



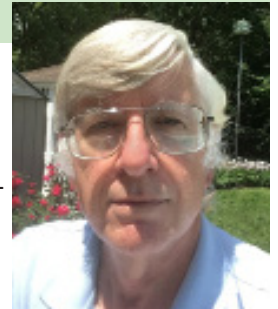
# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

May 2022

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## May President's Message

The program year is winding down (just two monthly meetings to go – good presenters and topics; don't miss either one!), the show season was quite successful and is in the rear-view mirror, trees are leafing out, the grass is growing (and needing mowing \$%(&#!), and I'm starting to check the long range forecast to see if/when I can begin putting my orchids outside for their summer vacations. All good and I'm cautiously optimistic that we'll close out the year as we began it, by being able to meet in person. There is one every-other-year task to complete, however – the election of officers to serve for the next two years. More about the specifics of that can be found deeper in this Newsletter.



Those two words above, 'officers' and 'serve,' fit tightly together. MOS has been fortunate over the years in the competence and diligence of its officers. Most recently, we all owe our deep appreciation for the work done by those officers stepping down this year – Laura Sobelman, John Dunning, and Ellie Martin, and those stepping into new roles – Brenda Logan and Diane Elam. When you have a chance, thank them for that service. There's a good bit of turnover in this year's slate of nominees (only the President remains in place), but I am impressed by those who have agreed to serve and am confident that they'll keep the MOS (and me) on a steady course.

The other critical element of service that is essential to the success of the MOS is our collective commitment to volunteering our time and energy through our system of Standing Committees. Those too have served us well and I need to thank their chairs and members. For those of you who haven't participated yet in that opportunity (relatively new members come especially to mind), I invite you look over the list of Committees, see which match your interests and skills, and reach out to the Committee Chair to offer your assistance. Not only will the MOS benefit, but you'll find your experience enriched as well.

Stay safe and healthy, grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us.

*John Heimbakel*

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# MOS Show Table Results

## Show Table for Apr. 2022

### Novice

1. No Entries

### Home Grown

1. C. Aqui Finn 'Shirley' - Ellie Martin
2. Tie Slc. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson  
Lyc. *kobanii* - Bob Johnston
3. C. *perciviliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS - Bob Travers

### Greenhouse

1. Lcr. Village Chief Parfum - Jos Venturina
2. Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth' sbv. 'Debbie' - Craig Taborsky
3. Lc. Tydea - Clark Riley

### Cattleya

1. Blc. Spring Dawn X Lc. Mem. Robert Strait - Bob Johnston
2. Guar. *skinneri* var. *albescence* - Bob Travers

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - Brenda Logan
2. Tie Phal. Chia E. Yenlin - Wanda Kuhn  
Phal. Hybrid - Chris Zajac
3. Phal. Brother Sara Gold - Pat Schiavi

### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. (Lady Rothschild X *gigantifolia*) - Marc Kiriou
2. Tie Paph. *lowii* - John Dunning  
Paph. Master Dragon - Joel Graham  
Paph. *lowii* - Craig Taborsky
3. Tie Paph. Heron's Faire - John Heinbokel  
Phrag. Nichole Tower - Chris Zajac

### Dendrobium

1. Den. Little Sweet Scent - Nicole Allen

### Oncidium

1. Onc. *altissimum* - Eric Wiles
2. Psy. Kalihi alba - Joel Graham
3. Tie Milt. Andrea West 'HOF' HCC/AOS - Wanda Kuhn  
Onc. Hilo Firecracker 'Lucky Strike' - Chris Zajac

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Neost. Pinky - Eric Wiles
2. Eupha. Mem. Alexis Pardo - Joel Graham

### Species

1. Enc. *citrina* - Arne Schon
2. Tie Coel. *mooreana* 'Brockhurst' CHM/HCC/AOS - Nicole Allen  
Dienia *orphrydis* - Joel Graham
3. Tie Sar. *sceptroides* - Jill Allen  
Paph. *victoria-regina* - Bob Travers

