



# NHOS Newsletter

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## President's Message

I am looking forward to the Picnic. It is always a nice finish to the year. Right now, the Weather Channel is predicting sunshine. Let's hope they are correct. If you haven't gone to the website yet to register, please do so. We want to make sure we have enough hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for everyone. Bring your chairs and favorite side dish or dessert to share.

While this should be a fun day, we do have a budget, By-Law revisions and the election of officers to vote on. For all this to occur we need a quorum so please plan to attend.

Steve Smyrychynski volunteered to fill the job of Vice President which has been vacant for 2 years and was appointed to that position at our last meeting in July. Thank you, Steve.

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## NHOS MEETING NOTICE

### Annual Meeting & Picnic

Sat. Aug 14, 2021  
Ed & Anita Walker's; 176  
Hayden Rd., Hollis, NH

11:00 AM

See Pg.2 for additional details

Plants must be on the show table by  
11:00 AM

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Monthly AOS Judging**

**On the first Saturday @ Tower Hill**

### **NHOS Monthly Meetings**

**Saturday Aug. 14, 2021- Annual Picnic. Site: Anita & Ed Walker's**

**Saturday Sept. 11, 2021- 'Ask the Experts'**

**Saturday Oct. 9, 2021- Annual Member/Vendor Auction**

**Mass Orchid Society Show, October 22-24, 2021**

**Saturday Nov. 13, 2021- TBD**

**Saturday Dec. 4, 2021- Annual Holiday Party**

**Saturday Jan. 8, 2000- TBD**

**Cape and Islands Orchid Society Show, January 21-23, 2022**

**NHOS Show, March 25-27, 2022**

## **August Picnic and Annual Meeting**

**At the home of Ed and Anita Walker, 176 Hayden Rd. Hollis, NH**

### **Directions-**

***From North off Rt. 101A in Amherst-*** South on Rt. 122. Take 3<sup>rd</sup> right (Hayden Rd.) after Hollis Flea Market. #176 (shared driveway with #180) will be on your left in appx. 1.5 miles. Take left fork in the shared driveway.

***From Hollis Ctr. –*** West at light at Rt. 130 & 122. In 1/2 mile turn right onto Rocky Pond Rd. In 2 miles turn right onto Hayden Rd. #176 will be 1 mile on the right. Take left fork in the shared driveway.

**We will enjoy great food, orchid friends, and a show table. There will also be officer reports, elections, and time to socialize.**

**Please bring your own chairs and a dish to share; the Society will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and water. Please RSVP by August 11, 2021. Plants should be on the show table by 11:00.**

## July Show Table

Judges: Jean Stefanik, David Sparks, George Newman, Chuck Wingate

### Hobbyist

©= Cultural award

### Cattleya Alliance

1 <sup>st</sup> : Catt. luteola ('BC' 4N x 'H&R' 4N)	Susan Usseglio
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pot. Eye Candy	Caron Savone
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Pot. Samantha Duncan 'Red Hot'	Anita Walker

### Dendrobium Alliance

1 <sup>st</sup> : Den. Royal Wings ©	Caron Savone
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### Oncidium Alliance

1 <sup>st</sup> : Wilhelmaria Pinot Princess 'Scary'	Caron Savone
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### Misc. Genera:

1 <sup>st</sup> : Maxillaria (Christensonella) uncata	Anita Walker
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### Advanced Growers

(all cultural or "R" for rarity)

Papilion Gwikait Hoon

Lee Brockmann

### Expert Growers

(all cultural or "R" for rarity)

Phymatidium tillandsiodes (falcifolium) ®	Ann Chepjian
Epidendrum falcatum ®	Chuck Wingate
Epidendrum hugomedinae ®	Chuck Wingate
Dendrobium tannii ®	Chuck Wingate
Stenotyla lendyana ®	David Sparks
Vanda falcata (Koto x Shuteno)	David Sparks
Schoenorchis gemmata	David Sparks
Phymatidium falcifolium	David Sparks
Sudamerlycasto (Ida) locasta	David Sparks
Phrag. Betheva	Bob Cleveland
Bulbophyllum frostii	Bob Cleveland
Rossioglossum schlieperianum ®	Bob Cleveland
Rhynchostelle ehrenbergii ®	Bob Cleveland
Brassia Datacosa 'Cleveland's' HCC/AOS	Bob Cleveland
Dendrobium dichaeoides	George Newman



