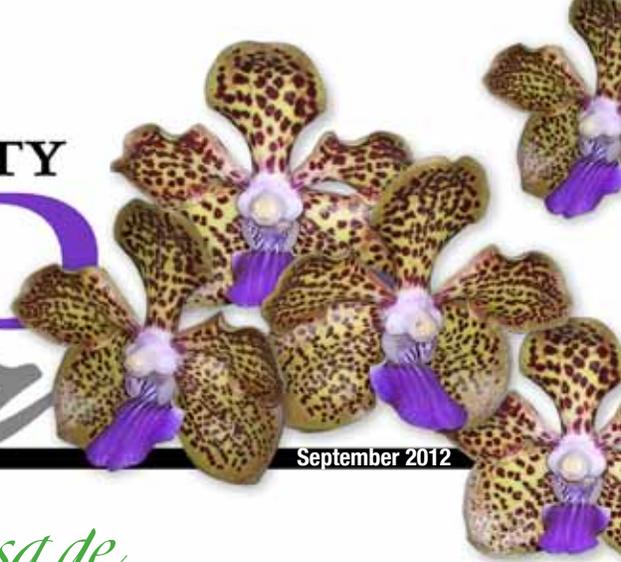


# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

# ORCHID

## newsletter



News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

September 2012

### president's message

**H**ow do you sum up the feeling of humility felt by myself at the notion of becoming the Maryland Orchid Society's new president? How do you sum up the emotions of gratitude, pride, and wonderment that our group would feel so comfortable with one such as I assuming the reigns of this fine organization and leading us through the next two years?

The task presents its own unique challenges. Ensuring participation and using delegation of responsibilities helps our organization to gel, becoming flexible and insuring its growth over time. Participation helps to distribute the burdens of doing the activities that we have all come to enjoy and expect from MOS.

Education seminars, plant shows, "how to" events, trips and simply the organization meetings all require the work of many dedicated MOS volunteers.

My goal over the next two years will be to encourage volunteerism and participation: To get as many of us to participate in our functions, and the production of our events, evoking a sense of community with a common and simple goal—the camaraderie involving the growing of the intriguing orchid.

So in essence I'm calling on all of you to make our organization a success in the upcoming years. It takes some hard work, but if we all engage in it, it will prove to be no more than a few minutes' investment for a magnificent reward.

So bring your ideas forward to improve what you see around you. Get involved in a committee, join a committee or attend a board meeting. Come and help out with what you see and be a part of a great society of friends—The Maryland Orchid Society.

Dr. Eric Wiles, MOS President

## Tom McBride Speaks at September Meeting

**T**om 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 2011-2012 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, third from right, gave a tour of The Little Greenhouse to MOS members in December. Photo by Beng Light

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# june 2012 show table

by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - Jennifer Hillebrand
2. Lsa. *discolor* - Chip Hiebler
3. Phal. Hybrid - Amanda Gallegos



## Home Grown

1. Phal. (Carmela's Brite Lites X Brother Purple) (above)- Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Tie Phal. (Romance Rose X Brother Purple) - Sarah Spence  
Paph. *chamberlainianum* var. *latifolium* - Val Lowe
3. Paph. Magic Lantern - Laura Sobelman



## Greenhouse

1. VSCO. Pine Rivers 'Blue' (above)- The Adamses
2. Enc. *tampensis* var. *alba* 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS - David Smith
3. Enc. *aromatica* - Eric Wiles



## Cattleya

1. L. *purpurata* var. *carnea* - The Adamses
2. L. *tenebrosa* 'Rainforest' FCC/AOS - David Smith
3. Blc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst' AM/AOS (above)- Barbara Buck



## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Yu Pin 'Easter Island' (above)- Bill Soyke & Sandi Bertamini
2. Tie Phal. *bellina* 'Chin Yo' - The Adamses  
Phal. Hybrid - Sue Spicer
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Norma Lynch Dtps. (Brother Success X Xen Mammom) - John Dunning



