



# **NHOS Newsletter**

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### **President's Message**

Hi Everyone,

As this is my first message as your newly elected President, I would like to initially thank everyone for your support.

I appreciate everyone that attended last's months meeting. The company and food was wonderful and greatly appreciated.

A huge shout out to Susan Usseglio for coordinating everything and also to all of those who assisted with the auction.

I first became aware of the NHOS at last year's show. My mother and I attended and the first thing we noticed was the amazing smells associated with the flowers. The whole area had an ambiance of orchids in bloom! We could have relaxed there all day. Everyone was so inviting we felt like we were home, and I signed up to join as quickly as possible.

The hard work and effort put forth by everyone involved was impressive.

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### **NHOS MEETING NOTICE**

**Saturday Sept. 9, 2023 @ Old  
Bedford Town Hall**

**Board Mtg. 10:00  
Plants on Show Table by 11:00  
Lunch 12:00 followed by  
Program – Edgar Stehli of  
Windswept in Time Orchids –  
Topic “Miniatures”**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monthly AOS Judging

On the first Saturday @ Tower Hill

contact Bob Winkley at [northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com](mailto:northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending or having a plant judged.

**Sept. 9, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Edgar Stehli of Windswept in Time Orchids – Topic “Miniatures”**

Oct. 6-8, 2023, Lyman Estate Greenhouses annual orchid sale. 9:30AM-4:00PM daily. 185 Lyman Street, Waltham, MA 02452

**Oct. 14, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Special Auction for Bob Cleveland**

**Nov. 11, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Program: Bob Cleveland “Propagating an Orchid Seedling”**

**Dec. 9, 2023- NHOS Monthly Mtg., Holiday Party**

### World Orchid Conference, Taiwan

March 1-4, 2024

<https://www.woctrust.org/the-next-woc---23-woc-taiwan-2024>

### President’s Message (Con’t from Pg. 1)

Nostalgia aside, I am confident that with everyone’s continued support, we will collectively move forward.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the NHOS and am dedicated to drive its continued growth.

Thank you,  
Nancy



**Prosthechea 'Green Hornet'**



**Habernaria medusa**



**Eurychone rothschildiana**



**Shoenorchis tixieri**

**August Show Table Results**  
**(photographs courtesy of Leigh Coolidge)**

**Judges: Chuck Wingate, Rudy Seitz, David Sparks, Jean Stefanik**

**Hobbyist ©= cultural award**

**Cattleya Alliance**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Psh. Cochleata 'Steve Kelepecz' AM/AOS x Psh. 'Jules & Elaine AM/AOS      Anita Walker**  
**1<sup>st</sup>:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Dendrobium Alliance**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Den. Hibiki      Peggy McClard**

**Advanced Growers**  
**(all cultural or “R” for rarity)**  
**NONE**

**Expert Growers**  
**(all cultural or “R” for rarity)**

**Ann Chepjian**

**Stan. gibbosa x Stan. higr 4N**

**Bulbo. A-doribil Candy x Bulb. annandalei (Clonal name Bulb. A-doribil Candy Ann)**

**Daryl Yerdon**

**Den. tannii**

**David Sparks**

**Phymatidium falcifolium**

**Sophronitis mantiqueirae**

**Vanda falcata**

**Lee Brockmann**

**Habernaria medusa**

**Prosthechea 'Green Hornet'**

**Steve Ski**

**Vanda (Ascocenda) Suksamtan 'Sunlight'**

**Chuck Wingate**

**Coel. xyrekes**

**Epi. marmoratum**

**Bob Cleveland**

**Shoenorchis tixieri**

**Den. cucumerinum**

**Paph. victoria-regina**

**Eurychone rothschildiana**





**Sophronitis mantiqueirae**



**Den. tannii**



**Coel. xyrekes**



**Ascocenda Suksamtan 'Sunlight'**



New Hampshire Orchid Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
Aug. 12, 2023

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

- We need help setting up before and cleaning up after the meeting. Please don't leave the responsibility to only a few. All help is appreciated.
- Upcoming Programs:
  - August 2023 – Annual meeting, BBQ and Member Auction at Town Hall.
  - September 2023 – Miniatures by Edgar Stehli – Windswept in Time Orchids.
  - October 2023 – Special Auction for Bob Cleveland.
  - November 2023 –NHOS member, Bob Cleveland, will present a hands-on workshop on how to propagate your orchid seedling.
  - December 2023 – Christmas Party
- Financials: We have a total of \$20,942.95 in the checking account; Fund Accounts: \$27,201.32; Society's net worth is \$48,767.48.
- Membership: We have 148 memberships and 197 members.
- All outstanding Library Books need to be returned on or before the August meeting.
- Hospitality: An additional person is needed to assist Rudi Seitz. Please consider lending a hand.
- Election Committee has determined that the quorum of 30 members, in good standing, has been reached for voting at the Annual Meeting on proposed agenda items.

