



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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Website: www.marylandorchids.org



President's Holiday Message

Lo...the cold, dreary, short days of winter are upon us brightened only by our orchids that are in bloom. In general, those winter blooming orchids are Brassavola, Cymbidium, Dendrobium, Encyclia, Ludisia, Odontoglossum, Oncidium, and Paphiopedilum. 1 Of course, there are the "odd balls" that don't know

any better and bloom anyway or, stubbornly, don't bloom at all! We anxiously await those that are now energizing, watching for "spikes", hoping they will be ablaze in time for display in our March MOS show. We learn patience and we are not disappointed.

Speaking of March, our annual show and sale is coming up March 6-11. Please keep this in mind; we can use your help beginning on March 6. More information will follow in February's Newsletter.

Thank you to Barbara and Lou Buck for putting together such a scrumptious Christmas party and to all those members who contributed goodies. No one should have gone home hungry.

Congratulations to our 2017 award winners...Service Award to Ernie Drohan; Leadership Award to David Smith and the President's Orchid Digest Award of Excellence to Margaret and David Smith.

Thank you to all who donated show plants and volunteered time and energy to the Rawlings Conservatory display.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for January 25, at the home of Suzanne Gaertner. Committee chairs...please get you reports to me by Tuesday, Jan. 23. If there are topics that you would like to place on the agenda, please e-mail them to me (slspence@live.com).

I wish all of you a Happy New Year and lots of orchid blooms to warm our hearts and homes.

1 [http://www.repotme.com/orchid-care/Orchid-Bloo Times.html](http://www.repotme.com/orchid-care/Orchid-Bloo%20Times.html)

Sarah

Maryland Orchid Society January Program

Our January program will be a presentation by Valerie Lowe. Valerie is an AOS Judge, an active member of MOS since 1990 and has been exhibiting since that time.

Valerie is our away show chair. She will be bringing us up to date on what judges look for including both the plant and blooms. When and how to stake a plant, and grooming your plants to show.

This program will help us all in preparing our plants for both our meeting show table and plants we enter in the shows.

Submitted by Jean Hedrick -Program

Some Questions we could ask...

How should we coordinate our colors in the display?

Setting up and tearing down the display.

Should our pots show?

Should we prepare our plants in anyway before entering the display?

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December's Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

Novice

1. Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' - Amath Gomis
2. Phal. Hybrid - Marc Kiriou

Home Grown

1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - Bob Travers
2. Tie Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' FCC/AOS - Mark Robbins
Bllra. Snow Blind 'Sweet Spots' - Aaron Webb
3. Tie Gur. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Suzanne Gaertner
Blc. Dean Martin 'Gigas' - Bob Johnston
Cym. Hybrid - Chris Zajac

Greenhouse

1. B. Little Stars - The Adamses
2. Tie Pot. Kozo's Scarlet 'Vi-Emi' BM/JOGA - Barbara Buck
L. praestans - David Smith
3. Blc. Booth Lee 'Venice' - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' - The Adamses
2. Tie Blc. Fenders Love Song - Bob Johnston
Blc. Debbie Miyao - Barbara Buck
Blc. Lady's Favorite 'Morning Mist' - Laura Sobelman
3. Tie Bc. Hippodamia - Joel Graham
Slc. Magic Fire - David Smith
Slc. Ann Komine 'Breathless' AM/AOS - Bob Travers

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - Chris Zajac
2. Phal. Cassandra - Bob Travers
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Fay Citerone
Phal. I-Hsin Violet Eclipse - John Dunning

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Vera Pellachia 'TomCat' - Mark Robbins
2. Tie Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice - Mark Kiriou
Phrag. Pink Panther - David Smith
3. Tie Paph. Saint Swithin - John Dunning
Paph. [(Makuli X curtisii) x Maudiae] - Bob Travers

Dendrobium

1. Den. Nida Stripe - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Den. Victoria Pinky - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &
Owen Humphrey
Den. Chiengma - Norma Lynch
3. Den. normanbyense - Bob Travers

