

# NHOS Newsletter



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## President's Message

It's exciting times for the New Hampshire Orchid Society!! I have 3 major items to relate to you, the membership, that are moving the Society in new directions.

First I am proud to say that due to the relentless negotiations conducted relative to this year's NHOS show and sale that we are now able to self-insure against potential catastrophic losses. While we do not ever anticipate having to utilize this "insurance policy" we are now protected against future potential losses due to a major snow storm or any other "Act of God" or hote!!

Secondly, the Conservation Committee is now funded to provide resources for orchid related grants to individuals or groups that may need our support. Renewed interest in local and global conservation efforts relative to native orchids is growing every day. To promote awareness, the Conservation Committee will be coordinating a series of "orchid walks" this year to provide an opportunity for you to see native NH orchids in their natural

Lastly NHOS is planning to host the International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting in September. This meeting will provide a very unique opportunity for NHOS to partner with IPA and provide a venue for what we all think will be an incredible day. The meeting, tentatively planned for our regularly scheduled meeting date will include some very well-known international speakers, roundtable discussions and a mini-auction. I do not want to say too much at this time but please plan ahead as this will be an event not to be missed.

Needless to say these 3 issues fully support our mantra of "GROWTH" that I put forward a year and a half ago. Growth in revenue generation, conservation awareness and community outreach will continue to contribute to our future successes and increase our presence in the global orchid community.

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

### May

Ron Burch speaking on Cyps. Ron will also be selling plants.

### June

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## 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.

Photos of the last month's show table are compliments of Lee Bob Brockmann.





# Ron Burch, Gardens at Post Hill, Litchfield CT

Ron Burch has been a medical researcher for more than 30 years. Growing up in coastal Florida and South Carolina it was not uncommon to see 1000s of blooming orchids in season and Ron has been a fan of temperate terrestrial orchids his entire life. After moving to Connecticut he saw his first Cypripedium in the wild and has been hooked ever since. Currently he has nearly 30 of the 45 species and about 60 of the 160 registered hybrids.

In 2005, Ron and his wife Barbara founded Gardens at Post Hill to propagate Cypripedium and other temperate terrestrial orchids as well as their other favorites, Phragmipedium. He makes 20-40 new hybrids each season and remakes a few old ones along with fellow fanciers Paul Perakos of New Britain CT, Ray Price in Michigan, and Dieter Hach in Germany.

# Gardens at Post Hill Price List for Pick Up at NHOS Meeting May, 2011

Please notify me for preorder at <a href="mailto:orders@gardensatposthill.com">orders@gardensatposthill.com</a>. Advance payment is not necessary. Cash or check may be used at meeting, PayPal or credit card in advance – just let me know that you want to use PayPal or credit card when notifying me and I will send link for special prices.

Cypripedium flavum – near blooming size	\$30.00 ea
Cypripedium kentuckiense – near blooming size	30.00 ea
Cypripedium pubescens – blooming size (in bud)	25.00 ea
Cypripedium reginae – blooming size (in bud if	25.00 ea
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Cypripedium shanxiense – near blooming size	30.00 ea
Cypripedium tibeticum – near blooming size	30.00 ea
Cypripedium Gisela – blooming size (in bud)	40.00 ea
Cypripedium Inge – blooming size (in bud)	40.00 ea
Cypripedium Kristi Lyn – blooming size (in bud)	40.00 ea
Cypripedium Ulla Silkens – blooming size (in bud	35.00 ea
If progressed enough)	

All other plants in Spring 2011 List – 10% off the List Price

Additional plants beyond those ordered will be brought to the meeting.

# INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE "FOCUS ON PHALS" DAYS PLANNED FOR FALL

### SEPTEMBER "DOUBLE-HEADER" WEEKEND FOR NEW ENGLAND & NEW YORK

This fall, on September 10 & 11, 2011, the New England and New York/Eastern Canada Regions of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) will be hosting, in conjunction with two local AOS affiliated societies, a two-day double-header for their annual "Focus on Phals" day – a fun and informative day-long event with old friends and new.

On Saturday, September 10, we will be in Bedford, New Hampshire, providing the program and sharing the day with the regular monthly meeting of - and in cooperation with - the New Hampshire Orchid Society.

And on Sunday, September 11, we will be in the Colonie, NY area, near Albany, in cooperation with the North Eastern New York Orchid Society (one of two possible venues to be determined depending on the number of Registrants).

Our Keynote Speaker for each event will be Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids who will cover in-depth culture of the Phalaenopsis orchid in "The Changing Face of Moss Culture: Tips for Success". With so many Phals now being sold in New Zealand moss, which is packed into the pots tighter than a brick, Norman will cover all the elements of caring for and being successful with this new approach to growing these Phals to perfection – a presentation that is not to be missed.

Our second guest speaker will be Carlos Fighetti, Immediate Past President of the AOS and current First Vice President of the IPA. He will be speaking on "Phal Species & Their Variants: Are They or Not?". With so many new forms of the species being shown now, he will explore the question of whether they are actually a species or a hybrid.

Our third speaker, Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile, will give a brief overview of the newest directions in breeding in Taiwan as seen at the recent March 2011 TIOS Show in Taiwan. We're also currently exploring the possibility of having AOS judging of the show tables at each meeting.

