



# NHOS Newsletter

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### President's Message

As we make the final preparations for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual New Hampshire Orchid Society Show and Sale "Celebrate Orchids", I am again urging the membership of NHOS to contribute in any way you can to make this event a huge success. Being a volunteer organization requires tremendous support from our membership to ensure our success, so please participate in any way you are able over the course of the show as any assistance you can provided will contribute to a fantastic weekend!

As a premiere Orchid Society, NHOS continues to inspire those both new to the world of Orchids as well as the seasoned and experienced growers among us. I truly believe the best marketing for increasing growth of our organization is by proudly participating in the show and actively engaging with our guests about our passion during the course of the weekend. Encouraging that guest who just purchased their first plant to come to a meeting, sharing your experiences of your own success and love for orchids, or just engaging with the public regarding our passion for orchids will go a long way to growing our Society and expanding the world of orchids to the general public.

I hope to see you all at the show and remember our February meeting will be held on February 5, 2011 one week early to ensure we have an opportunity to meet with the general membership and of course we will have a show table!

**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.

**February 5**  
Show Prep

**March 12**  
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## Minutes of the General Meeting

January 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM. There were no new members.

Steve updated the membership about the controversy surrounding the sharing of information about members' health, an issue sparked by Ovid's illness and death. He indicated that we are bound by law not to disclose details of anyone's medical condition without their express consent. In addition we need to respect the privacy of members. We all care, but we must comply with the law.

Steve reminded everyone that the March meeting will be at the Wentworth Greenhouse in Rallingsford. Our regular meeting including show table will take place there, but this will be a two day event. Members should plan to leave plants there and pick them up on Sunday.

Jack Mulder is coordinating our presence at the CAIOS show. He asked for plants.

Woodstream is not available on the dates we indicated were open. This led to a discussion about whether we are auctioned out. It was decided to cancel the May members' auction and to have a speaker instead. Hopefully this will allow Woodstream to come.

Tickets for the Awards Party are available, but everyone who wishes to attend that event must purchase tickets. Members will get into the show for free.

We have membership issues. We need to increase membership as we will not survive without a healthy membership. Perhaps the quality of our meetings and speakers will help.

We need volunteers for the show. Jo McHale has been tending to the show mailing list since 1999 and someone is needed to take over that responsibility in the future. We need a volunteer to coordinate presentations for the show which is five weeks away. There are sign-up sheets in the back and volunteers are needed for tours, admissions and many other duties. Radio stations will be doing public service announcements about the show this year. The Nashua Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the show. To make it easier for members to get their plants to the show, there will be two drop-off locations. Andrea Deachman will be available to get plants there from her Concord office. Chuck Wingate will be approached to do the same. Mike indicated that he will make arrangements to take plants to set-up if members let him know.

We are still liquid, but the checking account is down due to show expenses.

Steve reminded members that the proceeds from the auction of Ovid's orchids and related items are earmarked for conservation. He indicated that we had made a donation to the Fakahatchee Strand to support their accessibility efforts. We got a DVD describing the project.

Sue Anderson stated there will be changes to the show store this year. Previously tickets were drawn, but ticket-holders did not need to be present to win. This created lots of work at the end. CAIOS has a different system we are going to try this year. Guests who purchase raffle tickets will know instantly if they have won something – what they have won will be on the back of the ticket. There will be consolation prizes including some items that were bought for previous shows and have not sold well.

Dick Josephson indicated the signs are available. This year we will be renting a truck to simplify set-up and tear down, hopefully reducing the number of trips to one.

We need someone to make Dunkin Donuts runs for boxes of Joe around 10 AM Saturday and Sunday. Norm stated that the model tour was ready. Anyone able to do tours should provide their email address. Andrea emphasized that there is still advertising space in the brochure which will be in the hands of 2,500 guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

## Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2011

**Present:** President Steve Tacopina; Vice-President Ulla Jurrissen; Treasurer Chuck Crisler; Past President Les Regenbogen; Trustees Daryl Yerdon and Norm Selander-Carrier. Absent: Trustee George Crozer and Secretary Ron Selander-Carrier.

