

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

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president's message

More Success for the MOS

Success. It is something we strive for individually, in our own unique fashion. The Maryland Orchid Society is no different. The success of our Society can be defined in a number of ways.

It has been a busy couple of months. In the beginning of March the MOS presented its largest and most challenging event of the year, the Show. I want to thank the Show Committee and the 50-plus members who volunteered their time, ideas and hard work to make the 2011 Show another winner. Success! Indeed there were countless blue ribbons among the displays and on individual orchid plants, many belonging to MOS members. The MOS also garnered 23 new members to bring into the orchid family. More success!

We didn't stop there. Two weeks later we made the trip up Route 1 to install another winning exhibit at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show at Longwood Gardens. The MOS exhibit took first place in its class. Even more Success! My thanks to Valerie Lowe and her team for another outstanding effort. It is a difficult task to get enough plants and volunteers together to install a large exhibit just weeks after the MOS Show so the Away Show team did an incredible job.

Not quite finished. This past Saturday, April 9, the Maryland Orchid Society held its fifth annual Orchid Workshop. The day was filled with MOS speakers educating us from bugs to Jewel orchids and finished with a flurry of repotting. Plants were

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Martha Knight Discusses the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival

Martha Knight lives in Washington, D.C., where she has a greenhouse and growing collection that was started by her father, Capt. Larry Knight who was a member of the NCOS. Previous to returning to Washington in 1975, she had worked as a biochemist for John Morrow Stewart, a longtime member of the AOS Research Committee and professor at the U. Colorado School of Medicine. She learned about orchids from him and enjoyed seeing orchid wildflowers in the Colorado Rockies.

Martha has attended the NCOS meetings for a long time and participated in the "Trillium Trips" led by Ruth Shairer and later Carol Allen to the Richard Thompson reserve in VA.



Martha Knight (center) in Kyoto with students from Nagoya.

During those years Martha was busy with graduate studies and running a local contract research lab, but she maintained the collection and greenhouse. Since around 1996 she became active in entering flower arrangements and exhibits at the NCOS fall shows at the behest of Lottie Cantey, who taught her the skills and shared many projects. The collection in the greenhouse has grown to a few hundred plants and contains members of most of the orchid families, including vandas, cymbidiums, paphs and phrags as well as cats and oncidiums. Since there is room, some of the

cymbidiums are quite large and enjoy the summertime placed around the rim of a Mexican fountain. The greenhouse has

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Novice

1. Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS (above) - Janice Mazur
2. Epi. Hybrid - Gregg Custis



Home Grown

1. Masd. *infracta* 'Harford' AM/AOS (above) - Bill Scharf
2. Tie Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuch's Mandarin' (below) - Gary Smith
Phrag. Dominianum 'Bob Mac' HCC/AOS -(center column, top) Val Lowe
3. Tie Dial. Snowflake 'Carney' - The Lundys
Epc. Rene Marques 'Tyler' - Marilyn Lauffer



Greenhouse

1. Epi. *stamfordianum* (above) - The Adamses
2. Den. *aggregatum* (below) - Jos Venturina
3. Tie Phrag. Les Dirouilles - Eric Wiles
Phrag. Giganteum - Lou Vadorsky
Den. *nobile* 'Merlin' - Cy Swett



Cattleya

1. Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie L. *jongheana* 'Turnberry' AM/AOS (third column, top) - David Smith
Epi. *melanoporphyreum* - The Adamses
3. Lc. (Taraigan Ridge X Mem. Grant Eichler) - Norma Lynch



Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Blond Beauty - The Dagostins
2. Tie Dtps. Sogo Viogold - Laura Sobelman
Dtps. Newberry Parfait 'Picotee' AM/AOS - The Adamses
3. Dtps. Leopard Prince - Charlotte Grahe

Oncidium

1. Onc. *croesus* - David Smith
2. Onc. Mem. Harold Starkey - The Dagostins
3. Bllra. Pacific Treasure 'Everything Nice' - Eric Wiles

