



ORCHID *newsletter*

News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

Nov. 2023



President's Message

Take a Breather

We're out of the gate in great shape this year with our monthly meetings rolling well and you all pulling off an absolute triumph of an Auction. So let me suggest that the next month or so will be a perfect time (and perhaps the last time for a while) to sit back on your laurels (whatever they are!) and relax. Once we're past New Year's we'll be full bore into the show season, starting with the Rawlings Exhibit in January (see the stand-alone article in this Newsletter) and then three away shows, our show at the Fairgrounds, and an April Workshop all piled up in quick succession (see the Calendar in this Newsletter).



And what better way for laurel-sitting than our Holiday Party this month! Join us for the best food of year (and that's saying something this year!). If you'd like to contribute a salad or dessert (please do!), let Dani Gent know what you intend so she can plan accordingly (Danielle.gent1995@gmail.com). There'll be lots of socializing and conversation, our show table seems to be getting better each month (!), and 60+ plants that somehow got overlooked by you at the Auction will be seeking new homes.

HEADS UP: The December meeting is rescheduled to the second Thursday (14th) to allow a bit more separation from Christmas. Looking even further ahead, the February meeting is pushed back to the fourth Thursday (22nd) to allow our team to set up the MOS display at the NCOS show the prior week.

As usual stay safe and healthy, grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us.

John Heinbokel

Rawlings Conservatory Exhibit

11 January 2024 (set-up)

12 – 14 January 2024 (on display)

14 January 2024 (tear-down; 4pm)

Each January, MOS collaborates with the Rawlings Conservatory to put on an exhibition that combines our collections of blooming orchids with the Conservatory's extensive holdings. It's a marvelous kick-off to the spring show season and gives us a chance to shine in front of a small but enthusiastic local audience. MOS members have two ways to contribute:

1. Loan plants to the exhibit (a show table participation point is awarded to each member loaning one or more plants). We'll set up roughly between 11am and 3 pm on

Thursday, 11 January. Please consider bringing any blooming plants to the Conservatory at that time. If transport is a problem, contact John Heinbokel (jheinbokel@hotmail.com; (802) 922-8686) and we'll see what we can arrange. If you plan to bring plants please let John know what time to expect you so that we can coordinate the set-up. Loaned plants should be retrieved late Sunday afternoon.

2. Staff the exhibit. We get to answer questions, point out interesting aspects of our plants, chat with fellow orchid enthusiasts, and gently recruit new members for MOS (no heavy sales pressure required; folks tend to recruit themselves!).

We also provide some subtle security for our plants. All in all, it's a blast, but the more the merrier! Sign-up sheets will be available at the December Holiday Party. Times are:

Friday, 12 January, 11am – 3pm

Saturday, 13 January, 10am – 4pm

Sunday, 14 January, 10am – 4pm

Novice

1. Ctsm. *saccatum* - Robin Neukam
2. Phal. Aphrodite - Sherrie Rashid

Homegrown

1. Phal. Noid - Amanda Gallegos
2. Tie Paph. Vanguard - Bob Travers
Den. Thonchai Gold x *caniculata* - Chris Zajac
3. Masd. Maui Gold 'Harford' - Robin Neukam

Greenhouse

1. Van. Ploenpit Blue 'Royal Sapphire' AM/AOS - Jos Venturina
2. Hab. rhodocheila 'Brilliant' - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Blc. Spring Dawn x Lc. Robert Strait - Bob Johnston
2. Grc. Black Comet 'Norrisville' AM/AOS - Bob Travers
3. Rlc. Mem. Jim Nickou x Rth. Kaboom - Chris Zajac

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Noid - Amanda Gallegos
2. Tie Phal. Pink Vein on Yellow - Brandt Braunschweig
Phal. Sun Spots - Sarah Spence
3. Tie Phal. Tai Ling Amerhyst - Bob Travers
Phal. Mituo King Bellina 'Wilson' - Chris Zajac

Paphiopedilum

1. Paph. Esquirolei - Bob Travers
2. Phrag. Andean Fire - Laura Sobelman
3. Paph. Ice Age - Mai Conaway

Dendrobium

1. Den. Nida Stripe - Chris Zajac
2. Den. ceraula - Jill Allen
3. Den. Noid - John Heinbokel

Oncidium

1. Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' - Bob Johnston
2. Blra. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Space Ship' - Danielle Gent
3. Tie Rrm. Ochidom Outstanding Beauty - Bob Johnston
Osp. Brazilian Sun 'FJ67' - Pat Schiavi

