

# NHOS Newsletter

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# President's Message

So much has happened over the last month it's hard to know where to begin. Thankfully we were able to hold our March meeting before the limitations on gatherings were imposed. Obviously, we were are not able to hold our show this past weekend as planned. The good news is that we were able to reschedule with the Falls Event Center for October 23, 24 and 25 so we will have a show this year after all.

**Due to the ongoing COVID-19** assembly restrictions we will not be able to hold our April meeting but hopefully we can all get together again in May. This date is usually our Member Auction but due to the uncertainty of the virus the Auction has been re-scheduled to September 12, 2020 instead. An "Ask the Experts" and potting session is planned if we are able to have a meeting in May. Please give us input as to what you would like us to talk about at that meeting. Perhaps we could also bring in plants that aren't thriving for analysis. Let us know. It sure would be nice to have a show table again. I miss seeing all the beautiful plants our members grow.

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## **NHOS MEETING NOTICE**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, the April meeting has been cancelled!

For now, we will keep the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 9 on the calendar. Please watch the NHOS website for updates.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Monthly 2019 AOS Judging**

The first Saturday of every month unless posted otherwise 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

If you are interested in additional information about your plant, or have a plant you would like transported to judging, please contact Jean Stefanik, AOS Accredited Judge, <u>Jeango4it@aol.com</u> or (603) 647-1063) or one of the others who MAY be driving to judging this month.

Additional Information www.towerhillbg.org

NHOS Monthly Meeting
Sat. April 11, 2020
CANCELLED

AOS Spring Members Meeting
POSTPONED
NEW DATES TBD

NHOS Monthly Meeting
Sat. May 9, 2020
TBD

NHOS Monthly Meeting
Sat. June 13, 2020
Alan Koch- Gold Country Orchids

NHOS Monthly Meeting
Sat. July 11, 2020
Peter Tobias- Creating an Orchid Preserve

NHOS Monthly Meeting
Sat. Aug. 8, 2020
Annual Picnic

# **March Show Table Results**

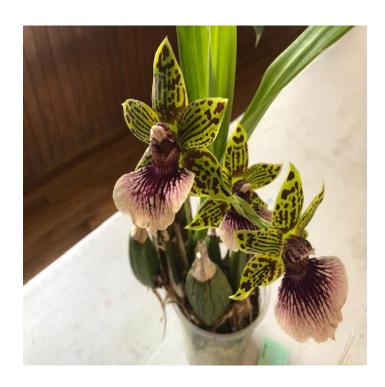
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Den. Royal Wings

Phal. Blue Ridge Quartet



Galeopetalum Parkside 'Starburst' AM/AOS



Coelogyne cristata





Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'

Dendrochilum wenzelii



Ida fimbriata



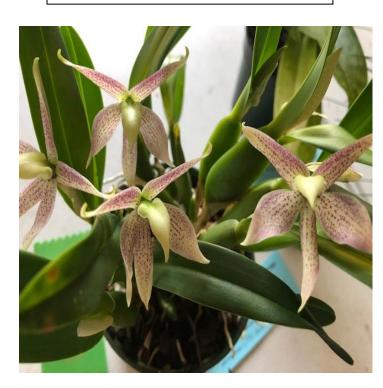
Physosiphon tubatus

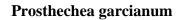




Den. (Dockrillia) linguiforme

Aerangis fastuosa







Paph. appletonianum

### New Hampshire Orchid Society Minutes of the General Meeting March 14, 2020

#### **Opening**

President called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests.

- Thank you to the members for coming and for your food donations, it is greatly appreciated.
  - We have \$17,206.93 in the checking account with total assets of \$34,233.01.
- Following the discussion of the show table, 10-15 minutes have been designated for any questions on orchid related topics from the membership.
  - Show Committee update: As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Board of Directors felt it prudent to cancel the show. No decision has been reached on rescheduling for this year as yet. A suggestion was made to possibly re-schedule the show for the end of September or October. Show Committee will check with venue, vendors and AOS Judges for availability. Input is welcomed from the members. The Show Committee is not sure if we will lose any money from the Falls for cancellation but will check with the Falls on the possibility of a refund.
    - New Member meeting for April has been postponed.
    - Member Auction has been tentatively moved from May to October.
- Steve Tacopina has announced that he will be leaving New England to live in the South and as a result will be selling a good portion of his orchid collection at the meetings.

  See Steve for more information.

Following the General Meeting an impromptu meeting was held with the membership present regarding the possible re-scheduling of the 2020 show and their thoughts. They were as follows:

Cancel IPA and then have our 2020 show in September (either the second or last weekend in September stay away from Labor Day), or October. Columbus Day weekend, if available, may be a good choice. All members present volunteered to help.

If we can get our deposit back from the Falls, people would rather be at the Marriott if there is an available date.

