



president's message

A New Season

Welcome to our new members and guests, and welcome back to our returning members of the Maryland Orchid Society.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer and that all of your plants survived the many hot days we endured in this area.

September has long been a love/hate month for me. Those reasons have changed and morphed over the years. They may be different now than during my school years, but they're still there. For orchid growers we love that September brings with it the promise of cooler days and even cooler nights. We know those cooler temperatures bring about the much anticipated flower spikes, long lasting blooms and beautiful flowers. Something we all live for. If you're like me you have been enjoying the past 3-5 months, with much of your collection growing outdoors, under shade trees, hanging under a porch, any number of good places. It's an easy

time. The plants benefit from the warm days — ok, scorching days in some cases — the breezes and the nightly temperature drops. Now, as the daytime temperature begins to drop and the days shorten, our minds move to another place, (ok, here comes the hate part) “How can I possibly fit all these plants back into my growing space?” I'm convinced that someone dropped off 30 plants that I haven't noticed until now. We shove, push, cram, wriggle and crunch our ever-growing collections into an ever-shrinking growing space. We beg our families' forgiveness as we squeeze one more plant into a south facing window to find that much needed winter light. Somehow we make it work. We always do. After all, “there's always room for one more orchid.”

September also signifies the beginning of a new season of Maryland Orchid Society meetings, activities, and shows, several
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Tom McBride is September Meeting's Speaker

Tom McBride, our Show Table Chair, an AOS judge, and one of our local orchid gurus, delivers his traditional and much anticipated summary of last year's show table results and participation winners from 2009-2010 at our September meeting. Tom keeps track of ribbon winners for every class, as well as every member who places a plant on the show table each month, loans plants for MOS or away show exhibits, and/or puts in an exhibit at our annual show. Ribbons count toward monetary awards, while loans and exhibits count toward points for free plants. For every three plant loans or exhibits, members will have the opportunity to pick

out a seedling orchid plant of their choice from the many different species and hybrids Tom provides at the September meeting. Tom will distribute monetary awards for the first, second and third place winners of each class.



This meeting always whets our appetites for growing more, bigger or better plants and starts our new orchid season with an enthusiastic scramble for new plants to add to our collections. Tom will also talk about what the Show Table judges look for each month and how to improve your chances of winning a ribbon.

<<Tom McBride speaking at the 2008 MOS workshop.
Photo by Clark Riley.

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Novice

1. Pod. *dactyloceras* (top)- Charlotte Grahe
2. Phal. Fuller Sunset 'Golden Sun' AM/AOS (directly above)- Janice Mazur
3. Onc. Hybrid (below) - Gregg Custis



Home Grown

1. Phrag. *Dominianum* 'Bob Mac' AM/AOS - Val Lowe
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Bill Soyke
Slc. Mae Hawkins 'Miya' AM/AOS (above) - Ernie Drohan
3. Tie Milt. Andrea West 'Harford's Wei' HCC/AOS - Bill Scharf
Ctsm. Ten Dragons (top of column 2)- Chrissy Mavrides



Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. Paph. Susan Booth - Sue Spicer
2. Vasco. Thai Sky 'Cedarcrest Blues' (below)- Jamie Riegel
3. Paph. Honey 'Catherine' - Lou Vadorsky



Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. Bulb. (Elizabeth Ann X *fascinator*) (above)- The Adamses
2. Ascda. Suksamrun Sunshine (top of column 3)- Cy Swett
3. Enc. *tampensis* var. *alba* 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS - David Smith



Cattleya

1. B. David Sander 'Carney' HCC/AOS - Bill Scharf
2. *L. tenebrosa* 'Rainforest' FCC/AOS - David Smith
3. Blc. Mem. Helen Brown 'Sweet Afton' AM/AOS (below)- Bill Ellis



Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Smart Thing (above)- Bill Soyke
2. Phal. *bellina* 'Chin Yu' - The Adamses
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
Phal. Hybrid - Sue Spicer

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Oncidium

1. Colm. Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spot' (above) - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Tolu. Popoki 'Mitzi' AM/AOS - Jamie Riegel
3. Psy. Mendenhall 'Monarch' AM/AOS - The Lundys



Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. (Michael Koopowitz X *rothschildianum*) (above)- Mark Robbins
2. Paph. Berenice - David Smith
3. Tie Phrag. Grande (top of column 2)- Joan Roderick
Paph. Lady Isabel - Cy Swett



Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Den. Peng Seng (below)- David Smith
2. Tie Cym. Cooper Point 'Full Moon' HCC/AOS - Val Lowe
Den. Green Lantern - Cy Swett
3. Asctm. (*garayi X ampullaceum*) - The Adamses



Species

1. Hapalochilus *pulcrum* - David Smith
2. Tie Lths. *gorgoylea* - Bill Scharf
Schom. thompsoniana - The Adamses
3. Enc. *tampensis* - Sarah Spence

Miniature

1. Bulb. *tingabarinum* - The Adamses
2. Pths. *pterothora* - David Smith
3. Masd. (*vargasii X triangularis*) (top of column 3)- Bill Scharf



First Bloom Seedling

1. Bro. *sanguinea* - David Smith
2. Paph. Taiwan - Jamie Riegel
3. Tolu. Orchidom Valentine (above) - Sue Spicer

Fragrance

1. Lyc. *aromatica* - Cy Swett
2. Enc. *radiata* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste



The Judges Choice of the Evening, *Hapalochilus pulcrum* (above), was exhibited by David Smith.

The judges were Jo Ann Russo, Joan Roderick and Val Lowe.

There were 104 beautiful plants on the show table this month !

New Show Table Classes

Here it is, September, and the beginning of a new season for all of our show table exhibitors! I am looking forward to another great year of many beautiful plants. This year we have made a few changes to our show table classes. **First, we have merged our small and large greenhouse classes into one class. This class will be our Greenhouse Class.** The rules for this class will remain the same as they were. We have also added a new class. This will be a **Dendrobium Class.** The rules for this class will be the same as our other genus classes. Dendrobium species and hybrids may be exhibited in the Dendrobium Class by any exhibitor, and Dendrobium hybrids can no longer be exhibited in the Miscellaneous Genera Class. See below for more details on the new class' rules. I hope to see all of you September 16th!

Tom McBride, Show Table Chair



Lyc. aromatica, Cy Swett's first place fragrance class win on the June show table.

New Show Table Rules

The following rules govern the operation of our Show Table.

1. Exhibitors must own the plant or plants for at least six months. All plants should be groomed and free of pests.

2. Each exhibitor must fill out an entry form listing all plants. Use one entry for all plants shown in each class.

3. Plants to be judged must be on the show table by 7:30 p.m. sharp. Plants brought in after this time will not be judged. This is in fairness to the judges who must start judging promptly so they can finish and enjoy the program with the rest of us.

4. Show Table classes are:

A. Novice – The Novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years. Any type of orchid can be entered in this category. Novice growers may also enter plants in other applicable categories.

B. Homegrown – The Homegrown class is for those who grow orchids in any area that is not considered a greenhouse. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.

C. Greenhouse – **The Greenhouse class is for exhibitors who grow their plants in greenhouses of any size. Plants of any genera, species or hybrids, may be entered in this class. (The “Greenhouse Under 200 Square ft.” and “Greenhouse Over 200 Square ft.” classes have been combined to create this class.)**

D. Cattleya – The Cattleya class is for the Cattleya alliance plant. Plants such as Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola, and Sophronitis species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.

E. Phalaenopsis – The Phalaenopsis class is intended for Phalaenopsis, Doritaneopsis, and Doritis species and their hybrids. Other types of Phalaenopsis hybrids should be entered in other suitable classes.

F. Oncidium-Odontoglossum Alliance – The Oncidium-Odontoglossum Alliance is intended to be used for this type of species and hybrid plants. This includes Oncidium, Odontoglossum, Miltonia, Brassia, and other related genera.

G. Paphiopedilum – The Paphiopedilum class is intended for Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium and other slipper orchid species and their hybrids only.

H. Dendrobium – **The Dendrobium class is for Dendrobium alliance plants. All Dendrobium species and their hybrids may be entered in this class. (This is a new class.)**

I. Species – The Species class is open to plants of any genera. Jungle collected and seed grown plants are both acceptable. The only requirement is that it must be a species.

J. Miscellaneous Hybrids – The Miscellaneous Hybrid class was created to give exhibitors another place to exhibit plants which cannot be entered in classes D, E, F, G and H. Plants which fall into any of these classes must not be entered in the Miscellaneous Hybrid class.