## Oncidium

1. Onc. *zelenkoanum* - David Smith
2. Brs. Edvah Loo 'Nishida' AM/AOS - The Riegels
3. Odcdm. Wildcat (above)- Eric Wiles



## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. *caricinum* - Laura Sobelman
2. Paph. Superbly Tempting - John Dunning
3. Tie Paph. Bel Royal 'Drohan' - The Riegels  
Paph. (Toni Semple X *liemianum*) (above)-Sue Spicer



## Dendrobium

1. Den. Nora Tokunaga - David Smith
2. Tie Den. *nobile* 'Sakura Pink' - John Dunning  
Den. *wassellii* - The Adamses
3. Den. *griffithianum* (above)- The Lundys



## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Masd. Cassiope 'Alexa' HCC/AOS (above)- Bill Scharf
2. Ascda. Chaisiri - Eric Wiles
3. Bulb. (*dearei* X *echinolabium*) - Sue Spicer



## Species

1. Bark. *spectabile* - David Smith
2. Bulb. *frostii* -(above) The Adamses
3. Tie Neof. *falcata* - Bill Scharf  
Hab. *medusae* - Clark Riley

continued

**Miniature**

1. Pths. *tribuloides* - David Smith
2. Meiracyllium *trinasutrum* - The Adamses
3. Neof. *falcata* - Bill Scharf

**First Bloom Seedling**

1. Rhy. *coelestis* - The Adamses
2. Tie Lyc. *skinneri* -(far right) Clark Riley Paph. Julius - The Riegels
3. Paph. (*liemianum* X Hsinying Franz) - John Dunning

**Fragrance**

1. Lc. Purple Cascade 'Beauty of Perfume' - John Dunning
2. Neof. *falcata* 'Setsusan' - David Smith
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AMAOS - The Riegels

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Pths. *tribuloides*, exhibited by David Smith. (See below.) The judges were Valerie Lowe, Jamie Riegel and Rachael Adams. There were an incredible 122 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month!



Judges' Choice: *Pleurothallis tribuloides*

At the June, 2012 meeting, the show table judges selected *Pleurothallis tribuloides* as the Judge's Choice plant. It is a small-growing miniature orchid species mounted on a piece of tree fern where it has been growing for over 15 years.

Doing some research using the Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, aka iospe, I found that the species name, tribuloides, refers to its spiny seed pods, also, the current official name for the plant was



attributed to John Lindley, 1830. It has many synonyms (other names, now not valid) which were given to it by many different taxonomists over the years: some of which are *Epidendrum tribuloides* (1788), *Dendrobium tribuloides* (1806), *Humboldtia tribulodes* (1891), *Pleurothallis fantastica* (1936), *Cryptophoranthus acaulis* (1984), *Specklinia tribuloides* (2001), *Tribulago tribuloides* (2004). Even though the *Dendrobium* and *Epidendrum* genus names were given before the *Pleurothallis* designation, John Lindley in 1830 showed that this plant was not of either of those two genera and belonged to the genus *Pleurothallis*. *P. tribuloides* is found in all of the countries surrounding the Gulf of Mexico, all of Central America, Mexico, and Jamaica.

In the literature, it is described as growing easily in humid, warm to cool conditions, with a well-draining mount or potting medium all of which I have found to be true. For me, it is a good grower on a well-draining tree fern mount with high to very

high humidity, constant air movement, and bright shade. In my greenhouse, it blooms heavily in the spring or early summer and sporadically at other times. Greenhouse temperatures vary from a winter nighttime low of about 52°-54°

F and 84°-86° F day temperatures in the summer. All of my plants are sprayed daily, simulating rain (?), during the summer and misted regularly at other times of the year.

This was probably the first plant that I purchased from J&L Orchids in about 1986-87. It has survived several periods of less than good care, each time reviving fairly quickly. Obviously, it is currently a very happy plant.

I would recommend this plant to any grower new to pleurothallids who wishes to try growing it.