**Treasurers Annual Report 9-1-2023 through 7-31-2023**

*Heading into the year beginning September 1, 2022, the Society was back on track with a nice padding in the regular checking account. The amount of \$22,047.05 was quite a comeback from the previous year.*

*The budget for this year, September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, as always is in part a hope for a wonderful show and auction(s) that will help raise the desired to continue the Societies missions and allow us another year of great speakers and today's BBQ.*

*Our Escrow accounts, trophy account and Show fund accounts are all plugging along with little bits of interest earned each month. The total balances for these accounts is \$27,291.32. As always these accounts can only be used for what they were approved for, i.e., trophy accounts can only pay for unsponsored trophies, Conservation/Education fund can only pay for Conservation/Education items and so on.*

*Today you will be voting on the newest budget, it has had a few revisions (some in part from my errors) but I will explain the differences from what was posted on the website.*

*I need to thank all of you for helping to make the Auctions and Show become what they are today and I thank the Board for getting me through another year as Treasurer and working with me in making sure the society has a good positive income each year.*

*Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer.*

*Sincerely,*

*Andrea Deachman*

- Treasurer: Treasurer reviewed the proposed 2024 budget with the Membership. Motion made by Susan Usseglio and seconded by Dr. Chuck Wingate Jr., to approve the proposed 2024 NHOS Operating Budget; motion passed.

### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT AUGUST 2023**

*The NHOS Board and various committee members have been hard at work this year doing society business and providing for educational and fun activities. It truly takes a village to do it all.*

*Most of our sister societies held in person shows and NHOS was able to set up displays at all of the shows. Our show was, as always, the highlight of the year. The weather*

*was great, the displays beautiful and we had over 2,000 in attendance over the weekend. A great big thank you to our Show committee chairs and all of you who helped out. The Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence is given out at the show each year. This year's award was given to Dick Josephson.*

*Because of monies available in our Conservation and Educational Fund, NHOS was able to award two grants to deserving projects in orchid conservation. One to Dr. Kawaka of Kenya for "Developing a Community Conservation Strategy for Tridacyle cruciformis, an endangered epiphyte orchid in the Mau Forest Complex in Kenya" and another to Dr. Peter Feletra of New Hampshire for his work in sequencing the genome of Cypripedium arietinum or the Ram's Head lady slipper.*

*Our sister societies were finally back to holding in person meetings so we were again able to coordinate with them to bring in noted speakers such as Tim Culbertson,*

*Kelley Mc Kraken and Fred Clarke. Other educational opportunities ranged from, setting up indoor grow areas to combating pests and diseases. I enjoyed and learned something new from each and every one of them.*

*Although I was not here for it, I am told that the Special Member Auction for Peter Cataldo was great fun. Thanks to Susan Usseglio for organizing it.*

*As it was so well received last year, we are again ending the year with a Barbeque and Member Auction.*

*It has been an honor to serve as your President.*

*Anita Walker*

- Nominating Committee: Andrea Deachman, Nominating Chairperson, announced the slate of officers to fill BOD vacant positions. The slate is as follows: President – Nancy Chase; Treasurer – Andrea Deachman; Trustees – Bob Cleveland and Dale Cunningham. Nominations were asked for from the floor and none received. Motion to accept the slate of proposed BOD positions by Dr. Chuck Wingate Jr., seconded by Allison Sjolund – motion passed.
- Conversation regarding conflicting activity dates among societies was discussed. Dary Yerdon offered to address this issue.
  - Meeting adjourned for Show Table and Member Auction.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Usseglio, Secretary



**Editor's Show Table Plant of the Month**  
**Phymatidium falcifolium (syn. tillandsioides)**  
**Grower- David Sparks**



*Phymatidium tillandsioides* is more correctly named *Phymatidium falcifolium* since that name has precedence (*P.falcifolium* 1881 and *P. tillandsioides* 1883), but the name *Phymatidium tillandsioides* is so descriptive of its appearance that it is more frequently known by it.