K. Miniatures – Plants entered in the Miniature class may not exceed six inches in any dimension, excluding the inflorescence. The measurements pertain to the plant only. Species and hybrids are both acceptable.

L. First Bloom Seedlings – The First Bloom Seedling class is for plants that are blooming for the first time. Both species and hybrids are acceptable. No meristems may be entered in this class, only seed grown plants should be exhibited in this class.

M. Fragrance – The Fragrance class will be judged for the most pleasing fragrance. Species and hybrid seed grown as well as mericlone plants may be entered.

N. Non-Competitive – The Non Competitive class is intended for educational purposes only. In this class, members are encouraged to exhibit plants that cannot be exhibited in any other class (e.g. owned less than six months, grower not wishing to compete, etc.)

5. The judges will award First, Second and Third place ribbons in each class. First place will receive three points, second place will receive two points, and third place will receive one point. Each exhibitor may not receive more than one ribbon per class. At the end of the year, the awarded points will be tabulated and the top three “point getters” in each category will receive cash prizes. In the case of a tie, prizes will be duplicated. The year for Show Table prizes will be September through June. Awards for previous year's winners will be made at the September meeting.

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6. After judging all plants on the show table, the judges of that evening will consider all the plants that received first place awards in each class. They will award one with a special award called “Judges’ Choice of the Evening.” This special award will earn the exhibitor a bonus plant to be given at the meeting.

7. Special “Exhibitor Points” will be given at each meeting. Each member exhibiting one or more plants will receive one point. Exhibitors may also earn extra “Exhibitor Points” by lending plants to the Society that are used in our Society exhibits. Each member who lends one or more plants for this purpose will receive one point for each show that their plants are used. At the end of the year, the points will be totaled and one seedling plant will be given for each three exhibitor points. Points will not carry over to the next year. Point totals will be used to calculate awards given at our September meeting.

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Meet the New MOS Board Officers

In June, we elected the new officers of the society for the 2010-2012 term. Please welcome the following new officers:

- President – Mr. William Scharf
- Vice President – Dr. Eric Wiles, DVM
- Controller – Ms. Mary Chiu
- Treasurer – Ms. Patricia Kelt
- Secretary – Ms. Sarah Spence
- Director – Ms. Laura Sobelman
- Director – Ms. Joan Roderick

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Photos from the 2009 open house by Clark Riley

Paph. Deperle var. album (*primulinum* 'Lemon Pie' x *delenatii* var album) from TLG. Photo by Laura Sobelman

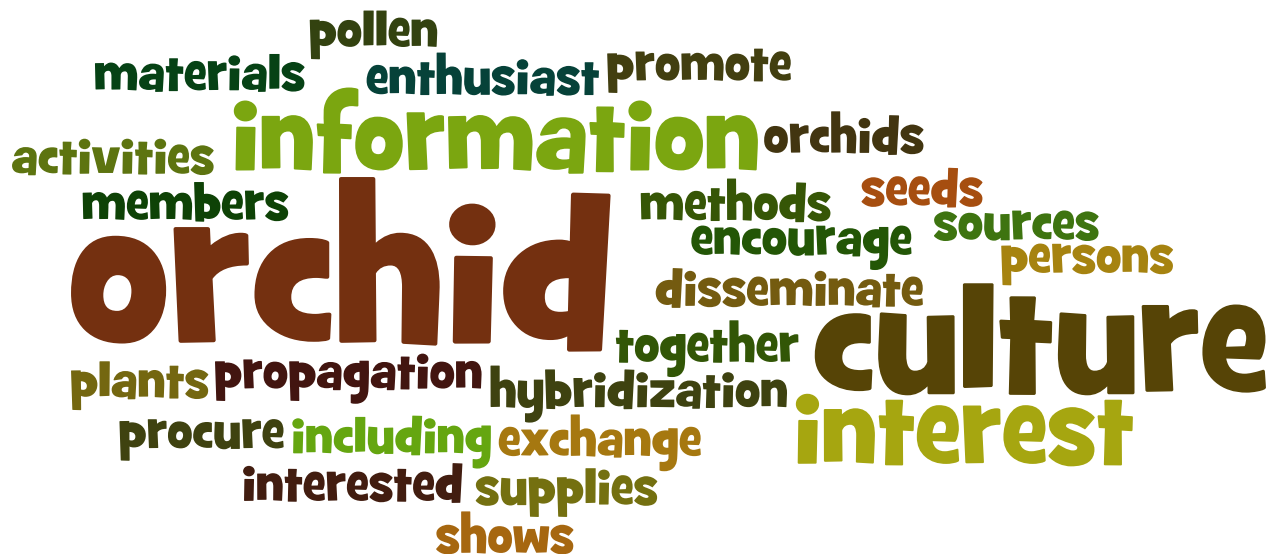
Summer Treats! Orchid Nurseries Hold Open Houses By Eric Wiles