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Berenice - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Phrag. *pearcei* - Sarah Hurdel
3. Tie Paph. Fumi's Delight - Cy Swett
Paph. (Sierra Lace X *fairieanum*) - The Adamses



Dendrobium

1. Den. Golden Aya -(above) - Jos Venturina
2. Den. Dream 'Ace' (below) - The Adamses
3. Den. *aggregatum* - Eric Wiles



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Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Asctm. (*garayi X ampullaceum*) - The Adamses

Species

1. Pps. *labukensis* - The Adamses
2. Tie Max. *coccinea* - David Smith
Cym. *lowianum* - The Lundys
3. Tie Lyc. *skinneri* - Cy Swett
Sppm. *rapax* - Bill Scharf



Miniature

1. Masd. Pixie Shadow 'Harford' (above) - Chris Zajac
2. Mts. *hildebrant* 'Gold Country' - Eric Wiles
3. Den. *pentapterum* 'Ron' - The Adamses



First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. William Ambler (above) - Clark Riley
2. Phrag. Jason Fischer - Les Kirkegaard
3. Sgt. *sceptrodes* - Lou Vadorsky

Fragrance

1. B. Little Stars - Chris Zajac
2. C. *walkeriana* var. *alba* (below) - Jamie Riegel & Erin Hunt
3. Neost. Lou Sneary - Owen Humphrey



The Judges Choice of the Evening was Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' AM/ AOS (above), exhibited by Michael Moran. The judges were Joan Roderick, Laura Sobelman and Ann Lundy. There were 116 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month!

Unprecedented Number of New Members

The following new members have joined the MOS. Please welcome them warmly at the next meeting.

Dr. Emile Bendit
Lori Blue
Judith Chiostri
Dr. Patience Davis
Gary Gabris and Sheila Wallace
Andrea and Mark Goldberg
Randy and Teena Hallameyer
Margo Heller
Chip and Cathy Hiebler
Kimberly Kenney
Janet and Frederick Parente
Roy and Diane Poole
Cindy and Charles Smith
Linda Ocampo
Juanita Rockwell
Lucia Simmons
Glen and Yvonne Treslar
Dr. Janet Woodcock and Roger Miller
Sandra Works
Lisa and Mike Young

Monthly Meeting Attendance

There were 63 members at the March meeting.

Blue Failaenopsis?

Tom McBride brought a blue Phalaenopsis to the February meeting and the March annual show, where it was a pretty big hit. Sold as a novelty, Tom acquired it from a nursery in Florida where the unnatural blue color is obtained by injecting dye into the spikes of a white Phal while the flowers are forming. The change does not effect new spikes and flowers that form. Once new spikes form, the flowers are the plant's natural colors. Tired of answering questions about it at the show, the folks at the Little Greenhouse finally relegated it to the back of the hall.



