

ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

Dec. 2022

President's Message

December Notes – Past, Present, and Future for MOS

As we approach the end of the year I'm torn between looking forward and backward. We just finished a very successful Annual Auction last month – the first we've been able to hold in three years! Lots of volunteers working together, lots of plants to satisfy our wants and needs, and enough cash flowing in to relieve any concern I might have had about MOS' financial status this year. A brief report with more detail can be found deeper in this Newsletter.



Looking at the present, or at least very near future, our Holiday Party is our next monthly activity. We won't have a speaker, but we will, hopefully, have a wonderful Show Table (virtual contributions welcome too; submit to Fay Citerone (fay.citerone@gmail.com) as usual), lots of opportunity to schmooze, and a great menu for the light supper that's a traditional part of this meeting. Susan and Bob Travers have provided a preview of the goodies here in the Newsletter. Side dishes and desserts will enrich the mix, so please consider donating something to the table. Give Susan (subobtrav@zoominternet.net) a heads-up on your intent for a contribution (and please include a suitable serving utensil).

Finally, looking further ahead into 2023, we're approaching a very busy show season with lots of opportunities to strengthen our community and earn Show Table points. The details on dates are in the Calendar included in this Newsletter, but we kick off with the Rawlings exhibit (Jan), Susquehanna Orchid Society and National Capital Orchid Society away shows (Feb), our own home show and sale at the

Timonium Fairgrounds (Mar), and the SouthEast Pennsylvania Orchid Society show and our annual public workshop (Apr). Each of those events is tremendous, but none of them just happen. We'll need to build on the collegiality and willingness to contribute that we displayed for the Auction. Catch your breath! It'll be quite a ride!

As always: Stay safe and healthy; grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us!

John Heinbokel
November 30, 2022

Member Update

MOS Welcomes New Members ...

Sierra and Ryan Kaushofer
Christian Lewis
Lela and Jim Long
Robin Neucam



Sarah L. Spence,
Membership
Chair

Local AOS News:

The next two dates for the meeting of The National Capital Judging Center (NCJC) will be December 10, 2022 and January 7, 2023. The venue will be the Saint James United Methodist Church (12470 Old Frederick Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104). Judges Education will start at 11 a.m.; in January, Sarah Hurdel will be presenting "Judging standards of Habenaria and its hybrids". Orchid judging starts at noon. All are welcome, whether you bring plants for judging or just want to see how the process works in a 'non-rushed' setting.

I hope to see you there,

Valerie Lowe
AOS Representative.

MOS Show Table November 2022

Novice

1. No Entry

Homegrown

1. Blc. Mem. Anna Balmore 'Convex' - Bob Johnston
2. Tie Blc. Binosa 'Key Lime' - Wanda Kuhn
Ple. *teres f. aurea* - Bob Travers
3. Hab. *rhodocheila* Yellow - Fay Citerone

Greenhouse

1. Onc. *taochicum* - David Smith

Cattleya

1. *L. praestans* - Eric Wiles
2. Tie. Rlc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami' - Diane Elam
(Bc. Phil Andrews x C. San Souci) 'Harford'
- Wanda Kuhn
3. Tie. Blc. Golden Chieftan 'Akuki' - Chris Zajac
Blc. Spring Dawn 'Top Row' x Lc. Mem. Robert Strait
- Bob Johnston
Encyclia Chiapas 'Memoria Southgate Hammond' -
Bob Travers

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Mituo King Bellina 'Wilson' - Chris Zajac

Paphiopedilum

1. Paph. Petula's Sensation - Jill Allen
2. Tie Phrag. Cardinale - Laura Sobelman
Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit - Danielle Gent
3. Phrag. *ecuadorensis* 'Birchwood' x Phrag. *lindenii*
- Bob Travers

Dendrobium

1. Den. Little Pam - Chris Zajac
2. Den. Nida Stripe - Bob Johnston

Oncidium

1. Onc. Hilo Firecracker - Mary Li
2. Tie Onc. Tsiku Marguerite - Brenda Logan
Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' - Bob Johnston
3. Onc. Red Sharry Baby - Ellie Martin

Misc. Hybrids

1. Bulb. Doris Dukes 'A-doribil Gold Star' HCC/AOS
- Bob Johnston
2. Psy. Mendenhall 'Hildos' - Danielle Gent

Species

1. Epi. *porpax* - Brenda Logan
2. Tie *Stellis mystax* - David Smith
Angcm. *leonis* - Bob Travers
3. Den. *macrophyllum* - Bob Johnston

