

Cape and Island Orchid Society

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May Newsletter

Notice of meeting

May 21, 2023
Noon until 3 PM

Growing Area Tours and Annual Potting Workshop



Tina Balog, Tom Gregg, Mike Lincoln and Bob Findlay invite you to tour their growing areas on May 21st. Tina grows under lights in her basement and Tom, Mike and Bob grow in greenhouses. In addition, each of us will set up a repotting station. Members are encouraged to bring plants to repot; come learn the potting techniques of some of our most experienced growers. **No supply vendor will be present so bring your own pots (to be safe, one size larger and one size smaller than the pot your plant is in).** Drop

in anytime between noon and 3PM. Visit multiple members' homes and compare and contrast growing and potting styles!

Tina is in East Falmouth and can help with repotting Phals, Paphs, Prags and Onc plus a tour of her growing area will be very informative to anyone interested in growing under lights. Most of Tina's Terrific Plants will be available for purchase (vegetable seedlings, call if you wish further info) Tina's address is 64 Carol Ave, E. Falmouth 02536. Directions - from down Cape take Rt 28 East looking for Golden Sail Chinese restaurant on your left. Immediately after Granite City Electric (which is next to the Chinese restaurant) turn left onto Acapeslet Rd. Travel 8/10th of a mile and turn right onto Irene Ave. Take first left onto Carol Ave. She is located on the left side of road. It is a blue ranch. Feel free to pull into driveway which can hold at least 6 cars. Click <https://www.bing.com/maps?FORM=Z9LH2&cp=41.566078%7E-70.570486&lvl=16.0> for map. If lost 508.540.5006.

Tom is in Falmouth/Woods Hole area and can help others with repotting Cym, Cats and Onc, and keeps two greenhouses – one cool and the other warm. Tom will also have orchid bark for sale. Tom's address is 26 Pond Road, Falmouth 02540. Directions are – take Rt. 28 to Falmouth, and follow signs to Woods Hole. Turn onto Woods Hole Rd/Locust St at the Intergas Gas Station, go about 1/4 mile and bear left at the “Y” onto Mill Rd. After 1/10th of mile turn left onto Emmons Rd, go to end and turn Right (you have to) on to Pond Rd. House is the second on the left, there will be a Red SUV and Silver Prius in the driveway, park on road, walk to right of house, repotting will be under the big cedar tree. Tom says come any time after 10:30, but call please if coming (508.540.2054). Click <https://www.bing.com/maps?FORM=Z9LH2&cp=41.547966%7E-70.624623&lvl=16.0> for map.

Mike is in Harwich and grows Phrags semi-hydroponically with great success. He has recently bought on line a new greenhouse and can offer insight into potting Phals, Phrags, Bulbophylums, Vandas and Dendrobiums. Mike's address is 32 Ryder Rd., North Harwich 02645. Directions - take Rt. 6 to exit 78B heading north on Rt. 134. Go 7/10th of a mile and turn right on Airline Road, after 2/10th of a mile turn right at the stoplight onto old Chatham Road, proceed for 1.8 miles and turn right at the stop sign onto Depot Street. After 2/10th of a mile turn left on Francis Road and then immediately turn right onto Ryder Road. He is about 2/10th of a mile on the left – there will be a white van in the lower driveway. Go to the right of the front of the house to the backyard where the greenhouse is. Click <https://www.bing.com/maps?FORM=Z9LH2&cp=41.696676%7E-70.118083&lvl=17.2> for map. If lost 508.873.4890.

Bob is in Brewster and will be joined by Millard Hennessee and they can help with potting a wide range of orchids such as intergeneric Oncidiums, Miltoniopsis, Phrags and Cats. Millard is bringing mounting supplies and can assist in mounting orchids. Bob's mailing address is 95 Wayside Rd, Harwich, 02645 (best for phone or GPS). Directions are: From the west take exit 85 off Rt. 6, turn left onto Rt. 137 and immediately left again onto Pleasant Bay Rd, turn left at first stop sign onto Rt. 39/Orleans Rd, go 0.6 miles, turn left onto Meeting House Way (into Meeting House Village) and immediate right onto Grist Mill Rd, turn left on to Colonial Way and right onto Wayside Rd. It is the second house on the right. From the east take Rt. 28 to Rt. 39/Harwich Rd, as soon as you enter Harwich turn right onto Meeting House Way and immediate right onto Grist Mill Rd, turn left on to Colonial Way and Right onto Wayside Rd. It is the second house on the right. Click <https://www.bing.com/maps?FORM=Z9LH2&cp=41.72969%7E-70.010247&lvl=16.0> for map. If lost 774.801.2594.

Announcements

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following candidates for leadership of the Society:

Co-Presidents	Marsha Fredricks and Brian Leib
Vice President	Michele Wolf
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Membership	Christine Hight
Monthly Program Chair	Millard Hennessee

Thanks to everyone for their willingness to serve. Nominations from the membership for any and all positions are open until the vote is called at the annual meeting. *Due to May meeting being our annual potting workshop the vote on nominated candidates will be held during the business portion of the June meeting.* Officer terms run concurrent with the Society's fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).

Healthy plants wanted for the raffle table. If you have unwanted plants you can always donate them to the raffle table – if you are going to bring plants please email Tina Balog at dglover@whoi.edu so we can coordinate the number of society plants we offer.

Upcoming Events

Meetings:

June 12th – ***Election of new officers.*** Our speaker will be Tim Culbertson. He is an accredited AOS judge and will be speaking on Multifloral Paphs - important species and modern hybrids. He will have plants for sale.