**Wilhelmara Pinot Princess 'Scary'**



**Den. Royal Wings**



**Catt. luteola ('BC' 4N x 'H&R' 4N)**



**Pot. Eye Candy 'Mellow Yellow'**

**New Hampshire Orchid Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2021**

**The President called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.**

- **Plants for the Show Table need to be present and ready to be judged by 11:00 AM.**
- **Hospitality – We are looking for someone to assist Bob Brockmann.**
- **Membership – We have 84 memberships; 125 members.**
- **Budget – Andrea Deachman reported that currently we are running at a deficit as a result of COVID 19 and the inability to hold our biggest fundraiser for two (2) years – the Annual Show and Sale. As a result, there were substantial cuts made to the 2022 Budget to help keep us solvent. Andy outlined the cuts that were made, reasons why and her hopes for the future. The Budget is posted in the Newsletter, please take a look. If you have any questions, she will be happy to answer them at the Annual Meeting prior to the vote. While we are on the topic of financials following are ours as of July: we have \$8,754.99 in the checking account with a total of \$27,383.54 in the Fund Accounts.**
- **The Annual Meeting & Picnic in August will be Anita's house. Directions will be posted in the newsletter and on the website.**
- **Proposed By-Law changes and the Budget for 2022 which have been posted in the newsletter will be voted on at the Annual Meeting along with Officers for the Board.**
- **Norm Selander-Carrier, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that Board positions available are: (President, Vice President, Treasurer and two Trustees), the slate is; Anita Walker for President, Vice-President - Steve Smyrychynski (Steve has been appointed as Vice-President for 1 year. This was an open position that is not due to be filled via election until 2022. As per our by-laws the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, can appoint a body to fill this position.) Trustee – Bill Schinella, Trustee – Dale Cunningham. Further nominations will be taken from the floor so if you have a desire to volunteer for one of these positions please do so. If there is more than one candidate for a position, we will conduct voting via a paper ballot.**
- **Upcoming Program's: August – Annual Meeting and Picnic – The President and Treasurer will provide their year in review to the membership; September – Ask the Experts (start formulating all your questions); October – Annual Vendors' and Members' Auction; November – nothing scheduled at this time; December – Holiday Party; January 2022 – AOS Judging; February 2022– nothing scheduled at this time; March 2022– Show preparation Meeting. NOTE: Other Societies are not scheduled to be back LIVE until the fall therefore we are currently unable to facilitate the Speaker expenses solo, we need other Societies to help defray the cost. We will be looking for recommendations from within our own Society to fill whatever spots we have currently open.**
- **A Show Committee Meeting via ZOOM has been scheduled for: Thursday, 7/15/2021 @7:00 PM. All are invited. Notice of meeting along with agenda and Zoom link will be provided.**
- **If there are any outstanding Library Books, please return. Thank You!**

**Respectfully submitted: Susan Usseglio, Secretary**





**Maxillaria (Christensonella) uncata**



**Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Omega'**



**Phymatidium tillandsiodes  
(falcifolium)**



**Epidendrum hugomedinae**



# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	August 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	August 18, 2021 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	September 02, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	September 16, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Leafless Orchids	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Sarcochilus Australian Miniatures
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Mary Mancini AOS Judge, Louisiana Judging Center	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Jean Allen-Ikeson JC National Education Coordinator, AOS Editorial Board Chair

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>  
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!  
*Webinar announcements are posted on Facebook,  
 Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.*  
 We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure.  
**GREENHOUSE CHAT** Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing  
 Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

## Proposed By-Law Changes

(To be voted on at Annual Meeting Aug. 14, 2021)

3. **The Secretary:** shall keep a true record of all meetings of NHOS and the Board and shall record action taken at these meetings. **including accurate records of votes cast for the proposals submitted.** The Secretary shall provide each member of the Board with a copy of the minutes of membership and Board meetings.

The Secretary shall handle all correspondence as requested by the President.<sup>1</sup>

If the President and Vice President are absent from any meeting, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and shall preside for the duration of the meeting or until either the President or the Vice President arrive at which time they shall assume their duties.

