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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

November 2009

president's message

In September 2008, shortly after taking office as President, it occurred to me that I had not seen published a mission statement for the society. One would have thought that an organization with the standing and longevity of the MOS would have adopted a mission statement long ago and that we would be reusing it constantly in our annual membership roster, on the web, and in all public-facing literature we distributed. Yet I could find nothing.

I therefore set out to investigate this omission and set things right. First, I added it to our Idea List (a status for which you've seen in previous column entries and for which a reprise is probably overdue). Wanting to bring the matter before the Board of Trustees and realizing that a special committee would likely be needed to carry out the work, I then did a little research on my own, surveying dozens of orchid society web sites looking for

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Wayne Roberts to Speak at November Meeting

Wayne Roberts has been growing orchids for over 36 years. It all began when he and his wife Nancy purchased three orchids as a remembrance of their Florida honeymoon, two of which died soon after in their very drafty windowsill conditions. Determined to succeed, they built a light cart, then multiple light carts, then a lean-to greenhouse, then a two-story greenhouse, and lastly an additional free-standing model they dismantled from 120 miles away and re-erected over a period of 3 years. They started Roberts Flower Supply over 20 years ago, as it evolved from trying to take care of fellow growers' potting supply needs on a collective basis. It was a part-time endeavor until this year, when it became full-time for both of them.



Cypripedium flavum

what we humans love in them, making the seed-grown selections more desirable than plants dug from the wild. This year for the first time some other non-*Cyp* natives are also being offered, as he strives to learn how to grow these as well. He is a member of the Native Orchid Society and is passionate about conserving and propagating endangered native plants of all kinds, especially orchids. Every few years he leads a strenuous hike to a protected wildlife preserve for a magnificent viewing and photo session featuring hundreds of

Cyp. regina.

Reminder: Check out Wayne's website at www.orchidmix.com to find out details of what he sells in both supplies and *Cyps* to pre-order for the November meeting. Pre-orders may be made by phone, mail or e-mail at rfs@orchidmix.com and need to be received by 11 November. (Note: Some *Cyps* are in short supply and should be ordered as early as possible.) A surcharge of 15% will be added to the merchandise total for supplies only. This is much less than the amount it would cost for UPS shipment, and will be used to help defray Wayne's transportation expenses from Ohio.

Phone: 440.236.5571

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Wayne's interest in native species of orchids and lilies has been almost as long-lived, as he has been growing them for 30 years. Much of the information on growing these plants in the 1970s and 1980s was incorrect. He observed nature to determine how best to grow these plants, and with careful follow up, he has grown every North American *Cypripedium*. His collection includes all the American *Cyps* plus 15 other natives and over 20 hardy Asian orchids. He has grown hundreds from seed. He believes the best way to protect the wild plants is to breed *Cyps* for

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by Tom McBride



Novice

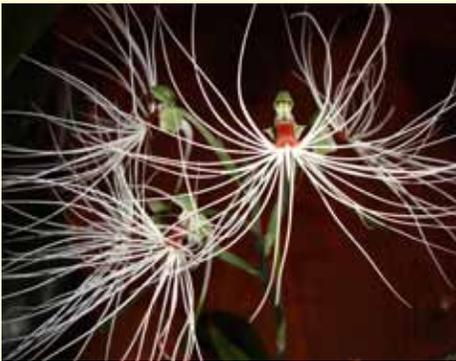
1. Cym. Chen's Ruby (above) - Royce Faddis



2. Phal. Hybrid (above) - The Dagostins
3. Tolu. Mem. Ralph Yagi 'Jon' - Kathi Jackson

Home Grown

1. Wils. Red Pacific 'Deep Shadow' - Bill Scharf



2. Tie Hab. *medusae* (above)- Bill Soyke
Den. Betty Nakada (below)
- Chrissy Mavrides
3. Hab. Egret - Clark Riley



Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. Cym. Martha Clarke (above)- Eric Wiles



2. Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'JEM' (above)
- Sue Spicer

