



Our SPOT

Eastern Maine Orchid Society

January 2011

BARKS:

- *Condolences to Sue Rudnicki on the untimely passing of Lady*
- *Thanks to everyone who donated an item and bid at the auction*
- *Get well wishes to Denis Roessiger & Janelle's mom*

It's SHOWTIME!

The anticipation is building!

The NH Orchid Society will be holding their show the weekend of February 11-13 in Nashua, NH. This is an AOS sanctioned show, with ribbon & trophy judging, seminars, awards banquet, and vendors selling plants & other orchid items.

There are several types of exhibits that can be entered for judging. See a list below, or check the NHOS website.

EMOS can boast many talented members, so

you are encouraged to submit items in order to win ribbons or trophies. Let's make a great statement about our club at this first show!

The theme for this year's show is "Celebrate Orchids." The show committee has put together a spectacular display. Now we just need YOUR orchids!

You can pre-register plants up to 2 weeks out. All plants should be dropped off at Green-care by Sat. 2/5 to be transported to the show.

Note the following guidelines for entries:

- ◆ Labeled with correct plant name
- ◆ Clean, pest free
- ◆ No field collected
- ◆ Wrapped to protect against weather
- ◆ Labeled on bottom of pot with owner's name & contact info

Join in on the fun!!!



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› Exhibit Categories for Judging ‹

Plants - large or small, tabletop or floor display

Artwork - paintings, photographs, needlework, jewelry, sculpture, knitting

Floral Design - bouquets, corsages, hairpieces

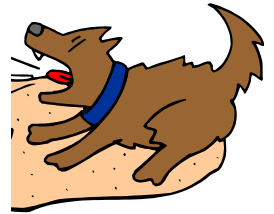
Educational - materials on culture, propagation, conservation

Everyday Living - books, stamps, apparel



NH Orchid Society show schedule

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| <u>Thursday</u> | 10 AM - 9 PM | exhibit/ vendor set up, registration |
| <u>Friday</u> | 8 AM - 5 PM 1 PM - 5 PM | judging general public |
| <u>Saturday</u> | 9 AM - 5 PM | general public |
| <u>Sunday</u> | 9 AM - 4 PM | general public |



Barking up a storm



The January EMOS meeting will be the annual re-potting workshop, held at Greencare in Hermon. This event has proven to be one of the most popular because it provides hands-on experience.

Bring your plants for advice on the proper media, pot size, etc. Experts will be on-hand to offer assistance or answer questions. Bring your plants!

EMOS supplies the potting mixes, and other items like fertilizer and pots are available for sale.

Also, this meeting will be a Facebook tutorial to introduce members to this social networking venue. EMOS now has a Facebook page, which introduces the club to a wide audience, and will hopefully create interest and bring in new members. Bring your laptop!

Be sure to make time for these Upcoming Events....

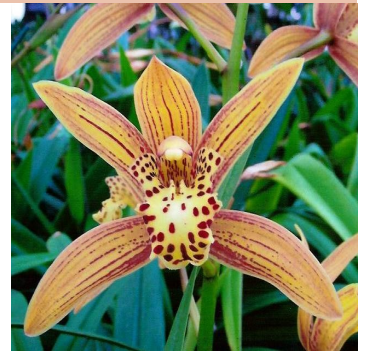
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| 1/8/11 | EMOS meeting - Hermon, ME. Repotting workshop @ Greencare. FMI: greenc@gwi.net |
| 2/11 - 2/13/11 | NHOS show - Nashua, NH. Show, seminars, EMOS booth. Help needed! FMI: janelle@fairpoint.net |
| 3/12/11 | EMOS meeting - Ellsworth, ME. CSI: Orchid - learn clues to identify orchids quickly. FMI: in2orchids@yahoo.com |
| 4/2/11 | EMOS Annual Plant Sale - Orono, ME @ UMO Clapp Greenhouses FMI: orchidaunt@aol.com |
| 4/9/11 | Bangor Garden Show - EMOS booth. Help needed! |



Important winter tips

The cooler temperatures that winter brings will affect your orchids.

- ◆ Some varieties will bloom, especially some Cattleyas, Cymbidiums & Phals.
- ◆ Some species will die completely back & hibernate. You'll be tempted to throw them away. Have patience!
- ◆ Heating our homes creates dryness & loss of humidity, which will take a toll on orchids. Daily misting & keeping plants on trays of pebbles in water will help maintain humidity.
- ◆ Soft new growth is susceptible to bugs (especially mealy) & disease.
- ◆ Days are shorter, so the light is different. Bare trees aren't providing shade & the sun is lower in the sky. Watch your orchids carefully to assess how much light they're getting. Also, water earlier in the AM.
- ◆ Growth has slowed down, so less fertilizer & water are needed. Use 1/2 the amount of each, & less frequently.
- ◆ Protect them from cold drafts. Also, be sure NO leaves are touching windows!



Cool growers like Cymbidiums bloom in winter

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The conference of a lifetime!

The 20th World Orchid Conference will be held in Singapore on November 13 - 20, 2011.

The theme for this event is "Where Old World and New World Orchids Meet." Keeping with tradition, and as in past conferences, it offers educational lectures & seminars, tours, and a show.

Early registration offers substantial discounts, so you are encouraged to do so. Registration includes:

- the Opening Ceremony and Reception
- the Hospitality Lounge
- entry to the Show and Conservatory
- Conference bag, program, & book
- opportunity to purchase tickets to the WOC Banquet & Gardens-By-The-Bay Preview (subject to availability)



The Conference will take place over 4 days and promises to deliver programs strong in scientific content, while also balanced with seminars that will meet the expectations of the commercial grower as well as the hobbyist.