### Miniature

1. Dpt. *pellucidus* - Eric Wiles
2. Crepidum *commelinifolium atropurpureum* - Joel Graham
3. Bulb. *flaviflorum* - Clark Riley

### First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. *fowlia* var. *album* - Marc Kiriou
2. Paph. (Wossner Zwerg X *Double Deception*) - Joel Graham

### Fragrance

1. Epi. *parkinsonianum* - Eric Wiles
2. Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence' - Wanda Kuhn

The Judges Choice of the Evening was a *Onc. altissimum*, exhibited by Eric Wiles.



**Thank You** to our judges who were Diane Elam, Bob Johnston and Aaron Webb. Our show table had an incredible display of 62 beautiful flowering plants.

A special THANKS to all that make our show table such a great success. It is truly breathtaking!

Tom McBride  
Show Table Chair

# May's Speaker

## Kim Feddersen

### "Yes, You Can Grow Vandaceous Orchids"

In overview of the primary genera and their culture requirements, suggestions for the easier groups for the home grower.

I am a third generation orchidholic; I am a member of the AOS, and several local Orchid Societies, currently Deep Cut, NJ, North Jersey & Manhattan, NY.

My grandfather spent 8 years in Malaysia, where he indulged his botanical interests. My dad had a retail orchid nursery (Orkidé Kultur) in Denmark; I started working in his nursery after school when I was 15, and continued till I left for the US 9 years later. My dad's first love was Paphiopedilums (Cypripediums to him), and that bug turned out to be infectious. Those were the days of wild collected plants, but my dad did some hybridizing also, including in Vandas, which kindled my second orchid passion.

I have grown Orchids as a hobby grower for about 25 years, starting in windows, moving to lights in the basement, and finally into a shared greenhouse, where my collection numbered some 1500+ plants, mostly Paphiopedilum and Vandaceous, but also ranging into Cattleyas, Aussie Dendrobiums, pendulous Cymbidiums & Lycastes. I have done a little breeding in Paphs, miniature Vandaceous and more recently Cymbidium & Cattleyas.

A December 2017 a freeze at the old Tewkesbury Orchids wiped out my entire intermediate/warm collection. Due to space constraints, I had moved my cool growing plants to a different location, so my Cymbidiums, Laelia anceps & Aussie Dendrobiums were not affected. I now have a full 2500 sqft greenhouse at my disposal at Flemington Orchids, so my collection has somehow grown accordingly – with heavy emphasis on Cattleyas (especially L. anceps and B. nodosa hybrids).

I started to exhibit at NJ shows in 2013. Following the end of my corporate career, I have expanded my orchid activities significantly. I am now participating in regional shows in NJ, PA, NY, CT, MA, MD & NH under the Fair Orchids identity, and I have so *far collected 16 AOS awards (mix of flower quality & cultural)*.

I live in Maplewood NJ with my wife, 2 felines who can't keep teeth and paws out of the orchids, some 100+ daylilies, a couple of hardy orchids and an assortment of other botanical oddities. I do speaking engagements for garden clubs, master gardeners and orchid societies on variety of subjects related to orchids.





# Maryland Orchid Society News and Related Events



Cattleanthe Astrae 'Memoria Ann Porter Lundy, CCM/AOS , Jos Venturina's award-winning plant.



**MARYLAND EXHIBIT AT THE 2022 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW** It has taken over 30 years, but the Maryland Orchid Society finally installed the Best Exhibit in Show (American Orchid Society Show Trophy) at the SEPOS Show. Thanks to the exhibit design of Joel Graham and Susan Travers and help of Robert Travers, Clark Riley, John Heinbokel, Al and Wanda Kuhn, Jos Venturina, as well as the generous donation of plants from Fay Citerone, Susanne Gaertner, Joel Graham, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Wanda Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, Linda Miller, Sally Over, Pat Schiavi, Monica Sparber, Sarah Spence, Bob Travers, Jos Venturina, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf, Chris Zajac, and the Little Greenhouse; the Maryland Orchid Society exhibit received second place for its Class, but was also awarded an 88 point Silver Certificate. Other ribbons/awards received are on page 5.