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. Asctm. *christensonianum* - The Adamases
2. Milt. *spectabilis* var. *morelianum* (below)-
Cy Swett



Cattleya

1. *C. maxima* - The Adamases
2. *C. maxima* var. *coerulea* - Chris Zajac
3. Tie *C.* Hybrid - Don Forester
Psh. *cochleata* - Clark Riley



Phalaenopsis

1. Dtps. (Taisuco Fireball X Leopard Prince)
(above) - Kathi Jackson
2. Phal. Joy Spring Canary 'Rainbow' -
The Adamases (see photo page 6 of
newsletter)
3. Phal. *equestrif* f. *alba* - Clark Riley



Oncidium

1. Colm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' (above)
- Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy' -
The Lundy's
3. Tie Brsdm. Fly Away 'Miami' - Chris Zajac
Onc. Gower Ramsey - Cy Swett

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Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Noirmont Mem Dick Clements 'Rojo Grande' x Longifolium' Woodstream' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac
2. Phrag. *longifolium* (above)- Cy Swett
3. Paph. *henryanum* - The Lundys

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Blue' - The Adamses (see photo page 7 of newsletter)
2. Den. Nora Tokunaga - Cy Swett
3. Drac. Quasimodo - Eric Wiles

Species

1. Pths. *pytrophylla* (see page 4)- Bill Scharf
2. Tie Bulb. *masdevalliacum* - The Adamses
Den. *oligophyllun* - David Smith
3. Paph. *henryanum* (below)- The Lundys



Miniature

1. Gchls. *dasyogon* - The Adamses
2. Cad. *taylori* 'Harford' - Bill Scharf
3. Pths. *flexuosa* - David Smith

First Bloom Seedling

No entries this month

Fragrance

1. Ddc. *longifolium* 'J. G.' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - Deborah Dade
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - The Lundys



The Judges Choice of the Evening , Phrag.

Noirmont Mem Dick Clements 'Rojo Grande' x Longifolium' Woodstream' AM/AOS , was exhibited by Chris Zajac. See more about his plant on page 7. The judges were Laura Sobelman, Ernie Drohan and Cy Swett. There were 100 plants on the show table!

Changes to the MOS Monthly Auction

The monthly orchid auction is a vital part of the MOS spectrum of member services. It gives members the chance to acquire species and hybrids often unavailable commercially yet grown in our local environment. Additionally, it contributes positively to the organization's bottom line. (The annual profits from the auctions are roughly equivalent to 30 annual membership dues.)

However because of its burgeoning popularity, the auction contributes to the meeting running a bit long into the night. In May and June 2009, we started experimenting with ways to decrease the time required to hold the auction. We are continuing the experiment in November by holding a silent auction for excess plants.

- When at least 15 lots are received for auction, the first 10 lots will be sold via our regular interactive auction.
- All lots received after the first 10 will be sold via a silent auction.



Marty Vittek auctions off a plant at the 2007 MOS holiday party.

- Silent auction lots will be open for bidding until the beginning of the meeting. At that time, bidding will be closed. The winning bidder for each lot will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Please let your board members know if these changes are working to your satisfaction. We treasure your input!

MOS STEALS THE NCOS SHOW!!

Thanks to the gracious loan of plants from Barbara Buck, Ernie Drohan, Suzanne Gaertner, Les Kirkegaard, Sarah Hurdel, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Ann Lundy, Norma Lynch, Jamie Riegel, Clark Riley, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Cyrus Swett, Eric Wiles and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society was awarded the Orchid Digest Award

for Best Amateur Exhibit in Show and the American Orchid Society Trophy for Best Exhibit in Show. Many thanks to Sarah Hurdel, Jamie Riegel, Bill Scharf, David Smith and Gary Smith for helping me to install and take down the exhibit.