Oncidium

1. Psy. Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS - Joel Graham
2. Tie Odcdm. Wildcat - Phuong Tran & Rich Kas
Bllra. Tahoma Glacier - Bob Travers
3. Odtna. Papa Gino 'Lavender Lady' - Aaron Webb

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. V. Pachara Delight 'Black' - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Lep. Jmcalsa - Val Lowe
Fdk. Kelly Logley X Ctsm. Jose Avalo - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Ren. Nancy Chandler 'Red Dragon' HCC/AOS -
The Adamses
Ang. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star' - Mike Moran

Species

1. C. perciviliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS - Mike Moran
2. Css. philippinense - David Smith
3. Tie Mac. peteola - Fay Citerone
Paph. lowii - John Dunning
Paph. coccineum - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &
Owen Humphrey

Miniature

1. Soph. cernua - Arne Schon
2. Pths. cyprepioides - The Adamses
3. Css. rubra - Bob Johnston

First Bloom Seedling

1. Cyc. warszewiczii - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &
Owen Humphrey
2. Phrag. (Eric Young X Red Rocket) - John Dunning

Fragrance

1. Blc. Paula Hausermann 'Purple Flash' - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS -
Bob Johnston
3. B. nodosa - Chris Zajac

The Judges Choice of the Evening

was

Den. Nida Stripe, exhibited by Chris Zajac.

Thank You to our judges who were, Marilyn Lauffer, Arne Schon and Sarah Spence. Our show table had an incredible display of 122 beautiful flowering plants.

A special **Thanks** to all that make our show table such a great success.



Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

Message from the MOS Away Shows

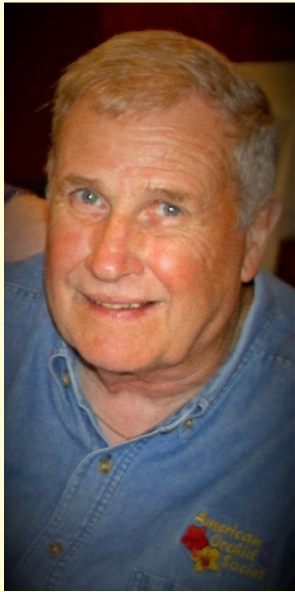
The Maryland Orchid Society will be exhibiting at the Susquehanna Orchid Society Show on January 31 at the Hershey Gardens Conservatory. Please keep me in mind as your plants come into bloom.

I will be sending out an email requesting help and plants the week of January 22. I will be picking up plants for the exhibit starting January 27.

Respectfully submitted by
Valerie Lowe - MOS Away Shows



2017 Award Winners



Ernie Drohan
Service Award



David Smith
Leadership Award



President's
Orchid Digest Award
of
Excellence
to
Margaret and David
Smith



Maryland Orchid Society 2018 Calendar

January 12,13,14, 2018 – Rawlings Conservatory Show

January 18, 2018 – Monthly meeting

January 25, 2018 – Board Meeting

February 2, 2018 – SOS Show Set up

February 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

March 6-11, 2018 – Annual Spring Show and Sale

March 6 – Set-up staging

March 7 – Set-up exhibits

March 8 – AOS Judging; Preview sale
3-6 PM

March 9 – 11 – Show opens to public

March 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

April 5, 2018 – SEPOS Show Set up

April 14, 2018 – Spring Workshop

April 19, 2018 – Monthly meeting

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April 14, 2018 – Spring Workshop

April 19, 2018 – Monthly meeting

April 26, 2018 – Board Meeting

May 17, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

June 21, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

Content for the 2018 MOS Newsletter

is due at the end of the first week of each month.

Please submit information to: barbarabuck2015@comcast.com

Deadline dates are as follows...

