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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

February 2008



## president's message

**W**ith last month's cancellation of our meeting due to inclement weather, 2008 has gotten off to a slow start. However, the Show Committee has been working on the Maryland Orchid Society's **55th Annual Orchid Show and Sale**, scheduled for **March 7-9**, and wants to encourage all members to be a part of our biggest event of the year! The show packet, which was mailed to members the last week of January, contains all of the information you need to participate in the Show. (If you have not gotten the packet please let me know). Invitations to the Banquet and Preview Party on Thursday, March 6, have also been mailed.

Bill Scharf will be looking for volunteers for the three days of the Show, plus help with the three days of set up and judging beforehand. If you have not contacted Bill about volunteering,

please do so. (There is no cost for Show volunteers to enter the Maryland Home and Garden Show buildings...).

We also need members who are willing to set up an exhibit at the Show. Valerie Lowe will be talking about what AOS judges look for in an exhibit in the Education Corner this month so you can learn how to make your exhibit an award-winning one. And remember, members may join together to put in an exhibit; they may buy plants for their display and they may borrow plants for their display. And MOS will again have small, inexpensive ferns available at set up to buy or borrow for your display... Doing an exhibit is a challenge - but fun and very satisfying in the end when the ribbons are placed on your plant or exhibit!

Ann

## Stefanie Jarrell to speak on "The Orchids of Belize and Guatemala"

Stefanie Jarrell, President of the Hollin Hills Orchid Society in Virginia and owner of Quarter Acre Orchids, will be our speaker this month. She is a regular vendor and exhibitor at our Show and sells "dry goods" at our Auction every year. She sells orchids and supplies through her website [www.quarteracreorchids.com](http://www.quarteracreorchids.com) and has a store in Alexandria, VA open on Saturdays. Her vacations take her to interesting tropical locations and her talk for us is the result of a recent trip. She will also have some plants for sale at our meeting.

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*Bletia purpurea*  
(from the [Belize Botanic Gardens website](http://www.belizebotanic.org)  
<http://www.belizebotanic.org>)

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Education Corner - Valerie Lowe Speaks About Show Exhibits



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Message from the Show Chairman

# The Orchid Alliance Project

**T**he AOS has recently endorsed an ambitious artistic project (The Orchid Alliance Project) designed to stimulate awareness and conversations about evolution, biodiversity and conservation. The project, developed by Evolution Art Group, LLC and Patricia Laspino combines historical art processes and contemporary technologies and is supported by several high profile organizations. The first exhibition “Orchids: Real & Imagined” will open February 8, 2008 in the Chasen Gallery in Richmond, Virginia and run through to March 7, 2008. In addition to great art, Chadwick Orchids will be providing orchids for sale as well. I ask that you personally help me and the AOS get the word out to our affiliated societies within traveling distance of the Gallery. A portion of the proceeds from this exhibition will be donated to the American Orchid Society. For full details of the project and the exhibition go to <http://www.aos.org/aos/events/OAP.aspx>.

Regards,

Ron McHatton,  
Director of Education and Regional Operations, AOS

(Images are from the Chasen Gallery web site—  
<http://www.chasengalleries.com/laspino/index.html>)



*Windswept Brasso*  
by Patricia Laspino



*Taisuko Snow*  
by Patricia Laspino



*Melodic Enchantment*  
by Patricia Laspino



*Ghost Orchid Sentinel*  
by Patricia Laspino

## *education corner*

**Valerie Lowe**, who is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, will be talking about what AOS judges look for in an exhibit, so you can learn how to make your exhibit an award-winning one. She will discuss how to make your orchids take center stage in your exhibit by applying various elements of design such as color flow, balance, focal points, etc.

Valerie's exhibit in last year's MOS show won second place in the 9 ft. square table top category.



Photo by Barry Woolf

## *show table > jan. 2008*

Due to inclement weather, the MOS had no regular monthly meeting in January and thus there was no show table. And I had my *Grammatophyllum speciosum* all boxed up and ready to go. Any way, in these cases you are allowed to have your own judging at home and everyone gets blue ribbons. Mine was for Judges' Choice so you can't have that one.