The Secretary shall maintain a list of the location of society records and equipment and this record will be kept with both the Secretary and the President, **with a copy of these records contained in a binder located in the NHOS Library. A copy of the society records and equipment will be placed in a file located on the NHOS website.** The Secretary shall store records, correspondences, and notes of NHOS, and shall maintain and update a log of elections of Board members with the dates of terms of office and replacements as necessary.<sup>2</sup>

Upon termination of the Secretary's term of office, he/she shall turn over to the incoming Secretary all papers, correspondences, records, back files and archives of NHOS.

Deletions are in **red**.

Additions are in **green**.

<sup>1</sup> Amended 08-Aug-2020

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**4. The Treasurer:** shall receive all dues from and shall oversee their collection by a duly appointed Membership Chairperson. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to NHOS and shall disburse the same under the direction of the Board, or any committee empowered by the Board to pay obligations of NHOS. The Treasurer shall make appropriate payments, in a timely manner, for all recurring expenses such as meeting place rent, post office box rent, bulk mail permits, and insurance renewals.

The Treasurer shall maintain a list of all donations made to NHOS including the name of the donor along with the amount of the donation. The Treasurer shall provide any receipts that may be required by the IRS for charitable contributions made by donor.

The Treasurer shall submit to the Board for their approval, NHOS budget for the following year. This budget shall be submitted at least 60 days prior to the conclusion of the fiscal year. This budget shall be sent to NHOS members with the notice of the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer shall present a report of the current finances at each Board meeting.

The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report for the membership, in writing, and delivered at the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer's books shall be reviewed each year. **and a formal audit held every two years.** This **formal** review will **be and formal audit must** be performed by a professional **Public Accounting Firm or a licensed Certified Public Accountant** **Bookkeeper** hired by NHOS and not associated with the New Hampshire Orchid Society. <sup>3</sup>

The Treasurer's books and accounts shall, at all reasonable times, be open to inspection by any Member of the Board. The Treasurer shall present a statement of the accounts at each Annual Meeting of NHOS including a written report of the previous fiscal year to include the balance sheet, statement of revenues, expenses and account balances.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial oversight of any shows and exhibits sponsored by NHOS. If a show or exhibit is held, the Treasurer shall assist the Show Chairman in selecting a responsible **comptroller** for same, with

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<sup>3</sup> Adopted 08-Aug-2020

Board approval. The Treasurer shall assist that comptroller in the execution of their duties or may assume those duties if necessary and desirable.

1. The fiscal year of NHOS shall be from September 1 to August 31.
2. Operating funds of NHOS shall be maintained in a demand deposit account in a bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. These funds shall be subject to withdrawal upon the signature of the Treasurer and/or the President. Other funds may be held or invested at the discretion of the Board.
3. Non-budgeted expenditures of up to \$1000 for the needs of NHOS shall only be made with the consent of the Board. Gifts and donations made by NHOS to an individual or non-profit organization of up to \$250 shall only require approval of the Board. Expenditures, gifts, and donations made by NHOS exceeding the previously named limits shall be submitted to the general Membership and approved by a standing vote of a majority of those present and entitled to vote.
4. The Treasurer shall adhere to the Financial Management Policy when executing their duties.

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Deletions are in red

## ARTICLE V: Officers

### Section A. Officers and Duties

The Officers of NHOS shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- 1. The President:** is NHOS's chief spokesperson and shall preside at all meetings of NHOS and the Board of Directors and shall perform the recognized functions of the office, which are to include general supervision of the affairs of NHOS.

The President shall prepare an agenda for all meetings of the Board, including such items as suggested by other NHOS or Board members. The President shall provide this agenda to the Board at least 10 days prior to each meeting of the Board, if such time between meetings is available.

The President shall sign all written contracts and agreements for NHOS as specified in Article IX. The President shall ensure that the Bylaws are enforced.

The President shall establish such committees as are necessary to conduct the affairs of NHOS beyond those Standing Committees identified in Article VII. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Except as noted in Article V, Section C, Subsection 1, the President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board and with appropriate notice to the general membership of such vacancies, one chairperson for each standing committee. Each chairperson shall be appointed for a one-year term with the privilege of reappointment for a second year. Upon the request of the chairperson, and with approval of the Board, the President may extend the term of that committee chairperson.

