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Photos of the last month's meeting are compliments of Lee Brockmann.

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

October 13

Hadley Cash will speak on
"Cutting Edge Breeding of Complex
Paphiopedilums."



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President's Annual Report

According to the Society By-Laws, I am required to present an annual report on the state of the Society. Let me first say the Society is strong. Our membership is at one of the highest points in our history, thanks to the efforts of our Membership Co-Chairs, Lee Brockmann and Sue Labonville. Our financial position is also very strong, with over \$50,000 in cash. For the fiscal year ending in August, we were cash positive by over \$6,000. I'd like to thank Chuck Crisler for his diligence and attention to detail as our Treasurer.

Our year began in September with a fantastic meeting, hosting the International Phalaenopsis Alliance and keynote speaker Norman Fang. With over 100 attendees at the meeting, we were scrambling to make everyone comfortable. Laurie Savoy was the perfect hostess, providing both breakfast and lunch (and a few snacks) for everyone. I want to thank Laurie for her efforts as Hospitality Chair. Often, Laurie missed the speakers, as she was in the kitchen taking care of us. We held our Annual Auction at Wentworth Greenhouses in Somersworth NH this year. Bryan was gracious enough to donate his space, and mail to over 4,000 email recipients announcing the event. We doubled our projected income from this event. Bryan has invited us to participate in his 3rd Orchid Event in March.

We had a wonderful time this year at the Bethany Chapel, where we held our Holiday Party. We were fortunate to host the Northeast Judging Center for this meeting. It was interesting to see how expert judges reviewed our best plants. I want to thank Vera Wingate for graciously offering up the venue.

We started a new program this year, called the Culture Clinic. It is designed for members to bring their problem plants, and get advice on how to grow them better. It is a great addition to our monthly meetings, and really helps the newer members.

I would be remiss in not mentioning the highlight of our monthly meetings, our show table. Our show table consistently amazes me. We bring some of the most outstanding plants to our show table, rivaling many displays at shows! The commentary from Chuck Wingate is the highlight of our meetings. The explanations, growing tips, and unique knowledge that he brings is second to none. Thank you Chuck!

Our Annual Orchid Show was held once again in Nashua at the Radisson Hotel. Our attendance was exceptional again, and media coverage was the best we could hope for. Not only does our show continue to get bigger and bigger each year, but the quality of plants, speakers and tours is the best in the area. We were fortunate to have Tom Mirenda of the Smithsonian Institute speak in our sessions. I want to thank him for doing a 'warm-up' for the attendees, as I followed him on stage! Our show runs like a well-oiled machine, headed up by Jean Hallstone. I don't know what we would do without her! But there were many behind the scene people who also made this show a success. From Norm's guided tours, to Chuck Crisler's planning, to Dick Josephson's constant friendly nagging for us to take street signs, to the many others who helped with setup and take down, I want to thank you all.

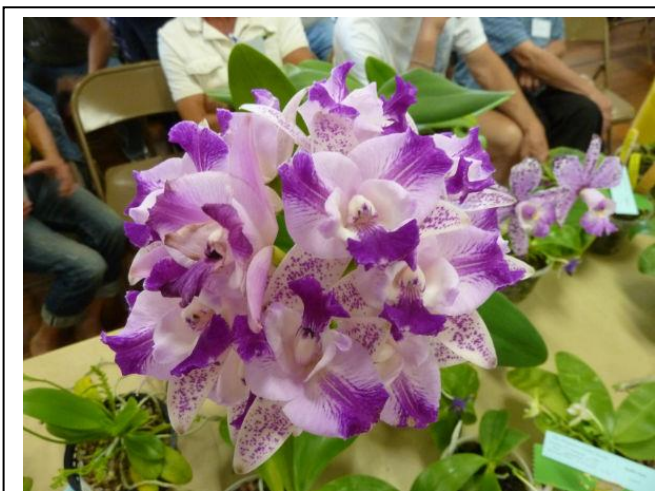
Not all the news was good this year. We lost a few dear friends. We lost Marcia Epstein, in August, a dear lady, full of grace and poise (and obviously patience to be married to Marty for over 60 years!) We also lost Jim Campbell, another very active member who found his way to climb out of his sickbed to get us cut flowers for the show. I will always remember him teasing Laurie with, "When are we going to eat?".....a line that has been known to come from my mouth many a time. The Society is doing much in conservation efforts. Headed by Jean Stefanik, we have many projects ongoing. We donated plants to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth NH, where they have a Victorian

greenhouse, displaying our many plants. We are working with the Fakahatchee Strand to set up a web cam to monitor the pollination of the Ghost Orchid. We are also working with Crossroads Academy to help with their Cypripedium rejuvenation project. We made a sizable donation to the Northeast Judging Center to help in their operations. And finally, we are partnering with the Smithsonian Institute to help protect endangered orchids. We should be proud of the work the Conservation Committee has done, and look forward to more successes.