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. V. Robert's Delight 'Pink Diamond' - Brenda Logan
2. Tie V. Roll All Red - Chris Zajac
V. Sansel Blue 'Acher's Pride' - Fay Citerone
3. V. Robert's Delight x ? - Phoung Tran/Rich Kaste

Species

1. Aer. *quinquevulnera* - Phoung Tran/Rich Kaste
2. C. *forbesii* - Bob Travers
3. Bulb. *hirundinis* - Clark Riley

Miniature

1. Pc. Little Angel - Clark Riley
2. Rstp. *trichoglossa* - Bob Travers

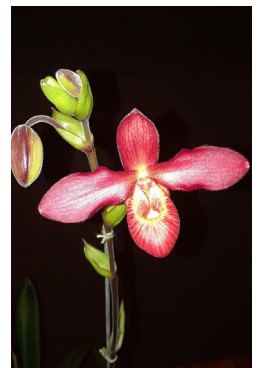
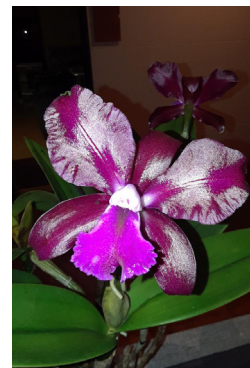
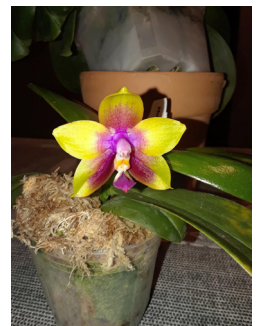
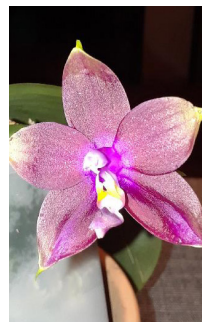
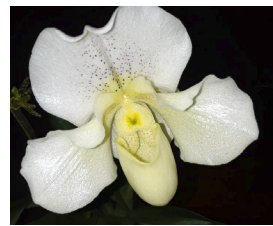
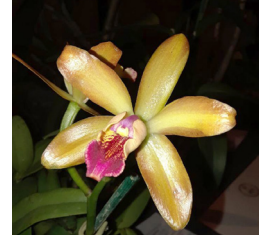
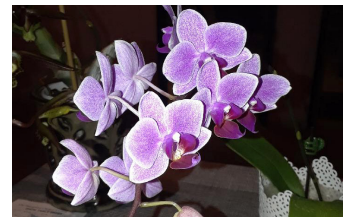
First Bloom

No entry

Fragrance

1. Enc. Chiapas 'Memoria Southgate Hammond' - Bob Travers
2. Zygo. Jumping Jack - Robin Neukam
3. C. Noid - Brandt Braunschweig

Our show table for November contained sixty seven blooming plants, with a strong showing from several of our new and novice growers. Judges were Pat Schiavi, Aaron Spence and Aaron Webb. The Judge's choice for the evening went to specimen sized and well bloomed (Blc. Spring Dawn x Lc. Mem. Robert Strait) brought in by Bob Johnston. Other exhibitors not mentioned above were Diane Elam, Kathi Jackson, Joy Marlow, Dave Smith, and Maria and Norm Zickuhr. Thank you for keeping our show table strong and vital. Let's try for a hundred in December.



Photos: Aaron Spence

July 8, 2023, Monthly meeting of the National Capital Judging Center

Sarah Hurdel's plant of *Bulbophyllum unitubum* 'Needmore' received an 83 point Award of Merit (AM). Her plant of *Habenaria* Erich's Pink Thing 'Flower Power' received a 92 point Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE).

August 8, 2023, Monthly meeting of the National Capital Judging Center

Dr. Griesbach's plant of *Phalaenopsis* Calypso Musick 'Twinkling Stars' received both an 82 point AM and an 83 point Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM).

September 9, 2023, Monthly meeting of the National Capital Judging Center

Joel Graham's plant of *Habenaria* Tilda 'Orlando' received a 79 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC). Sarah Hurdel's plant of *Pecteilis hawkesiana* 'Valerie' received an 82 point AM. Her plant of *Pectabenaria* Little Angel 'Needmore Frosting' received an 83 point AM. Sarah's plant of *Pectabenaria* Ptarmigan 'Wisp' also received an 83 point AM.

The National Capital Judging Center will be meeting on December 9, starting at noon. The venue will be the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Road in Marriotsville, MD 21104.

January 6, 2024, Monthly meeting of the National Capital Judging Center

The monthly meeting of the National Capital Judging Center will be held at the Saint James United Methodist Church (12470 Old Frederick Road, Marriotsville, MD 21104) starting at noon.