In the event a Board member resigns or is otherwise no longer able to serve, the President shall, with reasonable haste and with the advice and consent of the Board, appoint an alternate to fill the vacancy. This alternate shall be a member in good standing of NHOS.

The President shall prepare an annual **written** report for the membership to be delivered at the Annual Meeting.

The President shall vote at all meetings of the Board, according to American Institute of Parliamentarians *Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, which permit presidential voting when the vote is by ballot and in all cases where, by voting, the vote would change the result.

## Section C: Dues

The annual Regular Member dues and the Life Member fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors and voted upon at the Annual Meeting of NHOS. Any change in the cost of dues assessed requires a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at the Annual Meeting.

Lifetime membership dues shall be ten times the annual dues and shall be payable on September 1. Upon payment of said dues a lifetime member shall be exempt from all future dues' payments.

A Membership year is defined as the space of time from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership dues renewal period is from September 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>. Dues remaining unpaid after September 30<sup>th</sup> will be considered in default.

New members joining in the last four months of the membership year will be considered as having paid dues for the following membership year. The Board of Directors may assess special dues for individuals joining during special society events, such as a society show.

A "new member" is defined as a person/family who has never been a member of the Society or has been a member at one time but their membership has lapsed for a minimum of 5 membership years.

No dues or assessments shall be required of Honorary Members.

No dues or assessments shall be refundable.

Changes in green



Additions are in green

## **X: Policies<sup>xx</sup>**

Policies serve as an agreement and a guide for procedural operations and result when there is a recurring problem, which is in conflict with the beliefs and philosophy of NHOS requiring adoption. Policies reflect the tenets of the NHOS Board of Directors on which current and future decisions will be made.

The Policies will reside on the website for member viewing, in the NHOS Library in a binder and in the possession of the Secretary. The Secretary will be responsible for their accuracy and may be required to interpret when necessary.

The NHOS Board of Directors will be responsible for the creation, adoption and amendment of all policies by a majority vote once a quorum has been established.

Policies will be reviewed, by the Board, every two years commencing with the beginning of the Fiscal Year which is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Any additions, deletions or enhancements will be via Board discussion and approval and must be completed by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

All hardcoded references must be checked yearly, by the Secretary, to assure they are still current. Any changes in State or Federal guidelines must be investigated for compliance; any change/s found will be brought to the attention of the Board and noted on the Policy affected. Following completion of the review the policies will be posted on the website and filed in the binder located in the NHOS Library and in the possession of the Secretary.

Current Policies (with associated worksheets and forms) are:

- Code of Ethics Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Expense Reimbursement Policy
- Financial Management Policy
- Sexual Harassment Policy

xx Adopted 12/04/2020

# New Hampshire Orchid Society

## Proposed Annual Budget for year 2021-22

### Proposed

	2021-2022 Budget	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual To Date
<b>5000 • Program Revenues</b>			
5050 • Annual Auction	3,000.00	1500.00	2074.49
5100 Members Auction	0.00	2000.00	0.00
5150 • Membership Dues	1,530.00	2000.00	1530.00
5200 • Hospitality Donations	200.00	200.00	0.00
5250 • Monthly Raffle	80.00	200.00	2.00
5300 • Donations	50.00	80.00	0.87
5400 • Interest Income	40.00		27.68
5500 • Field Trip Member Deposit	0.00	30.00	0.00
5900 • Miscellaneous Sales	0.00		0.00
5950 • Miscellaneous Other Income	25.00		0.00
<b>Total 5000 • Program Revenues</b>	<b>4,925.00</b>	<b>6010.00</b>	<b>3635.04</b>
<b>6000 • Show Revenues</b>			
6050 • Admissions-Show	14,000.00	13000.00	0.00
6100 • Member Coop Sales(Gross)-Show	3,500.00	3500.00	0.00
6150 • Preview Party-Show	1,250.00	1000.00	0.00
6260 • NHOS Raffle-Show	1,000.00		
6300 • Trophy Sponsorship-Show	900.00	810.00	0.00
6350 • Vendor Fees-Show	6,000.00	6000.00	0.00
6450 • Advertising-Show	600.00	300.00	0.00
<b>Total 6000 • Show Revenues</b>	<b>27,250.00</b>	<b>24610.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>32,175.00</b>	<b>30420.00</b>	<b>3635.04</b>
<b>7000 • Program Operating Expenses</b>			
7100 • Annual Auction			
7110 • Advertising-Annual Auction	50.00		
7120 • Supplies-Annual Auction	50.00		10.97
7130 • Postage-Annual Auction	25.00	200.00	
7140 • S & H Expenses-Annual Auction	110.00		89.24
7150 • Plants Purchases-Annual Auction	350.00	350.00	396.45
7190 - Misc. - Annual Auction			182.38
7100 • Annual Auction - Other	600.00	600.00	
<b>Total 7100 • Annual Auction</b>	<b>1,185.00</b>	<b>1150.00</b>	<b>679.04</b>
<b>7200 • Member Auction</b>			