The Show will offer a truly spectacular exhibition of the finest species and hybrids from the region and beyond.. The world's best growers will be exhibiting their finest in the competition. There will also be plants and orchid items for sale.

Singapore is a once-in-a-lifetime destination....which makes this the Conference of a lifetime!



EMOS meeting minutes ~ November

EMOS meeting Nov. 13, 2010

9 members and one guest attending, Show & Tell table was very full! Cherie called meeting to order around 11 am. She reminded everyone about the holiday party and auction at the Weathervane, December 11, 11 am to 2:30. This year's proceeds will be kept in the treasury until we can build it up a bit. The January meeting will be a repotting session at Greencare. Also we'll have a "Facebook Tutorial" so we can all get up to speed with the EMOS Facebook page. (It's up and running mostly if anyone wants to look at it.)

Cherie sent a thank-you note to Norman Fang at Norman's Orchids for his donation of plants for our sale at the Boothbay Garden Club show in August. Cherie gave a web address for firstrays.com – for lots of good info and orchid supplies.

Treasurer's Report – Susanne was absent but sent info in with Mary Lou - \$1220.69 plus \$500 show money in accounts.

Secretary's Report – October minutes were read and accepted.

Old Business – The Show committee talked about their plans for the New Hampshire Orchid Show in Feb (11, 12, 13). Janelle brought in some prints of booth backdrop ideas. Most of us favored the fireworks design (theme is "Celebrate orchids"). She also brought a bunch of glassware she purchased at Ikea as ideas for what they may use to display orchids. The table will be provided by the show.

Many ideas were kicked around for display structures, trusses, etc. We will have to find out about lighting, electricity, rules for water features in the display. Neither Dick or Janelle have received any show info as of yet. Dick suggested members should bring plants for displaying in the show to Greencare the weekend before (Feb 5, 2011) so the committee can set everything up ahead of time. Each plant should have the member's name written on the bottom of the pot. Plants need to be labeled with the name and variety of the plant.

New Business – Dick G reported on the AOS Quarterly members meeting he attended in Virginia in October. It was also the yearly IPA meeting. There were lots of good speakers and beautiful Phals from Taiwan.

Presentation – Dick G talked about how to prepare orchids for a show.

Meeting adjourned around 12:15.

***The club
scrapbook is
missing....
If you have
any ideas
where it
might be at
this time,
please
contact
Louise
Snow.***



EMOS officers for 2011

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AOS Delegate

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SPOTlight on member Cindi Doyle.....

The answer to why I haven't 'featured' myself before is "when I don't have another member to write about." That time has come... Cindi

Cindi has been the EMOS newsletter editor since joining the club in 2007.

She has lived in NH most of her life, with a 5 year hiatus in San Diego. She has followed two career paths - gems & dogs - and both have shared importance at different periods in her life.

She's an AGS & GIA Certified Graduate Gemologist, & also holds a certificate in Gemmology from the Gemmological Association of Great Britain.

In addition, she has been training, showing, and occasionally breeding dogs for 30+ years. She pursued a career as a Veterinary Technician, but the physical demands of restraining large dogs were too taxing. She loves all dogs, but the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed has captured her heart.

Gems supported her 'dog habit' for the last 30 years, but she took over a pet supply business in 2008 - in2k9s - so is no longer involved in the gem industry.

Cindi was first introduced to orchids through long time friend & AOS Delegate Denis Roessiger. She accompanied him while he was visiting orchid greenhouses in San Diego, where she was living at the time. On returning to New England, she visited A New Day Farm & got her first orchid. The obsession grew from there.

Scented orchids are her favorites, & she also admits to a preference for 'lush' plants. "I don't want to look at dead sticks 99% of the year waiting for a bloom," she states. She enjoys the supportive family atmosphere & friendships that EMOS offers. "I look forward to every opportunity to get together with fellow members."

"I truly have a wonderful life. The scent of orchids & puppy breath is simply heaven to me."



*"Heaven is
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AOS CORNER

The AOS 'corner' hopes to offer more information on the various benefits of AOS membership.

One often overlooked benefit is the Reciprocal Admissions Program, which is provided through the AOS affiliation with the American Horticultural Society. AOS members have access to a wide array of botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America. You're offered special admission privileges and many other benefits.

For AOS members who currently use this program, it provides benefits beyond the cost of their membership. Please explore and support these botanical gardens.

There is an online directory that lists the reciprocal admissions by state. For more information or a listing of locations in your area, visit the AHS website at: http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocalevents_online_directory.htm

The AHS provides these tips on using the Reciprocal Admissions Program:

- ◆ Before visiting any garden, call or check the website to verify hours or get updates. The garden websites have links at the AHS online directory. Some events may not be included in the reciprocal benefits.
- ◆ Present your AOS membership card at the admissions or gift shop counter. Some may require a photo ID.
- ◆ Gardens rely on admissions & donations to maintain their property. Please support them by contributions, or gift shop visit.
- ◆ Gardens with an asterisk don't offer reciprocal benefits, but encourage you to visit.

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The HO-HO-Holiday party

This year's annual Holiday Party / Auction enjoyed a new venue. The Weathervane Restaurant in Brewer hosted us with terrific food & a huge room.



Keeping with tradition, the large auction table was loaded with great items, which brought many high bids.

This is one of our community charity events (the spring Plant Sale is the other). This year's auction profit was over \$500! A huge thank you to all who donated & bid on items!!

All the EMOS meetings offer a fun, family atmosphere. But the holiday meeting & auction always brings out the 'party' in everyone!



**Photo above: Susanne Wells
browsing the auction table**

**Photo left: some EMOS members
socializing**