July, and August – summer break

September 10th – Society Cookout

October 15th – Still working on a speaker, but note date change

Shows:

January 17–21, 2024, ***2024 CAIOS Annual Show.***

Judging:

Sat, May 6, 10am – 3pm - Northeast Judging Center - Boylston Site. *Website - <https://www.facebook.com/AOSNortheastJudging>; email - Robert Winkley northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com; phone 617.282.7351*

Past events

Nearly 20 members were in attendance for April's meeting which featured Kelly McCracken of High Desert Orchids speaking on fragrant miniature orchids. She covered a wide range of genera with a focus on plants that were small and smelled great. She provided pictures of the blooms, her take on the fragrance, specifics on the culture of each species discussed and even hints on where one could purchase plants that peaked your interest. As usual the buffet table featured a wide variety of tasty savory and sweet offerings. The show table was amazing as always – thanks to everyone that brought in plants – 5 large tables were needed to hold all the blooming orchids. It is always one the highlights of the meeting to see the great orchids our members grow and to talk with the growers. The plants shown were:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Plant(s)</u>
Tina Balog	<i>Ornithocephalus bonplandii</i> , <i>Paphiopedilum philippense</i> x sib 'Mem Henry Walburn' 1 & 2, Paph Deana Nichole, Phal Younghome Gentlemen 'Moustache', Phal Ox Zeus 'OX310', Phal Hwu-Ann Golden 'Taida Honey' 1 & 2, Phal Lianher Jellyfish 'Man O' War', Phal Charming Snow 'YH0410', Phal Lianher Happy Girl '1045-20', Phrag Mont Fallu, <i>Pleione formasana</i> alba 1 & 2, Pleione Versailles gx 'Bucklebury' AGM 1 & 2, Pleione 'Tongariro' 1 & 2, Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS 1 & 2, Z Artur Elle 'Tombstone'
Larry Barry	Phal 'Home Depot'
Bob Findlay	<i>Brassovola nodosa</i> , Ctt. Fire Dance 'Patricia', Den Super Ise, <i>Guarianther aurantiaca</i> , Mps Arthur Cobbledick 'Springtime' HCC/AOS, Mps QF Mauna, Mps Breathless 'Florence', Ons Tan Treasures 'Lavender Picotee', Phrag Sergeant Eric, Rlc Mem Jim Nickou 'James' HCC/AOS x Rth What About Love 'Brillant Gold',
Bill Golden	<i>Bulbophyllum taiwanense</i> , Iwanagara Appleblossom 'Menenhall', Phal No ID 'yellow', Phal No ID 'yellow w/ spots'
Tom Gregg	C Dorothy Warne 'Favorite' FCC/ AOS, Ctt Blazing Treat, <i>Dendrochilum tenellum</i> CCE/AOS, Iwanagara Appleblossom, Lc Golden Girl 'Madrid', Onc Sharry Baby, <i>Pleurothallis quadrifida</i> ,
Kelly Grinnan	Paph Jewel Pink, Phal No ID
Millard Hennessee	<i>Bulbophyllum masdevalliaceum</i>
Leslie James	Rth Love Passion 'Island Romance', Ctt Naranja en Flor
Mike Lincoln	<i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> , Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice 1 & 2,
Anca Pitigoi	<i>Capanemia superflua</i> , Den Little Norman

Nur Terpis
Keith Tibbetts

Epidendrum ibaguense
Coelogyne lawrenceana, *Diploprora truncate*, *Maxillariella tenuifolia*,
Pleurothallis medinae



1) *Capanemia superflua*, Anca Pitigoi; 2) *Coelogyne lawrenceana*, Keith Tibbetts; 3) Rth Love Passion 'Island Romance', Leslie James; 4) *Bulbophyllum masdevalliaceum*, Millard Hennessee

Pink Lady Slipper, White Form, on Cape Cod by Larry Barry

Pink Lady Slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*) is widespread in North America from Saskatchewan in the northwest to Alabama in the southeast and east to the Atlantic. The large pouch is usually a shade of pink (with some nearly magenta). However, there is white form but it is more common in northern region of its range. In 2005, Jean Stefanik lead a field trip during the first week in June for the Native Orchid Conference to the Mt. Washington area of New Hampshire with the *Cypripedium acaule* white form as one of the target species.

I recently mentioned to Jean that the white form was historically found in Beebe Woods, Falmouth, but has not been seen there in anyone's lifetime. She said she had seen them along the bike path in the National Seashore, Provincetown, and was told there were some in the area of the Province Lands Visitor Center amphitheater. So, in 2021 and 2022, I searched Beebe Woods, Falmouth, and the Beech Forest and around the amphitheater in Provincetown.

I found a large population of pink lady slippers in Beebe Woods but believe there are fewer now than twenty years ago, probably because of the understory of shrubs. Pink lady slippers are fire adapted and are much more vigorous after a cool fire clears out the understory and opens up the canopy.

There were also many lady slippers at Beech Forest. They were not uniformly spread along the trail around Blackwater Pond, rather they occurred in

patches. Although I did not find any white forms there, I found many lady slippers that were tending toward white which suggested the genes for the white form were still present in the population. I suspect that a more thorough search could uncover individuals with white pouches.

At the amphitheater, in my second year of searching this site, I finally found a single *Cypripedium acaule* white form. So, they still exist on the Cape, although they appear rare.



1) typical Pink Lady Slipper, Beebe Woods, June 1, 2022; 2) light pink *Cypripedium acaule*, Amphitheater, June 2, 2021; 3) a white form *Cypripedium acaule* among the pinks, Amphitheater, June 13, 2022; 4) closeup of white form, Amphitheater, June 13, 2022

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