

# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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## newsletter

News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

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## April's Speaker: Bill Thoms of A-Doribil

**R**enowned orchid grower, world traveler and internationally recognized speaker Bill Thoms will be presenting a talk on *Bulbophyllums* (the largest genus in the orchid world!)

Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed! Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for more than 40 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (95 in over 30 genera, including 45 in the *bulbophyllum* alliance (capped off with a 97 pt. Certificate of Cultural Excellence for *Bulb. Sue Blackmore*).

Bill is the only person to receive Awards of Quality for *Bulbophyllum* hybrids as well as receiving the hybridizer's dream; an Award of Distinction for a new avenue of breeding (a *Trias* hybrid). Many of his crosses are winning awards around the



country. The AOS has just added a yearly award named for him for the best *Bulbophyllum* exhibited.

The talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations so whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world. His new book, *Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY?* will be available for purchase (\$44.95, but discounted for the members) and he will sign them for free!!

## Don't Miss These Exciting Speakers!

Deborah Dade has a thrilling speaker line-up planned for MOS' 2013 monthly meetings. Tentatively scheduled are the following presenters:

**May:** Joe Silva, *Silva Orchids, Neptune, NJ*

**June:** Robert Griesbach, "*A Guide to Phalaenopsis Species*"

**September:** Tom McBride, *The Little Greenhouse, Baltimore, MD*

**October:** Tom Mirenda, *Smithsonian Institution Orchid Collection Specialist, Washington, D.C.*

**To be announced:** Linda Thorne, *Seagrove Orchids, Seagrove, NC*

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# march 2013 show table winners

by Tom McBride



## Novice

1. Tolu. Jairak Rainbow 'Plum Pretty' (above)- Amanda Gallegos
2. Phal. Hybrid - The Hallameyers



## Home Grown

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lennete' - The Lundys
3. Phrag. Penn's Creek Cascade (above)- Valerie Lowe

## Greenhouse

1. Max. *coccinea* - Jos Venturina
2. Paph. (Susan Booth X *rothschildianum*) - Lou Vadorsky
3. Epc. Purple Glory 'Morris Pride' - Eric Wiles



## Cattleya

1. *C. leuddemanniana* - Michael Moran
2. Tie *C. Lucky Gem 'Sarah'* AM/AOS - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
- Blc. *Mari's Glory* (above)- Chris Zajac
3. Tie *Iwan. Apple Blossom* - The Adamses
- Blc. *Monolani Rainbow 'Marge'* - Bob Johnston
- Bl. *Yellow Bird* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste



## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Tie Phal. *Sheena Beauty 'Rin Rin'* - Norma Lynch
- Phal. *tetraspis* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
3. Tie Phal. *Glad Dawn 'Pink Cheer'* (above)- John Dunning
- Phal. Hybrid - Chris Zajac

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. *Formosa Lady* (Susan Booth X *sanderianum*) - David Smith
2. Tie Phrag. *Sedenii 'Candidulum'* - Barbara Buck
- Paph. (*Hsinying Glory* X *charlesworthii*) - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
- Paph. *villosum* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Paph. *Pedro's Moon* - John Dunning
- Phrag. *besseae* var. *flavum* - Laura Sobelman

## Oncidium

1. Odcdm. *Wildcat 'Bobcat'* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
2. Tulum. *Jairak Rainbow 'Freckle Face'* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie *Vuyl. Aloha Sparks 'Ruby Eyes'* - Barbara Buck
- Alcra. Smile Eri* - Chip Hiebler



## Dendrobium

1. *Den. nobile 'Merlin'* - The Adamses
2. *Den. Aussie's Chip* (above)- David Smith
3. *Den. Roy Tokunaga* - Judi von Mehlem

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *Ascda. Motes Goldpiece 'Wirat'* HCC/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. *V. Pachara Delight 'Pachara'* FCC/AOS - The Soykes
3. *Sarco. Fitzhart* - The Adamses



## Species

1. *Max. tenuifolia* - Michael Moran
2. *Max. coccinea* - David Smith
3. *Onc. splendidum* (above)- Bob Johnston