Laura,  
MOS Newsletter Editor

# message from the show chairman

MOS Members,

**T**he 2008 spring Show and Sale is now just weeks away. The Show Committee has been working hard to pull all the details together. By missing the January meeting we missed the opportunity to update you on our progress and to ask for help. That is a big missed opportunity as we need as much help as we can get. It takes a lot of participation from the members to make a Show of this size a success. You have done so for many years and I hope we can count on you again to make this year's Show another "blooming" success.

By now you have received an email from the Show committee detailing the areas in which we need help and the various jobs available. Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know your fellow members better while having a lot of fun.

Part of the fun is showing off the beautiful plants you've grown and your skills at exhibiting them. There are many opportunities

to do so from arranging 3 plants, to 100 square feet of exhibit space and everything in between. Get with a friend or make a new one and exhibit together. The possibilities are endless. Show off your artistic talents as well. We will again this year be offering space to Orchid Society members to exhibit their work in photography, drawing, paintings and more.



Last year, Sarah Hurdel's photo won first place in the black and white photography category.

If you have not yet signed up to help, it's not too late. I'll have sign-up sheets at the February meeting and we'll be discussing some of the particular jobs you can do.

If you have any questions regarding any of this please call or email me or Ann Lundy. Our contact information on the last page of the newsletter.

See you at the Show.

Bill Scharf,  
Maryland Orchid Society Show Chairman

## calendar

### Next General Meeting

February 21, 2008

7:00 p.m. Show table set up

7:15 p.m. Education Corner

7:30 p.m. Judging begins

8:00 p.m. Meeting begins

8:15 p.m. Program begins

The Maryland Orchid Society meets at the First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore MD. Please bring in your flowering orchids for the show table!

### National Capitol Judging Center

March 1, 2008 1:00 pm

National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC.

Sue Burgess, Program Director

### National Capitol Orchid Society Auction

March 1, 2008 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

National Arboretum, 24th and R Streets, NE, Washington, DC.

### Orchid Extravaganza

February 4 - March 31, 2008

Longwood Gardens

Kennett Square, PA

Show: March 28-30, 2008

### 2008 Maryland Orchid Society Show

March 7-9, 2008

Timonium Fairgrounds

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! IT'S FUN!

### Next MOS Board Meeting

April 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Marilyn's house.

Food will be served at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## report from the librarian

Several new books have been added to the MOS Library since the most recent inventory appeared in the newsletter.

Baker, Margaret L. and Baker, Charles O.:

"Orchid Species Culture: Oncidium/  
Odontoglossum Alliance"

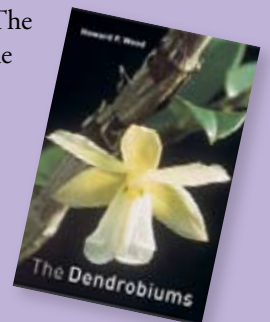


Cullina, William: "Understanding Orchids"

Hagsater, Eric: "Orchids of Mexico"

Withner, Carl L.: "The Cattleyas and their Relatives,  
Vol. VI: The South American Encyclia Species"

Withner, Carl L. and Patricia Harding: "The  
Cattleyas and Their Relatives the Debatable  
Epidendrum"



Wood, Howard P.: "The Dendrobiums"

Anne Minkowski  
MOS Librarian

# board meeting minutes

January 10, 2008

The Regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Orchid Society was held at the home of Ann and Lee Lundy at 7:30 p.m. on January 10, 2008.

Members of the Board present: Ann Lundy, Bill Ellis, Valerie Lowe, Marilyn Lauffer, Anne Minkowski, Gary Smith, Eric Wiles, Tom McBride, Norma Lynch, Aaron Webb, Clark Riley, Lee Lundy, and David Smith. Others present: Sue Spicer.

The President, Ann Lundy, called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Secretary, Lee Lundy was asked to act as recording secretary for the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

The Treasurer, David Smith, reported on the finances of the Society. He will be moving funds from our checking account to an account with a higher yield. The annual review of the society's financial accounts is still pending.

