

**BARKS:**

- **THANK YOU** to **Susanne Wells** for her years of service to the club as treasurer
- **THANK YOU** to the **Bartletts** for the delicious wine!



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# Our SPOT

**EASTERN MAINE ORCHID SOCIETY**



**SEPTEMBER 2011**

## The potluck picnic

The EMOS potluck picnic in June was well attended. Members enjoyed a feast for the body & soul.

Tables were full of yummy food, begging to be tasted. Ohhh, that chocolate cake with homemade peanut butter frosting!

The gardens at A New Day Farm are expansive, inviting a stroll.

The highlight is always the tour through the ANDF greenhouses. Members were treated to some incredible rare species in bloom.

The June meeting is also the club elections for the next year, terms to begin in September. Last year's officers stayed on, with the exception of Susanne Wells, who resigned as Treasurer. Lucybell Roessiger was voted into this vacated position.

The new geo-thermal system attracted a lot of attention. AOS Delegate Denis Roessiger patiently answered any & all questions about it, & even offered handouts of info.



**Karl Rudnicki, Mary Lou Hoskins, Kathe Bartlett**

The Bartletts also brought some delicious wine from their Bartlett Winery for members to enjoy. The weather stayed nice, to make this the best meeting of the year!

## EMOS OFFICERS 2012

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

**AOS DELEGATE**

**LIBRARIAN**

**Cherie Carroll**

**Dick Green**

**Mary Lou Hoskins**

**Lucybell Roessiger**

**Denis Roessiger**

**Louise Snow**



# AOS Corner

## \*REMINDER\*

For EMOS

website:

User ~ Your first

name + your

street #

Password ~

ourdog

AOS is on the move! At the members meeting held in April, it was announced that all members with email addresses would receive an invitation in early May to explore the new AOS web site that has been under development, & encouraged to provide feedback. During that time, both web sites will run simultaneously. When the new site is active you'll notice a new, fresh look. It's more than a cosmetic change. Along with upgrades & added material, the new Orchids Plus program will be available. If you are a current subscriber to AQ+, you will need to re-register in the new program. AOS also anticipates a 'social network' component to the website.

In addition, at the Members meeting, the Board of Trustees announced that a committee has been formed to assess the future strategic partners for the AOS. Possible partners are Huntington Gardens in CA, Fairchild Botanical Garden in FL & Longwood Gardens in PA. The current AOS property in Delray is under contract for purchase and the potential purchaser is going through some local zoning change requirements. It is anticipated that sale will be completed in the last quarter of 2011.

The traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast was well attended. We had a conversation of

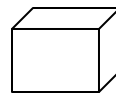
what the AOS means to the affiliated societies and what can the societies do to further promote the AOS. The AOS reps present at the meeting asked for more communication between the AOS and the affiliated societies. The Affiliated Societies Committee members will be reaching out to the societies throughout the upcoming months with the goal of getting all the contact information corrected and updated.

Does your society have any special members that they would like to recognize? If so, AOS can provide Certificates of Appreciation for your society to use in recognizing them for their outstanding achievements or contributions.



Every picnic has 'moochers.' Sue Rudnicki disposes of leftover burgers to an appreciative mob.

## Be there ..... or be



9/10/11

**EMOS meeting**, Ellsworth, ME - "Show & Tell"

**NHOS "Focus on Phals"**, Bedford, NH

10/8/11

**EMOS meeting**, Hermon, ME - Plant swap @ Greencare

11/12/11

**EMOS meeting**, Ellsworth, ME - TBD

11/13 - 11/20/11

**World Orchid Congress**, Singapore

12/10/11

**EMOS meeting**, Brewer, ME - Holiday party/auction @ Weathervane

## ~ Auf Wiedersehen ~

Sadly, this is my last newsletter for EMOS. The only constant in life is change, We can only embrace it.

The past 5 years have been a wonderful journey. I've learned so much and met so many terrific people that share the same passion.

EMOS is "the little club that could." I hope it continues to grow, prosper & introduce the intrigue & excitement of orchids to everyone. ~ Cindi



## EMOS Meeting Minutes ~ May

11 members present. Cherie read minutes from last meeting.

It was suggested that Mary Lou &/or Don bring leftover glassware to picnic on June 4<sup>th</sup> for members to view & purchase. Cindi will email directions to members for picnic.