## Miniature

1. *Gchls. bellinus* - David Smith
2. Tie *Oberonia* species - Bill Scharf
- Phal. *braccana* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie *Bulb. lasiochilum* - The Adamses
- Den. denudens* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel



## First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. *Lyro Valentine* - John Dunning
2. *Sarcoglottis sceptrodes* (above) - Lou Vadorsky
3. Paph. *chamberlainum* var. *latifolium* - The Lundys

## Fragrance

1. *Den. Nestor* - The Lundys

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *C. leuddemanniana*, exhibited by Michael Moran. (See photo on page 3.) The judges were Rich Kaste, Michael Moran and Gary Smith. There were an incredible 122 beautiful plants displayed on our show table.

**March 22: National Capital Judging Center in conjunction with the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania annual Show:**

David Smith's plant of *Maxillaria coccinea* 'Rachael Hermelyn' (right) received an 87 point CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit).



Photo by David Smith

**April 6: National Capital Judging Center:**

Sarah Hurdel lovingly staked Gary Smith's plant of *Phal. hieroglyphica* (AM) and brought it to the Judging Center. The plant was awarded an 82 point Award of Merit. Gary gave the plant the clonal name of 'Sarah'. (right)



Photo by Valerie Lowe

Valerie Lowe's plant of *Paphiopedilum* Shin-yi William 'Maxa' (far right) received a 79 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC).



Photo by Valerie Lowe

**Member Update and Miscellaneous**

There were 58 members at the March meeting. Please welcome the following new or returning members:

Susan Masciarelli, Marc Friedlander, Deborah Chisholm and Brenda Buzzell.

The following people joined MOS at the April 6 workshop: Gay Durland, Nancy Ennis, Kathy Seidel, JoAnn Peroutka and Dr. Lynne Jacobs

The March door prize, a Blc. Hsinying Catherine 'Dogashima' was won by Teena Hollameyer.

march judges' choice



The Judges' Choice for March was this beautiful *C. leuddemanniana*, exhibited by Michael Moran.

**Maryland Orchid Society Board of Trustees Meeting April 25**

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the home of Chip and Kathy Hiebler on April 25. Arrive as early as 6:30 PM to enjoy a light meal and refreshments. (Please consider bringing a side dish or refreshment.) The meeting is open to all members. Please RSVP to the Hieblers or Eric Wiles.



## 2013 Maryland Orchid Society Show

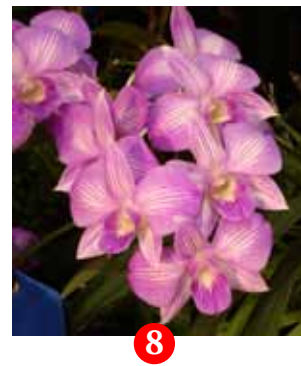
### Award Results

The numbers in red circles correspond with photos on pages 6 and 7.