Valerie Lowe, Away Shows Chair

First Place Ribbons

	Owner
<i>Encyclia prismatocarpa</i>	W. Scharf
<i>Paphiopedilum tigrinum</i>	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Paph.</i> (Hsinying Inspiration x Sue Franz)	W. Scharf
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Hsinying Magic x Sue Franz)	V. Lowe
<i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> #1	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Dendrobium</i> Maiden Charlotte	S. & R. Adams
<i>Ascocentrum christensonianum</i>	S. & R. Adams
<i>Vasco</i> . Thai Sky	J. Riegel
<i>Bllra</i> . Purple Haze 'Jimi Hendrix'	D. Smith
<i>Wilsonara</i> Red Pacific 'Deep Shadows'	W. Scharf
<i>Masd.</i> Swallow 'Harford's Sunrise'	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Liparis condylobulbon</i>	D. Smith
<i>Cochleanthes amazonica</i>	The Little Greenhouse

Second Place Ribbons

<i>Blc</i> Donald Reins x Lc Joao Antonio Nicolai	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Cattleya</i> Living Red Coral	S. & R. Adams
<i>Epidendrum difforme</i>	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Paph. lawrenceanum</i> v. <i>hye anum</i> 'Berenice', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Paph.</i> (Sue Franz x Nightshadow)	W. Scharf
<i>Dendrobium oligophyllum</i>	D. Smith
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Music 'Cressendo', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Gastrochilus dasypogon</i>	S. & R. Adams
<i>Vanda</i> Mimi Palmer 'Tom Ritter', AM/AOS	L. Kirkegaard
<i>Masd.</i> Maui Gold	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Pleurothallis flexuosa</i>	D. Smith
<i>Pleurothallis pypterophylla</i>	W. Scharf
<i>Platystele halbingeri</i> #2	D. Smith

Third Place Ribbons

<i>Epidendrum (conopseum x xanthinum)</i>	D. Smith
<i>Paph. henryanum</i>	A. Lundy
<i>Paph. (philippinense x Emerald)</i> #1	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Cadetia taylori</i>	W. Scharf
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Tabaco Tex 'Harford', AM/AOS	S. & R. Adams
<i>Miltonia spectabilis</i>	C. Swett
<i>Comparettia speciosa</i> #2	S. & R. Adams
<i>Masd.</i> Claret Chalice 'Harford's Wine Festival', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
<i>Pleurothallis sonderiana</i> 'Turnberry', CCE/AOS	D. Smith
<i>Luerrela pelicaniceps</i>	W. Scharf
<i>Platystele halbingeri</i> #1	D. Smith
<i>Habenaria</i> (Kokusae x medusae)	C. Riley
<i>Goodyera hispida</i>	V. Lowe
<i>Pleurothallis pypterophylla</i>	W. Scharf
<i>Platystele halbingeri</i> #2	D. Smith
<i>Phrag.</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice	V. Lowe



Photo courtesy of Valerie Lowe.

MOS exhibit before judging.



Photos by Bill Scharf

Bill Scharf's *Pleurothallis pypterophylla* 'Willy's' CHM/AOS and *Paphiopedilum* [Hsinying Inspiration x Sue Franz] 'Willy's'

MOS SWEEPS THE FALL 2009 SHOWS!!

Thanks to plant donations by Rachael Adams, Barbara Buck, Frank Dagostin, Ernie Drohan, Don Forrester, Joanne Gaertner, Sarah Hurdel, Helen Huntington, Patti Kelt, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Ann Lundy, Norma Lynch, Kathi Jackson, Jamie Riegel, Clark Riley, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Cyrus Swett, Chris Zajac and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society once again garnered the coveted American Orchid Society Show Trophy for Best Exhibit in Show at the **Susquehanna Orchid Society Show** held at Stauffer's of Kissel Hill in Lancaster, Pa. Our 50-sq.-ft. exhibit also received the Trophies for Best *Dendrobium*, Best *Oncidium*, Best

Miniature, Best *Pleurothallid*, and Best Society Exhibit in Show. Listed below are the other ribbons our exhibit took home:

Thanks to Rachael Adams, Sarah Hurdel, Bill Scharf, Gary Smith and Cy Swett for helping me for the eight hours it took to set-up the exhibit and to Sarah Hurdel, Bill Scharf, Gary Smith and Cy Swett for helping me to dismantle the exhibit and pack everything up, which took only 1 ½ hours!

