

Cape and Island Orchid Society
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February Newsletter

Notice of Meeting

12:30 PM – February 9, 2025
St. David's Episcopal Church
205 Old Main St.
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Orchids Everyone Should Grow
Greg Griffis, Eric Young Foundation



Greg Griffis began his orchid career in 2010 as the Grower for Parkside Orchid Nursery, one of the leading retail orchid nurseries in the US, growing many different genera. From there he moved to work for Hilo Orchid Farm, Hawaii in 2011, one of the highest quality and largest wholesale orchid producers in the US, working with Paphiopedilum, Intergeneric Oncidiinae, and Miltoniopsis. In 2015 Greg began working as the orchid grower at Longwood Gardens, one of the leading US orchid collections, specializing in historic Cattleya, Disa, the

Habenaria alliance, Intergeneric Oncidiinae, terrestrial orchids, and many other common genera. There, he initiated hybridizing programs in the Habenaria alliance, Cattleya alliance, Intergeneric Oncidiinae, Paphiopedilum, Masdevallia, Disa, and more. In 2025 Greg began his tenure as the Curator of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, where he looks forward to advancing hybridizing and education in the orchid world. He will be speaking with us via Zoom.

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

As always visitors are welcome, we will have a pot luck lunch, you are encouraged to bring blooming plants for the show table and we will have raffle plants available.

Announcements

Spring show season is upon us and we should make every effort to reciprocate placing displays at the shows of societies who placed displays in our show. Please note that the away displays are much smaller in size (can be as few as two dozen plants) and do not require the effort to install that our home display does.

Society display at the Amherst Orchid Society Show. Tina is leading the CAIOS display effort for the up-coming Amherst Orchid Society Show the weekend of Feb 22 & 23, 2025. ***We need you and your plants!*** Should you have orchid plants that we can put in the display, you can either bring them to the regular meeting on Sunday Feb 9th (if they will stay in flower until then) or call her at 508 540-5006 so we can arrange transfer. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to clearly mark your plants with your name at least; A telephone number also helps. Set up for the display is on Thursday Feb 20, 2025 at the (Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St Rt 9, Northampton, MA 01060; <https://www.smithtec.org/about>). If you are interested in joining the installation team or the takedown team please let Tina or Forest know. If you are interested in learning the ins and outs of a 25 square foot display this is great opportunity.

Society display at the Nutmeg State Orchid Society. Bob Findlay has volunteered to lead the installation of the society display. Set up is on Friday March 21, 2025 at the West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center. Plants can be dropped off at the March 9th monthly meeting (if they will last that long) or call him at 774 801-2594 so we can arrange transfer. If you have an interest in helping install or take down our society's display, please let him know.

Society display at the New Hampshire Orchid Society Show. We need a team to install a society display the NHOS annual show in Nashua, NH on Thursday March 27th. ***We need you (and your plants)!*** We will discuss this installation during the business meeting on the 9th. If you have an interest in helping install or take down our society's display, please let everyone know at that time.

Connecticut Orchid Society has moved their show to the last weekend in September. As we get closer to the time we will attempt to form a display team as they have had a display in our show the past two years.

Speaker schedule for 2025 is now complete. Millard Hennessee has arranged speakers for all of our meetings in 2025. Great job!

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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 the form on page 7 of the newsletter:

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

February 9th – Greg Griffis (Longwood Gardens/Eric Young Foundation - Zoom)
March 9th – Christian Lasage, Private Collection Manager
April 13th – Annual Potting Workshop
May 11th – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids
June 8th – Tim Culbertson, Oceanside Orchids
September 14th – Society Cookout
October 12th – Nicholas Rust, Rusty's Exotics
November 9th – Thanh Nguyen, Springwater Orchids
December 14th – Annual Auction and Winter Solstice Party

Shows:

February 22 - 23, 2025, ***Amherst Orchid Society Show***. Location: Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St Rt 9, Northampton, MA 01060. Contact: Marc Gray, 802-348-7926, bulbophyllum@myfairpoint.net
March 22 - 23, 2025, ***Nutmeg State Orchid Society's "Come See Our Bloomers"***. Location: West Hartford Meeting & Conference Center, 50 South Main St, West Hartford, CT 48071. Contact: president@nutmegorchids.org
March 28-30, 2025, ***New Hampshire Orchid Society's "Flight of Fancy"***. Location: The Event Center at the Courtyard Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063. Contact: www.nhorchids.org.
January 24-25, 2026. ***Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show***. Location: Emerald Resort and Hyport Conference Center, 35 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis, MA 02601. Contact: Tina Balog, 508-540-5006, dglover@whoi.edu