Each day will begin in the morning with a continental breakfast, followed by presentations given by Carlos and Carri, a light lunch, a review of the show table and a mini auction of select plants to help defray the speakers' expenses. The afternoon session will begin with our Keynote Speaker, Norman Fang, and finish with a round-table in-depth discussion of culture.

Guest vendors will include Norman's Orchids, the orchidPhile and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies (Pre-Orders from all three vendors will be made available at a later date).

As soon as all the details are firmed up, we will have Registration Forms available for each event which will be made available for the society newsletters and web sites. The minimal Registration Fee is just to cover the expense of the food we provide for each event. Therefore, it will be imperative to register your intention to join us at a specific location so enough food and chairs can be provided for all who wish to attend. For this reason, we will not be taking any additional Registrations a week before either event (September 2).

Adrienne Giovino

# AOS Corner By Lynn Fuller

As many of the societies take a summer hiatus, here are some suggestions to help keep your orchid experience going through the summer. As an example, as you are repotting (either individually or as a society), perhaps you could solicit the assistance of new members of your society, give them some hands on experience and share divisions with them....a win-win for everyone. Visit commercial orchid firms listed on the AOS web site and in the Orchid Source Directory (I've heard of some members who keep theirs in their car so they can check while traveling on whose nearby). As you are planning your summer vacations or outing take advantage of reciprocal garden admissions AOS members enjoy. Use some hot lazy summer days exploring the members only section of the AOS web site.....lots of hidden nuggets to enrich your orchid journey and improve growing or spark a new or renewed interest in a particular variety. Check out some of the summer orchid events (listed in Orchids as well as on the AOS website – keep checking for new additions) including Redland Orchid Festival, Shore Orchid Festival, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Fair, Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Houston Orchid Society Summer Workshop or Phalaenopsis Symposium.

As I write this, I'm preparing to go to the Spring AOS meeting in Shreveport, LA. The Affiliated Societies Committee will be holding their committee meeting as well as its traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast. I'll do a brief report next month on those meetings as well as forward along any information from the Trustees meeting. I would like to also remind all affiliated society representatives to let us know when any changes take place in any contact information for your society including, but not limited to the AOS Representative (who also must be a member of AOS), any newsletter editor and the President. Current email and snail mail information would be appreciated. You can send that information to affiliated\_societies@aos.org.

Have a wonderful month.

Lynn Fuller, Chair Affiliated Societies Committee



### 1% for Orchid Conservation Update 21

Feel free to pass this update on to anyone who may be interested. This update is also available as a pdf (250 kb): click here Webpage version: click here

- 1. The <u>Trinidad and Tobago Orchid Society</u> joins the OCC and 1% FOC
- 2. Bosque das Orquideas gets funding for project
- 3. Oligochaetochilus validus is found again after nearly 70 years
- **4.** OCC 2010 Donation total so far
- **5.** Abstract of "The Challenges of Ex situ Orchid Conservation available
- 6. Art for Orchids Poster
- 7. Orchid Show Conservation Displays

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The New Hampshire Orchid Society would like to extend its appreciation to the following businesses for donating garden benches for use during the 2011 show:

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#### Sandwiches

Sue Anderson, Gina Moore, Marcia Epstein

#### **Salads**

Jim Campbell, Angel O'Bara

#### **Desserts**

Angel O'Bara, Ellen Foster, Sue Labonville, Peg Regenbogen

#### Snacks

David Sparks, Janice Fronko, Jerry Johnson, John Crooker

#### **Drinks**

**Bob Cleveland** 

Thank you to all who contribute month after month. Donations also accepted for those who can't cook!

Laurie

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Orchid Conservation Coalition www.orchidconservationcoalition.org

## **Upcoming Events**

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) Bob Fuchs of RF Orchids

August 6 Regional AOS Judging August 13 (Monthly meeting) annual picnic

**September 3** Regional AOS Judging **September 10** (Monthly meeting) International Phalenopsis Alliance. October 8 (Monthly meeting) Leon Glicenstein, formerly of Hoozer's Orchids and our annual meeting

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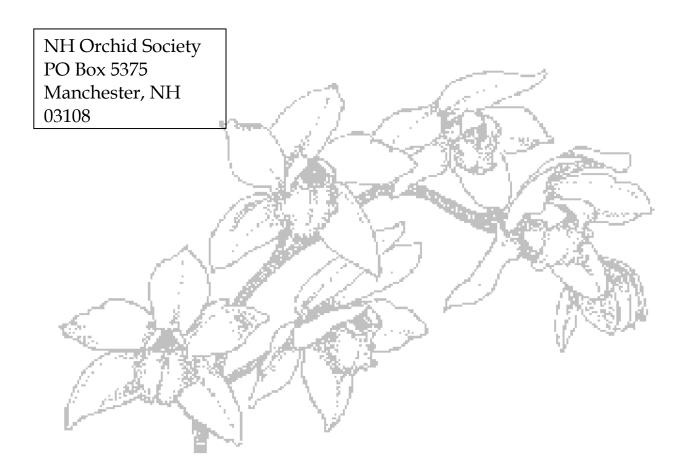


## Yellow Road Signs

Please return all the yellow road signs.

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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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