**Committee Chairs:** Show, Jean Hallstone; Advertising/Publicity, Mike Mattozzi; Membership, Andrea Deachman.

**Member:** Jo McHale.

Opening: Steve called the meeting to order at 10:19 AM.

Minutes: Daryl moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2010 meeting, seconded by Les. The motion carried.

President:

- Upcoming shows were discussed. The CAIOS show is the last weekend of this month. Jack Mulder is coordinating. He needs help transporting plants.
- Woodstream is interested in doing a presentation at one of our meetings. Chuck will try to arrange this. There was discussion about whether we need a break from auctions and whether we could perhaps have a speaker in May instead of the members' auction. Andrea mentioned that if we forego the members' auction, we might have too many plants in September which could result in depressed prices. The board decided to bring this issue before the membership since there are other options for selling plants including at meetings and at the show co-op table.
- Steve indicated that a few members were quite upset over the lack of communication from the board about Ovid's condition. As a result one member asked to have his name removed from our mailing lists; we will comply. Steve pointed out that sharing personal health information without someone's express consent was not only inappropriate, it is illegal. Mike moved to support Steve's position; Chuck seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. We also discussed that all board meetings are open to members.
- Steve mentioned that he needed to recruit members for the Financial Review Committee.
- Steve stated that he had spoken with Kevin, Ovid's executor, who requested a formal accounting relative to the auction. Tom, from CAIOS, took the HID lights. The benches, some fans and the RO system have yet to be disposed of. Steve indicated that the remaining items probably were of little value especially since the RO system had been inactive for quite a while and could require considerable expense to refurbish. Steve will send a letter to Kevin.
- Jean mentioned that Ovid had told her he had boxes of membership things in his attic. It is not clear whether those items made the transition to Dan Demers. Andrea stated that

she and Dan have been trying to coordinate a meeting to transfer membership items. At this point she does not know what Dan has. Steve pointed out that it is getting progressively harder to make arrangements for access to Ovid's condo which is scheduled for sale.

- The issue of by-laws and policies was tabled.

#### Vice-President:

- There was much discussion of the Wentworth Show in March. This will be a two day event. The board saw this as an opportunity to reach out and get new members. A private area will be available for the board meeting and the staff kitchen will be available for our lunch. Members will be asked to bring food to share as usual. Wentworth will provide coffee. We will have a show table and our regular meeting. We will have the opportunity to provide speakers. Wentworth will be doing repotting. We will have a membership table which will need to be staffed. The Maine Orchid Society has been invited to participate. This event will not cost NHOS anything over the usual cost of our meeting. There was some discussion about costs and the by-laws which prohibit compensating members for presentations except for covering expenses.

#### Treasurer:

- Chuck indicated that the forms required for our continued 501.3.C status are nearly ready. He wrote a check for \$4,250 to cover the cost of preparing the forms for the years we missed. He indicated that we should be OK now as the IRS has changed its rules permitting us to file a simpler form. Steve mentioned that we have done our due diligence: once we recognized the problem, we took appropriate action. The board thanked Chuck for all his hard work getting this resolved.
- Chuck stated that he noticed that corrections were needed to the financial statements he had emailed to the board. The expense manifest shows \$8,346.49. Les moved to accept the expense manifest. Norm seconded and the motion carried.
- Chuck indicated that the usable balance in the checking account is low – only \$6,800.00 is usable since the balance includes various items such as the proceeds from the Ovid auction. Jean reminded the board that funds in the Show Reserve can be transferred to checking due to the expenses this time of year related to the show. The funds can be replenished after the show. She pointed out that we need to stress that everyone who wants to attend the Awards Party must purchase tickets. Mike moved that up to \$5,000.00 be transferred from the Show Reserve to checking. Les seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Chuck asked the board whether all the paper he distributed monthly was necessary. After much discussion, it was decided that Chuck would email the complete documents prior to meetings and provide a summary at the board meeting, comparing prior year to budget to current. The complete documents will be incorporated into the secretary's records.