Judging:

March 2, 2025, 10am – 3pm - Northeast Judging Center - First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist of Northborough, 40 Church St., Northborough, MA 01532. *Websites -<https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>, <https://www.nejcaos.org/home>; email - Robert Winkley northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com; phone 617.282.7351*

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Past events



1. Phal Chingruey's Goldstaff, Joe Marcoccia; 2. *Prosthechea brassavolae*, Millard Hennessee; 3. *Dendrobium* (nobile type), Nur Terpis; 4. *Prosthechea cochleate*, Bill Golden

January meeting. About 27 members attended and saw a talk by our very own Bob Findlay. He did the best he could with no slides as he left his computer with the talk on it at home. He spoke about selected topics within the subject of winning AOS awards. There were a moderate number of plants on the show table, understandable given that our annual show was ~2 weeks out. Savory and sweet treats were abundant on the brunch buffet – thanks everyone who contributed food.

The following plants were displayed:

Anonymous	Den Aridang Blue Angel
Larry Barry	<i>Ludisia discolor</i> var. <i>nigrescens</i> , OncTsiku Marguerite, Paph Saiun, Paph Virginia Creeper
Lee Drescher	Cat No ID, Cat No ID, Den No ID, Phal No ID
Bob Findlay	Mps Quintal Sunrise
Bill Golden	<i>Epidendrum falsiquisayanum</i> , <i>Laeliocatarrhon</i> Silver Horace x C Magic Melody 'SUV', <i>Pescatoria wallisii</i> , <i>Prosthechea cochleate</i> , Rth Bobbie Sparkle
Millard Hennessee	<i>Pomatocalpa angustifolium</i> , <i>Prosthechea brassavolae</i>
Leslie James	Bsn Maikai 'Mayumi', C Florence Lin 'Diamond Orchids' AM/AOS x Bsn Maikai 'Lea' AM/AOS
Joe Marcoccia	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> , Dem Blue Twinkle, Paph Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS, Paph Maudiae (<i>Maukuli-Curtisii</i>) x Maudiae 'Napa Valley' HCC/AOS (I think), Phal No ID, Phal Chingruey's Goldstaff

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Nur Terpis

Den (Nobile type), Paph Vexillarium

2025 Annual Show. Another great Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show is in the books. A conservative estimate is that 1,200 people attended this year's show (base on ticket sales plus a rough guess at the number of other societies' members installing and/or taking down displays). Vendor sales were excellent judging from the open spaces on their sale tables on Sunday afternoon. We would like to thank the Emerald Resort and Hyport Conference Center, the American Orchid Society Northeast Judging Center, our vendors, exhibitors and our many members who volunteered before, during and after the show for helping us produce a memorable show. Many members contributed plants to the display, as well as, their efforts in setting up the conference center, our society display, staffing various stations



Half of the CAIOS display

throughout the show and helping take down the show. As always, our fearless show chair, Tina Balog, along with associate show chair Kelly G made a complex

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and time-consuming job seem simple and easy. Ginna Plude ably served as Ribbon Judging Chair and saw that task to fruition with little drama in spite of computer and printer problems. A shout out to the storage unit crew – you know who you are.

AOS judging resulted in five awards. J&L Orchids' display received AOS Silver Certificate and the AOS Show trophy with a score of 85 points. There were four individual awards: *Phrag. schlimii* 'Wilcox' CCM/AOS 82 points exhibited by Mike Lincoln of CAIOS; *Dend. violaceum* 'Hanging Gardens' CCM/AOS 86 points exhibited by Chuck and Sue Anderson of the New Hampshire Orchid Society; *Maxillaria sophronitis* 'Sue's Meteor Shower' CCM/AOS 81 points



The other half of the CAIOS display

Cymbidium Cheery Blossom 'Profusion' JC/AOS exhibited by Dave Marinelli of the Amherst Orchid Society. The Amherst Orchid Society display took the *The Orchid Digest* Show Trophy that is given to recognize artistry and innovation in orchid display design and presentation and CAIOS took the Arlene Leib Memorial Trophy for the most creative display.

