

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

April 2014

IMPORTANT MEETING DATE CHANGES

The April MOS Meeting is 4/24

Due to the holidays this month, the Maryland Orchid Society April meeting has been rescheduled for April 24 instead of April 17. The April board meeting will be held April 17 at the home of Marilyn Lauffer.

April's Speaker is Trey Pyfer

This month, Trey Pyfer of Little Brook Orchids will be speaking about "Common Orchid Pests: Pest and Fungi Management."

Trey is the manager of the eight greenhouse orchid nursery and retail store in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For more than ten years, he has been responsible for all the orchid care of a large variety of genera. Trey supervises all watering, repotting, pest control, and general care of more than 8,000 plants in the complex. He is also responsible for the care of many additional "boarded" orchids and tropical plants, kept for customers in the winter or non-blooming seasons. He was first exposed to orchids as a teenager through his father, John, who collected and grew orchids as a hobby in two home greenhouses. Trey did not focus on horticulture during his college years, so he



is essentially self-taught (by experience, reading, and trial and error). In his spare time, Trey enjoys playing electric guitar and attending live concerts.

Trey will be taking pre-orders. Please call Little Brook Orchids at 717-394-1000.

March's Member Panel Extremely Interesting

On Thursday, March 20, 2014 our MOS Member Panel featured two of our experienced growers, Michael Moran and Steven Adams. Both are renowned for their expertise in orchid culture, growing and exhibiting spectacular orchid plant specimens. Both Michael and Steven have received numerous awards for their consistently well grown and spectacular plants. At last month's meeting, Michael's *Leptotes bicolor* was awarded Judges Choice of Evening and Steven's *Paraphalaenopsis labukensis* received first place in the Phalaenopsis category.

Michael Moran detailed cultural points about timing, duration, and frequency of orchid watering requirements. One of his points was too frequent watering may do more harm for the health of the plant than not watering enough. When in doubt wait a day to two rather than water. The length of time between watering depends upon the plant specie or requirement, your environment, and the ambient conditions. During hot dry summer days you may water 2-3 times more frequently than during the winter. Observe and avoid a plant becoming water logged. Withhold water or shelter from rain until plant

recovers from being too soaked. These were just a few of the cultural tips he provided.

Steven Adams treated us to his "Evolution of an Orchid Addiction". Through a slide presentation he chronicled his progression from trying to keep 1-2 orchids alive to becoming an avid grower. Steven showed the growth of his collection through various stages from window sill, to a customized grow room and finally moving the ever growing collection into a self built greenhouse. He closed with the advice to

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march 2014 show table by Tom McBride

Photos by Sarah Hurdel

Novice

1. Paph. Peter Pernar X Kayday - Wanda Kuhn
2. Phal. Hybrid - Ann Bain
3. Phal. *cornu-cervi* - Jenny Hildebrand

Home Grown

1. Phal. *tetraspis* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
2. Tie Psy. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer
Dial. Snowflake - Bob Travers
3. Tie Phal. Everspring Light - Norma Lynch
Phal. Desert Dream 'Ember' - Sarah Spence
Zygo. Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste



Greenhouse

1. Epi. *stamfordianum* var. *album* (above) - The Adamses
2. Tie Sl. Psyche 'China' AM/AOS - Clark Riley
Max. *coccinea* - David Smith

Cattleya

1. C. *intermedia* var. *orlata* 'Crownfox' HCC/CCM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie Epi. *stamfordianum* - The Adamses
Pros. Green Hornet - Owen Humphrey
3. Tie Slc. Jersey Shore 'Cape May' - Clark Riley
C. Lucky Gem 'Sarah' AM/AOS - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel



Phalaenopsis

1. Paraphalaenopsis *labukensis* (Column 1, bottom) - The Adamses
2. Tie Phal. Brother Sara Gold 'Peach' - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
3. Tie Phal. Everspring Light - John Dunning
Phal. (Golden Peoker X Snow Leopard) - Chris Zajac



Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Julius (above) - The Adamses
2. Tie Paph. (Pinocchio X Lemonade) - Gregg Custis
Paph. Raisin Pie - Joan Roderick
Phrag. (Grande X Mem. Dick Clements) (below) - The Soykes
3. Paph. Gael - Bob Johnston



Oncidium

1. Brsdm. Kauai's Choice - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Tulm. Tequila Sunrise - The Adamses
Alcra. Pacific Nova 'Okika' - John Dunning
3. Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai #2' - Bob Johnston

Dendrobium

1. Den. Wonder Nishii - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Den. *topaziacum* - The Adamses
3. Tie Den. *nobile* 'Starclass White' - John Dunning
Den. Aussies Chip - David Smith



Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Masd. Pixie Shadow 'Harford' - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball' JC/AOS - Wanda Kuhn
Lep. Imcalsa - Val Lowe
3. Coel. Bird In Flight (above) - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel

