

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

#### January 2019

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The Vice President's Message



Dear MOS friends,

I hope you are having a wonderful holiday season and a warm, joyous New Year.

Hopefully your beautiful orchids are flowering to chase away the doldrums of the drearier winter days. If you missed the December party and plant swap, you missed a

fun time socializing with and getting to better know some of your fellow orchidophiles. The plant swap was a hit (fortunately no one got hurt) and the party a blast (no pun intended.)

Don't forget to forget to water your catasetinae (and other orchids that require a winter rest.) Let them dry out until spring when they put out new growths and approximately 3" roots. Also, repotting should be timed to coincide with the initiation of new growth.

We still need volunteers and plants for the MOS show at the Rawlings Conservatory on January 11, 12, and 13. Please volunteer, donate plants, and/or visit the event to show your support. See Sarah Spence for more information.

And, the March show (March 8-10) at the Timonium Fairgrounds is quickly nearing. Start considering what might be in bloom at that time, and planning those displays! Also set some time aside to volunteer for set-up, judging, and during the days the show is open to the public! Each day is great fun, a tremendous learning experience, and very rewarding. For more information about the show, ask Sarah Spence or me.

#### Grow long and prosper!

Laura

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## The Program For January 2019

The Program for the January 2019 MOS meeting will focus on our Annual Show in March and draw on the experience and expertise of a panel of our members to encourage and support as much participation as possible among our members. This is our biggest opportunity each year to reach out and engage the greater local community in our passion for orchids; the more the merrier!

We've had a number of recent presentations on preparing individual plants for judging, but here we will shift the focus to organizing multi-plant displays (of various sizes and complexities). Ideally, this will improve the quality of our entries, and, at least as importantly, encourage and support the participation of as many of our members as possible.

The program will be divided into three relatively short sections, with much of the time available for questions and discussion.

**1. Judging:** What are judges looking for in displays that range from 50 square foot floor to ceiling(?) spaces to 6 square foot table tops? How do we balance quality and quantity of flowers? How should we guide the viewers' eyes through the display? What besides the individual orchids adds to (or alternately, detracts from) the viewers' experience?

2. <u>Considerations for First Time Participants</u>: Each year we entice a number of new exhibitors to create displays of various sizes. We'd like to encourage the continued growth of our participant pool and the richness of our annual show, so, from the panelists' perspectives: What worked well for you last year? What do you wish you'd done differently? How can a 'newbie' have the most positive experience?

**3.** <u>Collaboration Opportunities</u>: Many of us cannot count on having enough blooming orchids on a given weekend to fill even the smallest Table Top space. Again, from the panelists' perspectives: How were you able to identify collaborators and organize the diverse specimens each could contribute to the joint effort? How can members with perhaps only several decent-quality blooming plants at Show time contribute them to a larger collaborative effort?

Submitted by John Heibokel - Program

## December's 2018 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

#### Novice

1. Mtssa. Olmec 'Kanno' - Benjamin Sims

Home Grown

- 1. Paph. spicerianum Mark Robbins
- 2. Tie Lc. Pixie Gold Bob Travers
  - Cyc. ( chylocon X Jumbo) Chris Zajac
- Tie C. (Gene May X Morning Glory) Suzanne Gaertner Blc. Mem. Anna Balmore 'Convex' - Bob Johnston Paph. (In Charm Lipstick X California Girl) - Aaron Webb

#### Greenhouse

- 1. Pths. picta David Smith
- 2. Tie Rnet. Sunrise 'Prasong' AM/AOS The Adamses L. gouldiana - Clark Riley
- 3. Blc. Heron's Ghyll 'Nigrescens'- Craig Taborsky

#### Cattleya

- 1. Bc. Maikai 'Maiyumi' The Adamses
- 2. Tie Bc. Hippodamia Joel Graham
  - Bc. Maikai X C. deckeri Brenda Logan Lc. Tydea - Clark Riley
- Tie Bc. Chesty Puller 'Tucan' Bob Johnston Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Makkabi' AM/AOS - Wanda Kuhn Dim. stenopetala - Bob Travers

#### Phalaenopsis

- 1. Phal. Hybrid Monica Sparber
- 2. Phal. Hybrid The Soykes
- 3. Tie Phal. Taida Kings Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra' AM/ AOS Wanda Kuhn Phal. Hybrid - Sarah Spence

#### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

- 1. Paph. Fairly Sauced Chris Zajac
- 2. Tie Paph. Fanaticum Michael Moran Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer - Mark Robbins Paph. Barb Hella - David Smith
- 3. Tie Paph. spicerianum The Adamses Paph. Fajen's Bold Helen - Joel Graham Paph. SCAU Xiang Yun - Marc Kiriou

#### Dendrobium

- 1. Den. (victoria-reginae X laevifolium) Sarah Hurdel
- 2. Tie Den. goldschmidtianum The Adamses
- Den. Andrae Millar Chris Zajac
- 3. Den. spectabile Michael Moran

#### Oncidium

- 1. Brs. Rex Eric Wiles
- 2. Pyp. Kalihi 'Green Valley' Joel Graham
- 3. Odcdm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' Chris Zajac

#### **Miscellaneous Hybrids**

- 1. Cirr. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS -Bob Johnston
- 2. Tie Ang. (Mem. George Kennedy X eburneum) -Eric Wiles
- Neost. Lou Sneary 'Bluebird' Fay Citerone 3. Tie Bulb. Daisy Chain - Bob Travers
- Cstm. (gladiatorum X fimbriatum) Chris Zajac

#### Species

- 1. Epi. crinifernum Eric Wiles
- Tie Ddc. bicallosum The Adamses
  C. percivilliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS Michael Moran Aergs. leuto-alba var. rhodosticta - Aene Schon Css. philippinense - David Smith Psh. cochleata - Bob Travers
- 3. Tie Zygo. maculatum Fay Citerone Sppm. brave - Marc Kiriou

#### Miniature

- 1. Soph. cernua Arne Schon
- 2. Tie Sppm. ovulare The Adamses
- Ste. species David Smith
- 3. Ste. mystax Eric Wiles

#### **First Bloom Seedling**

- 1. Paph. Carolyn Butcher Mark Robbins
- 2. Tie Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer Monica Sparber Ctsm. (gladiatorum X fimbriatum) - The Zickuhrs

#### Fragrance

- 1. Lc. G. C. Roebling 'Sentinel' Wanda Kuhn
- 2. Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' Eric Wiles

#### The Judges Choice of the Evening...

was a Bc. Maikai 'Maiyumi', exhibited the Adamses. Thank You to our judges who were, Sarah Hurdel, Arne Schon and Sarah Spence.

Submitted by Tom McBride -Show Table



The Member's Spotlight

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#### **Coming Attractions:**

**February:** Dennis Whigham, North American Orchid Conservation Center

**March:** Mark Werther, Sentinel Orchids (should be able to order orchids for purchase; details to come)

Submitted by John Heibokel - Program

#### STILL MISSING

We are missing at least two reels of extension cords. If you borrowed them, please return at the January meeting. Thank you.

Submitted by Sarah Spence - Past President



The Dark knight ríses at Tom and Gary's Líttle Greenhouse Open House



Submitted by Laura Sobelman - Vice President



## 2018 Member's Choice Award Winners

The 2018 MOS Member's Choice Award winners were presented crystal trophies and certificates of appreciation by VP Laura Sobelman, at the December meeting/Christmas party.

The Service Award was presented to **Aaron Webb**. Aaron has been an MOS member since 1999 and has served as Treasurer for the last 4 years. Aaron is also the Chair of the very successful Annual Auction, and is invaluable in assisting with the monthly meeting auction, annual Show, and various workshops.

The Leadership Award was presented to **Sarah Spence**. Sarah has been an MOS member since 2004 and has served 4 years as Secretary, 2 years as Vice President and 4 years as President. She has also served on a variety of committees as well as assisted with the updating of the Bylaws.

Congratulations and Thank You Aaron and Sarah!

#### **MOS Group Perlite Buy**

#### By Bob Travers

It has been about a year since I have brought Perlite to a MOS meeting for sale. I received several inquires at the Christmas meeting, so I will again coordinate a group purchase of Orchid Screen Perlite for MOS Members. I will repackage and provide in smaller size bags. Prices include transportation and handling and <u>deliveries will be</u> brought to the MOS Meetings.

The Perlite is sourced direct from the manufacturer Pennsylvania Perlite, and is offered in 4 cubic foot bags. They have a Standard Screen for Orchids which yields a particle size of 3/8" to 1/2". The pictures below are from a previous purchase. This falls between a Grade #3 and #4 and is a significantly larger particle size than you will find at garden centers or the big box stores. Usually this is ordered through orchid supply companies and would incur additional shipping charges.