*Respectfully  
submitted,  
Valerie Lowe  
- Away Shows  
Chair*

PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Goodyera pubescens	Third	Fay Citerone
Paph. appletonianum 'Harford's Hainananense', AM/AOS	First	Joel Graham
Phal White Squire	First	"
Dienia ophrydis	Second	"
Pot Triple Love 'NN'	Second	John Heinbokel
Blc. Hawaiian Lightning 'Fiesta', HCC/AOS	First	Bob Johnston
Blc. Toshie's Magic 'Doris'	Second	"
Tsubotaara Melinda Marie 'Blue Moon'	Third	"
Phal. Merlot Spritz	First	Wanda Kuhn
Phal. Leopard Prince	Second	"
Phal (Fuller's E-Plus x Liu's Firelight Rainbow)	Third	"
Onc. Blanchetii	First	Marilyn Lauffer
Phal. Painted Clown	First	"
Phal. Raspberry Parfait	Second	Linda Miller
Phal Coral	Second	"
Cym. Saran Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Second	Sally Over
Phal. Taida King's Caroline 'Taida's Little Zebra'	Third	Pat Schiavi
Phal. Pomegranate Slushy	First	Sarah Spence
Phal. aphrodite	First	Monica Sparber
Phal Brother Sara Gold	Second	"
Maxallaria tenuifolia	Third	"
Phal. Pale Sue	First	Bob and Sue Travers
Ludisia discolor v dawsoniana	Second	"
Paph. victoria-reginae	Third	"
Zygonisia Snow Bird 'Kaila', HCC/AOS	"	"
Pomatocalpa spicata	"	"
Cattleanthe Astrae 'Memoria Ann Porter Lundy' CCM/AOS	First, Best Cattleya, Best Specimen, Best Plant in Show Best of Blues	Jos Venturina
Epidendrum stamfordianum	First	Eric Wiles
Oncidium altissimum	First, Best of Blues	"
Guarianthe skinneri 'Casa Luna', AM/AOS	Third	"
Den. Virginia	"	"
Dendrobium hybrid	First	Barry Woolf
Phal. Green Ice	First	"
Coelogyne speciosa	Third	"
Onc. Hilo Firecracker 'Lucky Strike'	Second Best of Blues	Chris Zajac
Phal. Purple Rain	"	"
Phal. Taida Blush 'Taida'	Third	"
Phal. Unimax Angel Love	"	"
Cynorkis angustipetala	"	"
Rcdcm. Orchidom Fire Glow 'Harford', HCC/AOS	First, Best Oncidium	The Little Greenhouse
Oncidium Memoria Harold Starkey	Second	"

I would like to thank Clark Riley, Bob and Susan Travers, John Heinbokel, Jos Venturina, Eric Wiles for helping to tear down the exhibit and getting it packed up and transported home.



## David's Corner

### What Is This Business With Names Of Orchid Plants?

#### NOMENCLATURE IV

The original manner of naming and identifying each known organism, plant or animal, was very cumbersome and subject to extensive variation depending upon the person doing the naming and his native language. This came about because of the translation of different native languages into Latin, plus an investigator might well consider some characteristics of an organism as more important than other investigators. Using Latin, each investigator developed his own name for an organism which easily led to different names for that organism. This early scheme allowed an identification consisting of a lengthy series of descriptive (Classical) Latin words which led to confusion about the names of organisms.