Contact AOS Judges to see if they are available. If we have a show in the later part of 2020, when do we have a show in 2021?

Respectfully submitted by Susan Usseglio, Secretary

#### President's Message (con't from Pg. 1)

That said, Daryl Yerdon has set up a Friends of NH Orchid Society group on Facebook so we could share pictures of our blooming plants. Here is the link. Check it out. <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/nhorchids">http://www.facebook.com/groups/nhorchids</a>

Maybe I will have to join Facebook after all! I think Adrienne is also working on setting something up on our website as well. Thank you both for keeping us connected.

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#### President's Message (con't from Pg. 1)

The Board has been working hard to update our By-Laws. I am hopeful that we will be able to vote on the entire By-Laws by July or August. The COVID-19 situation underscored our need to be able to hold Board meetings and vote electronically. Presently, we cannot do this so I am asking you all to read the proposed amendment to Article IV Governing Body that is included in this newsletter. Should we be able to hold our May meeting, as scheduled, I would like to entertain a motion to approve these sections. That way, should we be faced with any more unusual situations in the future, we will still be able to conduct Society business. You can find a copy of the current By-Laws on our website.

Several Trustee positions will be up for election this year. Please see Andrea Deachman or myself if you might be interested. We would love to talk to you.

#### Anita

#### **Proposed By-Laws Revision**

#### **ARTICLE IV: Governing Body**

The Governing Body of NHOS, known as "The Board of Directors", (or the Board), shall consist of the Officers as named in Article V, Section A, together with four elected trustees and the immediate past president who shall be considered a non-elected trustee. Written notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting of the members shall be given not less than twelve (12) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date fixed for the meeting, not including the day of mailing nor day of meeting. Said notice shall be sent to the postal or electronic address of all members. In emergency situations the above required notice of special meetings will be waived.<sup>4</sup>

- 1. The Board of Directors shall be vested with authority to carry on the business and management of NHOS's affairs and shall hold meetings in not less than ten months of the fiscal year, unless extenuating circumstances such as a National, State or Weather emergency prevents such meeting. These meetings may be called by either the President or the Board at a time and place of their choosing.<sup>19</sup>
- 2. A quorum at any meeting of the Board is determined by the following calculation: the total amount of currently active NHOS Board of Director members assigned to the NHOS Board divided by 2 and then add 1; Example: 8 currently active NHOS Board of Director Members divided by 2 = 4 plus 1 = 5; 5 NHOS Board of Director members is a quorum.<sup>11</sup>
- 3. Any Officer or Trustee may be removed from the Board, at any time, by a majority vote of the remaining Board members, at any meeting of the Board, if, in their judgement, such Officer or Trustee, either by illness or any other cause, shall not adequately have attended to their duties. Any Board member who fails to attend four consecutive meetings of the Board will be deemed to not be adequately attending to their duties and will be replaced by a different member in accordance with Article V, Section A, Item 1 for the rest of his/her term.<sup>5</sup>

#### (Proposed By-Law Revisions- Con't)

- 4. The President or the Board of Directors as specified in Article V, Section A, Paragraph 1 shall fill all vacancies among the Officers and trustees.
- 5. Meeting of the Board shall be maintained as open meetings. Any member may submit agenda items to the president; the member may then be invited to present these proposals to the Board; however, only Board members shall vote. The member's participation in discussion at the Board meeting shall be limited to that member's specific proposals.
- 6. Only at the request of the President of New Hampshire Orchid Society, under extenuating circumstances such as a National, State or Weather emergency, can electronic NHOS Board of Director Meetings be convened for legal and binding voting.<sup>12</sup>
  - a. Once determined by the NHOS President that an electronic NHOS Board of Director Meeting is warranted the President will determine time/place and electronic means to be utilized. All NHOS Members will be notified via the website and a special group email outlining the time/place and electronic means with specific directions to be utilized for access. In the event NHOS Members do not have access to the website or email, notification will be made by phone<sup>13</sup>.
  - b. For voting purposes, this special electronic NHOS Board of Director meeting must represent in attendance a quorum of the current members of the NHOS Board of Directors. A quorum for electronic meetings, as determined by the formula outlined in Article IV, paragraph 2, is needed on the electronic call to constitute a quorum and for legal and binding voting to take place.<sup>14</sup>
  - c. Special electronic NHOS Board of Director Meetings can be conducted via any form of electronic means available, such as but not limited to, video conference, teleconference etc. The electronic means utilized must be readily usable and available to all NHOS Board of Director members.<sup>15</sup>
  - d. NHOS Board of Director members present, via electronic means, will identify themselves, via a roll call, so as to be included in the NHOS Board of Director Minutes of the Meeting, and to determine if the pre-requisite number needed for the quorum has been met.<sup>15</sup>
  - e. Any NHOS Board of Director member attending via electronic means will be deemed present and will remain on the call until adjournment of the meeting unless a personal emergency arises during the meeting.<sup>17</sup>
  - f. All motions voted on (with the quorum requirement met), via electronic means, by the NHOS Board of Directors, will be deemed valid and binding.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Amended xx-March-2020
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# From Orchid Digest

Our thoughts go out to everyone during this harrowing time. We hope that you are being careful and remaining healthy.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel the June 2020 Orchid Digest Annual Speakers Day event held at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in June. We are sorry!