Valerie Lowe
MOS Away Shows Chair

Ribbon	Plant	Owner
1	<i>C. maxima</i>	Adams
1	<i>Cleis. filiforme</i>	Adams
1	<i>Gchls. dasypogon</i>	Adams
1	<i>Phal. equestris</i> 'Gino'	Adams
2	<i>Asctm. (garayi x ampullaceum)</i>	Adams
2	<i>Brs. Santa Ynez</i> 'Harford'	Adams
2	<i>Bulb. cupreum</i>	Adams
2	<i>Comp. speciosa</i> #3	Adams
2	<i>Gchls. dasypogon</i>	Adams
2	<i>Vasco. Pine Rivers</i> 'Blue'	Adams
3	<i>Den. Maiden Charlotte</i>	Adams
3	<i>S. cernua</i>	Adams
3	<i>Slc. Hazel Boyd</i> 'Apricot Glow', HCC/AOS	Adams
1	<i>Den. oligophyllum</i>	D. Smith
1	<i>Paph. Whitemore</i> 'Norrinton', FCC/AOS	D. Smith
2	<i>Onc. onustum</i>	D. Smith
2	<i>Pths. stricta</i>	D. Smith
3	<i>Paph. Alma Gevaert</i>	D. Smith
3	<i>Pths. costaricensis</i>	D. Smith
2	<i>Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration x Sue Franz)</i> 'Willie's', HCC/AOS	Forrester
1	<i>Blc. Waianae King</i> 'Orchidheights', HCC/AOS	Huntington
1	<i>C. Portia</i> 'Appleton', AM/AOS	Huntington
1	<i>Phal. Taida King's</i> Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra'	Jackson
2	<i>Sns. fragrans</i>	Kelt
1	<i>Goodyera hispida</i>	Lowe
1	<i>Paph. (Hsinying Magic x Sue Franz)</i> 'Maxa', HCC/AOS	Lowe
2	<i>Lus. discolor</i> var. <i>alba</i>	Lowe
3	<i>Phrag. Sorcerer's</i> Apprentice 'Windswept Hill Gertie', AM/AOS	Lowe
1	<i>Bulb. rothschildianum</i>	Lundy
1	<i>Paph. henryanum</i>	Lundy
1	<i>Vasco. Thai Sky</i>	Riegel
2	<i>Paph. (Hsinying Onyx x Calsow)</i>	Riegel
1	<i>Masd. Snow Cone</i>	Scharf
1	<i>Onc. Twinkle</i>	Scharf
Best Oncidium	<i>Onc. Twinkle</i>	Scharf
1	<i>Pths. pypterothylla</i>	Scharf
Best Miniature	<i>Pths. pypterothylla</i>	Scharf
Best Pleurothallid	<i>Pths. pypterothylla</i>	Scharf
2	<i>Hwra. Lava Burst</i> 'Puuanii', AM/AOS	Scharf
2	<i>Masd. Snow Cone</i>	Scharf
1	<i>Phrag. Sedenii</i>	Swett
2	<i>Phrag. Cardinale</i>	Swett
2	<i>Pths. prolifera</i>	Swett
3	<i>Onc. Memoria</i> Harold Starkey	Swett
1	<i>Blc. (Donald Reins x Lc. Joao Antonio Nicholas)</i> 'Harford's', HCC/AOS	TLG
1	<i>Den. laevifolium</i>	TLG
1	<i>Den. lamellatum</i>	TLG
Best Dendrobium	<i>Den. lamellatum</i>	TLG
1	<i>Masd. Elven Magic</i> 'Caruso'	TLG
2	<i>Den. laevifolium</i>	TLG
2	<i>Milt. Andrea West</i> 'Harford's Wei', AM/AOS	TLG
2	<i>Paph. lawrenceanum</i> v. <i>hyenum</i> 'Berenice', AM/AOS	TLG
3	<i>Paph. purpuratum</i> 'Loch Raven'	TLG
1	<i>Phrag. Noirmont</i>	Zajac
2	<i>C. maxima</i> v. <i>coerulea</i>	Zajac



MOS exhibit. Photo courtesy of Valerie Lowe.