Miniature

1. Pths. *Picta* - David Smith
2. Tie Asco. *pumilum* - Clark Riley
Slc. Beau's Apricot Gem - Bob Travers
3. Masd. *Floribunda* ssp. *Tuerckheinii* - Aaron Webb

First Bloom

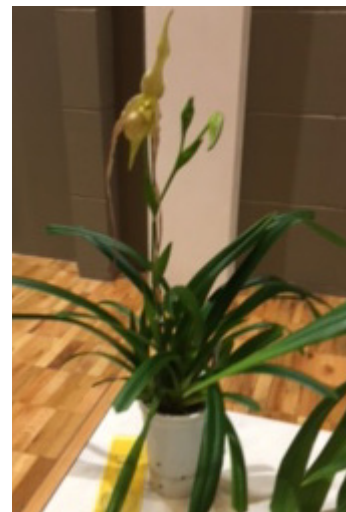
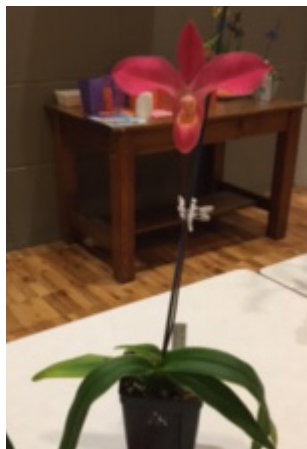
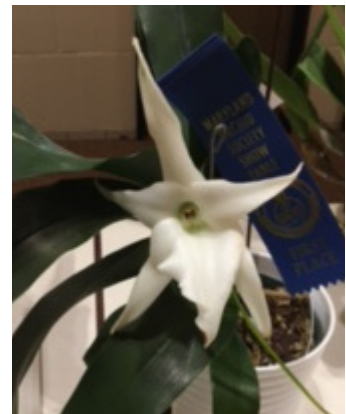
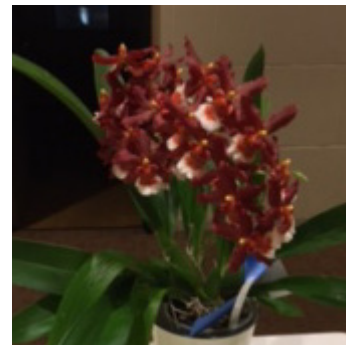
1. Paph. *helenae* x Paph. Petula's Grace - Joel Graham
2. Bc. Suncoast Stellar Dust - Nicole Allen

Fragrance

1. Angcm. Lemford White Beauty 'W' x Angcm. *sesquipedale* 'HO5' - Wanda Kuhn
2. Slc. Misty Girl 'Autumn Symphony' AM/AOS
- Bob Johnston
3. Ddc. *glumaceum* - Kathi Jackson

The judges' choice of the evening was *L. praestans* brought in by Eric Wiles.

Thank you to our judges Danielle Gent, Ellie Martin and Bob Travers. Thank you to show table participants. Your efforts brought 56 beautiful blooming plants. Thank you to everyone who helps make the show table a continued success.



Photos by Susan Travers



Maryland Orchid Society Holiday Party
December 15, 2022

MOS will be providing a delicious selection of Bistro, Mini and Slider Sandwiches, Shrimp, Chicken Bites, Salad, and Fresh Fruit. Sodas, Water, Coffee.

We ask members to contribute to the 'potluck' with
SIDE DISHES, APPETIZERS, and DESSERTS.

MOS kindly requests your dish come in a **SERVING DISH** with a **UTENSIL** for serving, otherwise we will be putting a church spoon in your container of potato salad. Please don't forget to take your leftovers and dishes home with you!

Please feel free to contact Susan Travers by email subobtrav@zoominternet.net or text to 410-570-8838 about the dish or dessert you are planning to bring.

MOS Auction November 12, 2022

By consensus, the recent Auction was a tremendous success! A great portion of the membership stepped forward to volunteer. The plant assortment (both purchased and donated) was diverse, abundant, and enticing. And, not least, the financial profit was significant and welcome after two autumns without our auction.