Valerie Lowe



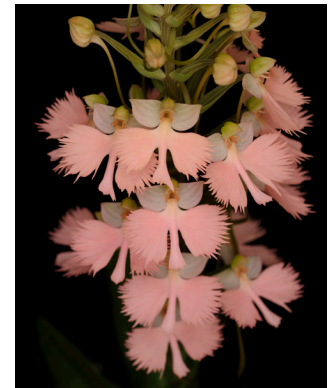
Bulbophyllum unitubum
'Needmore'



Habenaria Erich's Pink Thing 'Flower Power'



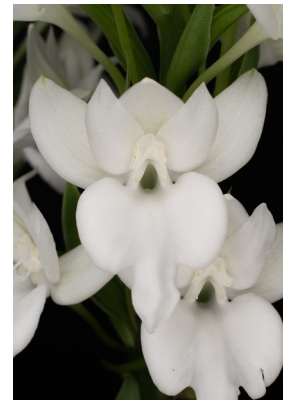
Phalaenopsis Calypso Musick
'Twinkling Stars'



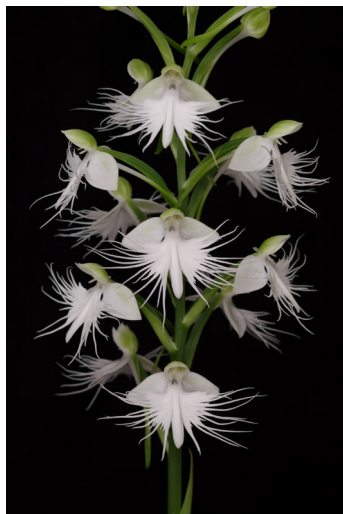
Habenaria Tilda 'Orlando'



Pecteilis hawkesiana 'Valerie'



Pectabenaria Little Angel
'Needmore Frosting'



Pectabenaria Ptarmigan 'Wisp'



A Message from Aaron Webb Annual Auction Chairman 2023 '#1 Auction in Gross Revenue'

Our Annual Auction was a wonderful day of Orchid Community fun sharing, imagining, helping, contributing, and a way of expanding our collections with new plants or replacing plants we have lost.

We had amazing member support in volunteering!

Thank You Volunteers: Sally Over, Susan and Bob Travers, Laura Sobelman, Aaron Webb, Sarah Spence, Clark Riley, Jonathan Coppola, Joel Graham, Wanda and Alex Kuhn, John Heinbokel, Chris Zajac, Dani Gent, Vincent Russo, Fay Citrone, Pat Schiavi, Ernie Drohan, Kathi Jackson, Brenda Logan, Diane Elam, Valerie Lowe and Bob Marshall, Gary Smith and Sarah Hurdel, Eric Wiles, Marilyn Lauffer, Karen Blandford, Suzanne Gaertner, Bob Johnston. Apologies if anyone was missed.

We also had a amazing number of donated plants.

Thank You Donors: Aaron Webb, Arne Schon, Brenda Logan, Christopher Zajac, Craig Taborsky, Danielle Gent, David Smith, Ellie Martin, Eric P. Wiles, DVM, Fay Citerone, Gordon Slaymaker, Joel Graham, John Heinbokel, Kevin McIntosh, Laura Sobelman, Liancheng Yang, Mai Conaway, Marilyn Lauffer, Maryland Orchid Society, Michael Moran, Robert B. Brundrett, Robert C. Travers, Robert Johnston, Robin Neukam, Sarah Hurdel, Anonymous donor.

Special Thank You to our fabulous auctioneers Clark Riley, Bob Marshall, and Eric Wiles.

***KUDOS* To Gary Smith for his 'Orchid Auction Database' to Provide You with Statistics.**

- 93 people registered for bidder numbers (20 more than last year)!
- A total of 108 plants were purchased from Carmela Orchids, Lehua Orchids, Orchids by Hausermann, and Tropical Orchid Farm. Profit margin on purchased plants was 55%.
- A total of 475 plants were donated. Profit margin on donated plants was 100%.
- A total of 583 plants were available for sale. (342 in 2022)
- 93 plants no sale, in foster care until disposition determination. (9 plants no sale in 2022)

Bring Your Own Box!



Just in case you were unable to attend our Annual Auction you are in luck!
The following plants will be available for sale at our December 14 Holiday Meeting.

Bring your own box! Instant Prices \$4 to \$30

Pay Treasurer after she has had a chance to enjoy the food and mingle.