David Smith  
July 3, 2012

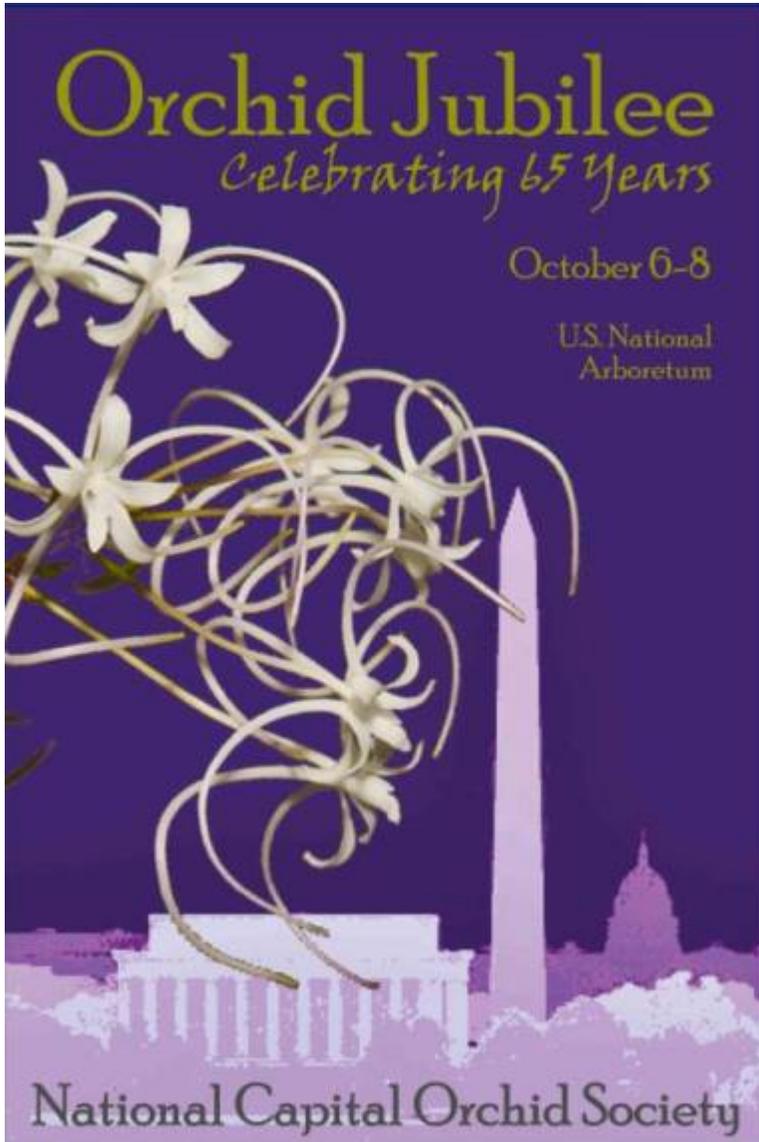
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**July 7: National Capital Judging Center**

Jamie Riegel's plant of *Paphiopedilum* Lady Isabel 'Cedarcrest' was awarded a 77 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC).



Photo by James Osen



# *It's Show Time!*

The NCOS celebrates 65 years!

## ***“Orchid Jubilee: Celebrating 65 years.”***

The Fall Show & Sale Oct 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the U.S. National Arboretum:

- Vendor sale tent (orchids, potting supplies, orchid themed gifts)
- 20+ exhibits from vendors, visiting societies, and NCOS members
- Educational lectures
- AOS plant judging
- Expert-led group tours
- Orchid doctor
- Advanced hours for photographers (*see USNA website for details*)
- **Free lunch for volunteers!!!**

For our new members, it's the event of the season, free to the public....

...and NOT TO BE MISSED!