Species

1. C. *lueddemanniana* - Michael Moran
2. Tie C. *schilleriana* - The Adamses
Max. *ubatubana* - David Smith
3. Cynorkis *guttata* - Clark Riley

Miniature

1. Lept. *bicolor* - Michael Moran
2. Tie Oberonia *species* - David Smith
Epi. *nanum* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
3. Oberonia *species* - Bill Scharf

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. Maximilian Kolbe - John Dunning
2. Phrag. Nicholle Tower - Clark Riley
3. Phal. *sumatrana* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel

Fragrance

1. Blc. How's Your Beauty 'Spice Girl' - David Smith
2. Lc. Culminant 'La Tulerie' - Marilyn Lauffer
3. C. Margaret Degenhardt 'Saturn' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Lept. *bicolor* (below), exhibited by Michael Moran. Thank you to our judges Chip Hiebler, Michael Moran and Jamie Riegel. Our show table had an incredible display of 136 beautiful flowering plants.





Please Join Us

*for a trip to the Orchid Symphony Exhibit at the
U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory in Washington, D.C.
100 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20001 202 225 8333*

April 26, 2014

Meet there at 10:00 am. Our tour begins 10:30 am.

Experience the incredible elegance of an orchid symphony. The U.S. Botanic Garden will feature exuberant displays of orchids nestled among whimsical topiaries and musical fountains.

Illuminated by an orchid chandelier, the Garden Court will sing the praises of beautiful orchids.

The Conservatory will feature orchids from all over the world in a multitude of environments.

Come see desert orchids, jungle orchids and even orchids used in medicine and cooking against the gorgeous backdrop of the U.S. Botanic Garden collections.

We will be given a personal tour. If you are interested, contact **Laura Sobelman** at sobelman1@verizon.net or 410.615.2445 or **Gregg Custis** at gcustis2@juno.com by April 18. **It is a good idea to carpool. If you'd like to do so, let us know.**



Member Update

Please join the Maryland Orchid Society in warmly welcoming the following new members:

John White, Jean Hedrick, Barbara Lipstein, Maria T. Zickuhr, Peter and Marie-Claude Ashley, Ann and Dr. Ferdinand Mainolfi, Dr. Jen and Peter Goessling, and Deborah Basel

The February door prize, a Phal. 'Pure Silk' from the Little Greenhouse, was won by Joel Graham.

There were 58 members at the March meeting.

FREE TO GOOD HOMES

Cyrus Swett is downsizing his orchid collection and is giving away plants and growing supplies and equipment. Approximately 80 orchid plants; one 1000 watt halide grow-light with 4' reflector; one four-shelf plant stand with fluorescent lights; bark, coconut husk for mix, pots and other accessories are available. Contact Cy Swett at 717-698-3252 or email him at cswett1@comcast.net. He lives in Hanover, Pa.

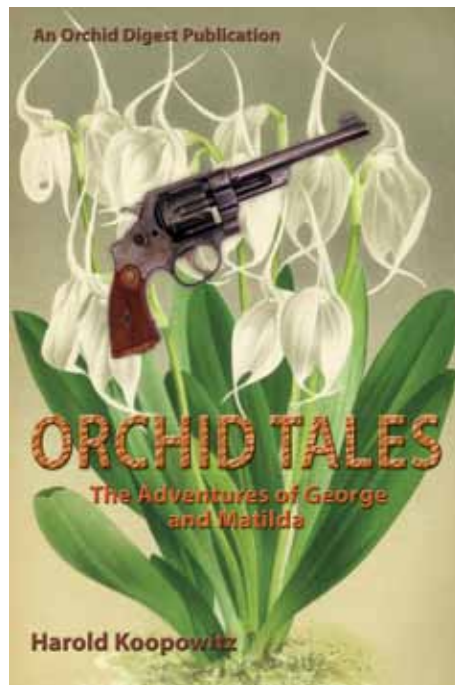
March's Member Panel

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choose a plant that fits your [growing] conditions. We too often select plants for purchase on how pleasing they are to our eye or by emotion. For best success select plants that can thrive in your own environment and conditions for growing.

We appreciate our members sharing their experiences and expertise for our educational programs.

Deborah Dade
MOS Program Chair



Orchid Tales - The Adventures of George and Matilda Just Released

A new book by ODC Editor Emeritus, Harold Koopowitz called "Orchid Tales - The Adventures of George and Matilda" has just been published. It is an entertaining collection of 21 stories that all revolve around an orchid event or discovery. They are unique in that each tale takes place in a different time era and country but the main characters and their personalities remain the same. Truly orchid entertainment. Available as an e-book or paperback from Amazon. The majority of proceeds go to *Orchid Digest*. Purchase this amusing book and show your enthusiasm for the author and help support *Orchid Digest* in this marketing endeavor.