During these troubling times when we are home because of the COVID-19 virus, the Orchid Digest wants to share a link to a virtual tour of the NY Botanical Garden Orchid Show led by Marc Hachadourian, Senior Curator. To access the tour, click here: <a href="NY Botanical Garden Orchid">NY Botanical Garden Orchid</a> Show. Please, treat yourself and take a few minutes to enjoy the beauty of this show. We are lucky to have these fantastic flowers in our lives that bring us joy and tranquility during the stressful moments.

Have you noticed that the Orchid Digest now has a digital copy of the issue? To access the online January issue, click here: Orchid Digest Online. You will need to go to page 3, lower right-hand corner, of the January issue (Vol. 84-1) to find the password. We would appreciate hearing whether you like having access to a digital copy, one you can read no matter where you are. So please, send an e-mail to me at Orchid Digest Editor with your feedback about this offering.

We need your help to continue to bring you amazing issues like the year-end Phalaenopsis issue, and content that helps you become a better orchid grower, We have been doing it for 82 years, and, with your help, we want to be around another 82.

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## **AOS NEWS**



#### Hi New Hampshire,

We're writing today with the hope of spreading a little joy in this time of uncertainty. As many of us are hunkering down in our houses, the AOS Membership and Marketing Committee is pleased to bring you **#OrchidMadness2020** 



Orchid Madness 2020 celebrates the diversity of orchids. We've hand-selected 64 AOS award-winning plants for you to admire. What's more, you get to select your favorite, with a bracket-style finish to name our first AOS People's Choice Champion!

Follow the tournament and participate on Facebook as it happens or check the Orchid Madness page on the AOS website regularly to see the latest stats and winners at <a href="http://aos.org/madness">http://aos.org/madness</a>.

#### **How it Works**

We've broken the field down into 8 categories.

- Phalaenopsis
- Dendrobiums
- Slippers (Paphs and Phrags)
- Cymbidiums
- Vanda
- Bulbophyllums
- Cattlevas
- Misc. Genera

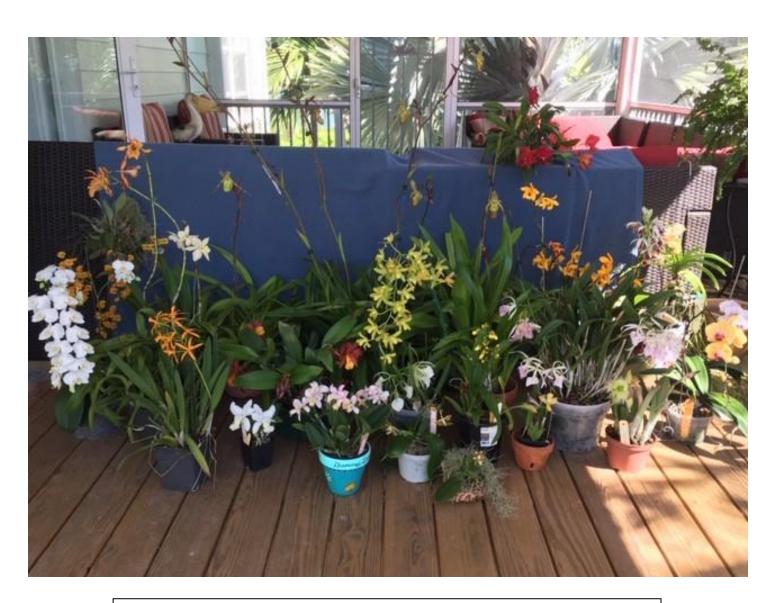
Each grouping will face off in a winner-take-all qualifying semi-final over the next 8 days starting on March 25th. Each qualifier will run for 24 hours. The winners then face off in a bracket-style tournament during the first week of April.

### **How To Participate**

Voting will take place on the <u>AOS Facebook Group Page</u>. If you are not a member of our Facebook group...consider joining the almost 40,000 strong global community of orchid enthusiasts just like you and show your support for your favorite orchid.

Let the games begin...

#### WHEN YOU JOIN AOS, DON'T FORGET TO MENTION YOU ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF NHOS!



COVID-19 Amateur Orchid Show in the Conch Republic. (photo courtesy of the Ed.)

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Deadline for submission of articles is 10 days before the monthly meeting. Send to Leigh Coolidge at:

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