The Treasurer's report was read & accepted. Figures were stated for plant sale, raffle & new memberships.

Elections will be held at the June picnic meeting. It was discussed if a Nominating Committee was necessary. Susanne has given notice and is stepping down as treasurer. Lucybell Roessiger is the new candidate for treasurer.

Show committee will be coordinating with other clubs to put together seminars at a central location.

Cindi will be sending emails to new members with the op-

tion to purchase Miracle Grow book on Orchids at the discount price of \$10. Reg. price is \$19.95

Cindi did a presentation on Sex and the Single Orchid.

We had our first People's Choice Award. A no name Oncidium was the winner.

~ submitted by Melanie Knaut, standing in for MLH

## ~ Attracting butterflies

Butterflies add beauty, grace and color to your garden. They require their food to be in liquid form, such as nectar from plants. Include some of these in your garden to attract a variety of butterflies to your yard:

- Aster
- Azalea
- Coneflower
- Lupine
- Phlox
- Zinnia





## Message from the President



### What Can I Contribute?

**“Each of us has ideas, opinions, perspectives, and talents different from one another. And all are important to the whole.”**

Joining any club, group, or organization suggests that we’re interested in being part of what they are about, what they represent, and what they accomplish. We seek out others with similar interests in hopes of gaining knowledge, sharing ideas and our experiences, making friends and continuing the success of that group.

By joining, we, each of us has made a choice. That choice is to participate and contribute. Both are necessary to ensure continuing growth and interest.

Each of us has ideas, opinions, perspectives and talents different from one another. And *all* are important to the whole. The notion that our gestures have to be large and grand is incorrect. *All* have merit. So speak up...if you don’t talk, we can’t listen.

EMOS relies on the participation from *all* it’s members to stay active and interesting. Without input from everyone, the same few carry the burden of success for the entire group which is both unfair and tiresome. Soon there’s resentment, finger pointing, and hurt feelings, etc. That’s *not* a road we want to travel.

Think about your role as a member of EMOS. Ask yourself “what can I contribute”? You would be surprised!

Do you have a favorite orchid photo to put in the newsletter or on our Facebook page?

Do you have success growing a particular kind of orchid?

Or a successful method of growing orchids that you can talk about at a meeting?

Have you read an interesting article on orchids that you can share at a meeting? Can you print out flyers for our plant sale?

Do you have a topic for a meeting presentation? The list of possibilities is long. And if you’re unsure, ask!

Time is precious to all of us and no one’s time is more important than another’s. So if we each contribute some small part it benefits the entire group.

At this time EMOS is still looking for someone to take over writing the newsletter “Our Spot”. If no one volunteers, sadly, the September issue will be our last. Please consider your talents ..... words, pictures, reading, research, and most importantly creativity.

Also we need a publicist”... someone to get the word out...contacting radio stations and newspapers about our meetings and upcoming events.

On that note, I hope to see you at the meeting in September. Come prepared with your contribution!

Respectfully,  
Cherie Carroll  
EMOS President

## EMOS Minutes June 4, 2011



19 members and guests attending. This was the annual picnic at the home of Denis and Lucy Roessiger. There was lots of great food including Lucy's famous rhubarb tea and wonderful wines from Kathe and Bob Bartlett. The dogs (all 7!) had a great time too.

Cherie called the meeting to order at around 11:50am. Cherie read the May minutes as Mary Lou forgot her notes. Susanne read the treasurer's report which was accepted. The slate of officers was accepted and voted on: Cherie Carroll, Pres.; Dick Green, VP; Mary Lou Hoskins, Sec'y; Lucy Roessiger, Treas. Denis R. will carry on as AOS representative. Donald Levesque (not present) has agreed to be the membership chair person.

Old Business - The "People's Choice Award" from the May meeting's Show & Tell table was talked about - everyone seems to enjoy this addition to the meetings. The Bangor Garden Show "Tea Party with the Orchid Society" was discussed. The crowd was small but appreciative and it was decided that we will do it again if asked back.

