



NHOS Newsletter

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President's Message

It is getting to be that time of year again, the Show Committee met last week to begin the process of making the NHOS show as great as it is. Please show your support of the society and our wonderful show. If you are interested in helping, even for just an hour, please look for the sign-up sheets at the meetings or chat with Brenda Campbell. Also, there are many out of the box things that could be done prior to the show, just ask.

One question that was asked at the Show meeting was how many hours go into the show and what has been the average number of volunteers for the weekend. We will work on that stat and have that answer at the next meeting.

CALLING ALL YELLOW SIGNS – Please return all your yellow road show signs to the next meeting as we need to get them back to the printers for re-dating. Thank you...

Special thanks to Bob Brockmann for getting the food supply and setting up for the IPA meeting and thanks for everyone who helped by bringing food and helping to set up... when we work as a team things are amazing.

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Next Meeting

Saturday Oct. 13, 2018

11:00 AM

**Bedford, NH Old Town Hall
Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford**

**Program- Mr. Tom
Sampliner, "The Orchids of
Borneo", in the footsteps of Alfred
Russell Wallace.**

**Plants for the show table must be
labeled and on the table by 11:00 AM.**

**The Society is in dire
need of a Treasurer.
Training will be
provided. Please speak to
Andrea if you are
interested.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly 2018 AOS Judging

**First Saturday of each month
10:30 AM • Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Dr., Boylston, MA**

Fall Orchid Sale @ Lyman Estates Greenhouse

**October 19, 2018, 9:30 AM to
October 21, 2018, 4:00 PM
Lyman Estate Greenhouses, 185 Lyman St, Waltham, MA**

Mid-Hudson Orchid Society (MHOS) upcoming Show and Sale

**Saturday, October 20, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Rd., Newburgh NY 12550**

This event is open to the public and there is no admission cost. Please visit our website at mhos.us.org for club information and contacts.

MOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale 'World of Orchids'

**November 02, 2018, 1:00 PM to
November 04, 2018, 4:00 PM
Sons of Italy
117 Swanton St.
Winchester, MA**

NHOS Monthly Meeting

**Sat. Nov. 10, 2018
Speaker- TBA**

UPCOMING EVENTS (con't)

NHOS Monthly Meeting

Sat. Dec. 1, 2018
Annual Holiday Party

NHOS Monthly Meeting

Sat. Jan. 12, 2019
Speaker- TBD

NHOS Monthly Meeting

Sat. Feb. 2, 2019
Topic- Show Prep

NHOS Annual Show

Friday Feb. 8- Sunday Feb. 10, 2019
The Event Center at the Marriott Courtyard
Nashua, NH

President's Message (cont' from Pg. 1)

Don't forget memberships run September 1st to August 31st each year. If you have not paid your membership for the year, please do so either at the next meeting or online.

I want to again thank those of you who show up a bit early and help set up tables and chairs and also those of you who stay a bit after and help take everything down. I arrive around 9:30 and would love the company.

Thank you...

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Andrea

If anyone has a program topic or specific speaker you would like to recommend be invited to present at one of our regular monthly meetings, please speak to Anita Walker.

Budget Notice

There will be a vote on the new NHOS 2018-2019 operating budget @ the October meeting. Please preview the budget on the NHOS website.



Phal. Amabilis var. grandiflora



Blc. Robin Henery 'Sweet Scent'



**Onc. Moon Shadow Tiger Tail
AM/AOS**



**Den. cuthbertsonii (various
colorforms)**



Phal. Spottion



Schoenorchis fragrans



**Habenaria grouping
rhodocheila & erichmichelii**



Stelis argentea

Sept. Show Table Results

(Show table photo's courtesy of Norm Selander-Carrier)

Hobbyist

PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Phal. amabilis var. grandiflora	Shoshana Boar
2nd Place:	Phal. Spottion	Brian Sargent

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Blc. Robin Henery 'Sweet Scent'	William Schinella
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ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

1st Place:	Onc. Moon Shadow Tiger Tail AM/AOS	Shoshana Boar
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* = Plant also received a cultural award

ADVANCED (all cultural)

Dendrobium cuthbertsonii	Sue Labonville
Schoenorchis fragrans	Lee Brockmann

EXPERT (all cultural)

Brachycorythis laotica ®	Marc Gray
Habenaria Group (rhodocheila and erichmichelii)	Chuck Wingate
Maxillaria coccinea 'Jack & Jody'	Chuck Wingate
Stelis argentata	Bob Cleveland
Stenocryne aurea-fulva ®	Bob Cleveland

® - awarded for rarity

Judges: Jean Stefanik, Tom Gregg, Mark Gray, Sue Labonville, Lee Brockmann, Chuck Wingate

CONSERVATION

What Orchid Is This ?