*due January 6, 2018 for meeting on January 18, 2018

*due February 3, 2018 for meeting on February 15, 2018

*due March 3, 2018 for meeting on March 15, 2018

*due April 7, 2018 for meeting on April 19, 2018

*due May 5, 2018 for meeting on May 17, 2018

*due June 9, 2018 for meeting on June 21, 2018

LADYSLIPPER ENTHUSIASTS

SAVE THIS DATE!



2018 NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY

38TH ANNUAL

**PAPHIOPEDILUM FORUM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018**

**THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARBORETUM
3501 NEW YORK AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002
(202) 245-2726, WEB SITE: WWW.USNA.USDA.GOV**

The 38th annual NCOS Paph Forum will feature internationally-renowned speakers, an unparalleled selection of Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium plants for sale by leading vendors, a show table featuring hundreds of slippers in bloom, ribbons and trophies for outstanding show plants, door prizes, and American Orchid Society judging.

Sales begin at 8:00 am, the program begins at 9:45 am, and the event concludes at 4:30 pm.

Pre-registration is required.

Entry Fee is \$50

The entry fee of includes lunch and a door prize ticket

Participation is limited to the first 150 registrants!

Go to www.ncos.us/paph.htm for more information and registration form or contact Roddy Gabel at former_zygote@hotmail.com

Woodstream Orchids

**Invites you to our Ninth Annual
January Thaw (Or Not)
Peak of the Blooming Season Open House
Saturday and Sunday**

January 13-14, 2018 (9:30 am - 4:30 pm)

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Drive times: Washington, DC and Annapolis, MD 35-45 minutes

Montgomery County, MD and Northern, VA 45-60

min

Baltimore, MD 1 hour

Richmond, VA 2 hours

Philadelphia, PA 3 hours

Please see our web site for additional driving information and plant lists.

AOS Local News

January 6, 2018: National Capital Judging Center

Sarah Hurdel's plant of *Paphiopedilum coccineum* 'Mighty Mouse' received a Provisional 83 point Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM) from the American Orchid Society. Once the identification is confirmed by the Species Identification Task Force (SITF), the award will be official.



**Congratulations Sarah...
Beautiful showing
and
fantastic growing!**



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THE January 2018 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero,
Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee
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For newsletter editors:

Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner, in whole or in part, in their society newsletters. We encourage promotion of AOS website use by your members.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

It's been a year filled with challenges from Mother Nature for many of our members and we've all been witness to the devastation that can come so quickly and be so overwhelming. We heard story after story of "orchid friends" being there for each other. Whether it be loaning a generator or providing temporary shelter, you were there. "Orchid friends" are good friends to have and we're thankful to have you as a part of the AOS. We hope that you and your family are well and safe. We want to offer our gratitude and appreciation for all of you who provided support to others in need.

We were excited to hear from the Membership Committee Chair, Graham Ramsey, that the committee has been hard at work developing an AOS Member Survey that is scheduled for distribution to all AOS members in the first part of January. We are asking you to share this with your society members and tell them to be on the lookout for the e-mail. One of the primary goals of the AOS is to increase member satisfaction and membership participation. The AOS wants to hear the "Voice of the Members". This will be an opportunity to tell the AOS about your orchid interests, your expectations as a member, and how you value the exclusive benefits of your AOS membership. Also, let your members know that as incentive for responding, three participating members are going to win a one-year printed membership extension. We look forward to hearing from everyone. Once the survey has been completed and results are in, we plan on sharing the data results with our affiliates so that they can benefit from member feedback and use the information to grow membership, and improve programs that will help retain existing members.

Many societies have a change of Officers at year end. Please remember to take this opportunity to update your changes to the AOS records on our new online form we mentioned last month:

We are always working on the content of the Affiliated Societies web page to make it more useful to the societies. One of our recent administrative efforts includes a new form that will allow us to centralize the updating of society contact information. The information submitted on your form will be updated to our databases and reflected in the website society listing, the AOS Corner mailing list, as well as all correspondence to the Society from the AOS. This is the place you can now go to, not only to update a change in your AOS Rep or President, but also to advise a change in meeting information, or the addition of your newsletter editor's e-mail to ensure that they are receiving a copy of the Corner as well. It's a good idea to check occasionally just to make sure that what we have on record is correct.

