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President's Message

March Meeting Special Event

I wanted to make you aware of a very special event happening at the New Hampshire Orchid Society's March meeting (March 9). We will be hosting Tom Miranda, Tom has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution for the last 12 years, where he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. His position includes developing and producing huge educational exhibits using the collection plants that last up to 4 months and visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors. Tom's talk will be highly informative and entertaining.

In addition, the Society will be auctioning approximately 300 species plants from the Collection of Marty Epstein. Marty has donated his incredible collection to the society, and we are extremely grateful. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire some very rare plants, all in fabulous condition. We hope that you can attend this event. With the quality of plants available, we expect a very large turnout.

The Society meets at 11:00 on March 9. The location is the Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford NH. We expect Tom to present at 11:30 am, and the auction to begin at approximately 1:00 pm.

Hope to see you there!

Mike

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.

March 9

Tom Miranda of the
Smithsonian Institute
and
Auction of Marty's orchids

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New Hampshire Orchid Society
General Meeting
February 2, 2013

Opening

President Mattozzi called the meeting to order.

Announcements:

- Channel 9 WMUR has shown our show postcard during the newscast. Mike asked George Crozier to send a plant or two over to the MUR news director.
- Mike was interviewed in this week's HIPPO.
- WBZ, WMUR, Chronicle and NECN were invited to the show.
- Dr. Peter Faletra is getting a national award and will be a speaker at our show.
- Thank you, Jeff Langley for hospitality again today. We still need a hospitality chair. Anne Chepjian has volunteered to do it for the next six months. Thank you, Anne.
- Marty isn't here today: he's in rehab at Sutton Hill in North Andover.
- NHOS has 215 members and will have a membership table at the show.
- Speakers:
 - March – Tom Mirenda from the Smithsonian
 - April – Silva Orchids
 - May – Beginners' Workshop
- Local shows – we still need captains for some shows, you're reimburse for mileage and hotel:
 - The Amherst Show is at the end of February; Jack Mulder volunteered to be show captain during the meeting. Thank you, Mr. Mulder.
 - Wentworth is at the beginning of March, captained by Mike and Ulla. We'll have ribbon judging.
 - Nutmeg State is in mid-March; we still need a show captain.
 - UNH – Sue Anderson will captain. Thank you, Sue.
 - Chuck will do take down for Amherst and Nutmeg
- We need a host for our annual picnic on the second Saturday in August. Thinking of combining our auction with this.
- Tom Mikulis, the Grumpy Gardener, has standing hangers to display miniatures.

Show:

- Hospitality is in the Bedford room. Liz needs volunteers at 9-10 am on Saturday and Sunday to pick up boxes of coffee. Email Liz if you can bring homemade cookies, muffins, munchies, etc.
- Member co-op – Chuck Anderson is heading that up. Will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Display will be headed by Sue Anderson – try to get your plants to her by 11 am.
- Raffle table – people have already donated; you can bring donations to the show.
- Store will sell:

- Posters for \$1
- Cut Dendrobium stems
- Pins
- Puzzle
- Books
- Bags
- Pens
- Daryl has the educational program set. Ask the Experts Panel on Saturday at 10:30 am.
- Please preregister your plants with Jo McHale by 6 pm, Wednesday, February 7th.
- Membership table will give a free plant to the first 12 new members on Saturday and Sunday.
- Ribbon judging will meet at 8:30 am for light breakfast. After judging, lunch will be served. We need volunteers for the grand champion rosette.
- On Friday night, we will have an awards ceremony from 5-7 p.m. with a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.

Financial Report:

- Mike reported total funds of \$49,387.18.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by the show table, lunch and show preparation.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Giovino, Secretary





Meeting Agenda

The March meeting will be an accelerated meeting. Because we have both a top notch guest speaker, and we have many plants to sell. A few things to keep in mind:

- We'd like to have the show table ready by 10:30. Bring your plants ready to be judged!
- The business meeting will be shortened
- We expect our speaker to begin his talk at 11:30
- Because of the unique auction, we have invited members from other Societies to attend. We should plan for a larger than normal turnout. Extra snacks, sandwiches and drinks would be appreciated.
- We WILL accept credit cards for purchases.
- We ask that members do not bring sale plants to this meeting.
- We have set up a website to view a listing (and some photos) of the plants to be auctioned off.