MOS' very sincere thanks go out to the folks who made their time, energy, and expertise available as volunteers. Leadership roles were played by Aaron Webb, Gary Smith, Bob and Susan Travers, and Joel Graham. We probably do not have a completely accurate listing of all the other folks who volunteered (well over 20 in number, an impressive fraction of the total MOS membership); so, rather than exclude anyone who deserves recognition, you know who you are! Please be assured we appreciate each and every one of you and the efforts you put into making this auction a success!!

Donated plants comprised the majority of those available and, as usual, raised the bulk of the financial profit. Those donations were

received from: Aaron Webb, Brenda Logan, Christopher Zajac, David Donovan, David Smith, Joel Graham, Kathi G. Jackson, Mai Conaway, Marilyn Lauffer, Nicole Allen, Robert B. Brundrett, Robert C. Travers, Robert Johnston, Sarah L. Spence. THANKS to you all as well.

Finally, a brief bookkeeping summary:

422 plant lots (95 from commercial vendors; 327 donated)	
Gross Income:	\$8164.81
Expenses and Sales Tax Payments to MD:	\$2835.40
Net Profit:	\$5329.41

(not including the last plants auctioned at November's monthly meeting)

As stated in the intro: A rousing success!

Submitted by John Heinbokel; Dec 1, 2022



Photos by Jill Allen

MOS Auction November 17, 2022



Photos by Faye Citrone

Native Orchid Conservation Activists

November's speaker, Bob Sprague, spoke of a number conservation organizations during his presentation. Here's a list of those groups that he's provided to us subsequently.

- American Orchid Society (Conservation Comm.) rkuffman@gmail.com
- Native Orchid Conference nativeorchidconference.org
- Maryland Native Plant Society mdflora.org
- North American Orchid Conservation Center northamericanorchidcenter.org (a project of SERC)
- Orchid Conservation Alliance orchidconservationalliance.org
- The Nature Conservancy tnc.org
- New Jersey Pinelands Commission nj.gov/pinelands
- North Branch Land Trust nblt.org
- Mount Cuba Center mtcubacenter.org
- Maryland Land Trust Directory dnr.maryland.gov/met/Documents/Land_Trust_Directory.pdf
- ALL OF US

Submitted by Fay Citerone, 30 Nov 2022

Oh, Those Ice Cubes!

If we got a quarter for ever time we're asked about ice cubes at shows and exhibits, we wouldn't have to charge dues. The idea was popularized over a decade ago and it seems to have taken firm root. The original proponent even has a website: <https://www.justaddiceorchids.com/en/orchid-watering>. So, what do we answer people who want to know if watering with ice cubes is a good idea?



First, the idea sorta works. It's hard to overwater a Phalaenopsis (the only genus the originator deals with) with 3 ice cubes on top of the media once a week, and overwatering is the number one killer of orchids in the home. Phalaenopsis can survive the cold water on their roots. After all, we know that chilling them in the late

autumn/early winter is how to set their bloom spikes.

Second, ice cubes are NOT the best way to water. I always ask the questioners if they'd like to soak their feet in ice water, and I back away if they say 'yes.' The BEST way to water in a very small collection is to take the plant to the sink, removing the inner pot from a non-draining decorative pot if it's in one. Make sure the water is tepid such that you could keep your hand under the tap pleasantly. Flush the pot with water. This removes any excess mineral in the mix. Set it aside to drain well. Then return it to the bright window, putting it back in the non-draining pot if desired.



The plant will thank you for your kindness. This is the advice I give to our questioners and then invite them to our meetings and membership.

Maryland Orchid Society 2022 - 2023 Calendar

DECEMBER

December 15, 2022 – Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party

JANUARY

January 2023 – Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

12 - SET-UP

13-15 – On Display (Volunteers Needed to Staff)

January 21 – NCOS Paph Forum

January 19, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

January 26, 2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD)

FEBRUARY

February 2023: Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

2 – SET-UP

3 – Judging

4-6 – On Display

National Capital Orchid Society Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

16 – SET-UP

17 - Judging

17-19 – On Display

February 16, 2023 – MOS Monthly Meeting [NOTE: May conflict with NCOS Set-up ???]

