



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

September 2021

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President's Message September 2021



Well, we've been waiting a long time to get together again. That process began in July with a well attended Board of Trustees meeting and continued last month as we set up a competition/display at the MD State Fair. And we'll get closer to full speed this month with our first in-person monthly meeting in about a year and a half (on Thursday, September 16, at the Woodbrook Church). But, as good as that news is, COVID is still with us and we can't ignore it.

Somewhere, a bit deeper in this Newsletter, is a set of 'policies' that I hope we can use as we make that transition. I started drafting that back in late July and keep editing it, as my thoughts shift and folks make suggestions. I started thinking of them as a set of 'rules' to maximize our safety. I realized, however, that I wasn't building a set of 'thou shalt's' (only #8 actually falls into that category). What I had drafted was more a set of hopes, expectations, and mindsets (tempered by realities) for how I saw a community of friends and colleagues working together to support and protect each other. I hope that was an appropriate approach to take and that what I and our Board offer meets our needs. I don't think these are finally cast in concrete, so please offer any suggestions you wish to improve them.

Now to the more mundane but pleasant task of briefly describing what's on tap for us (face-to-face) in September. Our monthly meeting on the 16th will be both in person and our first effort to provide a simultaneous ZOOM experience for those not ready or able to join us in person. Details are a bit further back in this Newsletter. Also on September 25, David and Margaret Smith have offered again to host a members-only potting workshop. Bring one or more plants, new pot(s), and \$5 for the first plant and \$3 for each subsequent plant to pay for materials and some refreshments. That's always a good time to get together and share our varied skills and experiences.

Stay safe; stay healthy. I look forward to seeing you again in person at our September events.

John Heinbokel



Epidendrum ciliare, EL décembre 2015

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Reviewing Past Show Table Results

There will not be a speaker at the September meeting. As in the past years, Tom McBride will discuss the results of the of past two show tables. This will be very informative to those who wish to enter their plants in future show tables.



Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
We might have award orchids for you.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful orchids on the MOS 2019 and 2020 MOS Show Tables. If you cannot attend the September 16, 2021, MOS meeting to pick up your show table award plants, you will be contacted via email to let you know if you won plants. They will be available at The Little Greenhouse during regular business hours for you to pick up at your earliest convenience until October 16, 2021.

MISCELLANY

An Every-Once-in-a-While (Monthly?) Item of Potential Interest to the MOS Membership

Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel (jheinbokel@hotmail.com), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

MALE AND FEMALE CATASETUM: 7 QUESTIONS ABOUT DIMORPHISM

Catasetum tenebrosum



Male



Female

Appropriated from Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catasetum>)

During our July 2021 ZOOM meeting and virtual show table, we discussed the dimorphism of Catasetum. I wanted to learn more and with a Google search found this information below. It is very interesting, as are the numerous other articles on the website linked below. Click on the link provided below.

MALE AND FEMALE CATASETUM: 7 QUESTIONS ABOUT DIMORPHISM

In nature, 90% of flowering plants have both functional staminate (male) and pistillate (female) portions in the same blossom. Having both female and male parts is what is called hermaphroditic sex expression—which is normal in the orchid world, too. **Only 6 to 7% of all the plants in the world have flowers that are distinctly either male or female, and Catasetum orchids fit in this latter category. For more information: <https://orchideria.com/male-and-female-catasetum/>**

With thanks to Amanda Matthews and her <https://orchideria.com> website.

Contributed to MOS Newsletter by Fay Citerone, August 2021.

Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

Annual Auction News

Details will follow as we get closer, but we just wanted to remind folks that plant donations from society members make up a large portion of the plants available and of the money the society raises each year from this activity. As you are grooming your collection for fall (perhaps bringing them indoors again), keep in mind that this is a great destination for duplicates, divisions, or just plants that have been reluctant to bloom for you. Plants should be healthy and pest-free and labeled as fully as possible; they DO NOT need to be in bloom, although that's always a selling point. For any of you who are enthusiastic bookkeepers or accountants, be aware that the sale price of each of your plants is credited to you as a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the MOS. Questions can be directed to:

Aaron Webb awebb71574@aol.com

Programs for 2021-2022

I'm busy working on programming for our new year. We now have the advantage of providing in-person programming and virtual programming. If our speaker lives far away, or the weather or COVID do not cooperate, we can host via ZOOM. If our members prefer to stay home they can join us via ZOOM.

