

Cape and Island Orchid Society
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January Newsletter

Notice of Meeting

12:30 PM - January 12, 2025

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

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

“So you want to earn an AOS award...”

Bob Findlay



Phrag. Memoria Garren Weaver 'Hannah Iranzo' AM-CCM/AOS. Grown by Bob Findlay. Photo by Joe Maciaszek.

While a postdoc in Miami FL, Bob was gifted 3 orchid cuttings and a trip to (then) nearby Fennel's Orchid Jungle for supplies and a life-long fascination was born. In 2019 he retired after spending 35 years as a researcher and professor, moved to Brewster MA and built his third greenhouse. His current collection, housed in a 12 x 16 hobby greenhouse, contains several hundred plants representing 23 different orchid genera and intergeneric hybrids. In addition to his current roles of president, newsletter and website editor, correspondent and AOS representative with CAIOS, he has served as vice president and president of the Miami Valley Orchid Society. While in Ohio he earned 3 AOS awards (AM, FCC and CCM) and most recently has earned another 5 AOS awards (CCM, AM and

CBR). Bob's presentation will touch on selected topics within the American

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Orchid Society awards program primarily focused on what members can do to maximize their chances of having one of their orchids awarded.

The presentation will be ~30 minutes to accommodate an extended business meeting focused on preparation for the upcoming show. As always visitors are welcome, you are encouraged to bring blooming plants for the show table and we will have raffle plants available.

Announcements

Ecuagenera pre-orders. With the exception of having paid their table fees, it looks like Ecuagenera (<https://www.ecuagenera.com>) will be a vendor at this year's show. They have a pre-order program where you can order at website prices and pick up at a local show avoiding some of the expenses of shipping, CITES, etc. *Their posted deadline for pickup at "Seaside Orchids" is January 10, 2025.* For all of you species nuts out there, the number of species listed on their site rivals that of Andy's Orchids.

From Tina Balog:

Show Time is almost here!

I hope you are looking forward to participating as our show evolves and grows into a spectacular display created of orchid for all to enjoy. There are many things you can do to help us create a memorable and fun event. You do not need to be an orchid expert to help, just willing to learn new things and work together.

Please look at your calendar for January 21-26 to see if you can spend a couple of hours over a few days creating this beautiful unique event. You can sign up at the meetings or call me directly (508 540 5006) to see where helpers are needed.

We will need to borrow your house plants/ferns again this year – we use these to protect the light stands. We have been unable to find a source of 9"-10" ferns that are within our price range and plant rentals are now the same price as purchase of the plants outright.

If you have plants (orchids or ferns) for the show but can't bring them please call Tina or Brian or Michelle so we can arrange for pick-up and return of your plants. We need all the orchids we can get our hands on to create the CAIOS Seaside Orchids display

Developing CAIOS Display Ideas: We are creating a central floor display this year using a beetle cat sail boat and beach sand. We will be using some existing CAIOS props and if you have ideas or props you think might work talk to, call, email either Lee Drescher or Tina Balog. We are always looking for new Display Team Members, so please feel free to join us in creating this stunning display of orchids. Many of you have quite unique, amazing items we have used to create award winning displays with in years past (beat up wooden skiff, milk cart & Tom's retro car). If you have an item for this year or some idea for the future feel free to take a photo and bring your idea to a meeting.

Show Awards 2025. It's not too late to sponsor a Show Award for the 2025 event. It is a great way to support excellence in Orchid, or to honor a person in your life. There are several categories 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

Schedule of events for CAIOS 2025 show

Tuesday Jan. 21 2025: Moving Day

Need folks mid-morning with trucks and larger vehicles at Falmouth storage.

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

Wednesday Jan 22, 2025

- Tuesday tasks if weather didn't cooperate
- Anyone with Orchid Plants should deliver their plants mid-morning to early afternoon so plant grooming and label making can be accomplished early as possible
- ***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 orchid you wish to register
- Plant Registration forms are available at caios.org Show page under Plant Registration tab. There will be people on site to help with this task as it can take some practice.
- *Note – plant registration deadline has moved to 6 PM Wednesday.*

Thursday January 23, 2025: Create Displays

- Plants for CAIOS display must be delivered by 10am on Thursday to guarantee inclusion in the display. They must be groomed and labeled if delivered on Thursday and if you wish to have them judged, they must be entered by 6 PM Wednesday.
- Orchid plant deletions for Judging close at 4:00pm Thursday.
- Check that your plant has been registered for Plant Judging - you should see a white tag attached to your plants 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 Thursday. Coffee & Tea service will be available in the main event room through the day. If you can, please bring hot, cold foods, deserts etc. to share in the hospitality room (This day plus Saturday and Sunday - We will have a Signup sheet for Saturday & Sunday at the next two meetings).
- This is the day that the other societies and the vendors arrive and set up their displays (and vendors their sales areas). Many of the vendors appreciate having help moving plants into the venue.