<https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/nhos>

Tom Mirenda

Tom Mirenda has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution for the last 10 years. There he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. His position includes developing and producing huge educational exhibits using the collection plants that last up to 4 months. And visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Trained originally as a Marine Biologist, Tom made the switch to plants and orchids in his late 20s while living in Hawaii. Since then he has worked with orchids at NY Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and an extensive private collection at Greentree Estate in Long Island. Tom was also the floor manager at the New York International orchid Show for many years during this period. For the last 6 years, Tom has contributed two columns each month for ORCHIDS magazine and is developing a new book based on those writings. Tom travels frequently around the US and internationally, making presentations to diverse audiences, from scientists to the general public, about orchid ecology, pollination biology, strategies for orchid conservation. He is passionate about seeking collaboration between the worlds of Botanic Gardens, the hobbyist community, commercial growers and scientists to work together toward the goal of protecting orchids and their habitats. Currently working on a project to coordinate and centralize North American orchid conservation efforts, Tom hopes to extend the influence to other parts of the world where orchids are imperiled.



Orchid Odyssey

Our show Orchid Odyssey went on as promised! Despite attendance and revenue totals equaling one third of past years, blizzard-like weather and bad road conditions did not stop us from making this the most beautiful show to-date. Thank you one and all for all your hard work and dedication. It never ceases to amaze me how much effort this group is capable of doing when it comes to giving the public a peek inside the amazing world of orchids.

We tried some new ideas this year that seemed to really work. New NHOS judged awards, the Grand Champion was awarded to J & L Orchids for *Pleurothallis caprina* and Jimmy Grogan of Amherst OS received the Reserve Grand Champion award for *Dinema polybulbon*. Also, Saturday night dinner was a winner! We enjoyed the trophy award ceremony previously scheduled for Friday night and Chuck Wingate treated everyone to some unusual fortune cookies before the dinner auction began.

Special thanks to George Crozier for stepping up to the plate in Mike's absence because he did a superb job with the ribbon judging and learning how to punt when AOS Judging was cancelled. He's also a great spokesperson in front of our crowd! We cannot forget to thank Chuck Crisler for gathering up all our vendors and exhibitors that make our show so spectacular every year, and whose tireless efforts show time and time again his dedication to excellence.

The entire team is fabulous! Especially the first people I saw at 6:15 am on Thursday like Jeff Langley, Jack and Pam Mulder and to the last people I saw at 7:45 pm on Sunday night, Jack, Jeff, Leigh Coolidge, Lee and Bob Brockmann. Now add all the set-up gang in the ballroom, who put up pipe and drape, cover tables with cloths and put up the lights and poles. We were all delighted to see Liz Nields when she walked in carting all the goodies to feed us in the hospitality room. Last but not least, we watched in amazement as Sue Andersen created the NHOS exhibit extraordinaire!

The people we count on to make this show work are those who are in charge of each area. Les and Peg Regenbogen are the "face" of our show on the Admissions table, Sue Andersen wears the selling hat at the NHOS Store and Raffle tables, and Chuck Andersen ran the Member Co-Op table this year with aplomb, Sue Labonville and Lee Brockmann roped them in at the membership table. Norm Selander-Carrier is really in his element as director of Guided Tours. He and his team always provide informative and entertaining presentations for our visitors. And thanks to Daryl Yerdon and all the speakers he lined up. Behind the scenes, but not forgotten are Joanne McHale, our Registrar and my mentor and Dick Josephson who handles our yellow road signs, picks up and returns garden benches from three retailers and whose encouragement keeps me going.

Brenda, John, Steve, Ulla....Sorry to the many people I have not mentioned but they are starting to play the music. Thank you everybody for putting on another fabulous show!