- Our September meeting will be the usual show table review of the past two years.
- Tom Miranda may be able to visit with us in person in October. He spoke to us via ZOOM in May 2021.
- I'm working to line up Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids who specializes in Brazilian species for November or another date in the near future.
- Greg Griffis of Longwood Gardens is also going to speak to us and is able to bring plants to sell.
- December is our holiday party
- January 2022 Bill Goldner of Woodstream Orchids will be our presenter.

Fay Citrone - Program Chair.

Membership News

MOS welcomes the following NEW members...

Marian and Edward Callahan
Arman Siddiqui
Jennifer and Stan Kukula
Nicole Allen
From the Rock Creek Orchid Club...
Judith Shapiro Adams
Cindy Walczak
Nina Stark-Slapnick



Membership Renewals are in the process of being mailed. However, pertaining to the unreliability of the US Postal Service, I encourage members to hand deliver their renewal to me at the September meeting. If you are unable to attend the September meeting and need to mail your renewal, I will notify you via email when I receive your check. Remember, Membership Renewals are due by September 30 in order for you to be eligible to place plants on the October Show Table and earn points.

Sarah L. Spence - Membership Chair.

MOS In-Person in a time of COVID

(as of August 22, 2021)

As MOS returns to more normal face-to-face activities, we need to realize that 'more normal' is a relative term. There will be differences in how we now pursue those activities. As an organization which cares for all members and their health and well being, we want to adopt the most proactive and cautious policies possible consistent with local, state and federal advice. Here's the COVID guidance submitted for approval to our Board of Trustees.

1. Each MOS member has his/her own levels of vulnerability to COVID and tolerance for that risk. We **EXPECT** MOS members to fully respect their colleagues' decisions in terms of COVID protective actions.
2. MOS **WILL FOLLOW**, to the best of our knowledge and ability, the guidance and directives of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State of Maryland, and local jurisdictions, and **WILL RESPECT** the guidance provided by the host of any of our in-person activities. *
3. We **ENCOURAGE** members to be fully vaccinated. We will **NOT REQUIRE** anyone to show proof of vaccination, however.
4. We **WILL ARRANGE** seating and other elements of our meetings for more social distancing. Please **RESPECT** members' desire for such distancing.
5. We **ENCOURAGE** unvaccinated members to **participate remotely** in our monthly meetings.
6. We **EXPECT** any member who has recently tested positive for COVID or is suffering COVID symptoms will **forego participating** in-person in MOS activities.
7. Despite our best good-faith efforts, however, **BE AWARE** that, at any MOS activity, there may be unvaccinated and/or infected individuals present. **TAKE PRECAUTIONS**, as you see fit.
8. By attending an MOS function in-person, you **AGREE** that, if you discover that you may have been contagious (either by testing positive or being a close contact with an infected individual), you **WILL INFORM** an officer of MOS, so that we can alert any participant who might have been exposed. We need not reveal your identity, if it's necessary to pass along such an alert.
9. We **WILL MAINTAIN** attendance lists for our in-person activities, so that we can contact anyone who may have been exposed to COVID.

* As of today, August 22, 2021, CDC recommends masking of all individuals (regardless of vaccination status) in indoor settings in areas experiencing 'substantial' COVID transmission. Baltimore County is such an area. MOS **WILL EXPECT**, therefore, until conditions improve, that members participating in indoor activities **WILL** wear appropriate masks.

John Heinbokel - President



American Orchid Society and Surrounding Events



Dear Orchid Friends,

Due to concerns over the ongoing Covid-19 and its delta variant coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health and wellbeing of our members, volunteers, and guests, **the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have opted to postpone the Centennial Celebration event** and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 until APRIL 6TH-9TH, 2022.

Please note:

- If you have hotel reservations at the Biltmore Hotel, they will be automatically moved to the equivalent dates in the new timeframe.
- If you are already registered for the event, your current registration will be rolled over to the new dates.

Taking this initiative allows us the opportunity to reschedule with enough time to allow everyone who wishes to participate in this momentous event to do so. Your safety is of utmost importance to us. Any questions can be addressed to the AOS Headquarters office at TheAOS@aos.org.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and kindly ask for your understanding. We hope that you are able to join us in Coral Gables in the Spring.

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Can't say it often enough, but this month we are going to ask that our affiliates promote membership in the American Orchid Society to their individual members. There are always good reasons to become a member of the AOS. Some of them are highlighted in this newsletter frequently.

I want to draw your attention to why your society members should be excited about becoming an AOS member right now.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE OrchidMarketplace.com ?

View this quick video to see how it all works.