Award	Sponsor	Entry	Exhibitor
Best Commercial Exhibit	The Gerald Brown Memorial Award	Commercial Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	Woodstream Orchids
Best Table-Top Exhibit	The Owen T. Humphrey Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 12-Square-Foot Table-Top	Sarah Hurdel <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">1</span>
Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit	The Gratifying Obsession Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top	Chip and Cathy Hiebler <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">2</span>
Best Hobbyist Exhibit	The Buck Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	Custis/Lowe/Zajac <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">3</span>
Best Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	National Capital Orchid Society
Runner Up Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 25-Square-Foot	Catoctin Orchid Society
Best Educational Exhibit	Orrin Kaste Memorial Award	Educational Exhibit	Sarah Spence <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">4</span>
Best Interpretation of Show Theme	The Rachel A. and Edward K. Miller Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top	Chip and Cathy Hiebler <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">5</span>
ODC Award		Society Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	National Capital Orchid Society
Best Angraecum Alliance in Show	The Sally Tan Award	Microterangis hariotiana 'Fishing Creek'	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Bulbophyllum Alliance in Show	The Sobelman Award	Megaclinium falcatum 'Geri'	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Commercial Epidendrum		Epidendrum Saranac Lake 'Elk Creek', HCC/AOS	Woodstream Orchids
Best Hobbyist Epidendrum		Epicattleya Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower', HCC/AOS	Jeff Johnson
Best Epidendrum in Show	The Windsor Veterinary Service Award	Epidendrum Saranac Lake 'Elk Creek', HCC/AOS	Woodstream Orchids
Best Commercial Cattleya Alliance		Cattleya lawrenceana 'Neptune'	Silva Orchids
Best Hobbyist Cattleya Alliance	The Bud Hammond Memorial Award	Soprolaeliocattleya Final Touch 'Lemon Chiffon', AM/AOS	Michael Moran
Best Cattleya Alliance in Show	The Swett Award	Soprolaeliocattleya Final Touch 'Lemon Chiffon', AM/AOS	Michael Moran
Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show	The Adams Award	Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruit'	David Smith <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">6</span>
Best Commercial Paphiopedilum Species		Paphiopedilum hainanense	Woodstream Orchids
Best Commercial Paphiopedilum Hybrid	The Travers Award	Paphiopedilum (Caneres Creek x California Girl) 'Benner Springs'	Woodstream Orchids
Best Hobbyist Paphiopedilum Species	The Howard King Memorial Award	Paphiopedilum villosum 'Hung Sheng'	Eric Wiles
Best Hobbyist Paphiopedilum Hybrid	The Charlie Geis Memorial Award	Paphiopedilum Mt. Low	Valerie Lowe
Best Commercial Phragmipedium		Phragmipedium pearcei	Fishing Creek Orchids <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">7</span>
Best Hobbyist Phragmipedium	The Dagmar Luff Memorial Award	Phragmipedium Olaf Gruss	Barry Woolf
Best Phragmipedium in Show	Memorial D. Anne Lowe Award	Phragmipedium pearcei	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Cyripedium Alliance in Show	The Hurdel Award	Paphiopedilum (Caneres Creek x California Girl) 'Benner Springs'	Woodstream Orchids
SOA Award		Paphiopedilum villosum 'Hung Sheng'	Eric Wiles
Best Commercial Dendrobium Alliance		Dendrobium speciosum	Little Brook Orchids

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Award	Sponsor	Entry	Exhibitor	
Best Hobbyist Dendrobium Alliance	The Jos A. Venturina Award	Dendrobium Nida Stripe	Chris Zajac	8
Best Dendrobium Alliance in Show	The Marianne and Erwin von Mehlem Memorial Award	Dendrobium speciosum	Little Brook Orchids	
Best Dendrochilum in Show	The Roderick Award	Dendrochilum bicallosum	David Smith	9
Best Lycaste Alliance in Show		Angulocaste Olympus 'Chadds Ford', FCC/AOS	David Smith	
Best Maxillaria Alliance in Show	The Sobelman Award	Maxillaria Maui Coconut 'Seagrove with Roger'	Seagrove Orchids	10
Best Commercial Oncidium Alliance		Wilsonara Aloha Sparks 'Edna's Flame'	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Hobbyist Oncidium Alliance	The Helen Soyke Memorial Award	Miltonia hybrid	Chip and Cathy Hiebler	
Best Oncidium Alliance in Show	The Dorothy Powell Kelt Memorial Award	Wilsonara Aloha Sparks 'Edna's Flame'	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Commercial Phalaenopsis Alliance	The Hager Award	Phalaenopsis schilleriana 'Pink Butterfly', HCC/AOS	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Hobbyist Phalaenopsis Alliance	The Little Greenhouse Award	Phalaenopsis Cat's Paw Firebird 'Montclair', HCC/AOS	Sarah Hurdel	
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance in Show	The Gary Smith Award	Phalaenopsis hybrid [#4]	Bill and Sandy Soyke	11
IPA Award		Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi	Sarah Hurdel	
Best Commercial Pleurothallid Alliance		Pleurothallis teaguei	Fishing Creek Orchids	12
Best Hobbyist Pleurothallid Alliance	The Roderick Award	Scaphosepalum verrucosum	Barry Woolf	
Best Masdevallia in Show	The William Scharf Award	Masdevallia wagneriana	Bill Scharf	
Best Pleurothallid Alliance in Show	The "Doc" Scharf Memorial Award	Pleurothallis teaguei	Fishing Creek Orchids	13
Best Vanda Alliance in Show	The Benigna A. Venturina Award	Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Spots'	Little Brook Orchids	
Best Miscellaneous Genera in Show	The Wiles/Staub Award	Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Nancy Mountford	
Best Grower's Choice Plant	The Santos Award	Angulocaste Olympus 'Chadds Ford', FCC/AOS	David Smith	14
Best Commercial Miniature		Dendrobium dichaeiodes 'Fishing Creek'	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Hobbyist Miniature	The Roderick Award	Epidendrum porpax	Steve & Rachel Adams	
Best Miniature in Show	The Margaret Smith Award	Dendrobium dichaeiodes 'Fishing Creek'	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Foliage Plant in Show		Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Nancy Mountford	
Best First-Bloom Seedling in Show	The Jack L. Robbins Memorial Award	Paphiopedilum Johanna Burkhardt	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Most Pleasing Fragrance	The Bill and Sandy Soyke Award	Cattleya Prism Palette 'Christmas Candy', HCC/AOS	Joe Francis	
Best Commercial Species	The Clark Riley Award	Dendrobium speciosum	Little Brook Orchids	
Best Hobbyist Species	The John Gardner Memorial Award	Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Nancy Mountford	
Best Species in Show	The Lundy Award	Megaclinium falcatum 'Geri'	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Specimen Plant in Show	The Smith Award	Dendrochilum curranii	David Smith	
Best Plant in Show	The Merritt Huntington Memorial Award	Megaclinium falcatum 'Geri'	Fishing Creek Orchids	
Best Art in Show	The P. Jean Soyke Memorial Award	White Phalaenopsis Painting	Susan Smith	15