The President appointed a nominating committee consisting of a Board member (Marilyn Lauffer), an officer (Lee Lundy) and another member of the Society to chair the committee. The President will select the other member of the Society and the Committee will be announced in the February newsletter.

The Auction Chair, Bill Ellis, reported on the Annual Auction. Attendance and sales were down compared to 2006, in part, it was felt, because of the move to a different and unfamiliar location. David Smith will compile final expenses and email. The Board determined that the Annual Auction would continue to be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 2008 in the same location as in 2007. The Auction Chair will make arrangements with the facility for us to have the facility available until 5:00 pm on that day.

The Away Shows Chair, Valerie Lowe, reported that the next away shows will be in the Fall of 2008.

The Library Chair, Anne Minkowski, reported on accessions and the condition of the library.

The Membership Chair, Marilyn Lauffer, reported that we have, to date, 102 members. Membership rosters have been distributed and mailed. Ann Lundy suggested printing enough rosters next year to allow an excess of more than 15 spare copies.

The Program Chair, Ann Lundy, reported that Valerie Lowe had agreed to make a presentation on *Phalaenopsis* orchids at the January meeting.

The Board discussed the extent to which an art show would form part of the Society's Annual Show and types of art to be exhibited. The Board determined that, if the space available at the show facility is the same as in 2007, only members of the Society will be permitted to exhibit art at the Show. If more space is available, consideration will be given to permitting exhibits by members of other participating orchid societies. Sue Spicer will

oversee arranging the art at the show and entries. The President will determine from S&L Productions the space available for the Show.

Some sponsors for special awards had dropped their support as a result of raising the award from \$35 to \$45. There was general consensus to drop the price back to \$35 and have a smaller or simpler plaque.

The President also noted that selection of a show theme is still outstanding. The theme for the Home and Garden Show is "Home Sweet Home", and Ann Lundy requested email suggestions for our theme.

Gary Smith reported on behalf of a subcommittee of the Show Committee that it had determined not to change the judging procedures from those used at the 2007 Annual Show, specifically not to adopt pre-registration of each plant exhibited.

The Education and Activities Chair, Eric Wiles, reported that the Education Committee plans a post-Annual Show workshop on April 12, 2008, at the same location as last year's workshop. Potential trips to the Capital Region Judging and the Smithsonian were discussed and the Chair will look into available times, specific arrangements and logistics.

The Vice President, Gary Smith, reported his progress on job descriptions for Board position and urged incumbents to review the drafts he has prepared.

Bill Ellis agreed to head a mentoring program for new members.

The Board determined that the next meeting will be held April 10, 2008, at the home of Marilyn Lauffer.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

## President Appoints Nominating Committee

At the January Board Meeting President Ann Lundy appointed Marilyn Lauffer, Membership Chair and Lee Lundy, Controller as Board and Officer members of the Nominating Committee. Cyrus Swett has agreed to serve as the MOS non-board member of the Nominating Committee and will be Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

# AOS Calendars Available at Next Meeting

The 2008 American Orchid Society Calendar will be available for \$8.50 at the next MOS meeting.

Orchid conservation was an important topic when the American Orchid Society was founded in 1921. And since the AOS Conservation Committee was established on May 6, 1922, it has addressed concerns voiced by the Society's founders: education, scientific research and protection of orchid habitats. Meeting twice yearly, the committee works in concert with the Education and Research Committees, evaluating proposals for scientific grants in the field of conservation. To further its goals, the Conservation Committee has worked with volunteer photographers and authors worldwide to create the 2008 American Orchid Society Conservation Calendar. This gallery of 12 plant portraits reflects the mission of the American Orchid Society, to promote and support the passion for orchids through education, conservation and research. Hailing from Madagascar, the Himalayas, Peru, Florida, Japan, China and elsewhere, the 12 orchid species shown illustrate the amazing diversity found within the orchid family. Embrace a passion for orchid conservation by purchasing this calendar for yourself — and as gifts for friends.



The 2008 calendar is 24 pages with 12 color photographs. It is shrink-wrapped with heavy card stiffener and opens to 11x22 inches.

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