<https:aos.wistia.com/medias/we4i8onm3c>

AFFILIATED SOCIETY BENEFIT BONUS

There is sure to be an AOS membership level to fit the needs of each society member. Membership in the AOS is a win-win for your society, and for the American Orchid Society.

The Affiliated Societies Committee exists because you exist.

EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

Affiliated Societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your Affiliated Society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation in the comments section online at checkout or on the [printed membership form](#).

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

AOS Representatives, please remember to let your society members know that we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to [join AOS today!](#) Once they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. Though it is a highlight, there is more to membership than a magazine subscription. <https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership>

Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues and benefits may vary.

DID YOU KNOW? The AOS website calendar is getting populated with orchids shows and events once again. Here are a couple of important reminders to get your show judging underway. A [show application](#) must be processed and paid for before it is added to the AOS website.

Get your SHOW APPLICATION here: Log on to aos.org and LOOK for About Us Tab. Click the drop-down menu. FIND and select Affiliated Societies. Go To FORMS in the left column. Select Request AOS Judging for a Show. It is a fillable format PDF.

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/ShowApp-Effective0418.pdf>

If paying by check, send your check to the PO Box on the application form. Your application must be signed by your judging center chair.

You may pay for your event [online](#) through the website store. You can find the payment page for show judging under the Orchid Awards and Judging Drop down menu. If paying through the website, please remember to sign on with your society account information so it is credited properly. Enter your order number on the application before it is submitted to your judging center chair.

<https://secure.aos.org/categories/65>



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PAY SHOW FEES ONLINE
LOOK for Orchid Awards and Judging Tab
Click the drop down menu
FIND and Select Pay Show Fees

Affiliated Societies can pay for their Show Fee and Show Trophy online.

Application for AOS-Sanctioned Show/Event
Current AOS Membership for Society and AOS Rep are required for AOS Show Approval

Sponsoring Affiliated Society _____
Society AOS Member No. _____ Exp Date _____
Society's AOS Representative _____
Rep AOS Member No. _____ Exp Date _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Name of Show _____
Show Location/Venue _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____
Show Dates _____ Date of AOS Judging _____
Show Times _____ Judging Time _____
Show/Event Chair _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Judging Center responsible for AOS Judging: You must select a Judging Center.
AOS Show Judging Chair (for your show) _____

Names of at least four (4) other Certified Judges who have consented to serve, of which three (3) are accredited
Certified Judge Name _____ Certified Judge Name _____
Certified Judge Name _____ Certified Judge Name _____

Name of photographer who has consented to serve: _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Note: Cost of award photography is the responsibility of the host society, not the exhibitor

Applicant Name _____ Date _____
Judging Center Chair Approval _____ Date _____

Are you requesting an AOS Show Trophy? Yes No

Note: Please note that AOS Show Trophies will be delivered in person by Judging Center on the scheduled day of judging

AOS SHOW FEES
Due at least two (2) months prior to the show

Judging/Processing Fees (waived for outreach judging)	\$60.00
AOS Show Trophy (if requested)	\$70.00

I have paid online under Order No _____
 I enclose my check or money order made payable (US Funds) through a US Bank to: American Orchid Society

Charge my credit card: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Cardholder Name (Please Print) _____
Card Number _____ Exp Date _____ CVV Code _____
Cardholder Signature _____ Total \$ _____


Show Fee

Show Fee Payment
Show Fee Payment: Please use this product to pay for the Show Fee of an upcoming AOS-sanctioned show.

Regular Price \$60.00

[DETAILS](#) [ADD TO CART](#)


Show Trophy

Show Trophy Payment
Show Trophy Payment: Please use this product to pay for the Show Trophy in conjunction with your Show Fee payment. The show trophy will be provided by the region's Judging Center.

Regular Price \$70.00

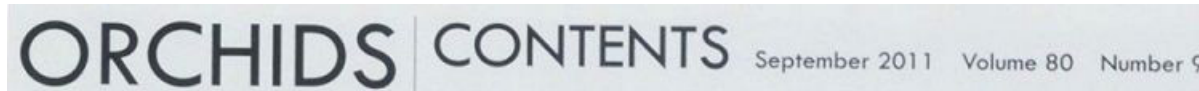
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AFFILIATED SOCIETY RESPONSIBILITIES From - [*The Handbook on Judging*](#)

3.9 Judging Centers and Affiliated Societies

- 1) Affiliated Societies in the area served by a judging center must provide financial and administrative support for operation of the center.
- 2) AOS approval of judging at shows, events, or as outreach (both domestic and international) must be obtained from the society's center.
- 3) Affiliated Societies may change the center serving them by proposing a transfer to and being approved by the chair of the new center, and notification of the former center. If the new center's chair disapproves, the decision may be appealed to the JC.
- 4) New societies requesting affiliation with the AOS will indicate the judging center they intend to support and be served by in their application for affiliation.

