



## MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

### MEMBER/EXHIBITOR SALES AND EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Dear MOS Members and Fellow Orchidists,

Thanks for your participation in our 2016 Show. Because of you it was a great success. We hope that our 2017 Show will be even better. **Note that the Show has moved to the Main Building on the Fairgrounds. I will send exhibitors and vendors a location map.** Therefore, it is with great pleasure and anticipation that we send you the enclosed information and extend to you an invitation to participate and exhibit in:

#### THE MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2017 SHOW AND SALE March 10-12, 2017, "Spring Around the World"

##### **Please note the following times and dates: Main Building (Cow Palace)**

- Staging set up (MOS only): **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, begins 9 a.m.**
- Exhibit and Sales set-up: **Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
(All plants *must be registered by 6 p.m., no exceptions.*)
- Ribbon and AOS Judging: **Thursday, March 9, 2017, begins 9 a.m.**
- Preview Sale: **Thursday, March 9, 2017, 3 p.m.-8 p.m.**
- Open to the Public: **Friday, March 10, 2017, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 11, 2017, open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2017, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

The sales area will be open for Show participants and Society Members, at the Fairgrounds, from 3:00 p.m., - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017. There is no charge to attend this.

The Show Committee constantly strives to improve the Show and Sale experience for everyone involved. With that in mind, MOS will continue to use a plant registration system at this year's Show. This will improve the judging of plants and exhibits in the Show. All exhibitors, will be required to register all plants being used in their respective exhibits. **This must be completed by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 or your plants/ exhibit/ will not be judged. There will be no exceptions.** The user front-end for this process will again be Microsoft Excel.

Please read the rules and regulations carefully. Give special attention to the deadline for reserving exhibit space. **Please keep in mind that all plants entered in any Class must be registered by the exhibitor into the MOS Registration System.** Exhibitors in Division I. Exhibits, must submit an Exhibitor Reservation Form by **February 28, 2017.**

Each exhibitor or representative must be present at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 12, 2017 to dismantle and remove his/her exhibit.

Label card stock will be provided; exhibitors must make their own plant labels and supply their own label wire, display lighting, and extension cords.

Joan Roderick, *MOS Show Chair*



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## LOCATION, DIRECTIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

### LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

The Maryland Orchid Society's 2017 Annual Show will be held as part of the 2017 Maryland Home and Garden Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland.

**Directions:** From the Baltimore Beltway (I-695), take I-83 north. Exit at Timonium Road EAST. Turn left on York Road. Turn left into the Fairgrounds at the North entrance. We are newly located in the Main Building of the Fairgrounds also known as the Cow Palace. A location map will be sent to exhibitors.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. There is an admission charge to the Maryland Home and Garden Show, however, vendors and volunteers working for MOS at the Show will be admitted without charge.
2. The Show is sanctioned by the American Orchid Society and will be judged by its rules and judges.
3. Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places, and honorable mention in all classes, subject to the discretion of the judges. Special Awards may be awarded to exhibits and plants in any class meriting such recognition, as determined by the judges. The American Orchid Society (AOS) Show Trophy, the Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC) Award, the Slipper Orchid Alliance (SOA) Award and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) Award may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
4. While reasonable security precautions will be taken, MOS is NOT responsible for damage or loss of plants and or artwork, blooms or other exhibitor personal property.
5. Exhibits must be set up between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. All plants must be registered by 6 pm, March 8 in order to assure they be considered for judging. Plants not registered by 6 pm, March 8 will not be judged. There are no exceptions. Please note MOS will be strictly enforcing this rule. By prior arrangement with Joan Roderick, staging materials may be brought in on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.
6. Exhibitors must provide for installation and removal of their exhibits. Exhibitors are responsible for supplying their own lights and extension cords. Each exhibitor (or a representative) must be present at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 12, 2017, to dismantle and remove his/her exhibit promptly. No exhibit may be dismantled before the close of the Show at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 12, 2017.
7. All sales from vendor sales tables will be processed by the individual vendor. MOS will continue to offer the packing, bagging or boxing of the sold items. Each vendor is responsible for marking his/her items as sold with a **bright red sticker applied to each item.**
8. There will be no commercial vendor exhibits as part of the 2017 Show.
9. Nothing may be hung from, stapled or taped to the walls, curtains or other property of the Fairgrounds.
10. Exhibited plants must be clean, well groomed, and free of insects and diseases. The Show Committee reserves the right to reject any plant in violation of this rule.
11. The Show Committee may deny entry of inferior exhibits or any part thereof. Any exhibit improperly classified may be disqualified. Exhibit space size will be set by the Show Chair.
12. Entries received after the deadline may be exhibited only at the discretion of the Show Chair.
13. MOS will supply a name card for each exhibit. No other signs will be permitted until after judging.



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### RULES AND REGULATIONS CONT'D

14. Exhibitors should label each plant entered in any Class by name and/or cross. MOS will furnish black label cards. Lettering should be done using a waterproof pen. It is recommended that plant label cards be sprayed after lettering with clear plastic or lacquer to prevent water damage. **Do not spray cards in the building.**
15. The use of artificial moss, grass or other plant material (*flowers or foliage*), chemically prepared leaves, dyed flowers, and similar accessories is prohibited.
16. Out-of-class entries must be properly registered under the appropriate class.
17. There will be no Art Show as part of the 2017 Show.
18. Sheet moss and access to electricity will be provided by MOS only if requested on the entry form. **Exhibitors must provide their own extension cords, lights and all other supplies.**
19. A Commercial Grower is defined as an individual or entity that sells more than 100 orchid plants, flasks or community pots, or combinations thereof, per year. The final determination is the responsibility of the Show Chair.
20. Miniature orchids are defined as plants having mature growths of six inches (*the length of a dollar bill*) or less in height or length, not including the inflorescence.
21. There will be no Grower's Choice classes in the 2017 Show.
22. There will be no Member Plant Sales Table in the 2017 Show.