I want to thank my Board for their support this year. You have made it a pleasure to serve as your President. I want to especially thank Lee Brockmann, Jen Marrs, and Adrienne Giovino, who I was able to convince serving on the Board was a good thing! Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to both Daryl Yeardon and Chuck Crisler, as Daryl has maxed his service on the Board, and Chuck is stepping down as Treasurer. I want to thank them for their service, their contributions, and their leadership. The Society needs new blood on the Board to help steer the Society in the right direction. I am asking for members to seriously consider taking a position, or joining a committee to make the Society continue to run smoothly. Now is the time to step up!

It has been a pleasure serving as your President. I hope you feel I well represented you. If I did, please let me know. If I didn't, please tell me what I can do better. I am always looking for new ways to better our Society.

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Hadley Cash Bio

Hadley has been collecting and breeding orchids for over 25 years, and what started as a hobby turned into Marriott Orchids nearly 15 years ago. Today, he is recognized as one of the top complex Paphiopedilum (Lady's Slipper Orchid) breeders in the world; and grows over 60,000 orchids in a 6,500 sq. ft. greenhouse. He has made over 3000 paph crosses to date, in a constant pursuit to improve the various breeding lines. While he breeds all color types of complex paphs, as well as exceptional species, he has a special love for complex pink/whites. Marriott Orchids has received over 300 Quality Awards from the American Orchid Society, including 13 FCC's (First Class Certificate's) and 4 AQ's (Award of Quality). Hadley's personal "Holy Grail" in orchids was realized at the end of 2005, when he received both the W.W. Wilson Award and the Merritt W. Huntington Award for his hybrid Winwine 'Dark Spell' FCC/AOS. These are for the best slipper orchid awarded and best FCC of all orchids awarded in the previous year. Hadley, and his wife Deborah and son Austin, live in Kernersville, North Carolina.

AOS Corner

What are the responsibilities of AOS Representatives? It is a requirement for affiliation with AOS that both the society and the AOS Rep be current members of the AOS. The AOS Reps are typically appointed by their society president or society board. The AOS Rep's primary responsibility is to communicate activities of the AOS to their societies. Some Reps keep up to date with the activities of AOS through the monthly magazine *Orchids* or by visiting the website on a regular basis and then pass this information on to the board, newsletter editor or the membership at a meeting. The Reps also can communicate any news or concerns of their society to the AOS through the Affiliated Society Committee at affiliated_societies@aos.org. We suggest they say something about the AOS to the entire membership at each meeting, and make sure there are AOS applications available to their members. If your society's Rep has changed this season, please communicate that change to the AOS.

Call for nominations. The AOS Nominating Committee is accepting applications for consideration as trustees in the American Orchid Society. If you know of someone who would be interested in being considered as Trustee on the Board of Trustees (or if you are interested), forward their information and background (and perhaps any reasons they might be an asset to the Board of Trustees) to the Chair of the Committee, George Hatfield at nominating_committee@aos.org. Contact George as well if you have any questions regarding the requirements or qualifications for a Trustee. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of vetting and ranking nominations received and providing a slate of candidates for election at the Spring AOS Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013.

Celebrate Orchids, Celebrate Life! Portland Orchid Society AOS Members Meeting and Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. A great line up of speakers and vendors are planned. For more information and registration, visit www.portlandorchidsociety.com. The Affiliated Societies will be having their tradition breakfast on Friday morning. This breakfast is the societies' opportunity to discuss their activities, ask questions or get advice of a number of officers and trustees of AOS as well as enjoy the company of each other and talk of our hobby of orchids.

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Nov 3 Regional Monthly AOS Orchid
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Nov 10 Monthly Meeting

Dec 1 Regional Monthly AOS Orchid
Judging

Dec 1 Monthly Meeting

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