Here's the Affiliated Societies Look-up where you can check out what we currently have on file:

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-societies-lookup.aspx>

(The Update forms are located near the bottom of the Affiliated Societies webpage)

You can reach the entry form with this link:

<http://affiliatedsocieties.americanorchidsociety.org/update/>

You can also e-mail this pdf form or print the form out and mail it to the office in Coral Gables:

http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate_201710.pdf

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's really wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe.

Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to:
americanorchidsociety@gmail.com

Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Don't forget to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you. If he doesn't have the answer you need, he will find it for you.

Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading.

And... Here's a link to check it all out - <http://www.aos.org/>

Shooting Stars and Everlastings ~ By Ken Slump

This is a re-print of an article from Orchids Magazine. It is still as useful today as it was when Ken first wrote it.

Orchids Offer a Range of Flower Longevity

It is interesting to consider how long any flower should or could last if it is not cut from the plant. Certainly the stems, roots and foliage of most plants are much more durable than their flowers.

When you think of such temperate plants as the tulip, crabapple or rose, perhaps a week at peak bloom is all you can hope for, or maybe 10 days if the weather is favorable. Of course, the effective life of any particular blossom or inflorescence varies considerably throughout the plant kingdom. The range may be demonstrated by familiar examples, such as the daylily (Hemerocallis cultivars), with blossoms that last for only a day or so, to the strawflower (Helichrysum species), which produces flowers with vivid bracts that effectively retain their color indefinitely when dried.

It is probably safe to say that most of the orchids popular with hobbyists produce flowers that are at their most beautiful stage for a week or perhaps two. Yet orchid flowers show considerable diversity in floral life as well. While none may be quite so durable as the strawflower, some orchids produce flowers that are effective for weeks or even months, while others, as does the daylily, last just a day.

A couple of orchid genera quickly come to mind when one considers flowers of particularly brief duration. Even though their flowers are fleeting, both enjoy popularity. The Cattleya alliance genus Sobralia is a prime example. There are about 100 species described. The plants are mostly terrestrial and are native to tropical regions in Central and South America. Their cane-like stems typically mass into a shrubby habit. Among the species, plant stature varies from 2 or 3 feet (.6 to .0 m) in height to some that tower 9 to 12 feet (2.7 to 3.7 m) tall.

Many Sobralia species produce flowers that are large, showy and colorful. For a few years, I have been trying to cultivate a half dozen species in the landscape of my subtropical garden in South Florida. Even though it would be a stretch to say that they have thrived, a couple of them produced a number of blossoms this past summer. Sobralia decora has performed the best. My cultivar has a pale violet-pink coloration rather different from others I have seen. I was particularly pleased when my Sobralia leucoantha flowered. Its large white flowers are accented by bright yellow in the throat of the lip and, indeed, are reminiscent of a white cattleya. Both of these species' flowers last just a day, but each inflorescence produces a succession of them.

Sobralias generally do best in semi-shaded intermediate conditions. They need to be kept moist in the root zone, which may be my primary difficulty with them, as my soil is sandy. I am considering moving the ones I have back to pots. Friends have told me that they have had good success growing them here in a mix formulated for terrestrial orchids.

Stanhopea is another genus of evanescent orchids. What they lack in floral longevity, however, is more than compensated by their floral intrigue. There are more than 50 species that range from Mexico to Brazil. They are epiphytic and most will thrive in intermediate conditions. Open wire baskets, lined with sphagnum, suit them best, as many inflorescences are produced basally and project downward.

The flowers of stanhopeas must be seen to be believed. They are among the most amazing of all orchids and defy description. Most last but a day or two, and many are fragrant. Nearly any of the species makes a worthy horticultural subject and every orchid grower should try at least one. For me, the bold coloration and large flowers of Stanhopea tigrina are hard to beat.