The show had 14 plant displays (plus an art display) with the CAIOS display providing the central focus. The number of vendors decreased to five (down from 6 last year) with the Orchid Nerd (an offshoot of Waldor Orchids) joining us for the first time. Hall vendors were maxed out at 10, thanks in great part to the efforts of Lee Drescher. The following members contributed plants to the CAIOS Display: Tina Balog (none of Tina's plants were entered for judging due to an oversight), Tom Gregg, Bob Findlay, Kelly G, Mike Lincoln, Charles Black, Leslie James, Anca Pitigoi, Bill Golden, Lee Drescher, Brian Leib, Nur Terpis, and Joseph Marcoccia. Dick and Eleanor Phillips installed their own display. All CAIOS members' plants that earned ribbons at the show are listed on the last two pages of the newsletter.

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Membership Form:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town, State Zip _____

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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: orchidclubcaios@gmail.com or Christine Hight, 46 Springline Dr., Wellfleet, MA 02667; 508-662-3936 or 508-349-3225;

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Plant	Owner	Place	Category	Best of Class/Best of Show/AOS awards
Display	CAIOS	1 st	Open Competition (75 sq ft) H/P	Arlene Leib Memorial Award – Most Creative Display
Oncidiopsis Crimson Pride 'MAC 136'	Tom Gregg	2 nd	Oncidium Alliance - INTERGENERICS - Y/G	
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Oncosteles Midnight Miracles 'Massai Red'	Tom Gregg	1 st	Oncidium Alliance - INTERGENERICS - R/B	Tom E. Gregg Award – Best Onc & Odo Alliance
Rhyncattleanthe What About Jim	Bob Findlay	3 rd	Cattleya H & I - YELLOW/BRONZE/ORANGE	
Aru. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	Bob Findlay	1 st	Oncidium Alliance - INTERGENERICS - Y/G	Peter T Balog Mem Award – Best Brassia or Milt./Mps.
<i>Den. speciosum</i> var. <i>pedunculatum</i>	Bob Findlay	1 st	Dendrobium FIRST-BLOOM SEEDLING	
Photo #1	Kelly G	1 st	Original Orchid Photos	
Phrag Schlimii 'Wilcox'	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phragmipedium species	CCM/AOS
Phrag Jersey	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phrag besseae or kovachii hybrids	
Phrag La Vingtaine	Mike Lincoln	3 rd	Phrag besseae or kovachii hybrids	
Reanstylis Arizona Star	Mike Lincoln	2 nd	Rhynchostylis S, H, I	
<i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i>	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phalaenopsis & Doritis Species	
<i>Phalaenopsis ambornensis</i>	Mike Lincoln	2 nd	Phalaenopsis & Doritis Species	
Phal Timothy Christopher	Mike Lincoln	2 nd	Phal hybrids white with marks	
Phal Timothy Christopher	Mike Lincoln	3 rd	Phal hybrids white with marks	
<i>Phal gigantea</i> var <i>alba</i> x (Phal Little Gem Stripes x Tadid Pearl) 'Flava'	Mike Lincoln	3 rd	Phal hybrids white with marks	
Phal Star's Fire Fairy 'M182'	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phal hybrids pink, no markings	
Phal Mituo Vivien	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phal Hybrids pink with marks	
Phal Natsume's Berry	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phal Hybrids Red/Violet with or w/o marks	
<i>Phal gigantea</i> var <i>alba</i> x Phal Little Gem Stripes x Tadid Pearl) 'Flava'	Mike Lincoln	1 st	Phalaenopsis Alliance First-bloom Seedling	
Blc Momilani Rainbow 'Waldor'	Charles Black	3 rd	Cattleya H & I - Other Colors, splash petal, multi	
Sc. Fairyland	Charles Black	3 rd	Cattleya Alliance – Miniatures	
Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'Waldor'	Charles Black	2 nd	Cattleya Grown in the Home	



<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	Bill Golden	1 st	Encyclia, Epidendrum, Prosthecea Hybrids
<i>Cymbidium tracyanum</i>	Bill Golden	1 st	Cymbidium species
<i>Ludisa discolor</i>	Bill Golden	3 rd	Miscellaneous - Jewel Orchids
Paph Vexillarium	Nur Terpis	3 rd	Paph Hybrid - Maudiae type - all colors
Brassavola	Joe Marcoccia	2 nd	Brassavola/Rhyncholaelia S & H

Ribbons won by members Richard & Eleanor Phillips in their Hobby Display

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Best of Class/Best of Show/AOS awards</u>
<i>Schomburgkia undulata</i>	Richard Phillips	2 nd	Schomburgkia & Myrm S & H	
L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'	Eleanor Phillips	2 nd	Laelia & Soph spec & hybrids	
<i>Onidium. orynthachilum</i>	Richard Phillips	2 nd	Onc/Odm Species	

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