2011 Maryland Orchid Society Show
Award Results

Award	Sponsor	Entry	Exhibitor
Best Commercial Exhibit	The Gerald Brown Memorial Award	Commercial Exhibit, 100-Square-Foot	The Little Greenhouse
Best Table-Top Exhibit	The W. Pitts Riley Memorial Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 12-Square-Foot Table-Top	David Smith
Best Hobbyist Exhibit	The Buck Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 100-Square-Foot	Valerie Lowe, Steve and Rachael Adams, and Jamie Riegel
Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit	The Duggan Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top	Frank Dagostin
Best Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 25-Square-Foot	National Capital Orchid Society
Runner Up Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 25-Square-Foot	Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society
Best Educational Exhibit		Educational Exhibit	Sue Spicer
Best Interpretation of Show Theme	The Rachel A. and Edward K. Miller Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top	Sarah Spence
ODC Award		Hobbyist Exhibit, 100-Square-Foot	Valerie Lowe, Steve and Rachael Adams, and Jamie Riegel
Best Angraecum Alliance in Show		Angraecum sesquipedale	Barry Woolf
Best Bulbophyllum Alliance in Show	The Sobelman Award	Megaclinium falcata var. velutinum [#2]	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Commercial Cattleya Alliance		C. mossiae 'Panther Creek', HCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist Cattleya Alliance	The Bud Hammond Memorial Award	Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters', AM/AOS	Michael Moran
Best Commercial Epidendrum Alliance		Epi. stamfordianum [#2]	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Hobbyist Epidendrum Alliance	The Roderick Award	Epi. stamfordianum	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Epidendrum Alliance in Show	The Wiles/Holdridge Award	Epi. stamfordianum	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Cattleya Alliance in Show	The Swett Award	Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters', AM/AOS	Michael Moran
Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show	The Adams Award	Cym. Lucky Gloria 'Aguri'	The Little Greenhouse
Best Commercial Paphiopedilum Species		Paph. villosum 'Indy'	Woodstream Orchids
Best Commercial Paphiopedilum Hybrid	The Travers Award	Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer	Little Brook Orchids
Best Hobbyist Paphiopedilum Species	The Howard King Memorial Award	Paph. delenatii	William Scharf
Best Hobbyist Paphiopedilum Hybrid	The Charlie Geis Memorial Award	Paph. Hsinying Lady Duck	Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society
Best Commercial Phragmipedium		Phrag. wallisii 'Harford's Gemini', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist Phragmipedium	Dagmar's Joy Award	Phrag. Dominionum 'Bob Mac', AM/AOS	Valerie Lowe
Best Phragmipedium in Show	Memorial D. Anne Lowe Award	Phrag. wallisii 'Harford's Gemini', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show	The Hurdel Award	Phrag. wallisii 'Harford's Gemini', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
SOA Award		Phrag. wallisii 'Harford's Gemini', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Commercial Dendrobium Alliance		Den. White Pearl 'South River' [#1]	The Little Greenhouse

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Award Results

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Best Hobbyist Dendrobium Alliance	The Jos A. Venturina Award	Den. Ck.K. Ai 'Oka', AM/AOS	Tina Wood
Best Dendrobium Alliance in Show	The Bill Ellis Sr. Memorial Award	Den. White Pearl 'South River' [#1]	The Little Greenhouse
Best Dendrochilum in Show		Ddc. curranii	David Smith
Best Lycaste Alliance in Show	The Howard Eskildson Award	Angcst. Olympus 'Chadd's Ford', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Maxillaria Alliance in Show	The Sobelman Award	Maxillaria elatior	Barry Woolf
Best Commercial Oncidium Alliance		Wils. Pacific Command 'Huina Road', HCC/AOS	Orchids for You
Best Hobbyist Oncidium Alliance	The Helen Soyke Memorial Award	Onc. banchetii	Eric Wiles
Best Oncidium Alliance in Show	The Dorothy Powell Kelt Memorial Award	Wils. Pacific Command 'Huina Road', HCC/AOS	Orchids for You
Best Commercial Phalaenopsis Alliance	The Wendy Soyke Award	Dtps. Sogo Berry 'Sweetheart'	The Orchid Gallery
Best Hobbyist Phalaenopsis Alliance	The Little Greenhouse Award	Phal. schilleriana 'Summer'	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance in Show	The Gary Smith Award	Phal. schilleriana 'Summer'	Steve and Rachael Adams
IPA Award		Phal. schilleriana 'Summer'	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Commercial Pleurothallid Alliance		Masd. Falcata 'Don Richardson', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist Pleurothallid Alliance	The Roderick Award	Sppm. rapax	William Scharf
Best Masdevallia in Show	The William Scharf Award	Masd. Falcata 'Don Richardson', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Pleurothallid Alliance in Show	The "Doc" Scharf Memorial Award	Masd. Falcata 'Don Richardson', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Vanda Alliance in Show	The Benigna A. Venturina Award	Ascocentrum christiansonianum	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Grower's Choice Plant	The Santos Award	Coel. flaccida	Cyrus Swett
Best Commercial Miniature		Lpt. bicolor	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Hobbyist Miniature	The Roderick Award	Megaclinium falcata var. velutinum [#2]	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Miniature in Show	The Margaret Smith Award	Megaclinium falcata var. velutinum [#2]	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best First-Bloom Seedling in Show	The Jack L. Robbins Memorial Award	Paph. bellatulum [#1]	Fishing Creek Orchids
Most Pleasing Fragrance	The Lee-Young Award	Slc. Final Touch 'Lemon Chiffon'	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Commercial Species	The Clark Riley Award	Phrag. wallisii 'Harford's Gemini', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist Species	The John Gardner Memorial Award	Megaclinium falcata var. velutinum [#2]	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Species in Show	The Lundy Award	Megaclinium falcata var. velutinum [#2]	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Specimen Plant in Show	The Smith Award	C. intermedia var. orlata 'Crown Fox', HCC/AOS	Michael Moran
Best Plant in Show	The Merritt Huntington Memorial Award	Ddc. arachnites	David Smith
Best Art in Show	The P. Jean Soyke Memorial Award		Rachael Adams