Find more information about orchid judging here: <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/judging-handbook.aspx>



Reprint: **TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST - SEPTEMBER: BACK TO REALITY**

By: Thomas Mirenda

Summer Vacation Inspires for an Active Autumn Growing Season

It has been a most interesting summer here at the Smithsonian Institution, with many international visitors, new collaborations, recently issued institutional mandates (such as the Challenge to Understand and Sustain a Biodiverse Planet; see <https://ssec.si.edu/biodiversity>), and the enthusiasm and energy of summer interns, as well as a little time for vacation or work-related travel.

I was fortunate to attend a cutting-edge botanical conference in August in Australia and subsequently venture into the spring wildflower displays just beginning in the west of that vastly different continent. While we are all familiar with the unique Australian fauna, I found the plants to be equally foreign and, for me, new. It reminded me how many things I do not know and have not yet learned despite my age, experience, and wrinkles. It was also a humbling experience being in the company of some of the world's brilliant botanists, all friendly and engaging. But my insecurities about the cavernous gaps in my knowledge made me feel a wee bit ignorant, inadequate, and intimidated. Have you been there? I must say that it was also an honor.

I like to think that such experiences give us personal growth and make us better at our jobs because they add to the experiences we can share. I plan on sharing some of what I learned with all of you. September has arrived and for many of us, students, and professionals alike, it is time to buckle down and resume business as usual, attack some of our new challenges and use some of the things we have learned over the summer. Similarly, with the cooler weather coming, many orchids, stifled by the high summer heat, are making another burst of growth as more temperate, nurturing conditions prevail.

THEY GROW ON YOU Because most of the orchids we cultivate descended from epiphytic species from tropical forests, early autumn temperatures — naturally cooler, especially at night — more greatly mimic those of the natural environment of many orchids. This month presents an opportunity to gain a bit more growth due to the optimal conditions available. Use of a balanced fertilizer (equal parts N-P-K or nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) in half- or quarter-strength early this month will help your plants achieve mature pseudobulbs. Strong pseudobulbs, canes and other growths are the key to generating strong, sturdy, multifloral inflorescences.

TAPERING OFF Keep careful watch of your plants this month. Even though they are still growing, with the gradual shortening of day lengths, some photoperiod-dependent plants are starting to slow down, and spikes may start to appear on several popular groups, among them catasetums, phalaenopsis, labiata-type cattleyas and standard, hard cane-type dendrobiums. When these signs come into view, plant growth has often suspended, and reduced watering will be necessary. Pick up such plants and check their weight to be sure they are not getting waterlogged at this critical time.

SMOOTH TRANSITIONS This is not to say that you must suddenly change your care regimen. Just as you gradually acclimated plants to summer heat, or new conditions when you moved them outdoors, reducing your watering in autumn should be done gradually over several weeks. If your orchids have spent the summer outside, and you live in a harsh winter area, it is certainly time to prepare the interior growing space. Before plants are brought back in, make sure all surfaces have been cleaned and sterilized,

and that all heaters and circulating fans are functional. It is much better to find out the heater does not work properly now than on a frosty night in mid-October when it may be too late.

HITCHIN'A RIDE Do not bring fauna inside with your flora. September is your last chance to eradicate any pests that may be harboring in among your plants. Even if you do not see any obvious signs of parasites, sometimes a cautionary spraying or insecticidal drench may be in order. Neem oil is often a good choice to spray this time of year because it is mild and will suffocate most living pests as well as render them unable to reproduce. Best to use any oil products, however on a cool or cloudy day to avoid burning foliage.

— Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is the past chair of the AOS Conservation Committee. He is an AOS accredited judge in the Hawaii Center (email: biophiliak@gmail.com)
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The screenshot shows the digital archive search interface for ORCHIDS Magazine. At the top, there are six magazine covers with the word 'ORCHIDS' on them. Below the covers, the text reads 'ORCHIDS Magazine' and 'Digital Archive Search'. There are search fields for 'start mm/dd/yyyy', 'end mm/dd/yyyy', and 'Keyword'. A 'BROWSE' button is located at the bottom left, and a 'SEARCH' button is at the bottom right. The interface also includes a section for 'Order By Relevance' with radio buttons for 'Articles & Photos', 'Articles Only', and 'Photos Only'.