Repackaged sizes and prices (Note price increase passed on from Penn Perilite)

One gallon Bag	\$4.00
Two Gallon Bag	\$6.00
Five Gallon Bag	\$11.00
4 Cu. Ft. Bag	\$28.00

<u>Please respond to Bob Travers anytime</u>, with your order request. Payment accepted at the meeting your Perlite is delivered.

Contact Bob Travers email <a href="mailto:subobtrav@zoominternet.net">subobtrav@zoominternet.net</a> or phone 410-557-9901.





# The Maryland Orchid Society Calendar 2018/2019

January 11,12,13, 2019 – Rawlings Conservatory Show

January 17, 2019 – Monthly Meeting January 24, 2019 – Board Meeting

February 1, 2019 – SOS Show Set up February 21, 2019 – Monthly Meeting

March 5-10, 2019 – Annual Spring Show and Sale March 5 – Set-up staging March 6 – Set-up exhibits March 7 – AOS Judging; Preview Sale 3-6 PM March 8, 9,10 – Show opens to public March 21, 2019 – Monthly Meeting

April 4, 2019 – SEPOS Show Set up April 13, 2019 – Spring Workshop April 18, 2019 – Monthly Meeting April 25, 2019 – Board Meeting

May 16, 2019 – Monthly Meeting

June 20, 2019 - Monthly Meeting

Bob Travers *Catasetum orchidglade* "York" HCC/AOS

Submitted by Barbara Buck - Newsletter

Submitted by Joan Roderick - President

**Note...**The Rawlings Conservatory Exhibit is coming up , January 11, 12, and 13. If you have plants for display, please drop them off at the Conservatory on Thursday, January 10 between the hours of 12 noon and 4 PM.

Please submit a list of your plants to Sarah Spence (slspence@live.com). Remember to label each plant with your name. Plants submitted for display will earn a Show Table point.

The Conservatory is located in Druid Hill Park at 3100 Swann Dr., Baltimore, MD 21217

Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



We will restart in January, with maybe a return to some more orchid taxonomy.

Submitted by David Smith -Education Corner



#### XXZ HOME REMEDIES - Rather than expensive and

potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers and on greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids.)

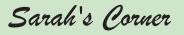
 Aspirin (just ¾ of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water) helps protect plants from fungal and viral pathogens when used as a spray.
 More is NOT better. Do not exceed this amount.

 Homemade insecticide (mix in a 1 gallon [3.8 L] jug): 1 pint (0.5 L) rubbing alcohol, 1 pint (0.5 L) 409 spray cleaner, and 3 quarts (2.8 L) water. Apply as a spray.

— Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle and used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites and perhaps other pests. It works only while wet and must contact the insect.

-Neosporin has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.

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#### **New Members**

Laura Venczel Andrew Schindler Benjamin Sims



Submitted by Sarah Spence - Membership



It's a really good idea to visit other great venues to hobnob with your fellow wizards.

Here is a tiny selection of some U.S. shows and events from near to far that will help you to grow and develop your growing skills:

## The Paph Forum

Washington, DC, January 26, 2019. Best of the best slipper growers:

https://ncos.us/paph-forum/

## The Pacific Orchid Expo

San Francisco, February 21–24, 2019. Exhibits and vendors from around the world including Asia. See (and buy) things you didn't even know existed:

http://pacorchidexpo.org

### **Redlands International Orchid Festival**,

Homestead, Florida, May 17–19, 2019. Exhibits and vendors from around the world including South America:

#### https://www.redlandorchidfest.org

### Long Island Orchid Festival

Oyster Bay, New York, May 31 – June 2, 2019. World class orchid lectures and vendors:

http://www.longislandorchidsociety.org/orchid\_festival.html

See you there?

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley - Show Table





Not only was the food great, the conversations were informative and interesting. The orchids on the show table were beautiful...