mos show photos



Best Commercial Exhibit, The Gerald Brown Memorial Award, The Little Greenhouse



Best Table-Top Exhibit, The W. Pitts Riley Memorial Award, David Smith



Best Hobbyist Exhibit, The Buck Award, ODC Award, Valerie Lowe, Steve and Rachael Adams and Jamie Riegel



Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit, The Duggan Award; Second Place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot, Table-Top, Frank Dagostin



Best Interpretation of Show Theme, The Rachel A. and Edward K. Miller Award; Second Place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top, Sarah Spence



Best Bulbophyllum Alliance in Show, The Sobelman Award, *Megaclinium falcata* var. *velutinum* [#2], Steve and Rachael Adams



Third Place, Hobbyist Phalaenopsis Alliance, Species, *Phal. bellina* 'Montclair', Gary Smith



Best Hobbyist Paphiopedilum Species, The Howard King Memorial Award, *Paph. delenatii*, William Scharf



Best Grower's Choice Plant, The Santos Award, *Coel. flaccida*, Cyrus Swett



Best Hobbyist Pleurothallid Alliance, The Roderick Award, Sppm. *rapax*, William Scharf



Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show, The Adams Award, *Cym. Lucky Gloria* 'Aguri', The Little Greenhouse



Best Hobbyist Cattleya Alliance, The Bud Hammond Memorial Award, Best Cattleya Alliance in Show, The Swett Award, Best Specimen Plant in Show, The Smith Award, *Stc. Jewel Box* 'Dark Waters', AM/AOS, Michael Moran

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First Place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 25-Square-Foot, Ann Lundy and Cyrus Swett



Third place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 3 Blooming Orchids Table-Top, Owen Humphrey



Second Place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 12-Square-Foot Table-Top, Janice Mazur, Joan Roderick, Marilyn Lauffer, Norma Lynch, and Suzanne Gaertner



First Place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top, Margaret Smith and Clark Riley



Second Place, Hobbyist Exhibit, 25-Square-Foot, Eric Wiles



First Place, Grower's Choice, Cymbidium Alliance, Cym. Eastern Beauty 'Yoko Takai', Les Kirkegaard



Second Place, Grower's Choice, Cymbidium Alliance, Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruits', David Smith



Second Place, Grower's Choice, Dendrobium Alliance, Third Place, Hobbyist Dendrobium Alliance, Phalaenopsis/Antelope Hybrids, Den. Poh Kiew, William Mercer



First Place, Grower's Choice, Epidendrum Alliance, Epcl. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower', HCC/AOS, William Scharf



Best Art in Show, The P. Jean Soyke Memorial Award, Rachael Adams



Second Place, Grower's Choice, Cattleya Alliance, Gsl. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin', Gary Smith

aos corner - march

As I write this, the Philadelphia International Flower Show has just finished. The American Orchid Society participated in this show for the first time in 56 years. The Philadelphia Horticultural Society, the sponsor of this show was almost as excited to have us there as we were to be there. Some undisputed facts of this show are that it is the oldest and largest indoor garden show in the United States, if not the world; last year's attendance was over 249,000 over its 8 day opening and this year's show beat all prior attendance records.



them if they reached out to them and joined us. Be on the lookout for more details about your exhibit and the show in a future issue of *Orchids*.