Men of Science before 1735 had worked to solve this problem, but none had succeeded, which Carolus Linnaeus recognized as the major problem in identifying an organism. In 1735 he initiated a project to organize known organisms into specific groups of similar, related organisms. These groups were arranged in a ranked order according to degrees of similarities. He did this so that an organism could be isolated by its name and allied with similar organisms rather than trying to give each separate organism a specific name without further organization.

Linnaeus started by listing the names and characteristics of the organisms known to him. That number of different plants and animals was about 4,400 animals and 7,700 plants, a total of about 12,000 individual organisms. These were then organized into their natural groups based on similarities and separated according to their differences. The top-ranking groups, the largest, each with the most members were the kingdoms. In this period there were only two kingdoms, plant and animal. Plants and animals were obviously different, with members of each kingdom showing large numbers of differences, variations and similarities. Next, each kingdom was divided into classes based on, once more, their further differing natural similarities. These classes were further subdivided into smaller, more specific groups called genera. Ultimately, the members of a genus were subdivided into very specific, individual organisms, each called a species. These four rankings were the beginning of what is now called scientific nomenclature. The final two rankings by Linnaeus, *Genus species*: were, together, called a binomial and are referred to as the scientific name of an organism. These original four ranks were fairly quickly adopted by more and more scientists of this period who lived and worked in many different countries. Almost as quickly the number of new, different, and more specific subrankings was increased as more and more organisms from other countries beyond Europe were identified and named. Indeed, Linnaeus was responsible for any number of these new subrankings as his knowledge increased. This continual modification and extension is still being carried on today.

Each binomial indicates a specific individual with its own identity, not shared with any other plant or animal. The binomial system was(is) the culmination of an overall system of naming any individual organism and is given the name Botanical Nomenclature. Since 1735, botanical nomenclature has evolved into a very large, comprehensive system consisting of many levels of ranking which allows any organism to have its own name, different from that of all other organisms. These rankings are governed by an internationally accepted system of many highly specific rules intended to forego errors in names or duplications. More importantly, these rules specify how a new name is to be written. Also, these rules apply to all scientific names worldwide, are written in English (more about this later), and are upgraded on a regular basis, about every eight to ten years. Most importantly, *the binomial concept has not had its identity changed from the original Genus:species*. It continues to be the primary means of identifying any organism unless more detail is required. At any rate, any organism identified by a binomial will have all of these superior rankings which are not needed or used in normal discussion. However, they are required to show: 1) all relationships of an organism to all of its relatives, 2) an organism's position in its kingdom, which, in our case with orchids, is the plant kingdom.

How does this system of botanical nomenclature identify a specific plant or animal? Using an orchid plant, a species, that of course, has its own specific, individual identity, we can start at the most inclusive rank, a domain and proceed through more and more detailed (sub)rankings to its binomial. A domain being a grouping of kingdoms, which now number about eight.

Using a list of the rankings of botanical nomenclature, we can identify a specific orchid species. In doing this, we will determine just where orchids fit into the whole scheme for supplying a name to an organism and its relation to all similar organisms. Starting at the top with an orchid's domain, we shall see the various groups, rankings, into which orchids are placed.

*Phalaenopsis lindenii* is a fairly well known species and is a good species with which to start this quest. First, check out the binomial which is written in a highly specific way! The first word of the binomial is always capitalized with the second word never capitalized. Then the two words are either underlined or italicized, depending upon whether the binomial is printed, as here, or hand written, and are written using Botanical Latin in English. This species name is obviously not Classical Latin. It is the latinized surname of a person, a male; Linden + ii. More about these specifics later.

*NOMENCLATURE IV, continued next month*



## Getting Ready for (your plants') Summer Vacation

Now that the leaves are filling out on the trees, nature is telling us that it's safe for plants to move outside. Your orchids will thank you for a summer out. The cool nights, warm days, and occasional rain shower will pump them with bloom enthusiasm for the fall and winter.