Monthly Checklist for November and December

Reprinted from the AOS Web site

Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening — hardening — in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from *masdevallias* to *odontoglossums*. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.

Cymbidium

Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex

This is the season for plants in *Oncidium* section *crispum* from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Paphiopedilum

The flowering season for the “toads” or “bulldog” paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. *Paphiopedilums* are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike.

While *paphiopedilums* rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter

growing area. With *paphiopedilums*, especially, “cleanliness is next to godliness” and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.



Phal. Joy Spring Canary 'Rainbow' - The Adamases

Phalaenopsis

Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in *phalaenopsis*. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our *phalaenopsis* will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest.

A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a “bloom booster”-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.

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Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Blue' - The Adamases

Vandaceous Genera

Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules.

The AOS and MOS thank Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.



“ I purchased *Phragmipidium* Noirmont Mem Dick Clements 'Rojo Grande' x Longifolium 'Woodstream' AM/AOS in October 2005 at the National Capital Orchid Society show, member's table. After 1 year in the original cocoanut husk potting medium, I repotted into a bark medium. Because the new growths

know it all!

This column features the MOS' Judges' Choice plant for the previous month. In September David Smith's *Acianthera sonderiana* 'Turnberry' was awarded the honor. Following is David's description of how he grows his plant:

“ This plant is *Acianthera sonderiana* 'Turnberry' (syn. *Pleurothallis sonderiana*) that I have owned for over 20 years. I know this because the label indicates that it was mounted on this piece of driftwood in 1987, but beyond that I don't remember when it was purchased or from whom. The plant received CCM awards at two successive NCOS shows, 2007 and 2008. This year it bloomed much earlier and consequently had to be taken to the AOS judging center in Washington at the National Arboretum in September, 2009. The judges at the National Capitol Judging Center awarded it the higher cultural award, the CCE, with 92 points.

A. sonderiana 'Turnberry' has always been easy for me to grow. It responds best to moderately bright light, high humidity, good air movement, moderate fertilization, intermediate temperatures, and benign neglect. It has proven to be a very



Photo by Jim Osen

forgiving plant because it has survived and bounced back strongly from two periods of fairly severe abuse (lack of water). It also seems to grow better as a mounted plant rather than potted. If these conditions or conditions that approximate these can be provided, then I recommend *A. sonderiana* to any grower who likes small-growing orchid plants. ”

In October, Chris Zajac's *Phragmipidium* Noirmont Mem Dick Clements 'Rojo Grande' x Longifolium 'Woodstream' AM/AOS was awarded the judges' choice award. Following is Chris' description of how he grows his plant:

grow vertically, I use a narrow deep pot to contain the growths in the mix.

I grow *Phrag.* Noirmont 12 feet from a 1,000 watt Agrosun halide and sodium bulb, left on for 13 hours a day in a north-facing room, resulting in about 3,500 foot candles of light. I water every other day using tap water, the excess drains into a water tray beneath the plant. Twice a year I fertilize with Miracle Gro Shake and Feed time release pellets. In between I use monthly 1/2 dilution liquid fertilizer. The plant sits 8 feet from an oscillating floor fan.

It has been a sequential, almost continuous bloomer since 2005. It has been pest free and hardy. ”

LOCAL AOS NEWS

OCTOBER 9: NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDGING CENTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL CAPITOL ORCHID SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

The Little Greenhouse's plant of *Cochleanthes amazonica* 'Loch Raven' was awarded a 79 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC). Their plant of [*Blc.* Donald Reins x *Lc.* Joao Antonio Nicholai] 'Harford' was also awarded, receiving a 78 point HCC.

Bill Scharf's plant of *Paphiopedilum* (*Paph.*) (Hsinying Inspiration x Sue Franz) 'Willy's' HCC/AOS, which he picked up at the September meeting as one of his bonus plants, received a 78 point HCC.