7210 · Member Auction (80%) Expenses	1,250.00	1000.00	452.80
<b>Total 7200 · Member Auction</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>452.80</b>
<b>7300 · Newsletter</b>			
7310 · Printing-Newsletter	20.00	50.00	
7340 · Postage-Newsletter	80.00	36.00	74.60
<b>Total 7300 · Newsletter</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>74.60</b>
<b>7400 · Monthly Meetings</b>			
7410 · Speakers Fees & Expenses	1,500.00	3400.00	1613.29
7420 · Rent	550.00	500.00	200.00
7430 · Supplies-Show Table	100.00	300.00	0.00
7440 · Refreshments-Hospitality	200.00	200.00	35.00
7450 · Supplies-Annual Picnic	250.00	300.00	0.00
7460 · Field Trips	0.00		
<b>Total 7400 · Monthly Meetings</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>4700.00</b>	<b>1848.29</b>
<b>7700 · Other Operating Expenses</b>			
7710 · Storage Expense	1,140.00	1140.00	1140.00
7720 · Equipment Purchases	200.00	600.00	0.00
7740 · Library Expenses	50.00		56.68
7750 · Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	250.00	0.00
7760 · Insurance	615.00	600.00	615.00
7770 · Software Expenses	800.00	700.00	0.00
7810 · Donations	250.00	250.00	0.00
7820 · Conservation Expense	1,200.00	1200.00	0.00
7830 · Professional Fees	300.00	400.00	0.00
7840 · Secretary/Treasurer Expense	100.00	100.00	64.85
7860 · State Fees and Licenses	75.00	75.00	102.00
7870 · Membership Expenses	200.00	200.00	0.00
7880 · Non-NHOS Show Expenses	1,000.00	1300.00	0.00
7890 · Other Misc. Expenses	20.00	20.00	28.15
7900 · Postage Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00
7910 · NHOS Display Toolkit Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Total 7700 · Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>6,800.00</b>	<b>7435.00</b>	<b>2006.68</b>
<b>Total 7000 · Program Operating Expenses</b>	<b>11,935.00</b>	<b>14371.00</b>	<b>5061.41</b>
<b>8000 · Show Expenses</b>			
8010 · Rent-Show	3,500.00	4128.00	1000.00
8020 · Preview Party-Show	1,250.00	800.00	0.00
8030 · Advertising-Show	2,500.00	3500.00	0.00
8040 · Road Signs-Show	300.00	300.00	0.00
8045 · Show Signs-Show	100.00	100.00	0.00
8060 · Postage-Show	800.00	1100.00	0.00

8070 · Trophies-Show	250.00	200.00	0.00
8110 · Setup & Construction-Show	100.00	150.00	0.00
8120 · Setup Refreshments-Show	700.00	1000.00	0.00
8130 · Awards Party Refreshments	800.00	910.00	0.00
8140 · Ribbons-Show	100.00	100.00	0.00
8150 · NHOS Exhibit-Show	100.00	100.00	0.00
8160 · Raffle Merchandise-Show	300.00		0.00
8170 · Judges Kit-Show	100.00		0.00
8180 · Judges Breakfast/Luncheon-Show	2,700.00	2700.00	0.00
8190 · Printing / Office Supplies-Show	50.00	60.00	0.00
8210 · Vendor License -Show	50.00	30.00	0.00
8220 · Registration Supplies-Show	50.00	50.00	0.00
8240 · Member Co-Op Expenses(80%)-Show	2,800.00	2500.00	99.20
8910 · Other Misc Expense-Show	125.00	120.00	0.00
<b>Total 8000 · Show Expenses</b>	<b>16,675.00</b>	<b>17853.00</b>	<b>1099.20</b>
	<b>28,610.00</b>	<b>32224.00</b>	<b>6160.61</b>
	<b>3,565.00</b>	<b>-1804.00</b>	<b>-2525.57</b>