This is a mini-epiphyte from Brazil, found growing on trees and shrubs in bright shade, near rivers and waterfalls. Leaves are thin, light green, and grass-like, arranged spirally in a tuft and resembling a tiny *Tillandsia*, each leaf is about 20mm long. Flowers are produced on spikes which are usually 70 to 80mm long with each carrying 8 to 12 small white and green flowers which are held well above the foliage and which are pleasantly fragrant.

Grow on a cork mount or in a small pot, both are given intermediate to warm/hot conditions with humidity kept at 80% or more together with good air movement. They are generally kept moist, watered when almost dry, and fertilized with weak feed at every other watering, they are also occasionally misted. Light levels for this plant should be quite low with no direct sunlight. They do not require a resting period.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Orchid Study Group- <https://www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk/september-2021-phymatidium-tillandsioides/>

**Common Name The Falcate Leafed Phymatidium**

**Flower Size 1/8" [5 mm]**

**This is a dwarf epiphyte that is found in Brazil that appears to be a Tillandsia with a short stem carrying spirally arranged, linear-aciculate, delicate light green, pin-like, acute, recurved, bilateally flattened leaves held in a tuft, that blooms on a erect, short, laxly 3 to 10 flowered, slender inflorescence occuring in the summer with linear bracts that is a bit longer than the leaves and needs deep shade, high humidity and year round water and fertilizer.**

**Synonyms Phymatidium lopesii Ruschi 1969; Phymatidium tillandsioides Barb. Rodr. 1881 <sup>2</sup>**

## **September Program Information**

### **Edgar Stehli Bio**

**My interest in orchids began when I was just six or seven years old. I found a plant growing in the roadside ditch near our house in North East Ohio. When my father got home from work, I dragged him over to see my discovery. He said "Oh! That's an orchid." My first orchid find was a Spiranthes (probably cernua). A few years later my family drove to Alaska and back. On that trip, I found a Calypso bulbosa in Wyoming and several other orchids in Alaska and Canada.**

**While in high school, I began growing some tropical orchids, and soon had a small collection. While in my final year at Case Western Reserve University my orchid collection moved to Florida with my parents. Sadly, I never saw them again (the orchids that is!). Also in my last year, I met Kim Sante who was working at the Cleveland Garden Center, now known as the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Eventually Kim and I were married in Kenya Africa. Shortly after we were married we built a sun room on the corner of our house. This of course allowed my orchid collection to get a little out of hand. Finally in 1999 we began selling our plants to area florists, then through the orchid shows. We called our new business – Windswept in Time Orchids. We now attend close to fifteen shows a year, where our plants and exhibits have won many awards.**

### **Miniatures**

**There comes a time in every orchid collector's life when we seem to run out of room. Eventually some of us decide to get rid of that really big plant that is taking up so much space, and put a bunch of smaller growing orchids in its place. This presentation covers a wide variety of small plants grouped by genus. The plants discussed are generally easy to find and grow. Some of the miniatures will make great specimen plants given time. Some cultural information is provided, and questions are always welcome.**

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<sup>2</sup> IOSPE- <http://www.orchidspecies.com/phymtillasiodes.htm>



### Member Auction Results for August 12, 2023

The Auction Committee would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to the Auctioneers: Dr. Chuck Wingate Jr.; Bob Cleveland and David Sparks. You guys kept the program on track and afforded us a wonderful time.

“Thank You” to Dr. George Newman who designated the proceeds from his sale to NHOS’ Conservation and Education.

“Thank You” to Mark Larocque for the donation of 14 of his lovely mature Orchids (Cattleya types and Oncidiums) and designating their entire proceeds to the NHOS coffers. “Thank You” Members for making this a successful and exciting day.

Breakdown is as follows:

Gross income received from sales:	\$1,910.00
80% Expense payout to Members:	\$1,008.80
NHOS’ net profit	\$ 901.20*

\* This amount includes donations from Mark Larocque and Dr. George Newman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Usseglio – NHOS Auction Chairperson



**Den. Hibiki**



**Stan. gibbosa x Stan. higma 4N**





## **2024 NHOS Show and Sale**

Date: Wednesday: February 28 thru Sunday March 3, 2024

Vendor Shipment Intake: Wed. Feb. 28th

Set-up: Thursday February 29th

Ribbon Judging: Friday: 8AM-12PM (Lunch: 12-1PM)

Show Hours: Friday: 1-5PM - General Admission

Saturday: 8-9AM - Photographers Only\*

Saturday: 9-5PM - General Admission

Sunday: 8-9AM - Photographers only\*

Sunday: 9-4PM - General Admission

Place: Courtyard at Marriott  
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