#### Membership:

- Daryl asked about membership and dues. Membership is way down. Andrea pointed out that her records may be incomplete but they show no record of payment by some folks who consider themselves members. Hopefully this issue will be resolved when she meets with Dan. Her present goal is to get membership up to 100. She has been sending emails to folks who have not renewed and has gotten positive responses. She will continue this effort.

Show:

- Regarding the show, Jean stated that she has had to resign the chair due to medical issues and that Mike is now the official show chair. Andrea has agreed to co-chair. Mike and Jean met with the Radisson. We are on budget with hotel expenses. Advertising is under budget currently. Mike stated that the Union Leader will publish ads. The HIPPO will do a color advertisement. Norm pointed out that an ad for the show appeared in this month's AAA Northern New England. The FONS will publish in November and the show is on their calendar for next month. Various radio stations will do public service announcements including WOKQ, WPKQ, and WGIR. Les and Mike have been in contact with Paul Parent. Mike has approached WBZ and WMUR TV regarding coverage. Vendor income is under budget. The signs are ready and will be distributed at today's meeting. We are in need of a chair for the break-out sessions. Norm raised the issue that we need to make it easy and convenient for members to provide plants for the show since not everyone can take Thursday morning off to deliver plants. Andrea offered to take plants to set up from her Concord office. Chuck Wingate will be approached to do the same from his office.
- The board discussed ways of getting pictures of plants that are ready off-schedule for our meetings on the website. Daryl stated that doing so from the website would require intervention. There are easier ways including Facebook.
- Jo stated that she had paid for an Orchid Digest Diamond Award to honor non-commercial orchid society members for outstanding service.
- Ulla indicated that we are invited to the Amherst Show, February 24-27. We need someone to coordinate our display.
- Jo delivered the disc with the post-card mailing list. She is retiring from this function which she has done since 1999. She indicated that there will be 4 accredited AOS judges at the show.
- Chuck suggested we consider changing the date of the show because of an ongoing conflict with the Deep Cut, NJ show. Many vendors cannot come to ours because of that show. There was some discussion since CAIOS is two weeks before ours and Amherst is two weeks after. The board did not see any options.
- Larry Donovan will be judging art at the show.

Norm moved to adjourn, seconded by Chuck. The meeting was adjourned at noon.





## AOS Corner

By Lynn Fuller

To continue on the various benefits of an AOS membership, one benefit I feel is often overlooked is the Reciprocal Admissions Program which is provided through AOS' affiliation with the American Horticultural Society. As an AOS member you will have access to a wide array of botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America offering special admission privileges and many other benefits. For those AOS members who currently use this program, it provides benefits beyond their cost of AOS membership. For more information and a listing of reciprocal locations in your area, visit the AHS website at:

[http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal\\_events\\_online\\_directory.htm](http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events_online_directory.htm). There is an online directory which has the reciprocal admissions by state. The AHS also provides the following tips on using the Reciprocal Admissions Program:

- Before visiting any garden check the garden's website or call to verify hours of operation, confirm admission policy, and get the latest updates on programs and other information. For easy access, gardens have links to their web pages in the AHS online directory.
- Be aware that some special events are not included in the reciprocal benefits of the program. If you have any questions, please contact the garden you plan to visit.
- Present your current AOS membership card at the admissions counter or gift shop to receive the RAP benefit listed for that garden. Each card will only admit the individual(s) whose name is listed on the card. Some gardens may require a photo ID.
- Remember that the gardens you visit rely on admissions and donations to maintain their property and gardens for all to enjoy. Please support them by visiting their gift shops and/or making a contribution.
- The gardens with an asterisk next to their name do not offer reciprocal benefits but encourage you to visit.

I hope you all will explore this AOS membership benefit and support your local reciprocal botanical gardens, arboreta and conservatories soon.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
Affiliated Societies Committee



## Registration Instructions - For Ribbon Judging

Please read the judging schedule very carefully. There are a number of new changes to the 2011 schedule. The judging schedule and entry form are available on our website, or I can email the documents to you as needed.