New Business - Left over plants from the club orchid sale has become a problem. It's not fair to Denis to be stuck with the leftovers. We need to figure more closely how many plants we can sell then only buy in that many. Mary Lou suggested we start with a dollar amount that we'd like to realize from the sale and figure it that way. We need to make sure there is one person in charge of publicity and making it clear what the money is going towards (our book awards). The budget committee will meet to figure out what our dollar goal should be.

The schedule for next year was discussed:

September 10 - Ellsworth. Dee L. suggested a "Show & Tell" meeting where everyone tries to bring in something to talk about for 5 minutes - a plant, a growing tip, a new discovery, something useful or interesting about orchids.

October 8 - Hermon, at Greencare for the plant swap

November 12 - to be decided

December 10 - Christmas Party at the Weathervane in Brewer

January 14 - Hermon, at Greencare for a repotting workshop

February 11 - to be decided

March 10 - to be decided

April 14 - Plant Sale

May 12 - to be decided

June 9 - Picnic

Everyone can be thinking of program ideas. Cherie will send out a reminder email in July to solicit ideas.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20

Submitted by Mary Lou Hoskins



Maxillaria tenuifolia blooms profusely with coconut scented flowers.



Dear EMOS Members,

Thank you so very much for the generous gift card. I will enjoy selecting more orchid books! I was glad to take the job at the inception of the club and appreciate all your involvement, your suggestions and recommendations in the financial aspect of EMOS. Have a good summer and thank you again.

Susanne Wells

## Introducing...the Maxillaria tenuifolia

Maxillaria tenuifolia belongs in everyone's collection. It will quickly grow into a multi-floral specimen plant. It blooms in the spring with delightfully scented (coconut) flowers that last for a week to ten days (longer if kept cool). Flower color is typically oxblood red with a spotted lip, but yellow is also available.

As a bonus, the foliage is attractive even when not in bloom. The plant will eventually start to droop over the edge as it grows, so growing in a basket, or using a slab of tree fern is the best solution to accommodate this growth habit.

Maxillaria is a widely distributed species, so it's adaptable to a broad range of growing conditions. It's primarily found in low elevations, from Mexico to Costa Rica. The best temperature range for cultivation is warm to intermediate, providing temperatures no lower than 50 ° F day or night.

The most critical element of Maxillaria culture is the growing media. It can be grown in fir or coconut bark, osmunda, or most bark mixes. It doesn't tolerate stale or soggy media, or one that stays consistently wet, like sphagnum moss.

Plants should not be watered until dry, or just approaching dry. Fertilize with a half-strength, balanced feeding solution every week or two.

Light requirements are broad - it can be grown in a greenhouse, or on a windowsill. Lower light will produce long whip-like foliage and a more straggly plant as it reaches for the light. Lack of blooms is an indication that it needs more light.

There are many fine species, both large and small, suited to all types of conditions from cool to warm, shady to bright. They're readily available, so there's no excuse not to have one in your collection!

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 \* According to a recent study published in *Environmental Science and Technology*, just 5 minutes of gardening improves both self-esteem and mood. It can also make you more tranquil, generous and hopeful. Researchers believe it's evolutionary. Connecting with nature stimulates biochemical pathways in the brain that satisfy our primal longing to commune with Mother Earth. ~ *Prevention magazine*  
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## GOD ..... ON GARDENING

**GOD:** Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

**ST. FRANCIS:** It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites! They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

**GOD:** Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

**GOD:** The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

**ST. FRANCIS:** Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

**GOD:** They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

**GOD:** They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

**ST. FRANCIS:** No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

**GOD:** Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Yes, Sir.

**GOD:** These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

**ST. FRANCIS:** You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

**GOD:** What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

**ST. FRANCIS:** You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

**GOD:** No!?! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

**ST. FRANCIS:** After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves..

**GOD:** And where do they get this mulch?

**ST. FRANCIS:** They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

**GOD:** Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

**ST. CATHERINE:** 'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about...

**GOD:** Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

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## ***The PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD***

The first People's Choice Award was great fun! It was difficult to choose just one. A stunning Oncidium was the overwhelming favorite.

Unfortunately, the owner left before the winner was chosen, so she did not receive credit for it.

The picture has been posted on the EMOS Facebook page.

It would be great to give credit to the person who grew such a gorgeous plant. If this is your orchid, PLEASE come forward so we can print the name of the orchid and the owner in the newsletter.

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**IS THIS YOUR  
ORCHID?????**