### **SHOW SCHEDULE (SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH)**

Friday	5 – 8 pm	Preview Party
Saturday	8:30-9 am	Sales tent open for NCOS members only
	9 am - 5:00 pm	Sales tent open to the public
	10 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit open to the public
Sunday	10 am - 5 pm	Exhibit and sales tent open to the public
Monday	10 am - 3 pm	Exhibit and sales tent open to the public

**For more information: [ncos.us](http://ncos.us)**

**Susquehanna Orchid Society Presents**



# Orchid Treasures



**2012 Fall AOS Judged Orchid and Rare Plant Show and Sale**

**Friday October 19th 12pm—8pm**  
**Saturday October 20th 9am—6pm**  
**Sunday October 21st 9am—4pm**



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# 8th Annual Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium

**October 26 and 27, 2012**



## Speakers

Alan Koch - Gold Country Orchids  
David Off - Waldor Orchids  
Roy Tokunaga - H & R Nurseries, Inc  
Marguerite Web - J & L Orchids

## Vendors

Gold Country Orchids, H & R Nurseries, Inc., J & L Orchids,  
Waldor Orchids, Orchid Enterprise, Inc.

## Location

Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel  
42nd Street & Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Website and registration: [mhsymposium.org](http://mhsymposium.org)

## Schedule

### Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm	Welcome - Rob Griesbach
7:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Roy Tokunaga
8:15 pm - 9:30 pm	Roy Tokunaga and Alan Koch

### Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am	Welcome - Rob Griesbach
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Dave Off
10:30 am - Noon	Marguerite Webb
Noon - 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch and Plant Sales
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	AOS Judging Forum
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Alan Koch
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Plant Sales - Open to the Public

# Seedling Culture

By John A. Dunkleberger

Over the past thirty odd years I have probably killed as many orchid seedlings as anyone. Getting them to adapt to the real world when removed from the flask is perhaps the greatest challenge.

Consider having to adapt from a situation with ideal conditions – high humidity, all nutrients provided – to a situation where nutrients may or may not be available and the humidity varies from 20% to 80%.

Additional environmental hazards such as fungi, bacteria, insects, slugs, and snails complicate the mix.

I've experimented with many different techniques to increase survival. Most have failed, but recently I have developed a technique which has succeeded beyond my expectations.

For containers, I initially used the clear, domed plastic cups which are used by many fast food restaurants for milkshakes, but being incapable of drinking that many milkshakes I resorted to standard clear plastic cups modified to my purposes.

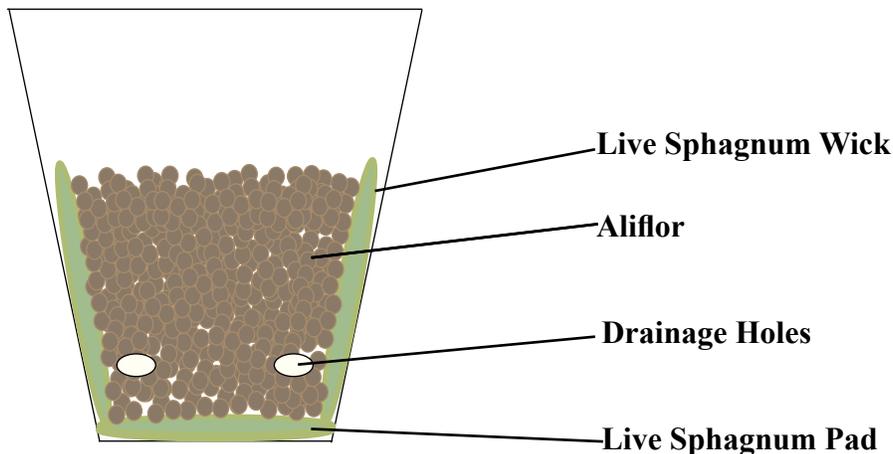
A standard clear plastic drinking cup is pierced with holes in three or four places about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " above the bottom so as to produce a reservoir for water in the bottom. A thin pad of *live* sphagnum is placed in the bottom. Then about two inches of Aliflor pellets

are added. A wick or two of sphagnum should be worked into the pellets at the edges to help conduct water from the bottom to the top surface. The seedlings from the flask with the medium washed off are placed on the top of the Aliflor. Then, using tweezers, a little bit of *live* sphagnum is worked in among the roots of the seedlings. Some should contact the wicks.

