



# ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

August 2023

## *President's Message*

### Time Flies!

Seems way too soon to be saying this, but I have to realize that the summer is actually winding down and we're not too far from kicking off our 2023-24 program year. So let me use this collection of announcements to help that transition:



### Virtual Show Table

(Thursday, 17 August, 8 p.m.):

We'll meet virtually to show off what we've got blooming this month and, as long as we're 'gathered,' I'm sure we'll find an opportunity to chit chat as well. Please submit your pics of August-bloomers (no limit on number) to Fay Citerone (fay.citerone@gmail.com) as soon as possible but no later than the day before, so she can assemble a PowerPoint and get it to Clark. Since these are totally virtual, it's easier than during our hybrid meetings to let contributors talk about their plants; please be prepared to share some tidbits about your treasures.

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And last, but certainly not least, for those of you who get *Orchids* with your AOS membership (or have access to it through another pathway), please be sure to check out the article in the current edition (August 2023) by our own Rob Griesbach. "Perfection: A Family Story" develops a piece of the history of hybridizing white Phalaenopsis; it's well worth tracking down!



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## Come join us for the Maryland Orchid Society picnic/cookout!



**Saturday, August 26, 2023**  
**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Rain or shine! Come party with us!

**Eric Wiles' Farm**  
**1201 Cherrytown Road**  
**Westminster, MD 21158**

All MOS members and families are welcome. We will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or other beverage to share, and lawn chairs.

RSVP by **August 19** to Diane Elam at [dianeelam@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeelam@yahoo.com) and let her know how many are coming and what you are bringing. **We also need people to come at noon to help set up.**

For questions about the party call Eric at 410-984-2180.

Your hosts will also include chickens, dogs, cats, horses, and a variety of other farm denizens.



# Maryland State Fair

## First Flower Show-Potted Plants

Be mindful that Fair shelves are 8" deep and space is limited.

## Entry Date and Time

Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 3PM to 8PM  
Monday, August 21, 2023, from 9AM to 7PM.

## Pick Date and Up Time

Wednesday, August 30, 2023, from 4PM to 8PM  
Monday, September 11, 2023, from 9AM to 6PM



[Open Class Farm & Garden | Maryland State Fair](#)

Once again, the **Maryland Orchid Society** will be sponsoring and judging the Orchid entries in the Flower Show at the **Maryland State Fair** at the Timonium Fairgrounds. This is our first Society activity of the year and represents the first possible participation point for the year (not to mention the monetary awards!).

ORCHIDS To be judged by the Maryland Orchid Society

AWARDS, CLASS J84-94 1st Place \$8.00 2nd Place \$6.00 3rd Place \$4.00

**Novice Grower** More than one entry per class permitted, only one premium awarded per class.

J84 Orchid, any variety	J85 Phalaenopsis	J86 Cattleya
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**Experienced Grower** More than one entry per class permitted, only one premium awarded per class.

J88 Orchid, any variety	J92 Dendrobium
J89 Phalaenopsis	J93 Oncidium
J90 Cattleya	J94 Most Fragrant
J91 Lady Slipper	

## 2023 Acadian-MOS Order a Huge Success

Submitted by Nicole Allen and Bob Travers

We believe our MOS Order with Acadian Supply Society Pallet Order Program has been a huge success.

It all started at the MOS show this past March when Nicole asked when the society would again have a Bark order. In response Bob indicated he would be willing to mentor and provide past tools if someone would volunteer to take responsibility for the activity. Nicole stepped up and accepted the challenge. Within the span of a couple months, we were off and running. Hoping to make the half pallet of Bark for the 'best' price break, we can report we managed to greatly exceed.



We want to thank the Maryland Orchid Society members for participating; there were 30 members ordering, which is a significant portion of the Society. We ended up with a 2-pallet order which included Bark, SpagMoss and Tree Fern. 98 total individual items were ordered. Our order was delivered on July 6, 2023.

### Special thanks go to:

Clark Riley for converting the "order form" to a fillable PDF, managing several mailings of information to all.

Kathi Jackson for offering their home for our order receipt and its distribution. The picture is representative and shows orders staged for individual members grouped by residential clusters taken from a previous order. The truck was 2 hours late leaving no time for extra pictures.

Brenda Logan for managing the financial consolidation and payment to Acadian Supply.

Order receipt, verification, and sorting to individual orders and pickup groups was performed by Kathi Jackson, Ron Schwartz, Chris Zajac, Carol Allen and Bob and Susan Travers.

Thanks to the Pickup folks who patiently waited while we finished sorting the orders. Thank you all for stepping up and we managed to complete this delivery and pickup all in one day.

Thanks to all, this is an example of our thriving Society at work. Our cost estimates were appropriate and netted for the Maryland Orchid Society an Activity Donation of \$189.20.

PS Don't forget as you are potting, to save quality divisions of your Named and or Awarded plants for the MOS Auction this fall.

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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.

Visit us on the Web at [www.marylandorchids.org](http://www.marylandorchids.org)  
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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. Members may also attend via Zoom.