Clark's Corner

*A few tips on getting the most out of their summer vacation:*

- 1. Move them into brighter lights carefully.** The outdoor brilliance is many, many times more intense than most homes. A sudden exposure to sunshine can burn the leaves, an incurable injury. If you have areas with different exposure, move them in stages. Once adjusted, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, and Cymbidiums can enjoy almost full Maryland sun.
- 2. Have a hose close by.** Depending on our weather this year, you may not need it very often, but even Cattleyas don't like to be dry too long.
- 3. Keep them out of reach of marauders.** Dogs, cats, raccoons, will knock over pots and may carry plants away. Don't set pots on the ground as this guarantees that the mix will be full of unpleasant critters come the autumn. I have not had good experience with Phalaenopsis outside as squirrels and chipmunks love to eat their succulent leaves.



Sarah's Corner -  
Membership Chair

## MOS Welcomes New Members

Dana and Jeff Bricker  
Aij-Hwa (May) Lee and Dr. Richard Lee  
Whitney and James Hanson  
Jeffrey Hochstetler and Steven Skerritt-Davis  
Laura Violand, PhD  
Bobby and Stephanie Wheeler  
Nancy Ross and Deva Dixon  
Barbara Wise  
Harry Harne and Kluane LaBelle  
Barbara and Dave Gunter  
Thomas and Terry Ann Anderson

# 2022 MOS ELECTION

The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Eric Wiles, Kathi Jackson, and Brenda Logan, selected the following nominees for the officer positions for the next 2 year term.

**President** - John Heinbokel for a second term

**Vice President** – Bob Travers

**Treasurer** – Brenda Logan

**Secretary** – Diane Elam

**Directors** – Chris Zajac and Kathi Jackson

If any of the MOS members would like to submit another nominee for any of these positions, the nomination may be made in writing by a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of the Society and delivered to our **current** President, John, prior to the end of our May monthly meeting. The date of the May meeting is Thursday the 19th. No additional nominations will be accepted after the adjournment of the May meeting.

The names of all nominees, those submitted by the committee and any additional nominees submitted by the membership, shall be published in the June newsletter.

Election of officers by ballot will be held at our **June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Upon election, the officers will take office at the conclusion of the June meeting. A big thank you and job well done to our current officers! We appreciate their time and efforts for the benefit of our society.

Brenda Logan  
Nominating Committee  
Chair

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS for 2022 Upcoming Events: Maryland Orchid Society

**March – June, 2022** (3rd Thursday each month) MOS Monthly Meetings. Hybrid as long as possible, virtual only, if necessary

**July 28, 2022**

MOS Board of Trustees Meeting Location (or ZOOM?) still to be determined. This will be the first BoT Meeting for new Board members. All members welcome.



# 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](mailto:jheinbokel@hotmail.com)), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

### Giant Orchids from Europe Discovered in Great Britain

After last month's April Fool's joke of a contribution (Antarctic Orchids) I was hesitant to come back with another similar sounding story. But here it is.

This comes to us from The Guardian courtesy of a recent newsletter of our friends from Waldor Orchids (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/apr/01/giant-orchids-found-growing-wild-in-uk-for-first-time>).



Giant orchids (*Himantoglos* Giant Orchids (*Himantoglossum robertianum*) in France. The flowers are typically found in southern and central Europe. Photograph: Hemis/Alamy

Giant orchids that can reach a metre tall have officially been found growing wild in the UK for the first time, having become established hundreds of miles north of their native range in the Mediterranean.

The “stately” plants were discovered on a grassy slope near Didcot in Oxfordshire by Hamza Nobes, a 29-year-old trainee nurse, who wishes to keep the exact location a secret.

The article goes on to speculate about the impact of global climate change, how the orchids arrived in Great Britain, their ability to reproduce themselves, and the role of local bumblebees as pollinators. I encourage you to follow the link to the full article. Enjoy!

Submitted by John Heinbokel, May 1, 2022.

# Maryland Orchid Society Officers and Committees

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**MOS needs YOU!**

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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program commences at 8:00 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m.