Once again summer is coming to an end. In July, The Maryland Orchid Society had a wonderful time taking advantage of the graciousness of The Little Greenhouse and their open house for MOS members. Thank you so much, Tom and Gary, for the opportunity to feed our orchid addiction through the doldrums of summer.

Next up is another open house brought to us courtesy of Little Brook Orchids. All Maryland Orchid Society members are invited to take a trip to Lancaster, PA on September 18th between 10 AM - 2 PM to see this commercial establishment. We will

have the opportunity to learn a little about their business which is not only plant sales but also plant sitting. Little Brook Orchids has also been kind enough to offer discounted sales to MOS members during this event (20% for plants and 10% for supplies). So be sure to take advantage of another chance to see something different and maybe expand your collection. If you could, shoot me an e-mail at winvet88@yahoo.com by noon September 17th if you plan to attend so I may pass along a head count to assist them in planning. Likewise you can contact me at the above e-mail address if you have any questions. Hope to see you all there the 18th.

MOS Mission Statement Word Cloud By Gary Smith



The image above is a “word cloud” derived from the MOS mission statement. (See the November 2009 issue of the MOS Orchid Newsletter for more on our mission statement.) A word cloud is a graphical depiction of the word content of one or a set of documents. The number of occurrences of a word dictates the size of the font. When associated with websites and blogs, each

word is usually a hyperlink to content that contains that word. I created this word cloud using Wordle (www.wordle.net), a free Internet resource. You can create some attractive and compelling word cloud art by fiddling with the font, color, and layout. Give it a try and have some fun.

KICK OFF YOUR ORCHID YEAR BY ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S DELAWARE VALLEY ORCHID COUNCIL SPEAKERS' FORUM.

On September 25, 2010 the Delaware Valley Orchid Council will present its 22nd Annual Meeting at The Wyndham Hotel in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. DVOC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study, cultivation, hybridization, and preservation of orchids. It is comprised of the nine orchid societies located in the Delaware Valley and some local, commercial vendors.

This year we are proud and fortunate to present an exceptional group of speakers:

John Odom, of Odom's Orchids, is a world-renowned expert on Cattleyas. With over 60,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space, Odom's is one of the largest retail orchid nurseries in the US. They have lots of new clones and species and will bring many for sale. If you grow Catts, don't miss John's talk. Please place your pre-orders at www.odoms.com.

Dr. Tom Nasser has been growing orchids since the middle 1970's. In 1979, Tom and Shan Nasser got their first greenhouse, and in 1992, they became Carolina Orchids. The

three orchid greenhouses are now over 7000 sq. ft. Tom is an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he advises on orchid growing at UNCC greenhouses.

Tom has spoken internationally on various topics including Angraecums, Bulbophyllums, Lycastes, his Favorite Unusual Orchids. Orchid species are Carolina Orchids' specialty, with collections of Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, Bulbophyllums, Lycastes, Angraecums, and Cattleyas. Pre-orders can be placed at www.carolinaorch.com.

Sam Tsui, of Orchid Inn, has spoken to The Paph Guild, at The Tokyo Dome Show, at The World Orchid Congress and at many, many other venues. Sam and his wife Jeanie started growing orchids in the early 1980's. He started breeding/hybridizing in the early 1990's and started Orchid Inn in their basement. As the business grew, they purchased a six acre property and built their first commercial 6,000 sq. ft. greenhouse in 2004.

In the past 10 years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world. They continue to specialize in Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. with particular emphasis on species, Brachys, Parvis and Multifloral Hybrids. The breeding program uses only the best and most vigorous parent plants in their collection.

They also offer a very large quantity of Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums species and hybrids in flask. Pre-orders can be placed at www.orchidinn.com.