Friday Jan 24th: Ribbon & American Orchid Society Judging

- **8am** Coffee & cold Danish to start the day
 - **Ribbon Judging 8:30-12 noon**
 - Wonderful hot lunch* is provided for all volunteers who clerk that day Noon-1pm.
 - **American Orchid Society Judging 1:30-5pm**
 - We Need large number of people to sign up to clerk for Ribbon Judging 8:30-12 noon.
 - Preview Banquet* & Awards 6pm – 10pm
 - Finalize set up Front Door, Membership Table, Education Area for Opening
- * For menus see below

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* Lunch Menu

Cilantro Vegetable Soup
Quinoa Salad
Peruvian Street Chicken
with Anticucho Sauce
Seafood Paella
Roasted Peppers & Onions
Lomo Saltado
(Peruvian beef stir fry)
Rice
Roasted fingerling Potatoes
Banana Cheesecake
Coffee, Tea and Water

*Dinner Menu

Arugula Salad with pickled Red Onions,
Watermelon, Walnuts and Goat Cheese
Coq Au Vin
(Bone-in chicken thighs with
vegetables in a rich sauce)
Pork Cassoulet
Sole Florentine
French roasted Potatoes
Roasted Brussel Sprouts
with garlic & bacon bits
Roasted Carrots
French Apple Tart
Coffee, Tea and Water

**Saturday Jan 25th & Sunday Jan 26th: Show Opens to Public 9am-5pm
(Saturday) and 9am-4pm (Sunday)**

- Staff Front Door
- Staff Membership Table & Bark Bark Bark CAIOS Fundraiser sales
- Helpers for Hospitality Room
- Introduce Speakers throughout Day

Sunday Jan 26nd – Break down – 4pm until complete

- All hands-on deck are needed for this effort. It's really amazing it takes days to put together and a few hours to remove.
- 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 to pick up your orchids or house plants please 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 possible. Larger props may need to be removed then as well that evening. ***Again, trucks and larger vehicles are needed to return equipment to Falmouth storage facility.***

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Tickets for lunch and dinner can be purchased on our website (caios.org) or by contacting our treasurer, Dayle Carrol-Teal, 433 Shorewood Dr., E. Falmouth. MA 02536 (purchase no later than Jan. 19, 2025)

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 the form on the last page of the newsletter:

Display installation leader needed for Amherst show. Display setup for the Amherst show will be February 20, 2025 and we still need someone to take the lead for this show (Nutmeg State and New Hampshire are covered – thanks). If you think you might be interested please contact Away Display Coordinator Forest Henderson.

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

January 12th – Extended business meeting (Tina Balog)/ Bob Findlay “So you want an AOS Award...”

February 9th – Greg Griffis (Longwood Gardens/Eric Young Foundation - Zoom)

March 9th – TBD

April 13th – Annual Potting Workshop

May 11th – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

June 8th – Tim Culbertson,

September 14th – Society Cookout

October 12th – Nicholas Rust of Rusty's Exotics

November 9th – Springwater Orchids

December 14th – Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party

Shows:

January 25-26, 2025, ***Cape and Island Orchid Society's "Seaside Orchids"***.

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

Feb 22-23, 2025. ***Amherst Orchid Society Show***. Location: Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locusts Street, Northampton, MA. Contact: bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net

March 22-23, 2025. ***Nutmeg Orchid Society Show "Come see our bloomers"***

Location: West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center, West Hartford, CT.

Contact: Ginna Plude, 860-604-1767, president@nutmegorchids.org

March 28-30, 2025. ***2025 New Hampshire Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show and Sale 'Flights of Fancy'*** Location: Courtyard Marriott, Nashua, NH 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH

Judging:

January 6, 2024, 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

In spite of a last-minute switch of venue (St. David's hall was without heat; thanks to all who got the word out and apologies to those who did not receive word) our Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party was held on December 8th. The society provided roasted meats and assorted drink and Society members brought appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Good food was in abundance and members enjoyed a hearty meal and good fellowship. About 38 people attended the auction with Brian Leib and Bob Findlay serving as auctioneers aided by Mike Lincoln and Millard Hennessee who fed the auctioneers plants and delivered plants to the buyers. Tina Balog, Michelle Wolf and Dayle Carroll-Teal recorded results and collected funds. Overall, the auction was a success netting ~\$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.

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; orchidclubcaios@gmail.com