The Wonders of Orchid Roots

#### Parts of the Root:

- Stele Contains the xylem and phloem
- Endodermis Wall of cells around the Stele
- Cortex Storage and transport tissue
- Exodermis Wall of cells around the Corte
- Velamen Spongy outer layer of dead cells

#### **Epiphytic Roots:**

- Long lived
- Photosynthesize
- Facultatively mycorrhizal

#### **Terrestrial Roots:**

- Life span generally less than three years
- Non-photosynthetic
- Some are obligately mycorrhizal
- Myco-heterotrophs (Saprophytes)
- No velamen in true terrestrial roots

#### Watering:

Wet-Dry Cycle and Media Moisture Retention create a reliable cycle of moisture for optimal root growth

#### Media - A 6" pot in the Summer:

- Moss; stays moist for more than a week
- Moss/Bark mix; stays moist about a week
- Bark mix moist; stays moist about a week
- Bark mix intermediate; stays moist 4 5 days
- Bark mix dry; stays moist 2 3 days
- Inorganic; every day or two

#### Key Questions about your plant:

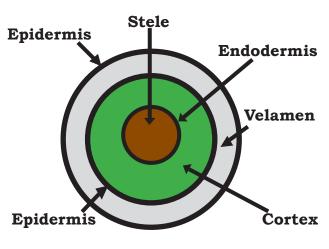
- What climate does it come from?
- What elevation does it grow at?
- What is the weather like?
- How much rainfall does it get?
- What substrate does it grow in?

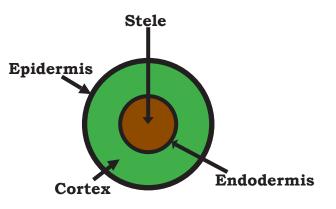
#### Key Questions to draw conclusions:

- How often does it want to be watered?
- How fast does it like to dry out?
- What can you commit to?

#### **Helpful Resources:**

- www.orchidspecies.com
- www.apps.kew.org/wcsp/qsearch.do
- www.apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/ orchidregister/orchidregister.asp
- www.orchidwire.com







Submitted by John Heinbokel - Program



and Surrounding Events

Paph Forum

This year's Paph Forum--a little over a month away--is coming together, and registration is open. The following message to your MOS members. Please get the word out to to other orchids enthusiest or friends of the MOS to help and hopefully result in a banner year for attendance? Thanks in advance for your help--and Happy Holidays!

# Register for the **39**th Annual Paphiopedilum Forum! January 26, 2019

Registration is now open for the fast-approaching 39th Paphiopedilum Forum, to be held January 26, 2019, at the U.S. National Arboretum. This all-day event hosted by the National Capital Orchid Society features speakers on the three major genera of slipper orchids in cultivation (Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium |

Mexipedium], and Cypripedium); a panel of experts answering questions on growing slipper orchids; several well-known vendors selling plants and supplies; an NCOS member sales area with plants from private collections; and a show table that will knock your socks off! On display and available for sale will be some of the latest in ladyslipper breeding (both species and hybrids), as well as antique hybrids, a foliage category, and--a crowd favorite--ugly slippers! Plants for sale will include not only tropical slipper orchids for indoor growing, but hardy Cypripedium species and hybrids for your garden. Sign up, bring your plants, and join in the fun! For more details and the registration form, go to **http://ncos.us/paphforum/**-- and be sure to tell your friends about it!

> Roddy Gabel Paph Forum Co-Chair/NCOS President

> > Submitted by John Heinbokel

# WHAT'S UP AT THE SMITHONIAN GARDENS?

# ORCHIDS: Amazing Adaptations

February 2 - April 28, 2019

Spend the day with us. Come see the Beauties.

Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture Robert and Arlene Kogod Courtpard

8th and F Streets, NW



#### Orchid Exhibition: Orchids: Amazing Adaptations February 2 - April 28, 2019 in the Kogod Courtyard

Amazing Adaptations - Escape the winter cold and step into a floral oasis in the Kogod Courtyard with *Orchids: Amazing Adaptations*. A joint collaboration with Smithsonian Gardens, United States Botanic Garden, SAAM, and National Portrait Gallery, this installation fills the courtyard with hundreds of orchids of stunning variety. The installation showcases how orchids have adapted to their many different environments, and can be found on every single continent except Antarctica.

Orchids: Amazing Adaptations is part of Habitat, a Smithsonian Gardens-wide exhibition exploring the importance of habitats and how we can help protect them. Habitat is the first in a series of changing exhibitions connecting all of Smithsonian Gardens' spaces with a single theme. From 2019 to 2020, Habitat will feature a variety of indoor and outdoor displays, exhibits, and educational programs.



