



Our SPOT

Eastern Maine Orchid Society

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“Showing off” your orchids

** BARKS **

- Thanks to the new club officers. Your service & commitment to the club is appreciated!
- Happy Anniversary to EMOS! Celebrating 10 years of community service & passion for the most spectacular flower in the world.

You bought them because you loved the color, scent, or lush leaves. You may never have dreamed your orchids would be in a show someday.

But your care in potting, lighting, fertilizing, and humidity have developed your “pet” project into a beautiful specimen. One worthy of a ribbon.

EMOS has the full range of members - from pro to hobbyists - and the monthly 'show & tell' at meetings have proven that every member has at least one show quality plant in their collection.

We have committed to a booth at the NH Orchid Society show in February 2011. So, we will need orchids for the EMOS booth display. In addition, all members are encouraged to enter one or more plants into the various individual show categories to earn a placement.

However, like entering cars, animals, or any agriculture in shows, some preparation & ‘grooming’ is required to get orchids ready to be presented at a flower show. Showing off the bloom is the most important consideration, but certainly not the only one.

VP Dick Green, who is an experienced orchid show organizer & exhibitor, will offer a program at the meeting on November 13th on how to prepare your orchids for a show.

Many of the things to be covered will be on cleaning them thoroughly, staking or hanging the flower to best effect, hiding the pot and roots, and accenting with fabric, moss or other items.

So, bring any plants you think will be in bloom and show worthy in February. We'll collectively offer ideas and tips on displaying it.

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Congratulations to the new EMOS officers! It's going to be a great year!!

“EL PRESIDENTE” -

VICE PRESIDENT -

TREASURER -

SECRETARY -

AOS DELEGATE -

LIBRARIAN -

Cherie Carroll

Dick Green

Suzanne Wells

Mary Lou Hoskins

Denis Roessiger

Louise Snow





Help with gardening in Maine

How does your garden grow?
Want it to grow better?

Maine gardeners have quite an advantage over other New England growers - the University of Maine.

Visit the University of Maine's Extension website for help on knowing how, what, where and when to plant in Maine.

Enjoy 'How To' videos, publications, or you can submit your specific questions to gardening experts, or take part in a live chat.

Take advantage of this incredible resource and have the best garden ever next year!

You'll find tons of assistance, so check it out at:

<http://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/grow-maine-grow>

*** Note the new location for the holiday party/auction!*

The HO-HO-Holiday party has moved!

The EMOS Holiday party will be held at a new venue this year.

We've reserved a room from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Weathervane restaurant in Brewer. This location offers a larger room, to

fit more people & larger table for donations!

The annual holiday party & auction is our 2nd major charity fund raiser. Donations of all items - orchid related or not - are appreciated.

The auction is always the most anticipated event of the year. The bidding gets spirited & competitive, which makes it fun for all.

So bring a friend, a donation & join us!



Don't you dare miss these Events!

- 11/13/10 **EMOS meeting, Ellsworth - "Show Prep for Your Orchids"**
fmi: green5866@roadrunner.com
- 12/13/10 **EMOS Holiday Party - Weathervane Restaurant, Brewer, 11-2**
fmi: toymaker53@hotmail.com
- 1/8/11 **EMOS meeting, Hermon, ME - repotting workshop @ Greencare**
fmi: greenc@gwi.net
- 2/11-2/13/11 **NHOS show, Nashua NH - EMOS exhibition booth, banquet**
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SPOTlight on member Carolyn Keebler

Carolyn depicts the hard working, multi-talented members that make up the core & ultimate success of EMOS.

Though born in Connecticut, NH had been her home for 30 years until moving to Maine 4 years ago. She met her husband Ralph while attending Gordon college. She was studying Early Childhood Education, which certainly prepared her for what was to come.

Ralph and Carolyn will soon celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary! Their family consists of eight children (7 sons, & 1 daughter) and fifteen grandchildren, to date. They enjoy traveling to & visiting with the extended family, and love watching the grandchildren grow.

Carolyn is a skilled seamstress, and takes pleasure in creating handmade items for her family. In addition, she is also an embroiderer, and has fashioned many items for EMOS auctions. (Note: her orchid designs are beautiful! Check them out! - Cindi)

She is an experienced gardener on all levels. In addition to orchids, she has vegetable, annual, herb and perennial beds that keep her busy. She also lends a hand at A New Day Farm when needed.

She was first introduced to orchids when she was presented with one by EMOS member Cindi Doyle as a "welcome to the neighborhood" house warming gift.

Carolyn & Ralph are devout Christians, so this Oncidium orchid was particularly chosen by Cindi because of it's appropriate name - 'Gift Of God'.

It recently bloomed, and is a beautifully scented addition to Carolyn's collection. There are currently ten orchids, most of which are Phals, so her kitchen is always in bloom.

She came to several EMOS meetings before becoming a member. She really enjoys the knowledge gained from every meeting, and the camaraderie among the EMOS members.

EMOS is fortunate to consider Carolyn as a member of the family!



"My first orchid was a gift, named "Gift of God." I've come to consider that all orchids are."

Spiced Green Tomato Cake

2 ¼ C sugar	1 T baking powder
1 C vegetable oil	2 tsp ground cinnamon
3 eggs	1 tsp ground nutmeg
2 tsp vanilla	½ tsp ground cloves
2½ C diced green tomatoes	1 C pecans or walnuts
3 C flour	1 C raisins
1 tsp salt	Coconut (optional)

yummy!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In mixing bowl, beat sugar, oil, eggs, & vanilla until smooth & creamy. Blend in tomatoes. Sift flour, salt, baking powder & spices together; slowly beat into egg mixture & blend well. Stir in pecans & raisins.