A covering cup, used to maintain humidity, must also allow reasonable air movement or mold will become a problem.

I use a mixture of 80% rainwater and 20% tap water (to provide calcium and magnesium). Various fertilizers are being evaluated at a level of approximately one gram per liter – continuously.

There are always two or three larger seedlings in the bottles. The largest ones were potted and cultured separately from the smaller ones to help prevent roots from becoming entangled during growth.



continued

Two photographs are attached. Photograph #1 shows – (a) a bottle of seedlings, (b) & (c) seedlings in cups three to four months after deflasking, and (d) more vigorous seedlings in 2-inch square pots five to six months after deflasking.

Photograph #2 shows seedlings in 2-inch pots grown under a clear plastic hood to conserve humidity – hood removed for photograph.

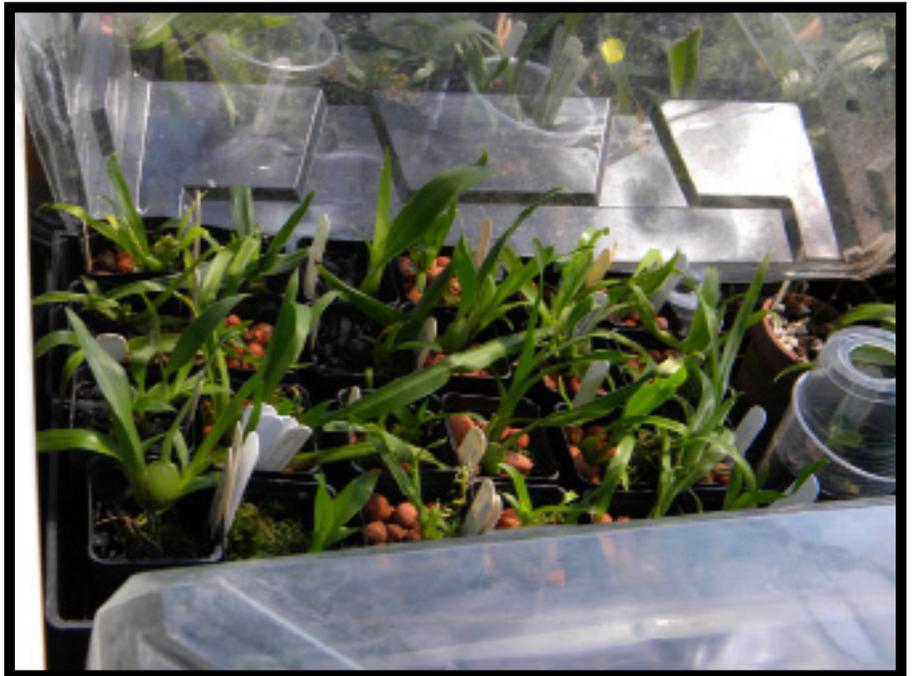
Alternatives to Aliflor are being studied, e.g. charcoal and shale.

The Aliflor provides an area for root growth because it maintains air at 100% humidity. Air at 100% humidity is ideal for root growth. Sphagnum has antifungal and antibacterial properties.

The Oncidium alliance and Cymbidiums are the areas which have been evaluated so far but surely Phragmipediums, with their love for water, should respond well.



**Photograph #1**



**Photograph #2**

(Submitted to MOS News by Valerie Lowe)

# Tentative Education Corner Schedule for 2012

by David Smith, Education Chair

This is a list of possible and tentative topics for presentation at the Education Corner from September through December. Neither the schedule nor the topics are set and are therefore open to change. Most presentations will require different presenters. This is a valuable way for new members and novice growers to meet and learn from more established and experienced growers. Therefore, I will be calling on many of you to be presenters.