Lot Number	Description	Price
8	Rexius Bark 2-Gal Size Medium	\$15
10	Rexius Bark 2-Gal Size Medium	\$15
28	Dienia ophrydis	\$12
67	Paph. Lebaudy anum	\$16
74	Paph Harrisianum	\$12
88	Miltonia moreliana	\$10
95	Guarianthe skinneri var albescence	\$18
96	Guarianthe skinneri var albescence	\$18
97	Guarianthe skinneri var albescence	\$18
99	Blc. Gladys Oumae 'Roy' HCC/AOS	\$18
107	Potinara Red Heart 'Neptune'	\$12
174	Schomburgkia Louise Fuchs 'Weesie' x self	\$16
277	Catasetum Susan Fuchs Burgundy Chip	\$24
319	Paph. Rothschildianum 'Dazzler x Buff'	\$24
327	Vanilla planifolia	\$12
368	Den. Aussie Parade	\$18
339	Oncidium noID Yellow long spike	\$18
340	Onc. Sharry Baby	\$18
352	Cattleya louvingiana SC crista	\$24
357	Paph. (F.C. Puddle x phillippense)	\$30
381	Maxillaria tenuifolia	\$12
385	Maxillaria tenuifolia	\$12
389	Maxillaria tenuifolia	\$12
390	Maxillaria tenuifolia	\$12
395	Vanilla planifolia	\$12
397	Vanilla planifolia	\$12
401	Clivia miniata	\$20
403	Clivia miniata	\$12
407	Clivia miniata	\$20

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Lot Number	Description	Price
439	Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamiami' 4N x Slc. Precious Katie 'Newberry Red Velvet'	\$12
443	Eria spicata	\$18
449	Cattleya harrisoniae 'Homestead' x Cattleya harrisoniae	\$20
455	Enc. Radiatam (Jeff's Select) x Enc rad. 'Cole'	\$24
461	Dendrobium aggregatum x majus	\$4
477	C. percivalana 'Summit' 4N mutation FCC/AOS	\$10
511	POT. Uptown Girl	\$12
514	Blc. Green Goddess 'Golden Delight' x Cattleya bicolor 'Mendenhall Beta' 4N	\$12
517	C. (L.) tenebrosa	\$12
518	Sc. Carol Lynn 'Nakabayash'	\$20
521	Slc. Virginia Dickey 'Diamond Orchids' AM x Sc Beaufort Hartfords Elmwood	\$20
523	Blc. Green Goddess 'Golden Delight' x Cattleya bicolor 'Mendenhall Beta' 4N	\$12
526	Rth Orchid Hsinying Starlight 'Pink Lady' (Rhyncattleanthe hybrid)	\$12
529	Bl Morning Glory	\$18
533	Braassavola glauca	\$12
546	Den. Pulchellum	\$12
547	Den. Pulchellum	\$18
562	Restripiella Ophiocephala 'Fort Caroline'	\$18
563	Dendrobium Merlin	\$10
571	Dendrobium pulchellum	\$5
574	Coelogne Janine Banks	\$18
580	Prag Wosener Super Grande	\$30
582	Ansellia Africana	\$30
44	Phrag Cardinale	Auction
115	Phragmipedium Grande 'Upperco' HCC/AOS	Auction
246	Phrag. Longifolium gracile	Auction
256	Tolumnia hawkesiana	Auction
289	Paph Tanja Pinky Pank 'Patty'	Auction
296	Bl. Yellow Bird	Auction
466	Epidendrum polybulbon	Auction
471	Rhyncolaelia glauca	Auction
478	Mystacidium capense	Auction
515	Enc. Cordigera rosea 'Purple Rain' AM/AOS x Enc. Cordigera rosea 'Tower of Power' FCC/AOS	Auction
552	Stanhopea triclara x Stanhopea Mexican species?	Auction
565	Dendrochilum colbianum	Auction

'Tis the Season



Have you noticed that many orchids seem to bloom at the same time every year? There are reasons for that behavior baked into the genes of our favorite plants. And we're not just talking about our hardy native orchids. Of course they will bloom in the spring after their winter nap. But

seasonal cues work for the tropical species that you are most likely to grow.

Phalaenopsis. The lineage of Phalaenopsis traces to the monsoon areas of Southeast Asia. Many people associate "monsoon" with torrential rains. Actually, monsoons are a two-phase weather system. The summer monsoon is indeed wet as the prevailing winds bring warm humid air above the South China Sea northward into the mountains, where they are cooled and dump their water. BUT, in the winter the winds come from the north and are cool and dry. Phalaenopsis and many other Southeast Asian genera know to start their flower spike in the cool shorter days so the seed will be ready for the summer monsoon. Want your Phals to bloom? Treat them to a cool bright location in late fall and winter.

