orchids



Cordelia Head will be discussing several different genera of miniature and micro-miniature orchids, and how to adapt to growing them in a house. She is one of three previous owners of J&L Orchids and is proud to be associated with the new owners, the Carreno family. She has been growing orchids for more than forty years. Cordelia is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and orchid judging. She is an American Orchid Society accredited judge and served on the Awards Committee for several years. Cordelia has been fortunate to travel extensively throughout Central and South America in search of orchids. She has

discovered many new species and has three named for her. Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally including the World Orchid Conferences in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glasgow and many others.

Cordelia will have plants for sale. Members can pre-order plants using the **discount code CAIOS23**

Please note the change in venue.

As always visitors are welcome, you are encouraged to bring blooming plants for the show table and we will have raffle plants available. Enjoy a buffet-style brunch! Members with last names starting A-K are encouraged to bring something savory to sweet and those with last names starting L-Z are encouraged to bring something savory.

Announcements

Our annual show is fast approaching. And it takes lots of worker bees to pull off a show! Tina, our ace show chair, has a number of signup sheets covering setup, takedown, and everything in between and will have them at the next three meetings. Please take the time to find them and sign up for a task or two – full signup sheets well in advance of the show makes for calm nerves for those of us responsible for pulling the show together. It is my understanding that pickup trucks are particularly important during the setup [Tuesday or Wednesday morning - weather dependent - at the Falmouth storage facility] and takedown [Sunday at 4PM] (mine will be there for both).

Show season is underway. The MOS show begins our 2023-2024 show season. Tina has taken the lead on our society's display. If you are interested in helping out with setup (Nov. 2nd) or takedown (Nov. 5th) please let her know.

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

December is the Annual Auction. We are shooting for ~50 plants and we are looking for a few good ***in-spike or in-bloom*** plants. If you have such a plant and no longer want it you can always donate it to the auction – if you are going to donate please email Tina Balog at dglover@whoi.edu so we can coordinate the number of society plants we offer.

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

December 10th – Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party

January 14th – Mike Lincoln, Semi-hydroponic orchid culture

February 11th – TBD

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March 10th – TBD
April 14th – TBD
May 19th – Annual Potting Workshop
June 9th – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids
September 13th – Society Cookout

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

January 20-21, 2024, *Cape and Island Orchid Society's "Orchid Impressions"*

Location: Emerald Resort and Hyport Conference Center, 35 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis, MA 02601. Contact: Tina Balog, 508-540-5006, dglover@whoi.edu

Judging:

Sat, November 4th, 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

October's meeting featured Brandt Moran speaking about the cultural requirements our orchids need to bloom. To summarize, these include optimal growth during the growth period and for those reluctant bloomers higher light or cooler temperatures at a critical point of the growth cycle or a dry rest. There was some discussion of what constitutes "a dry rest". For those still seeking more information on a dry winter's rest our website contains a post (<https://caios.org/dry-winters-rest/>) that includes a reprint of an article by Ed Lysek and Sandra Svoboda on mainly Asian genera that require a dry winter rest and my own thoughts expanding this concept to Central American, South American and Caribbean genera. In addition, I included some hints on how to determine if a genus you are interested in may require more drying than the typical fall "hardening off".

October Show Table

Thanks to everyone that brought in plants for the show table – a modest show table by our standards (2 large tables) but still filled with impressive plants. Most plants are listed below but I know a few are missing (I either missed their cards when I was picking them up or they didn't have cards to start).

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Plants on the display table (the best I could discern) where:

Anonymous	Phal hybrid, no ID
Tina Balog	C Melody Fair 'Carol' HCC/AOS x C Aloha Case 'Hsinying', <i>Holcoglossum kimballianum</i> x <i>Holc wangii</i> , Ctt Candy Corn, Phal Yin's Black Eagle 'Nobby-B' AM/AOS, Procatavola Key Lime Stars, Zygonisia (Zns) Snow Bird 'Kaila' HCC/AOS, Zns Cynosure 'BlueBird' AM/AOS
Lee Drescher	Rhynchonia Pacific Paranoia (I think), Onc Sharry Baby, C No ID
Bob Findlay	Bulb. Daisy Chain, C Circle of Life 'Red Alert', Cym Christian Heritage 'Pahokee', <i>Phrag besseae</i> , Phrag Ecuagenera Dream,
Larry Finley	Ons Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'
Tom Gregg	Onc Sharry Baby 'Raseberry Chocolate', Arthurara Haleakala Sunrise
Forest Henderson	Phal Enobi Purple
Millard Hennessee	<i>Cochlioda coccinea</i> , <i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i> 'Mason Rose', <i>Dendrobium loddigesii</i> , Perreiraara Bangkok Sunse
Brian Leib	Propetalum La Jolla Delight, Den Mini Snowflake x something?
Keith Tibbetts	Bulbo no ID, <i>Ornithophora radicans</i> (now <i>Gomesa radicans</i>), <i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i> , <i>Pleurothallis erythrium</i> , <i>Pleurothallis medinae</i> , <i>Pleurothallis tarantula</i>

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