# Paphíopedílum Guíld



Save the date: January 19-20, 2019



Hyatt Santa Barbara, 1111 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, CA Registration is \$95 per person and it includes Lectures and Saturday night dinner.

**REGISTER NOW** 

See details including the speakers list on the Paphiopedilum Guild website. Click this link for the details: <u>Paph Guild Website</u>





**THE DECEMBER 2018 AOS CORNER**- From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee (Affiliated Societies@AOS.org.

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**

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2019! It's a new year and a time that many of us reflect and set new goals for ourselves and our Societies. One goal that the Affiliated Societies Committee continues to have is to update and refresh existing resources, along with finding and sharing new information to help all Affiliated Societies thrive. To fulfill this goal our best resource is you, the Affiliated Societies Representatives. We want to express our appreciation and say thank you for all that you do in support of your local Society and the AOS. We couldn't do it without you.

We also want to ask for your help. Our societies all have members with volumes of experience and knowledge that they freely and generously share with us, and we offer our support in return. These growers have hobbyist collections that are beautiful and well loved, and many have "Legacy Collections" that are important to the orchid world. Oftentimes, one person is the sole individual caring for these amazing plants and without the societies help they are neglected. We want to create a collection of ideas on how to support these members when they are unable to care for their collections. Whether it's an injury, a hospital stay or longer term care, we want to hear ideas we can all use to offer support. We're also looking for gardens or facilities you are aware of that have conservation programs that take donations of legacy plants. Together we can create a resource guide filled with useful ideas and methods to help each other. Please send us an e-mail to Affiliated\_Societies@aos.org.

We reminded you last month but if you haven't had a chance... Many societies change officers at year end. Make sure that your society and contact information is up to date. If you don't know it, you can find the society member # on the mail label of ORCHIDS magazine along with the membership expiration date. The online form can be found here and info updated at any time <a href="http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-update-form.aspx">http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-update-form.aspx</a>.

If you're looking for a job description for AOS reps from an AOS perspective you'll find that in the Affiliated Society FAQs <u>http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-faq.aspx</u> on the Affiliated Societies Page of the AOS website <u>http://www.aos.org/.</u> The AOS requires an AOS rep to keep a current individual membership along with this description.

If you are looking for a job description to use in your local society operating guide, take a look at Starting a Society and the link to the sample job descriptions <u>http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/jobdescriptionguidelines.pdf.</u> AOS rep is on page four.

When the January issue of ORCHIDS arrives, make sure to check out AOS President Susan Wedegaertner's message. The biggest news is that the AOS now has more than 10,000 members. She'll also tell you about more news you might not have heard about from the Fall AOS meeting and has the scoop in the Spring Meeting.

We're always looking for ideas to bring kids into the world of orchids. While planning your next orchid show don't forget to check out the AOS Kids Corner for ideas. Here's the link to the main page: http://www.aos.org/orchids/kids-corner.aspx. See other articles for instructions on how to create activities we've tested out or make up your own great activities. Please share your ideas and experiences with the Education Committee at sstubbings@comcast.net.

Thanks again 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 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.

Remember to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. The response has been great, many thanks to all of you who added pics of show banners. We can all learn from what has been successful for other societies. Let us know how your show went, and what was successful for you or what didn't quite make the mark. 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.

Don't forget to check out the NEW 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/.

#### CULTURAL

#### **Transporting Blooming Orchids**

Safe Methods for Moving Flowering Orchids to Keep Them in Prime Shape By Susan Jones -Originally published in ORCHIDS Magazine December 2013

During this time of the year, unpredictable and often inhospitable winter weather makes transporting flowering orchids a tricky matter. A shock of cold, dry air can quickly damage and even blast an orchid bud or bloom, a particularly heartbreaking event if one is on the way to have the flower judged. When carrying your flowering plant to a show, home from a nursery, to Judging or even to give as a holiday gift, taking a little bit of precaution against potential cold damage can prevent a lot of disappointment later on.

An orchid's flowers and buds, as the most vulnerable parts of the plant, are easily damaged by environmental stress. Some of the more cold-sensitive varieties may even drop leaves if the exposure and shock is of sufficient severity. Phalaenopsis and vandaceous orchids (the former neofinetias are a bit hardier than most, but their blooms are still sensitive) are among the least tolerant of chills. Other orchids that are most often affected include those with flowers of more delicate substance. The thicker, heavier and waxier an orchid's floral tissues are, the more resistant to cold damage they will be.