Jean Hallstone
Show Chair 2013



Photos of the NHOS Show are compliments of Henry Bogardus.

AOS Corner

AOS Orchids online! As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed – as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids. For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at www.aos.org. Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

\$50,000 for Orchid Research

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to ideas@aos.org. No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

AOS in San Diego – March 21-23, 2013

The Spring Members' and Trustees' meetings will be held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Show being held March 21-23, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Diego, California. Join the AOS to attend the meetings, its traditional banquet, auction, elections and reorganization meeting by registering at www.aos.org. The registration fee for AOS attendees includes admission into the show for the weekend. Speaker and vendor information may be found on the society website at www.sdorchids.com.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



Bert Consentino Recipient of the Orchid Digest Award

Bert Consentino is a founding member of the NH Orchid Society, active since its inception. He has quietly, consistently, and willingly participated in NHOS activities by attending several meetings each year, helping wherever needed at shows since the beginning in the early 90's when shows were held in Manchester, supporting picnic and meeting food offerings, and by often providing plants for "away" displays as well as monthly show tables. He clerks at ribbon judging, and pitches in when a call for help is made. Bert volunteered early on, to produce the newsletter, and did so for many years before job demands required he step down from that role (Ovid and Jean took over for several years). A few years ago, when the need for another editor arose, Bert again stepped up and has been faithfully producing it since. Bert is a good friend to the Society and to the people in it. Bert grows orchids in his greenhouse attached to his home in Manchester, and is an avid gardener as well. He has "plant sat" for orchids while people are traveling, engaged in helpful conversations about culture with beginners and experts alike, and is one of those longtime quiet pillars of support within NHOS who deserves recognition. It is for these reasons Bert Consentino is this year's Orchid Digest Diamond Award winner.



February Show Table

Judges: Jack Mulder, Jeff Langley, Jan Ski, John Crooker and Chuck Wingate

HOBBY

PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

1. Phal. Lyndon Equator- Adrienne Giovino
1. Phal. Kuarti Ravashati 'Bunker Hill'- Adrienne Giovino
2. Phal. Kuarit Ravashati 'Copperstone' HCC/AOS- Adrienne Giovino
3. Phal. Pink Twilight- Ellen Foater
3. Phal. Corona- Adrienne Giovino
3. Phal. equestris 'Orange'- Adrienne Giovino



PAPHIOPEDILUM ALLIANCE

1. Paph. Ruthless- R. Snape
2. Paph. Psyllian- R. Snape

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1. Slc. Memoria Alvin Beggerman- Lee Brockmann
1. Brassavola nodosa- Ann Chepjian
3. Blc. Hawaiian Style 'Carmela'- Ann Chepjian
3. Epi. Jubilee- Adrienne Giovino

DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE

1. Den. kingianum- Ann Chepjian
2. Den no name- Leigh and Cheryl Coolidge

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

1. Odt. Yellow Parade 'Alpine'- Lee Brockman
2. Burr. Stefan Isler- Jerry Johnson
2. Brassada Orange Delight- Ann Chepjian

CYMBIDIUM ALLIANCE

1. Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'- Leigh & Cheryl Coolidge

2. Cym. no name- Leigh & Cheryl Coolidge
3. Cym. no name- Leigh & Cheryl Coolidge

PLEUROTHALLID ALLIANCE

1. Masd. Tribbles- Steve Tacopina

MISC.

1. Lycaste Nathalie Cely- Ann Chepjian
2. Max. schunkeana- Ann Chepjian



ADVANCED

Alca. Mem. Faz Yamada- Jane and Steve Ski

EXPERT

Koellenteinia ionoptera- Jean Stefanik
 Cochleanthes amazonica- John Crooker
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 Onc. heteranthum album- John Crooker



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Upcoming Events

Mar 9 Monthly Meeting
Mar 16 Nutmeg State Annual Orchid
Show and Sale

Apr 6 Regional Monthly AOS Orchid
Judging

May 4 Regional Monthly AOS Orchid
Judging

**Please return the
show signs.**

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