**September** – Meet the Executive committee, heads of committees, other active members.

- New and most recent past.
- Show table rules, display, grooming, and judging (Tom McBride). Most likely at the beginning of the Show Table Awards and bonuses

**October** – Setting up a growing space: minimum requirements.

- Frank Dagostin
- Sarah Spence
- Marilyn Lauffer

**November** – Growing, reblooming, and care of phalaenopsis plants.

- Bill Soyke
- Mark Robbins
- Sarah Hurdel (species)

**December** – Experiences of new growers and short-term members

- Greg Custis
- Judi von Mehlem
- Sarah Spence
- Aaron Webb

## *aos corner*

Lynn Fuller, Chair, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

I hope your summer has been going well. Gearing up for the upcoming fall season, I thought I would focus on a few news items and reminders from AOS Headquarters.

1. The special supplement this year is on the genus *Cycnoches*, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society. The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members' donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226>). Donations of any size are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements.

2. Did you know that liability coverage for your meetings and shows is available through the AOS at a competitive fee? We are pleased to announce that we are again able to offer this benefit of affiliation for \$250. As last year, a single fee can now cover both your society meetings and your show. More information about this benefit

and the procedure for procuring it may be found on the website under the Affiliated Societies tab (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44>).

3. Another benefit of being an affiliated society is that your society can host one of the two meetings per year of the American Orchid Society's members and trustees meetings. Hosting the AOS as part of your annual show can be a rewarding experience for your society as well as taking your show to the 'next level' having international or national prominence. AOS is looking for locations for upcoming meetings starting in the Fall of 2014 and beyond. Other orchid Alliances that often join the AOS at many of these shows are the Orchid Digest, the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Phalaenopsis Alliance. These joint meetings are an incredible opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of orchids.

4. As fall is approaching, the AOS is getting this year's Orchid Source Directory ready for printing. Each affiliated society will be listed at no cost with the information on file with the AOS. If your society has changed your meeting locations, dates, times, addresses, website or email, please let Membership Services ([theAOS@aos.org](mailto:theAOS@aos.org)) at AOS know so the most up-to-date information is printed. In addition if you have an



orchid related business and want to be included in the directory contact John Wrench at AOS ([jwrench@aos.org](mailto:jwrench@aos.org)) for the form. The cost for a business listing is \$150 and includes both the printed listing as well as our online directory. August 31 is the deadline for these listings.

5. Do you know what your society's renewal date is? Starting three months prior to expiration, a renewal notice for all membership levels is included in the magazine polybag. If you or your society happened to have missed these, we'd love to have you back. Please contact the office at [theAOS@aos.org](mailto:theAOS@aos.org) or by phone at 205-740-2010 to inquire about expiration dates.

(Submitted to MOS News by Valerie Lowe)

# Summer Picnic and Repotting Workshop Both a Blast

This year we tried something new—the first annual MOS summer picnic. The weather truly looked threatening. We rolled the dice, said a few prayers and were blessed with a reasonable day. It would be an exaggeration to say it was sunny but we were lucky enough to find one moment in the stormy day that held off the rain.

All who came enjoyed food and fun out at the Wiles farm. Hot dogs, cold drinks, and orchids—what could be a better combination? Not to mention the White Elephant gift exchange. Looking ahead to next year; we definitely need to do this again.

Our second event of the summer was the members-only repotting clinic held at David and Margaret Smith's home. (See photos below.) A really nice day with our hospitable hosts was just the ticket for gaining new knowledge in the best methods for repotting a variety of plants. All who came benefitted in both hands-on experience and some donated plant divisions.

I look forward to more participation next year and encourage our newer members to take advantage of these fun events.

Dr. Eric Wiles



# Maryland Orchid Society Board of Trustees Meeting October

The next quarterly meeting of the Board will be held at the home of Barbara and Lou Buck on October 25. Arrive as early as 6:30 PM to enjoy a light meal and refreshments. (Please consider bringing a side dish or refreshment.) Open to all members. Please RSVP to the Bucks or Eric.

Other important dates:

NCOS Meeting—September 17, 2012 U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C.

