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President's Message

One of the areas of "growth" the New Hampshire Orchid Society has identified as a priority has been the enhancement of community outreach programs. "An Orchid Celebration" held on March 12 and 13, 2011 represents the first annual collaboration between the New Hampshire and Maine Orchid Societies and the Wentworth Greenhouses in Rollinsford, NH. I say first annual because I truly believe that this event, due to its overwhelming success, will be repeated in the future and be ever improved upon. Making our passion for the cultivation of orchids more accessible to the general public through these types of community activities goes a long way to promote our Societies and further solidifies our relationships with our neighboring Orchid Societies and the general horticultural community.

The 2 day program provided a unique opportunity for the general public to learn about orchids in a new and exciting way. By being able to meet and learn from some of the best orchid enthusiasts in this part of New England and to firsthand view the variety of orchids available and to purchase orchids and supplies direct from renowned vendors was an excellent opportunity for those who attended to begin their own journey into the world of orchids.

I would like to thank all those that made this event such a success but especially Brian Wentworth and his staff at Wentworth Greenhouses and the leadership and members of the Maine and Eastern Maine Orchid Societies. A new era of community partnership has begun!

Steve Tacopina
President, NHOS

BOD meeting: 10:00 a.m.
NHOS Library: 10:00 a.m.
Plants for Show Table judging must be on the table by 11:00 a.m.
General Meeting 11:30 a.m

April

Carri Raven-Riemann from Orchidophile presenting a synopsis of her upcoming visit to the major Phal breeders in Taiwan

May

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Business Meeting March 12, 2011

President Steve Tacopina called the meeting to order at 1:43 PM after the Show Table. He indicated that we made a sizeable profit from the show and that the board had decided on a process to make sure that the proceeds are allocated properly. The board will entertain written proposals from members about how to allocate the funds. He stated that he appreciated what everyone did to make the show a success. Steve told members that they will see some changes in what appears in future newsletters. He adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Selander-Carrier, Secretary

MOS Sponsors Dr. Harold Koopowitz, Noted Orchid Breeder and Conservationist May 10th

Slipper orchids have always intrigued orchid lovers. Renowned botanist and conservationist, Dr. Harold Koopowitz has devoted his professional life to this genera (Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums), He will speak on the "Creation of the New Miniature Paphiopedilums" on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30pm at the Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple Street, Arlington Center (MA). The meeting is sponsored by the Massachusetts Orchid Society. .

Dr. Koopowitz is Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Irvine. He is one of the top Paph breeders in the world, and his book, *Tropical Slipper Orchids* is about the species, hybrids and breeding of Paphs. His other major research interest is in loss of biodiversity as a major conservation problem. His focus has been on studying threatened and endangered plant species, and devising methods of combating these problems, particularly in orchid species. He is Editor Emeritus of the *Orchid Digest*. His most recent books include *Orchids and their Conservation*, *Tropical Slipper Orchids*, and the well-received book, *Clivias*. He is currently working on a new introductory book on slipper orchids.

*NHOS AWARDS at the Amherst Orchid Society Show
February 25, 2011, Northampton, MA*

- Jean Stefanik

Thanks to Chuck Crisler for driving twice to bring and pick up plants, to Steve Tacopina, Chuck Wingate, Jean Stefanik, and Jack Mulder for providing plants, and Jean Stefanik for designing and setting up the display.

1st place for Society Display

Chuck Crisler

- Class # 43- 2nd place- *Jumellea arachnantha*
- Class # 53- 3rd place- *Holcoglossum quasinpinifolium*
- Class # 12- 2nd place- *Laelia anceps* var *alba*
- Class # 94- 2nd place- Cym Tyres Treasure
- Class # 95- 3rd place- Cym (Rum Runner.....)
- Class # 128- 3rd place- *Phiaus grandiflorus*

Jack Mulder

- Class # 36- 1st place- *Phrag besseae* var *flava*
- Class # 56- 1st place- *Vandofinetia Blaupunkt*
- Class # 10- 2nd place- *Rhyncholaelia glauca*
- Class # 72- 1st place- *Dtps Ever-spring Pearl 'Tiada'* AM/AOS
- Class # 122- 3rd place- *Dend glumaceum*

Chuck Wingate

- Class # 12- 3rd place- *Laelia canariensis* 'Golden Glow' HCC/AOS



AOS Corner

By Lynn Fuller

As I write this, the Philadelphia International Flower Show has just finished. The American Orchid Society participated in this show for the first time in 56 years. The Philadelphia Horticultural Society, the sponsor of this show was almost as excited to have us there as we were to be there. Some undisputed facts of this show are that it is the oldest and largest indoor garden show in the United States, if not the world; last year's attendance was over 249,000 over its 8 day opening and this year's show beat all prior attendance records. AOS would not have had such a strong showing had it not been for the area affiliated societies, the many trustees and national volunteers of the AOS, in particular Chris Rehmann (AOS President), Barbara Noe (AOS Membership Chair), Michael Bowell (Designer of the exhibit and owner of Create A Scene, as well as Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society member), Jeff Bradley (Houston Orchid Society) who planted the seed for the exhibit and started the conversation with Philadelphia Horticultural Society and many others who flew (at their own expense) to Philadelphia from afar. AOS affiliated society members were asked to be part of it and they responded with orchids, plants, ideas and volunteers for design, set up, tear down, membership recruitment, manning our exhibit; talking about and answering all kinds of questions about orchids. It was a collaborative activity and we created an exhibit that you would all be proud of. The exhibit received a number of awards, but most coveted ones were the two daily PNC People's Choice Awards! A large majority of the visitors of our exhibit had at least one orchid at some point. Just a testament to our common passion. Our volunteers talked at length to them about the benefits of the local societies, the American Orchid Society and the wealth of information that would be available to them if they reached out to them and joined us. Be on the lookout for more details about your exhibit and the show in an future issue of *Orchids*.

The purpose of me bringing up the Philadelphia International Flower Show and its success is two-fold. First, if there is a special event that would warrant special attention to promote AOS, get in touch with AOS and explore the possibility of an AOS presence. It is a great way to engage any regional affiliated societies. Secondly, if you have hosted an exhibit, participated in a show or have any report, photographs, or comments, I would like to start posting them on the AOS Forum. We need to pat ourselves on the back occasionally and that would be a great way to share our successes. For instructions on how to post to the AOS Forum, visit www.aos.org. Participating in that forum is another benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
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Upcoming Events

April 9 (Monthly meeting)
May 7 Regional AOS Judging
May 14 (Monthly meeting)
June 4 Regional AOS Judging
June 11 (Monthly meeting)
July 2 Regional AOS Judging
July 9 (Monthly meeting)
August 6 Regional AOS Judging
August 13 (Monthly meeting)
September 3 Regional AOS Judging
September 10 (Monthly meeting)

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Deadline for submission of articles is 7 days after the monthly meeting!

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Thanks to Jake Richter at Stroke of Color who has been and continues to host our NHOrchids.org website at no cost to the Society (other than registering our domain name).

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