The purpose of me bringing up the Philadelphia International Flower Show and its success is two-fold. First, if there is a special event that would warrant special attention to promote AOS, get in touch with AOS and explore the possibility of an AOS presence. It is a great way to engage any regional affiliated societies. Secondly, if you have

hosted an exhibit, participated in a show or have any report, photographs, or comments, I would like to start posting them on the AOS Forum. We need to pat ourselves on the back occasionally and that would be a great way to share our successes. For instructions on how to post to the AOS Forum, visit www.aos.org. Participating in that forum is another benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

AOS would not have had such a strong showing had it not been for the area affiliated societies, the many trustees and national volunteers of the AOS, in particular Chris Rehmann (AOS President), Barbara Noe (AOS Membership Chair), Michael Bowell (Designer of the exhibit and owner of Create A Scene, as well as Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society member), Jeff Bradley (Houston Orchid Society) who planted the seed for the exhibit and started the conversation with Philadelphia Horticultural Society and many others who flew (at their own expense) to Philadelphia from afar. AOS affiliated society members were asked to be part of it and they responded with orchids, plants, ideas and volunteers for design, set up, tear down, membership recruitment, manning our exhibit; talking about and answering all kinds of questions about orchids. It was a collaborative activity and we created an exhibit that you would all be proud of.

The exhibit received a number of awards, but most coveted ones were the two daily PNC People's Choice Awards! A large majority of the visitors of our exhibit had at least one orchid at some point. Just a testament to our common passion. Our volunteers talked at length to them about the benefits of the local societies, the American Orchid Society and the wealth of information that would be available to

local aos news

March 10, 2011: In conjunction with the Maryland Orchid Society Show

David Smith's plant of *Dendrochilum curranii* (below) received an 89 point Certificate of Cultural Merit.

In addition to the AOS Show Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Show, The Little Greenhouse received a 90 point Gold Certificate for their glorious exhibit. See page 6 for photo.

March 25: in conjunction with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society's Show at Longwood Gardens

Eric Wiles' plant of *Oncidium banchetii* 'Munchie Man' received an 84 point Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM). This award is provisional until the species has been verified.

Valerie Lowe's plant of *Paphiopedilum* Adding Booth 'Maxa's Pride' (right) received an 81 point Award of Merit (AM).

Valerie Lowe
AOS and ODC Representative



Photo by Valerie Lowe



Photo by James Osen

The Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit at Longwood Gardens

With the able-bodied assistance of Steve and Rachael Adams, Gregg Custis, Sarah Hurdel, Jamie Riegel, and Susan Travers, the Maryland Orchid Society was represented by a 75-square-foot exhibit. The exhibit took 1st Place in its class, Mike Moran's plant of Lc Irene Holquin 'Brown Eyes', AM/AOS received Best in Show for Amateur Cattleya Alliance, David Smith's plant of *Dendrochilum wenzelii* received Best in Show for Amateur Miscellaneous, and Barry Woolf's plant of *Jumellea arachnites* received Best in Show for Amateur

Angraecoid Alliance. Many other plants received ribbons:

Other exhibitors were Sarah Hurdel, Marilyn Lauffer, Janice Mazur, Clark Riley, Gary Smith, Robert Travers. The crew dismantled the exhibit Sunday night.