**Dendrobium tannii**



**Stenotyla lendyana**



## A Message from our Treasurer- A Call For Help!

Hello All,

I have felt the need to write to the entire society for quite some time now but just couldn't find the time or the words. So here I am writing not only as a concerned member and the current Treasurer but as your Past President.

With Board Elections coming up and knowing that we couldn't even fill two Board positions left vacant for over a year, I am concerned that we will not have the proper Board to run the society.

So now is when I toot my own horn, and don't get me wrong, I understand that everyone is busy, when we first move over to the Bedford Town Hall I think we (Brenda and our mom Grace) were young members, not in age but in length of time, I was approached by a board member to see if I was willing to fill in a position of Trustee on the Board, it was only for a year because someone had moved. I felt honored that they thought of me to help run the society.

My first year was very informative and educational. I was involved in a couple of different committees and worked on the Show for the first time. Now mind you, at that time, I was a single mom raising 2 boys and working a full time and a part time job but that time that I could take with orchid lovers and seeing such beautiful plants once a month was just what I needed. So when the elections came up the following year the Nominating Chair came up to me and kindly asked me if I would be willing to sit as Vice President, I told them I was actually thinking of staying on as a Trustee and they explained that Trustees are easy to fill and we really need someone to step up and help with the bigger picture of what the Society needs and wants in the years to come... Again I was honored, but a little worried.... Vice President what did that entail? how many hours a month would I need to work on whatever was given to me? Sure, a bit more time involved but people on the Board to help me understand the processes and the first year flew by. I settled into the VP position and we began to work on policies and by-laws, committees and the likes. Then tragedy hit, our wonderful President passed away suddenly, I was tossed into the President position but not in crisis mode, I had many hands to help me, the Past President, and one of the Trustees who was also a Past President walked me through processes along with an amazing Secretary... If my agenda wasn't in her hands by Tuesday before the meeting she would give me a nudge and it would be by the end of the day... I learned a lot that first year and chose to run for President at the next election..

So much was accomplished in those years but I didn't do it alone, the Board is there to help, the Board is a team and if something needs to get done it works on it and gets done. I think with the exception of a few I am the only member that has held every position on the Board except for Secretary, even some more than once.

This would be the best time to run for President, Vice President or even Treasurer (I am willing to stay on but if someone would like the duty I am more than willing to hand it over.) The reason I say the best time to run is now is because if you became President or Vice President you would have not only one but two Past Presidents and Vice Presidents available to you sitting on the Board right now.

My understanding is several have been asked and are willing to take on the Trustee positions but we need the top positions filled as well or the Society will surely suffer, please consider running for President or Vice President and believe me your Board will guide you and you will learn more than you ever thought you would.

On another note, with the crisis of COVID that shut down our shows in 2020 and 2021, made us stay home in 2020 and part of 2021, we still have to spend money. I have created a budget that is lower than last years, I did do some cutting of items that I believe we can get by without but discussion is always good and I am always willing to get to the place we need to be.. I am sure we will have a great Auction and that we will be able to hold the most amazing show in March of 2022, but with that being said the bank is lean and we need to come up with new ideas on how to raise money. So if any one has any thoughts please let me know.

Thank you for reading, listening and putting up with me.

Honored to serve on your Board  
Andrea Deachman, NHOS Treasurer..

**President's Message**  
**(Con't from Pg. 1)**

At the July meeting, Nominating Chairperson Norm Selander-Carrier announced the following candidates for office; Anita Walker-President, Norm Selander- Carrier-Past President and Bill Schinella and Dale Cunningham -Trustees. Nominations are still open so if you have an interest in any of the above positions let Norm know. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the elections, just make sure the person you nominate has agreed to accept that position.

There will be a show table so don't forget to bring your plants.

See you soon.  
Anita



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