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The Soykes' exhibit



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Margaret Smith's exhibit



The Dagostins' exhibit



Marilyn Lauffer, Joan Roderick, Janice Mazur, Suzanne Gaertner, Norma Lynch, and Joanne Russo's exhibit



Eric Wiles' and Owen Humphrey's exhibit



Jos Venturina's *Chilochista segawai*



Sarah Hurdel's Education exhibit



Lou and Barbara Buck and Gregg Custis welcome visitors



The Little Greenhouse's Display



# The Rawlings Conservatory (and Orchid Room) Celebrates 125 Years

In 1874, Baltimore City park commissioners designated sufficient ground and proposed to establish a botanical conservatory in Druid Hill Park. George A. Frederick, the park architect was directed to design and make plans for the new building. Conservatory Committee member, Mr. Abbott Kenney, travelled to Europe to visit the famous Kew Gardens of London. These gardens and Conservatory served as a model for Baltimore's planned structure of iron and wood with a palm house at its center. Baltimore workmen began the building process in 1885 and opened to a crowd of 300 on August 26, 1888!



In 2002 the Conservatory started a major reconstruction that was completed in September 2004. The project focused on preserving, updating and improving the original Palm House structure since it is the second oldest surviving municipal glass conservatory in the United States. The renovations also included three redesigned greenhouses featuring plants indigenous to climates from the Mediterranean, tropical and desert regions of the world. With its reopening, the Baltimore Conservatory was renamed The Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory in honor of the statesman who believed in the Conservatory's power to educate.



*The Orchid Room is the colorful jewel of the Conservatory* since its opening to the public in 1888. With a floor space of approximately 270 square feet there are usually 300 orchids on display no matter when you visit. The glass walls rise over 15 feet; they are covered with metal framing which allows the perfect orchid showplace with plenty of air circulation. These beautiful orchids thrive under Alice Hisely's tender care three days a week. October through March are Alice's favorite months because the Dendrobiums, Vandas and the Cattleyas are in bloom. Cattleyas never disappoint with their bright blooms from ¼ inch to six inches in size. Her most unusual orchid is the Angrecum from Madagascar.

The orchid collection consists of over 3000 specimens. When not on bloom display in the Orchid Room, they were kept in a crowded rotation greenhouse behind the Conservatory. However, they have been moved to a more accommodating location at Cylburn's greenhouses. Alice is a self-taught orchidist and enjoys the challenge of healing orchids and welcomes all donated specimens.



To plan your visit please contact the Conservatory at 410-396-0008 or visit [rawlingsconservatory.org](http://rawlingsconservatory.org).

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

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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