Valerie Lowe,
Away Shows Chair

Owner	Plant	Ribbon	Owner	Plant	Ribbon
A. Lundy	Dialaelia Snowflake 'Carney'	2nd	J. Riegel	Phal. Sogo Yukidian 'V-3'	1st
A. Lundy	Paph. hirsutissimum v. esquirelei 'Goodwood', AM/AOS	2nd	J. Venturina	Den aggregatum 'Majus'	1st
B. Buck	Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle', FCC/AOS	2nd	M. Moran	Lc. Irene Holquin 'Brown Eyes', AM/AOS	1st
B. Woolf	<i>Jumellea arachnites</i>	1st	O. Hurdel	Paph. (S. Gratrix x Monica's Double)	2nd
B. Woolf	Max. elatior	1st	S&R Adams	Den. capituliflorum	1st
B. Woolf	Cirr. lasiochilum	2nd	S&R Adams	Epidendrum radicans 'Al's Gift'	1st
B. Woolf	Polysiphona tubata	3rd	S&R Adams	Phal Mystik Golden Leopard	1st
C. Swett	Paph. Fumi's Delight	1st	S&R Adams	Phal. Tying Shin Glider	1st
C. Swett	Den. nobile alba	HM	S&R Adams	Bc. Golden Jewel	2nd
D. Smith	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>	1st	S&R Adams	Den. Dream 'Ace'	2nd
D. Smith	Den. Roy Tokunaga	1st	S&R Adams	Den. pentapterum 'Ron'	2nd
D. Smith	C. intermedia v. orlata 'Crownfox', HCC/AOS	1st	S&R Adams	Max. variabilis	2nd
D. Smith	Lepanthopsis astrophora 'Stalky', CBM/AOS	2nd	S&R Adams	Paph. (Sierra Lace x fairrieantum)	2nd
D. Smith	Phal. mannii v. aurea	2nd	V. Lowe	Paph. In-Charm Space	1st
D. Smith	Scaphosepalum mannigii	2nd	V. Lowe	Paph. Adding Booth #1	1st
D. Smith	Onc. croesus	3rd	V. Lowe	Odcdm. Wild Cat 'Red Star'	2nd
D. Smith	Phal. Lovely Kid	3rd	V. Lowe	Paph. Adding Booth #2	2nd
E. Wiles	Laelia gloedeniana	1st	W. Scharf	Masd. Cassiope 'Alexa', HCC/AOS	1st
E. Wiles	Onc. banchetii	1st	W. Scharf	Milt. Lilian Nakamoto	2nd
E. Wiles	Masd. Cassiope 'Alexa', HCC/AOS	2nd	W. Soyke	Dtps. Sogo Berry 'Sweetheart'	1st
F. Dagostin	Phal. Blond Beauty	3rd			



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The Gardener of the Owl Valley – York, PA
The Little Greenhouse – Baltimore, MD
Thyme on the Terrace – Glenmoore, PA
Wellspring Gardens – Rockville, MD

President's Message

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examined, advice was given and orchids were divided and/or repotted to complete the day. I personally heard numerous compliments throughout the day from an interested and engaged group of 30 new orchid growers. Thanks to Eric Wiles and his team of volunteers. The day was a huge success.

Capturing new members and inspiring new orchid enthusiasts to continue exploring the world of orchid growing defines success for the MOS. High marks all around to everyone involved in these events.

Happy Growing!

Bill

Martha Knight Discusses the Japan Grand Prix

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significant features including a large fiberglass rainwater collecting tank and a pot-bellied stove in the adjoining workroom.

Martha was invited to Shizuoka University to participate in a scientific workshop and could not pass up the chance to attend the Japan Grand Prix Orchid Show that was scheduled during the week before. So she arrived for the show and spent an entire day in the Tokyo Dome taking in the sensational experience. She returned from her trip on March 2 barely a week before the tragic events in the Northeastern coast of Japan.



At our April meeting, Martha will be talking about and showing slides of the Japan Grand Prix Orchid Show.

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