When it comes to floral longevity, few orchids can outperform contemporary phalaenopsis hybrids. I have enjoyed some for more than three months. That is not to imply that each flower lasts that long; however, from the time the first flowers open until the last of an inflorescence fades can easily span most of a season. Indeed, the human eye, which seems to thrive on fresh images, can begin to tire of such long-lasting flowers before they are spent.

The Dendrobium branch of the orchid family also includes some with durable blossoms. Interestingly, some of the longest lasting are the Dendrobium bigibbum (Dendrobium phalaenopsis) types from Section Phalaenanthe. The parent species are found in New Guinea and Australia and their flowers resemble small phalaenopsis blooms. Flower color varies from purple to pink and white. Horticulturally, they require bright light, warm conditions and a dry winter rest. Keep them tightly potted or grow them on slabs. Most of their inflorescences are beautiful for easily a month or more.

Another group of dendrobiums with long-lasting flowers is Section Latouria. This clan includes about 50 species ranging from the Philippines to Samoa, the majority of which are found in New Guinea. Many have closely spaced spindle- or club-shaped pseudobulbs with the foliage and flowers produced near their ends. The flowers of some of the larger-flowered species within this group tend to be nodding and they often have petals that are twisted. In recent years, selective breeding has produced considerable improvement in both flower form and carriage. Many of the hybrids are tolerant of a variety of conditions so long as the light is filtered and the plants are kept somewhat moist. Flowers are said to last six to 10 weeks or more on many of them. The hybrid Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga (atroviolaceum × johnsoniae) is a good example.

But it is not just genetics that makes a flower long lasting or not. Nutritional and environmental conditions affect floral longevity as well. Excessively hot and dry conditions will usually shorten flower life. Somewhat cooler, humid environments will generally encourage blossoms to last a few days longer.

A plant that is nutritionally deprived will often produce short-lived flowers, if it flowers at all. This was brought home to me with my plant of Vanda Pachara Delight (Karulea × Gordon Dillon).

I do not grow many vandas because I tend to lack the time and dedication needed to provide the daily watering and regular fertilization that makes them thrive. My V. Pachara Delight was a gift a few years ago and seems to be a game little plant as it regularly produced a spray of five or six dark violet flowers that lasted about 10 days, despite my neglect. Last spring, I resolved to take better care of the plant and upped my commitment to its moisture and nutritional needs. The change was dramatic. The plant began to develop sturdier roots and more of them. Its last flowering produced an inflorescence of nine blossoms that were beautiful for about three weeks.

Perhaps someday, through botanical gene therapy, we can have a Stanhopea flower that lasts as long as a phalaenopsis. Until then, look after the environmental and nutritional needs of your orchids as well as you can, so that the flowers they produce will last as long as possible.

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find all of the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST Open to all

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send you questions to: stillisch@cox.net by Saturday, January 6th.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1556190869931035139>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?

The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

THE JANUARY ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Orchids Illustrated - Flore des serres et jardins de l'Angleterre
- Genus of the Month - Brassia
- Book Review - Conservation Methods for Terrestrial Orchids
- For the Novice - Bud Blast and Flower Blighting
- Lindleyana - The genus *Cyrtorchis* in Central Africa with a focus on its two sections
- The Story of White Cattleyas
- *Dendrobium bigibbum*, Species and Hybrids: Part 1



Dendrobium bigibbum 'Samantha' HCC/AOS;
Photographer: James G. Morris

YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:

Upcoming shows are a good time to encourage new membership to AOS. Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that they refer (note: membership renewals don't count). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the AOS Membership Application Form, check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, most importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to: AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS membership! Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name already filled in and available at your club meetings!

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Paphiopedilum Fumi's Delight 'Chasus' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Ross Leach

RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new “Latest Orchid Awards” page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and nonmembers.



Habenaria Pegasus 'Bryon' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Bryon Rinke

Let's grow together,
Denise Lucero

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