



November Newsletter

Notice of Meeting

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
November 10, 2024

**The Administration Building of the Cape Cod Fairgrounds
1220 Nathan Ellis Hwy (Rt. 151), East Falmouth, MA 02536**

'Don't Fear the Slippers'

**Dave Sorokosky
Paph Paradise**



After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave Sorokosky opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids, one 2" pot at a time, and before he graduated Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California

about one year later. Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about 20 years and seriously hybridizing for over 10 years, and along with his wife Stacey, founded Paph Paradise. He is an accredited AOS judge and his Paphiopedilums have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his

Members with last names starting A-K are encouraged to bring a main or side dish and those with last names starting L-Z are encouraged to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share

breeding program. In 2018, Dave left winemaking to focus all of his time running Paph Paradise.

'Don't Fear the Slippers' is an in-depth review of how to grow Paphiopedilums, covering easy, beginner plants all the way through the most challenging species. There are tips for novice and seasoned growers alike. Dave will have plants for sale. Members can pre-order plants with pre-orders over \$100 receiving a 10% discount. Orders should be emailed directly to Dave at dave@paphparadise.com by November 3rd.

As always, visitors are welcome. You are encouraged to bring blooming plants for the show table and we will have raffle plants available.

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). Christine usually staffs the membership table during the show and will likely be unable to fill that role this year. If you are interested in helping out, please let Tina or Kelly (our new show co-chair) know.

Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show. This kicks off 2024-2025 show season and is the 2nd weekend of November. The setup will be Thursday, November 7th between 9 AM and 7 PM. Registration will be open until 6 PM Wednesday, November 6th. There will be no registration during setup, deletions will be taken until 4 PM. Tina is taking lead on the display installation with Wendy Oliver, Kelly and Michelle helping out. Contact them soon if you have plants you would like to enter.

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 Brian Leib at caiosvp@gmail.com 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

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Board of Directors Meeting. The Board will meet immediately after the regular society meeting. Agenda items include: 1) CAIOS show registration times (cutoff on Wednesday) 2) emails – restricted and club specific, plus be prepared to provide your preferred contact info, 3) budget – report from the treasurer and discussion of speaker expenses.

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

Dec. 8, 2024 – Annual Solstice Party / Auction

Jan. 12, 2025 –

Feb. 9, 2025 –

Mar. 9, 2025 –

Apr. 13, 2025 –

May 11, 2025 – Annual Potting Workshop

Jun. 8, 2025 –

Sep. 14, 2025 – Society Cookout

Shows:

Nov. 8-10, 2024 – Massachusetts Orchid Society Annual Show – “World of Orchids - Old World vs. New World”. Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA. Website: <https://www.massorchid.org/show/>

Contact: Brigitte Fortin, show@massorchid.org, 617-838-8682

Jan. 25-26, 2025 – Cape and Islands Orchid Society Annual Show – “Seaside Orchids”. Hyport Conference Center, 35 Scudder Ave, Barnstable, MA.

Website: www.caios.org, 774-255-1316.

Judging:

Nov. 2, 2024, 11 AM-3 PM - Northeast Judging Center – North Borough 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 meeting. Approximately twenty-five members attended and heard Jerry Kessler tell us the story Cymbidium Pauwelsii ‘Kessander’ CCE/ AOS. Reports were that there was a ton of food on the buffet table and the display table was a bit sparse. (Sorry I missed it, I was laid low by a nasty bacterium).

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