Please note that all pre-orders must only be picked up and paid for at the meeting.

In addition to the speakers, there is a great buffet lunch and a panel discussion where you can submit your specific questions for the speakers to answer. In addition to the early-bird raffle, there is a regular raffle and lots of great species and hybrids for sale by the speakers and the local commercial vendors.

Schedule of Events

8:30 am – 10:00 am	Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open)
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Guest Lecture
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Guest Lecture
12:00 noon – 1:15 pm	Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Guest Lecture
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Panel Discussion and Plant Raffle
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Sales Open

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ From NJ Turnpike: Take exit 4 to Rte. 73 South. From I-295: Take Exit 36A to Rte 73 South (Berlin).

Advance Registration Required. Return the bottom portion of this form along with payment in full to: Ms. MarRianna Occhiuzzo • 140 Columbia Avenue • Phoenixville, PA 19460

Make Checks payable to DVOC. Your check is your receipt. Sorry, no refunds.

Vendors

- Orchid Inn
- Carolina Orchids
- Odom's Orchids
- Lois Duffin Orchids
- Main Street Orchids
- Stony Brook Orchids
- J&L Orchids



Yes! I (we) plan to attend. Enclosed is my check for _____ registrations at \$39.00 per person.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Calling All Beginner and Novice Orchidists! Repotting Party October 2

The Maryland Orchid Society is having a members-only Repotting Event on Saturday, October 2nd, between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. at David and Margaret Smith's house. This event is hands-on and is designed to help beginner and novice members learn to repot their own plants.

We will kick off the Mentoring Program at this event. This is the perfect opportunity to meet personally with several of the MOS Mentors, and begin your mentoring experience.

Admission to the event is \$5.00 (payable at the door) and will include light refreshments and potting media for the first repotted plant. There will be a \$3.00 charge for each repotted plant or division after that. Members are encouraged to bring their own pots for potting. Should a member not have a plant available for repotting and still desire to participate, we will have some overgrown plants in need of repotting. You can get the experience of dividing and repotting, and take home the potted division for your collection.

Space for this event is limited, so be sure to sign up by September 30th. Call between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through



David Smith gives tips on the best way to repot a Cattleya.

Friday to sign up. Phone 410-848-1682 (Dr. Wiles' office)
OR contact us via email: winvet88@yahoo.com

Thank You, and we hope to see you there!

MOS Changes the Date and Venue for Our Annual Orchid Auction by Bill Ellis

As you all may know, the Sykesville-Freedom Fire Department Social Hall, where we have held our last few Annual Orchid Auctions, burned down last winter. Taking this opportunity to reconsider the date and location for the Auction, to avoid a traditional family get-together weekend, and to be closer to the geographic center of our membership, the Auction Committee has decided to change the date to the second weekend in November. The new date and location are:



Saturday, November 13, 2010
American Legion Dewey Lowman Post 109
610 Old Sulphur Spring Road
Halethorpe, MD

The Dewey Lowman Post's Web site is:
<http://www.americanlegionpost109.org/>

It's a really nice building, used often for wedding receptions, with lots of space, ample parking, and in-house food service as needed. Post 109 is near the intersection of Interstate #95 with the Baltimore Beltway (Interstate #695), providing

ready access for our Baltimore area members and our Washington, D.C. area orchid customers.

For directions go to:
<http://www.americanlegionpost109.org/directions.htm>

We are hoping that everyone will support this year's Auction, as Volunteers and Bidders, at our new venue on our new weekend. For more information or to help with the auction, e-mail Bill Ellis at fraglister@ellislist.com



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of which are approaching rapidly and are discussed in this issue. We'll continue to work hard to bring educational opportunities to the MOS membership with guest speakers and organized trips which are geared to make us better growers. We even have a **new event** planned just a few weeks from now, also noted in this issue. We'll continue our efforts to recruit new members, keep the entire membership happy, involved and growing better plants. In the end, that's what the MOS is all about.

Happy growing!

Bill

New MOS Member

Please welcome James Branscome as a new member of the MOS. James signed up at The Little Greenhouse's open house in July.

Membership Renewal

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 September meeting.

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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. Please submit your comments to sobelman1@verizon.net

We invite articles, notices, etc. for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is first Sunday of the month.

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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, valuable 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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