OrchidPro Features Did you know you that besides reviewing the one hundred most current awards, you can also find your orchid family tree and lots of other neat information about the orchids you grow? [OrchidPro](#) is an AOS membership benefit. Log on to the [AOS website](#) and select OrchidPro from the drop-down menu. Explore the world of orchids.





Catasetum Louise Clarke 'Corinne's Lovely Accent'
AM/AOS (86 points) Catasetum Susan Fuchs x Catasetum Donna Wise
 Award No: 20211446 / Judging Center: Florida North-Central Judging Center
 Exhibitor: Corinne Arnold / Photographer: Wes Newton



Capsule Parent: *Catasetum Susan Fuchs*

Pollen Parent: *Catasetum Donna Wise*

STATS

AWARD TOTALS	PROGENY TOTALS	GEOMETRIC MEAN
10 AOS Awards		
Quality: 10	FCC: 0	AM: 6 HCC: 4
Culture: 0	CCE: 0	CCM: 0
Other: 0		
Non-AOS Awards in OP: 0		

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	September 02, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	September 16, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	October 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 21, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Sarcochilus Australian Miniatures	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Black Orchids The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Jean Allen-Ikeson JC National Education Coordinator, AOS Editorial Board Chair	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge, President of COC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. **Register anyhow!**

Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook,

Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

We record the webinars, and they are available to view at your leisure.

GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

Do you have an idea for a webinar? Is there a group of orchids you would like to learn more about? Maybe you have knowledge that you would like to share with other orchid growers. The Education Committee is always looking for webinar content and presenters. Please contact Cheryl Erins with your webinar suggestion and ideas, or to find out how you can present a webinar.

cerins10812@comcast.net

Nominations for AOS Conservation Awards

From the Chair of the Conservation Committee, Charles Wilson

Do you know someone or an agency or society who has done something notable in the interest of orchid conservation? You have

the opportunity to nominate them for recognition for their efforts! _

- [The Philip E. Keenan Award](#) was established to recognize and reward individuals, groups, or Affiliated Societies, for outstanding work in the field of orchid conservation, restricted to North America.
- [The AOS Conservation Recognition Award](#) was similarly established to recognize and reward individuals, groups, or Affiliated Societies, worldwide for outstanding work in the field of orchid conservation.

Two first place awards may be given in each category each year for \$500.00 and two second place awards for \$250.00.

The application period for both of these awards has been extended to 1 December 2021.

<https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-research/conservation-awards.aspx>

Application for these prestigious awards should include a nomination statement, a short biography of the proposed recipient when it concerns an individual's efforts, or a short history of the nominated group, organization, or Affiliated Society. A concise description (no more than two pages) of the project or endeavor and its effectiveness must be submitted along with the nomination. Several photographs of the conservation work should be included, as well as no more than three letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with the work.

The Conservation Committee is hopeful that we can feature these projects in regular articles in Orchids as a reward for the recipients' good work and to encourage conservation efforts. Nominations or questions should be sent to Conservation_committee@aos.org.

As the world's foremost authority on orchids and orchid growing, the AOS has the opportunity to support vital conservation projects in the U.S. and abroad.

In 2019 alone, the AOS supported five (5) conservation projects involving local community-based organizations around the world. Those endeavors included the creation and support of an orchid reserve in Colombia, to supporting students in Peru who are trying to make an orchid reserve coexist with agriculture in their village.

[Donations](#) to the AOS may be earmarked specifically for Conservation through the AOS website.

<https://secure.aos.org/donate>

We Are Your National Volunteers Let us Know What We Can Do For You

Valued Members and Volunteers

An organization is only as good as its members. The AOS is deeply indebted to the many talented and dedicated volunteers who give their time and service to encourage a widespread interest in orchids. They advance the mission of the AOS more than they will ever know. *Please contact any of us if you would like to join our committee.*

Affiliated Societies Committee

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If you would like to spotlight an issue or share news with other affiliated societies, we welcome your input. Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter! If there is something within your society that is working extremely well – let's share it here. If there is something you could use help with – let us know. By chance, another affiliate may be able to offer a solution, or want to try something you have achieved. Your contributions are critical to bringing fresh, timely content to this publication each month. Please send your questions, solutions, and submissions for the AOS Corner to eileenh@aos.org or askmasc@verizon.net



Valorie Lowe -
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Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

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