Valerie Lowe also picked out a winner at the September meeting; her plant of *Paph.* [Hsinying Magic x Sue Franz] 'Maxa' garnered a 78 point HCC.

Both of the *Paph.*, as well as the *Blc.* American Orchid Society (AOS) plant quality awards are provisional contingent upon registration of the hybrids with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).



Paphiopedilum (Hsinying Magic x Sue Franz) -V. Lowe

OCTOBER 23: NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDGING CENTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUSQUEHANNA ORCHID SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

Bill Scharf's plant of *Pleurothallis* (*Pths.*) *pyterophylla* 'Willy's' CHM/AOS, received an 84 point Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM).

Valerie Lowe
AOS Representative

Local MOS Happenings by Valerie Lowe

Jamie Riegel, one of MOS's members, spent the summer building a greenhouse attachment for his house. With the considerable help of his friends, especially Gary Krause of The Little Greenhouse, it was finally put into service the week of October 26, 2009.



Maryland Orchid Society Annual Auction

Saturday, 28 November 2009

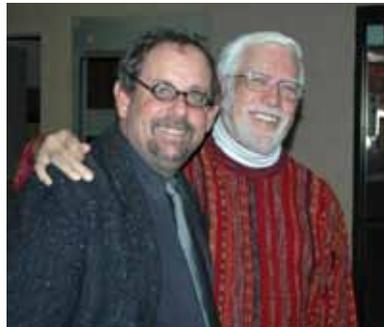
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good examples. I even went so far as to parse concepts and verbs from the best examples, thinking that I could offer the committee a gentle but guiding hand. (If you've never been tasked with working on a mission statement, count yourself blessed. It can be some of the most frustrating, inane work you'll ever encounter. And inevitably someone higher up decides that he doesn't like the result and imposes his own answer upon the masses. Thus I wanted our committee to benefit from a leg up but not be unduly influenced by me.)

With my research and ideas in hand I presented the need for a mission statement to the January 2009 Board meeting. To my surprise and embarrassment, Clark Riley quickly observed that we did indeed have a mission statement on our website. Been there for years! When I realized later to what he was referring, it became clear why I missed it. On our website, close to the bottom of the main page is buried the following sentence:

"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."

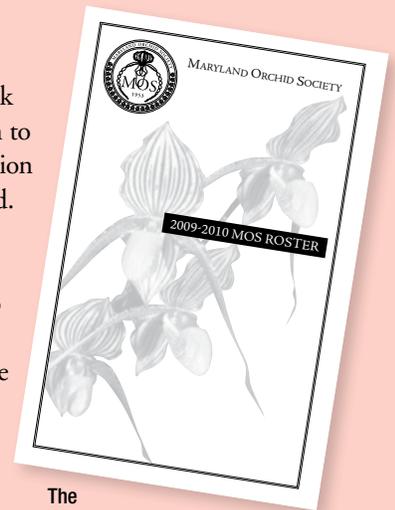
The paragraph that this sentence begins then goes on to describe the benefits of membership. Nowhere is this sentence identified as our mission statement, but I had to admit that it certainly had the ring of a mission statement. Clark said that he inherited it from our old website that Mark Robbins used to maintain. (It's still out there if you're curious. The site is <http://www.pha.jhu.edu/~mr/mos.html>. And sure enough the sentence is there, more prominently located higher on the main page.) My balloon fairly deflated but my mind satisfied that our quest for a mission statement had been so easily attained, I asked Clark to validate that this was in fact our duly agreed upon, consensus-built mission statement and report back at the next Board meeting.

By the July 2009 Board meetings, Clark was still unable to ascertain the authenticity of this sentence. This is when Tom McBride spoke up and said that he was sure that he had seen a mission statement published in an old membership roster. Tom

has a set of MOS rosters going back decades, so he was the right person to research this. If he found the mission statement, the case would be closed.