Speaker: **Clark T. Riley, Ph.D.** (Maryland) Topic: 50 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes (Including the Top Ten Orchid Growing Mistakes -- and how to fix 'em)

MOS Annual Auction—November 10, 2012

MOS Annual Holiday Party—December 20, 2012

MOS Annual Show and Sale—March 8-10, 2013

SEPOS Show—March 25-28, 2013

## 2012 MOS Board

Please welcome the following slate of Officers to the Membership:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Eric Wiles</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Sarah Spence</b>
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	<b>Bill Scharf</b>
<b>Controller:</b>	<b>Mary Chiu</b>
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<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Sarah Hurdel</b>
<b>Directors:</b>	<b>Gregg Custis</b> <b>Chris Zajac</b>

## Fiscal Year 12 Close Out

The MOS Bank will be open at the September monthly meeting. The Society's fiscal year closed on August 31st. In order to properly close the books I'd like to take care of any and all outstanding bills from Fiscal Year 2012. If you have any receipts or invoices that have not been settled, please bring them to the meeting for immediate payment. If you're not able to make the September meeting, please mail or email them to me at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Membership Renewal

In August, Marilyn Lauffer, 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:

Maryland Orchid Society  
P.O. Box 5651  
Baltimore, MD 21210

Or give them to Marilyn at the September meeting.

## *aos corner*

**H**as your society moved its meeting locations or times? Changed its AOS Representative, phone number or website? Headquarters has been calling the affiliated societies to confirm their information for the upcoming Orchid Source Directory. They expect this task to be completed by the middle of September. One of the many benefits of being an affiliated society of the American Orchid Society is a free listing in the Orchid Source Directory. This directory is mailed to all members and is available electronically on the AOS website. Some members have told me that they leave their copy of the OSD in their car so they will know what vendors or societies are in the area when they are traveling.

I also heard from headquarters that societies are taking advantage of the benefit of the insurance certificates that were mentioned in last month's communication—it's a great deal for the societies and for AOS. It only takes a couple of days to secure the certificate for your society. Call Melana Davison at headquarters at 305-740-2013 to get more information on this benefit or to apply for the insurance certificate.

The 2013 AOS Calendars are available now! A portion of the purchase price of each calendar this year will go towards AOS conservation projects. If a society purchases 12 or more, the cost will be \$8.97 each plus shipping. Call the main number at AOS headquarters and Naya Marciano can take your order! The phone number for headquarters is 305-740-2010.

Portland Orchid Society invites you to join them with at the Fall AOS Trustees and Members meeting in Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. With internationally-known speakers, exceptional vendors, locally participating nurseries, eye-catching displays and world-class hospitality, you will remember the experience for years to come. Registration is now open on their website at [www.portlandorchidsociety.org](http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org). I hope you will support your fellow society and attend the meetings. It provides the perfect opportunity to network, meet internationally known orchidists or to discover what is truly new and trending in the orchid world.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

# William and Catherine View Princess Diana Orchid in Singapore

By Alexis Lai and Nick Thompson, CNN updated 6:42 AM EDT, Tue September 11, 2012

(CNN) -- Britain's Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge kicked off a nine-day Southeast Asia tour Tuesday with a viewing in Singapore of an orchid named in honor of William's late mother, Princess Diana.

Diana never saw the orchid, which was christened the "Dendrobium Memoria Princess Diana" a month after her death in a car accident in Paris in 1997.

William and his wife Catherine also had an orchid — the "Vanda William Catherine" — named after them at Singapore's National Orchid Garden, their first stop on a tour to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

The royal couple also viewed the "Dendrobium Queen Elizabeth II" orchid, named for William's grandmother — who has now ruled the British Commonwealth for 60 years — on her visit to the country in 1972.

Orchid-naming is Singapore's way of welcoming important guests. The National Orchid Garden is also home to orchids named after state dignitaries including Nelson Mandela and Margaret Thatcher — not to mention celebrity orchids such as the "Dendrobium Jackie Chan."



"Singapore has a longstanding tradition of naming orchids after important guests," said Poon Hong Yuen, the CEO of the National Parks Board.

William and Catherine will also visit the Commonwealth nations of Malaysia, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu on their tour of the region.

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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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