Be sure to complete the following lines on the registration/entry forms: Organization (where applicable), Exhibitor Name, Address, Phone #, and E-mail address. NHOS will assign your Exhibit # and Exhibitor #. For each item fill out the class number and the name of the plant, floral design, or title of the artwork. Some plants may be entered in more than one category, for example a plant may be entered in its flower class, the windowsill/lights class, first bloom or specimen classes.

If you have any questions regarding class selection, or registration, please contact me by phone at (603) 329-7885 or via e-mail at [jo@josorchids.com](mailto:jo@josorchids.com)

Please use the opportunity to pre-register plants or other items you plan on exhibiting. We have found pre-registration a much easier and more efficient way to handle the hundreds of items we expect to see at this year's show.

Completed registration forms can be sent via e-mail to [jo@josorchids.com](mailto:jo@josorchids.com), or via snail mail to the address listed below. If you need to fax paperwork, give me a call so I can turn the fax on.

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Please try to have your pre-registration paperwork to me by 5 PM on Weds Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason you need extra time give me a buzz and we will make arrangements to squeeze you in.

Thank You,  
Jo McHale, Registrar

## Celebrate Orchids

### Member Survival Guide

- **Free Admission to all Members**
  - All members who volunteer at the show gain free admission to the daytime events. Please be sure your Membership status is up to date and the fee is paid!
- **Friday Night Awards Ceremony**
  - The Friday night event has a cash bar and dessert buffet. To cover the costs of the catering, there is a \$20 ticket (if purchased by Feb.1.) or \$25 at the door. All entrants must purchase a ticket.
- **Setup Thursday**
  - We can use all the help we can get. Some tasks require lifting, but many do not. You can help in the office, hospitality, arranging plants, etc. The more hands the lighter the load!
- **Plant Drop off**
  - PLANTS! PLANTS! PLANTS! We need plants for the NHOS display. If you can't bring your plants to the Radisson on Thursday, here are a few options:
    - Bring to the Feb 5 meeting at Bedford Town Hall. Someone responsible will care for your plant, and bring it to the Radisson on Thursday
    - Chuck Wingate has agreed to let you drop plants with him in Nashua. His OFFICE address is 5 Coliseum Ave. Nashua which is off exit 6 off Rte. 3. 882-9800 is the office phone. Chuck will need to have some idea of how many and who, as he doesn't have unlimited space at the office. PLEASE CALL HIM FIRST!!!!
    - Andy Deachman also will take plants at her office in Concord. Granite United Way, 46 South Main Street, Concord, NH 603-224-2595. Once again, CALL FIRST!!!
    - Call Mike Mattozzi, 603-498-0605 He lives on the Seacoast, but can also help.
- **Rooms Available**
  - Don't forget that rooms at the Radisson are available with a special rate. Call and ask for the NHOS rate.
- **Volunteers are needed for everything and anything. Don't be shy, we don't bite!**
  - Tours
  - Membership
  - Member Sales (Don't forget to bring plants that you want to sell!)
  - Raffle Table
  - Coffee Runs!!!!
- **Donations for the Raffle Table**
  - We are having a raffle table. Many of the prizes will be purchased. You can help us raise additional funds by donating a prize.
- **Street Signs are still available**
  - See Dick Josephson
- **Show Details:**
  - **Location:**
    - Radisson Hotel , 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua, Tel. 603-888-9970
  - **Dates and Times:**
    - Feb 11 1:00 to 5:00 and 7:30-9:30
    - Feb 12 9:00 to 5:00
    - Feb 13 9:00 to 4:00
  - **Price:**
    - Adults \$10
    - Seniors (65+) \$6
    - Children under 12 or over 100 Free
    - Friday Evening \$25 at the door, or \$20 if purchased in advance by Feb. 1 (includes 3 Day Daytime Pass)
    - 3 Day Daytime Pass \$15

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## Upcoming Events

**February 5** Regional AOS Judging  
**February 5** (Monthly meeting)  
**February 10** Show set-up  
**February 11 - 13** Our 20th annual  
orchid show.

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### **Submission of Articles**

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

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