At the most recent October 2009 Board meeting, Tom was forced to report that his search was unsuccessful. Neither this sentence nor any verbiage had been published as our official mission statement. Blame it on wishful thinking or faded memory, but it was starting to look again like we would need to appoint a committee to handle the matter. The thought lasted a mere moment or two however, because that's when Lee Lundy spoke up and claimed that we did in fact have a mission statement. To my amazement, he then went on to read it out loud to the Board. (Lee had to miss the last couple of Board meetings and so did not have the opportunity to dumbfound us previously with this revelation.) It turns out that in June of this year, Lee got his hands on a digital copy of the original *Articles of Incorporation of Maryland Orchid Society, Inc.* This 1955 document, now archived with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, Taxpayer Services Division, contains in the Third Article a statement of "purposes for which the Corporation is formed ..." To read these grainy images gives the immediate sense of reading original history. And the Eighth Article gives a shiver by stating that "the duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual." Well, 54 years and counting anyway.

This unequivocally is our mission statement as articulated by the earliest Board of Directors (as they were then called) of the MOS. What it lacks in the sweeping brevity of our on-line statement, it makes up for in authenticity. It is with this lead-in that I gladly present our new old mission statement below.



The 2009 - 2010 MOS roster will contain the MOS mission statement.

Gary

“ *To bring together persons interested in orchids; to promote interest in orchid culture; to encourage all orchid activities of interest to the enthusiast including the holding of orchid shows; to procure and disseminate among its members information as to the methods of culture, hybridization, and propagation; to exchange pollen, seeds, plants, materials and information as to the sources of supplies used in orchid culture.* ”

MOS STEALS THE NCOS SHOW!!

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Honorable Mention

	Owner
<i>Ascocentrum hybrid #2</i>	S. & R. Adams
<i>Habenaria carnea</i>	C. Riley
<i>Ceratostylis rubra #2</i>	S. Hurdel

Judge Team 2 - Best Amateur-grown Paph. Paphiopedilum

<i>Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration x Sue Franz)</i>	W. Scharf
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Judge Team 2 - Best Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration x Sue Franz)</i>	W. Scharf
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Judge Team 3 - Best Amateur-grown Dendrobium Alliance

<i>Dendrobium Maiden Charlotte</i>	S. & R. Adams
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Judge Team 5 - Best Amateur-grown Vandaceous Alliance

<i>Ascocentrum christensonianum</i>	S. & R. Adams
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Judge Team 7 - Best Amateur-grown Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Pleurothallis ptyterophylla</i>	W. Scharf
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Photo courtesy of Valerie Lowe.

MOS exhibit after judging.

orchid calendar 2009-2010

Date: 11/15
Event: IPA Region 13 Fall Meeting
Location: Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel, 42nd & Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA

Date: 11/15
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: NCOS Meeting
Location: United States National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 11/15
Time: 1:30 PM
Event: SOS Meeting
Location: Giant Supermarket, 3301 Trindle Rd, Camp Hill, PA
Details: www.susquehanna-orchid.org

Date: 11/19
Time: 7:00 PM
Event: MOS Meeting
Location: First Christian Church Hall, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 11/28
Event: MOS Auction
Location: Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, 6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 12/5
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: NCJC Judging Session
Location: United States National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 12/13
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: NCOS Meeting
Location: United States National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 12/13
Time: 2:00 PM
Event: COS Meeting
Location: Church of the Transfiguration, Braddock Heights, MD
Details: www.catoctinorchidsociety.org

Date: 12/13
Time: 3:00 PM
Event: Brookside Gardens Orchid Club Meeting
Location: Brookside Gardens Visitor's Center, Wheaton, MD
Details: tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/BrooksideOrchids

Date: 12/17
Time: 7:00 PM
Event: MOS Meeting
Location: First Christian Church Hall, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 1/2/10
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: NCJC Judging Session
Location: United States National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002-1958
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 1/21
Time: 7:00 PM
Event: MOS Meeting
Location: First Christian Church Hall, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

In August, Marilyn Lauffer, the MOS Membership Chair, snail mailed membership renewal reminders. If you have not done so already, please make checks payable to the Maryland Orchid Society and send back your renewal forms to:

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or give them to Marilyn at the November meeting.



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