MARCH

March 2023: MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

7 (Tu) - Staging set-up

8 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits

9 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM

10-12 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public

March 16, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

March – April 2023 – SEPOS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

29 – Set-up

30 – Judging

31-April 2 – On display

APRIL

April 2023 TBD – Spring Workshop

April 20, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

MAY

May 18, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

JUNE

June 15, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

JULY

July 27, 2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD)

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

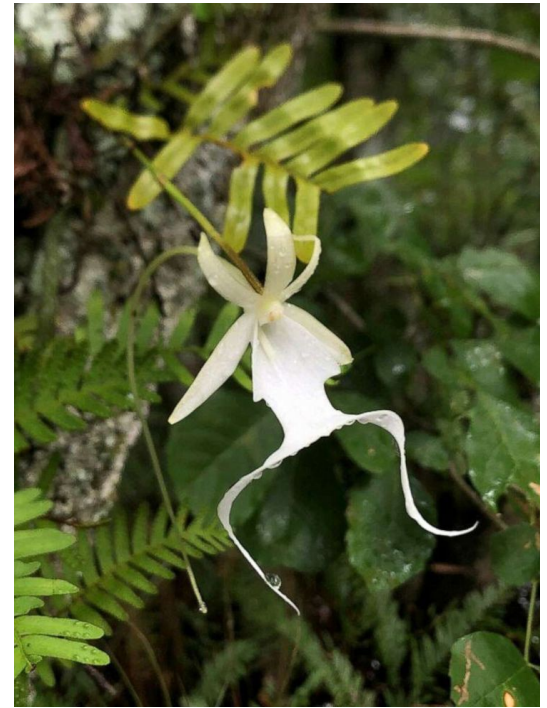
Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel (jheinbokel@hotmail.com), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

Ghosts, Again



We've touched on the Ghost Orchid in previous Miscellany contributions, but the impact of Hurricane Ian on its habitat in September this year brings it, and its precarious existence back to our attention. As described in the linked ABC News story (<https://abcnews.go.com/US/ghost-orchids-now-candidate-federal-protections-risk-hurricane/story?id=91737489>), every hurricane passing over its habitat in

southwest Florida is likely to bring down some number of the trees that support these rare plants. With apparently fewer than 750 mature specimens in the wild in the United States (and an unknown number in Cuba), each downed tree pushes this orchid closer to



the brink of extinction. Add climate change (drought) and poaching to those storms and the threat is severe. Accordingly, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has recently proposed protecting this orchid under the Endangered Species Act.

Submitted by John Heinbokel, November 30, 2022.

For more information from the American Orchid society, visit <https://www.aos.org>



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

On behalf of the American Orchid Society, we would like to thank you, our Affiliates, for your continued support throughout the past year. Twenty Twenty-Two allowed us to start making our way back to our pre-pandemic lives. Although not fully rid of Covid, we were able to have in person judging, meetings, shows and all the other events that made us feel whole as orchid enthusiasts. We were able to share with you: Webinars; the Orchid Marketplace; OrchidPro; Virtual Speaker Days; Fall and Spring Members Meeting; literature such as the *Book on Aerangis*; initiatives such as Stuck on Orchids, a children's book; Grants; our spectacular ORCHIDS Magazine and its Supplements among other initiatives and our crowning jewel, our Centennial. We look forward to providing you with more resources and opportunities in 2023.

We wish you, your members and families Happy Holidays!



Webinars-Coming Attractions!

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

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

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

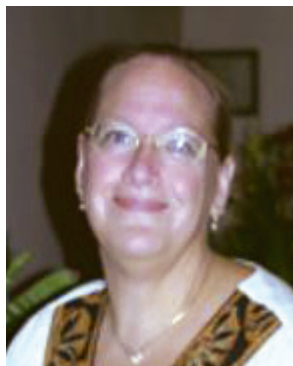
When	December Winter Break	January 04, 2023 8:30pm EST Wednesday	January 05, 2023 8:30pm EST Thursday
Topic	Choose Your Topic From RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Jan. 02</i>	New Directions In Zygopetalinae
Presenter	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tim Culbertson Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member

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AOS/ODC Chair and MOS Away Show Chair



Orchid Auction

December 17, 2022

Flat Rock Brook Nature Center,
443 Van Nostrand Avenue
Englewood, NJ

70+ plants
include rare,
hard to find
specimens!

FREE admission, lite snacks and
refreshments provided

Parking is limited, car pooling is
recommended

plant preview at 9:00am,
bidding starts at 9:30am

Cash, check or credit cards accepted



**American Orchid Society
Northeast Judging Center**

See our website nejcaos.org/auction for details
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The *MOS Newsletter*, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community.

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

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

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

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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 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 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m.