Cymbidium. Most of the base parents of Cymbidium live in the foothills of the Himalayas from India through China, well north of the equator. In nature they experience low temperatures — even frost— in winter. If kept warm, they will grow vigorously, but not flower.

Catasetum alliance and Central American Laelias. These genera many not experience cold, though some of the high elevation Laelias like it cool, but they do experience seasonal drying, usually in the winter. The Catasetums and Cynoches will lose their leaves and go dormant while often going bone dry. If you water them too early, they may sprout, but may not bloom. They may also rot.



Phal. Nola Bel—Laura's plant



Cymbidium White Iceberg 'Frostbite'—Bob Griesbach's plant



Catasetum Aurora—Joel Graham's plant

MOS Welcomes the following new members...

Stella Gordon

Lauren Lankford

Barbara (Bobbi) Mazer

Sarah Spence
Membership Chair



MOS 2023-2024 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

December 14, 2023 – Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party
(NOTE: SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

January 2024 – Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
11 – SET-UP (Plants Needed)
12 - 14 – On Display (Volunteer Attendants Needed)
January 18 – Monthly Meeting
January 20 – NCOS Paph Forum
January 25 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD ??? ZOOM???)

January - February 2024: Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)
January 31 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)
February 4 – Tear-down

February 2024 – NCOS Annual Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
15 (Th) – Set-up (NOTE: MOS Feb monthly meeting rescheduled to February 22)
18 or 19 (Su or M) - Tear-down

February 22 – Monthly Meeting (NOTE: FOURTH THURSDAY TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH NCOS SHOW)

March 2024: MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

5 (Tu) - Staging set-up
6 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits
7 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM
8 – 10 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public

March 21 – Monthly Meeting

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.

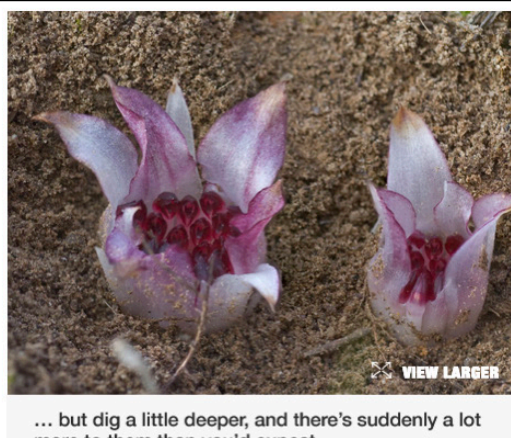
Underground Orchids – Revisited

I think it was some months ago (years? - time flies when you're having fun!) when the Miscellany piece focused on a non-photosynthetic (underground) British orchid that only popped up and revealed itself every few years when it was time to flower. Apparently for about 100 years there's been a genus known in Australia, that goes one better than that. It flowers underground and never (or barely) emerges; it appears to depend on termites and fungus gnats for fertilization and wallabies and bandicoots implicated in dispersion (Hey, it's Australia!). If that seems just too strange to ignore, here's the link to one account (<https://www.csiro.au/en/news/All/Articles/2021/January/like-finding-life-on-mars-why-the-underground-orchid-is-australias-strangest-most-mysterious-flower>); you can search on the genus name, *Rhizanthella*, for more accounts (The pictures below came from: <https://particle.scitech.org.au/earth/meet-the-underground-orchids/>).

Submitted by John Heinbokel, November 30, 2023.



Just the tip is visible from the surface (coin for scale)



... but dig a little deeper, and there's suddenly a lot more to them than you'd expect.

Image credit: Mark Brundrett



MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership: Annual Membership Dues are **\$30.00** per **Membership Year** [Sept 1 (current year) through Aug 31 (following year)] for all single, joint, or family memberships **residing at the same address**. **New members** joining after January 1 of the current year will be valid until August 31 of the following year. To be included in the **Society Roster** dues must be received by September 30. Please advise the Membership Chair if you do not want your information published in the Roster. **Members** are entitled to fully participate in the meetings and events, earn show table points for annual awards and advanced event notifications. MOS Roster and Newsletters are delivered to **Members Only** email.

Monthly Meetings are held on the Third Thursday of the month, September through June 7PM-10PM at Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane • Baltimore, MD 21212.

NEW MEMBER **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** **SINGLE** **DUAL** **FAMILY**

Name (Primary Member)	
Names (Associate) residing at the same address	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

Signature		Date			
			MM	DD	YYYY

\$30 Due **Cash** **Check**

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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. Members may also attend via Zoom.