Karen Muir
Orchid Digest Affiliated Societies

ask the experts

Q. The new growths on my Phrag. Hanne Popow #2 are pinched at the base and brown. The plant is healthy and the flower emerging is hopefully going to bloom in a week or so. Do you know why it is doing this? I give it distilled water and fertilize it about every 3 weeks in the winter and every other week in the summer. Thanks!

Laura

A. It looks like the type that grows out of the pot, vertically instead of horizontally. I know that there are other Phrags. that do this, so it isn't anything you are doing wrong. The plant looks very healthy! I think that sort of growth habit is associated with *bessae*, but apparently not all *bessae* plants and their hybrids. It is just variation within a species, I guess. There are some others that show that sort of habit, but I remember that they were rather large growing plants, which really made it difficult to keep them in a pot!

Sarah Hurdel



mos show 2014 photos



Frank Dagostin's exhibit



Marilyn Lauffer's Phrag.



David Smith's exhibit



Margaret Smith and Clark Riley's exhibit



Rachael and Steve Adams' Den. Dream 'Ace'



More photos on page 6. For complete show results, visit marylandorchids.org



Eric Wiles' exhibit



Sarah Hurdel's exhibit



Owen Humphrey's exhibit



Photo by Sarah Hurdel

Valerie Lowe, Gregg Custis and Chris Zajac's exhibit



Photo by Sarah Hurdel

Steve and Rachael Adams' exhibit

local aos news

Sarah Hurdel's plant of Pot. Little Toshie x Sc Lana Coryell received an 82 point Award of Merit (AM). She gave it the clonal name of 'Sweetheart'. This award is provisional until she gets the hybrid registered with the Royal Horticultural Society.



education corner

For the April Education Corner Eric Wiles is going to give a talk about **Oncidium** and growing them. Members are encouraged to bring in **Onc.** plants if they have questions.

David Smith

AOS April judging location change

This is a reminder that NCJC April 5 and May 3 AOS judging will be at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. April judging will feature Tom Mirenda presenting a talk on judging species starting at 11 am followed by judging at noon.

DELAWARE ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION

April 26, 2013

Preview: 11:00 AM
Auction Starts: 12:00



**For more information, contact:
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We will have Orchids in bloom and blooming size....
as well as some scrawny little ones for younger
growers with a high "P to R" ratios (patience to
resources). A great place to stock up on interesting
plants you might not otherwise find.

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president's message

Hello all!

Hopefully the spring finds you well after one heck of a winter. Between the deep freezes, snow, ice storms and just plain yuck it's nice to see the flowers blooming finally and the sun shining with a long forgotten warmth.

The society has been intensely busy. Our show was wrapped up with great thanks to all who made it a success. Bill, Joan, Gary, Mary, and so many others a great thank you for a job well done. This was followed by our regular monthly meeting handled by the very capable Sarah Spence, a.k.a. Madame Vice President in my absence. Thank you for your support. And lastly, thank you to all that participated in our repotting and education clinic. A resounding success. Special kudos to Bill and Sarah for their organizational help; Tom, Clark, Deborah, and Sarah, for speaking; and Margaret, John, and Jenny

for the set up. I hope I didn't miss anyone; thank you so much! Furthermore, can we get a shout out to the away shows committee for the SEPOS show? Thanks Valerie, Clark, David, Margaret, Sarah and Gary for making it a success. And of course thanks to all those who donated plants!...Can you say we have an active group!...Admittedly it's hard to keep up, but we all do our best and the success of the organization shows.

Moving forward we still have business left to do sitting on the table. A board meeting, nominations of new officers and a future vote on said individuals. Not to mention meetings and trips....

Still keeping up? I hope so! We have so many different things to be part of anyone can find a spot to help out, participated and be involved. That's what makes this so much fun.

Since our show and workshop we picked up several new members. I'd personally like to say welcome to you. You are now among orchid crazed friends from all walks of life and backgrounds. We hope that your experience with the society will be a delightful one, that you will enjoy sharing with yet even more friends. If you have any suggestions for how to improve our organization let us know, after all we do all this for you our members.

Spring is the time for rejuvenation, new life and growth. I enjoy doing it with all of you.

Sincerely,
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We invite articles, notices, etc. for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is first Sunday of the month.

The MOS brings together people interested in orchids to promote and encourage orchid culture, preservation, education, propagation, hybridization, and all other orchid-related activities of interest to its members. Benefits of membership include a subscription to the Newsletter (e-mail and web), voting rights, borrowing privileges from the MOS Library, monthly guest speakers, local judging, valuable door prizes, and much, much, more!

If you are interested in orchid culture and would like to meet others with similar interests, we cordially invite you to join the ranks of Marylanders already enjoying the benefits of membership in the Maryland Orchid Society.

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