**TIPS FROM A PRO** Long-time orchid grower, Connecticut Orchid Society member and one of the technical editors of Orchids magazine, Ann Jesup provided the following savvy ideas for ways to minimize disaster en route to an orchid society meeting, show or Judging at a presentation to the Society.

Start with a good quantity of packing materials, she advises. Have on hand a variety of boxes of different sizes, including some insulated styrofoam boxes to shelter your plants from inclement weather. Padding is also important. She suggests waxed floss paper (also known as "spaghetti"), shredded paper, polyester batting and styrofoam peanuts as useful materials. For protection against brief exposure to the elements, the plastic bags in which newspapers are delivered make an ideal sleeve to slip over a smaller plant. Dry-cleaning bags supported by wire hoops can help protect larger plants or those with tall inflorescences from freezing or drying out in winter weather. Plastic storage containers of various sizes and shapes are useful. They are not effective at insulating plants, but do provide excellent shorter term protection against potentially damaging chills. When used in conjunction with the packing materials mentioned above, they can be an excellent light weight winter carrying case for bringing blooming orchids safely to and from their destination.

**INSULATING PLANTS** Newspaper is an effective, easily available and inexpensive insulation material. If plants must remain in an unheated area for any length of time during inclement weather, a cardboard box lined with newspaper will help retain heat around the plant. Foam packing peanuts may be added to stabilize and protect the plant in the box, but provide little in the way of insulation or heat retention.

For extreme situations in which prolonged exposure is anticipated, a heat pack can be placed under protective insulation in the bottom of the box. Disposable chemical heat packs are available in different lengths of effectiveness — the most commonly available last six to eight hours, but other durations are available. They can be ordered online (enter "disposable heat packs" into a search engine to find a vendor). Some orchid vendors who use them for shipping may also be persuaded to sell some of their stock.

Another consideration is staking your plant's inflorescences. This cannot only improve the overall appearance of the blooms, but will also help keep the spike and flowers stationary and less susceptible to injury during transportation. The proper time to stake an inflorescence is when the flowers are beginning to develop. This helps ensure that the buds are oriented properly once they open. For the sake of aesthetics, Jesup suggests attempting to keep the stake unobtrusive. Placing the thinnest stake possible as close to the foliage as is practical helps to avoid distracting attention from the blooms themselves.

Finally, when the temperature is low, warm up your vehicle in advance of transporting blooming orchids to minimize the length of time your plants will have to endure the chill temperatures. Plan your trips so the plants will spend the shortest possible time in transit, and never leave orchids sitting in a hot or cold car.

-Susan Jones was editor of the Awards Quarterly.

#### UPCOMING WEBINARS

It's easy to find 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 AOS Corner.

#### Cattleya Species Culture with Bill Rogerson

Thursday, January 10th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST Open to all

Please join Bill Rogerson, Accredited AOS Judge and renowned Cattleya species expert as he discusses the foundation plants for cattleya breeding and how to grow them successfully.

Register now using this link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6267544326951329539



Cattleya loddigesii 'Loretta' AM/AOS Photographer: Julie Rotramel

#### American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton

Tuesday, January 29th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST Open to all Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by Tuesday, January 22nd. Remember to include pictures. **Register now** using this link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8715770793699735042

**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:

- The New Refugium Botanicum TBD
- For the Novice Try New Things by Sue Bottom
- Orchids Illustrated Epipactis by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- The Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival, Part 1: The Early Years by Clare and Johan Hermans with MunekazuEjiri
- In Search of Maxillariacrispiloba by Pascal Sauvêtre
- Ecuador and My Orchid Obsession by Larry Sexton
- Cypripedium guttatum and Johann Ammans by Rudolf Jenny



Cypripedium guttatum 'Spot' CHM/AOS Photographer: Doug Savage

#### 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). Make sure to note your Society Affiliation in the comments section of the application.

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Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splashy' AM/AOS Photographer: Michael Blietz

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Phaleanopsis Samera 'Steve Mattana's Fascination' AM/AOS Photographer: Kay Clark

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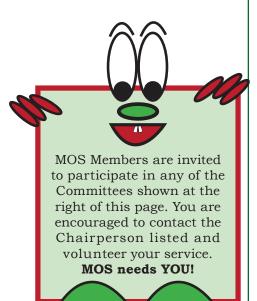
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