By Jean Stefanik NHOS Conservation & Education Rep., Affiliates Rep, & AOS Judge

On the NHOS website, under the Conservation and Education drop-down menu, the first tab is called "What Orchid Is This?" followed by the tab "NH Native Orchid Project". Check them out sometime. I answer emails from people, usually several a month, asking me to help them identify a plant they've discovered in their yard or along a woodland trail. Even sometimes a "no name" orchid they've purchased or lost the tag for. They send photos, sometimes, and have descriptions of the plants with sometimes great detail; other times not so much.

This summer I've received several requests to identify one particular orchid. Maybe it's the wet summer or maybe people are doing more hiking and gardening, but a lot of folks are discovering *Epipactis helleborine*. This is what I've shared with Warren, Cheryl, Will, Andrea, Lee and all those attending the recent NHOS picnic: Your discovery is *Epipactis helleborine*, originally native to and found throughout Europe. First records of it in North America were in the 1850's in NY state somewhere near the construction of the Erie Canal. It's a kind visitor... it grows easily, spreads on it's own, but is never "invasive". What happens is it just "appears" often connected with new plantings, mulch, or the like, or in roadside ditches or along forest patches. This is a 2 year old plant... look around for seedlings with just the lower leaves... there may be more but not blossoming, or you could have pulled them thinking they were weeds. Key identifiers is reddish area by the base of the plant where it meets the ground and greenish or sometimes more reddish flowers. It is easily self or insect pollinated... and sometimes the top of the flower inflorescence does a droopy look, like the plant needs more water. I'm not sure it's been studied enough, but I personally theorize that it's a tri- or quadrennial... that is, the seed lands... takes a few years for the mycorrhizal fungus relation to get it big enough to put up leaves... the first year it's just leaves... second, third, maybe 4th year of blooming, then the plant sort of disappears (like *digitalis* or hollyhock), except that by then they have "popped up" somewhere else in the vicinity. You can't transplant... roots are too deep and delicate but you CAN scatter seeds... they go to seed VERY well. I'll add that I don't know how long it takes for something to become "native" but I consider it a "naturalized" North American at this point.

Another great discovery in the White Mountains in early summer by Andres A., was a healthy population of the large purple fringed orchid known scientifically as *Platanthera grandiflora*. It's spectacular and I'm adding the information to our NH Native Orchid Project database as well. While I don't share specific locations, I am sharing one of his photos, with his permission, of course. Thanks, Andre!

I try my best to help them figure out a mystery plant or flower. It's fun for me too. So please don't hesitate to send me photos of plants and orchids and I'd be happy to try to identify them... and I learn as well.

JS



Epipactis helleborine
Photo courtesy of Will W.



Epipactis helleborine
Photo courtesy of Will W.



Epipactis helleborine
Photo courtesy of Cheryl M.



Platanthera grandiflora
Photo courtesy of Andres A.

AOS NEWS

Don't miss these webinars for October

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT



Garry Clark, Group General Manager of Pacific Wide (NZ) Ltd. will present **Orchiata Bark - What is Everyone Talking about?** Learn about its history, how it is sustainably processed and how to use it in your orchid collection. Orchiata is the premium orchid bark which earned the seal of AOS-preferred product. *Open to all.* [Click here to register](#)

Thursday, October 18, 2018 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT



Greenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your questions by October 15th to greenhousechat@aos.org. *Open to all.* [Click here to register](#)



American Orchid Society

2018 AOS

FALL MEMBERS MEETING

October 31 - November 3, 2018

in Apopka, Florida



This is the time to make your plans to attend the American Orchid Society's 2018 Fall Members Meeting! The event will be here before we know it, October 31st through November 3rd. [Area hotels](#) are filling up!

Held in conjunction with the 19th International Slipper Orchid Symposium, the meeting will be held at Highland Manor, a beautiful setting to showcase a full schedule of [speakers](#), [AOS judging](#), orchid [vendors](#) from near and far, our always lively auction, and a delicious barbecue dinner - **all included with your registration!**

Join in a committee meeting, and learn the latest happenings in the organization during our town hall.

Go to www.aosmembersmeeting.com to register today! We update information regularly, so check back for new details.

28th New Hampshire Orchid Society Show and Sale

Save the Date!



February 8–10, 2019

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