Pour into greased 9 X 13 pan; top with coconut. Bake 1 hour, or until 'tester' inserted in center comes out clean.

EMOS meeting minutes Sept. '10

16 members attending including three new: Linda Reichel, Melanie Knaut and Sylvia Ong – Welcome!

Meeting was called to order at about 11am by Janelle Delicata, past president. Officers were elected uncontested as follows:

Cherie Carroll, president

Dick Green, vice president

Susanne Wells, treasurer

Mary Lou Hoskins, secretary

Louise Snow, librarian/historian

Denis Roessiger, AOS representative

Janelle handed the ceremonial “gavel” over to Cherie who then continued with the meeting.

Treasurer's report – Total in accounts \$1060

Secretary's report – none since the last meeting was the picnic in June

Old Business - Dick G gave us a recap of the Boothbay Flower Show – it was a good experience. Our booth got a ribbon. All orchids taken for sale were sold (mostly to Flower Show judges!) - approx \$500 was realized from plant sales. Dick suggested the proceeds be kept separate to go towards our future show efforts (ie. New Hampshire in February). A motion was made and carried.

Cancer Care orchid donation program – nothing new to report. Mary Lou may be able to make contact with another CCOM staff member who is into orchids and this may be another way to approach the project.

New Hampshire Orchid Show (Feb. 2011) – the theme this year is “Celebrate Orchids”. Many ideas to represent this concept were discussed. The show committee will get together to make a plan. A suggestion was made to put together a “tool box” for the show but Dick said it's better to wait and see what we need.

New Business – Meeting Schedule for this year:

10/9/10 – Plant swap at Greencare

11/13/10 – Ellsworth – Dick will talk about grooming orchids for shows.

12/11/10 – Holiday party somewhere in Bangor, to be determined.

1/8/11 – Repotting workshop at Greencare.

2/12/11 – New Hampshire Orchid Show.

3/12/11 – Ellsworth - “CSI Orchid”

4/9/11 – Orchid Sale at UM

5/14/11 – Ellsworth – program open at this time.

6/11/11 – Picnic

Denis R. talked about the AOS questionnaire, a new product called New Zealand bark that doesn't rot and has bacteria beneficial to orchids. Also he's discovered you get better growth on Vandas if you blast all roots with water to make sure they are completely wet.

Cherie adjourned meeting at about 1pm.



***Welcome to new
officers!
Thank you for
your service to
the club!***



EMOS Minutes October 9, 2010

11 members attending. Susanne W left us a yummy 10th anniversary cake!

Cherie opened the meeting at a little after 11am.

Old Business:

Dick G was asked if there was anything to report on the NH Show yet – no new info.

Cherie and Mary Lou reported on possible venues for our holiday party and auction (Dec 11). Choices so far are Olive Garden (no reservations), Weathervane (room is free), Paddy Murphy's (\$100 room fee), Geaghan's Pub (\$50 room fee), Muddy Rudder not available for that date. After some discussion the Weathervane was decided upon.

Treasurer's report given by Mary Lou with info from Susanne \$1220.69 plus \$500 in Show fund.

Secretary's report was read by Mary Lou

Orchid Sale date was discussed. Currently scheduled for April 9 but that would conflict with the Bangor Garden Show. April 2 was chosen as a substitute after some discussion. Louise S will confirm the date with Mary Fernandez at UM.

The March 12 meeting date was discussed – it will be Cindi D doing “Sex & the Single Orchid” if she's in town, otherwise it will be Denis R doing “CSI Orchid”

It was discussed that EMOS should acknowledge Norman's Orchids for donating plants for our booth at the Boothbay Garden Club show – Cherie will write the letter.

New Business:

Mary Lou reported that the EMOS website is mostly up and running again and has been updated. She will check and make sure all new members are signed up to get on the members only pages and email everyone again about how to access that part of the site. The forum page was taken down since we don't use it anyway. Someone asked about how to put photos on the website and the subject of Facebook was brought up. With much enthusiasm, Cindi and Janelle volunteered to make EMOS a facebook page so we can upload pix of our orchid babies and communicate easily. We will have a Facebook tutorial at our January meeting at Greencare (wi-fi must be available).

Mary Lou was given permission to send members emails about new orchids and supplies in stock at Greencare. Cindi D mentioned that everything at the former Bloomin Orchids in Blue Hill is for sale cheap and immediately as the greenhouse is not heated. Meeting adjourned around 11:45 so we could eat and plant swap!



Plant swap table

Make a note of it:

***EMOS Annual
Plant sale
April 2nd, 2011***





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The age of Facebook

EMOS is adopting a more progressive marketing position, and a Facebook page has been constructed. This gives the club a presence on the web, and ultimately will attract new members. Growth & change are necessary for survival. Just like orchids, we either evolve and adapt to our environment, or die. Social networking, which includes Facebook, IS the environment now.

One of every fourteen people is on Facebook. Why? It's FREE, it's easy, it's great! It connects people from across the globe—long lost relatives, old high school friends, and people that share your passions. You don't have to attend any events, high school reunions, or join online chat rooms. You can share pictures, videos, and other connections with family or new friends.

There are steps to follow, and cautions to be aware of before deciding to have a Facebook page. But once you explore it, you will LOVE it! There's a reason why it has taken over the world. Loving it comes with understanding it.

The January meeting will be both a re-potting and Facebook workshop. NOTE: You are not required to join Facebook to maintain membership, or to access the EMOS website! But, if you've heard about Facebook, and undoubtedly you have, and wish to learn more about it, you DON'T want to miss this meeting!