

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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newsletter

News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

October 2013



October's Speaker is Paul Sheetz of JustPat Orchids

Our October speaker, Paul Sheetz, will be discussing "Zygo What? Zygopetalum and Intergeneric Hybrids" and will explore Zygopetalum species and hybrids, as well as hybrids made with Zygosepalum, Promenea, Agonesia, Neogardneria, Mendocella, Pescatorea and many others. Paul has been growing orchids for over 30 years. He bought his first white cattleya at the Philadelphia Flower Show in 1976. Paul has been active in local orchid societies for the past 25 years and is currently Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Orchid Society.

Paul is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and is Chairman for the Mid-Atlantic Region and is also active in show table judging for several local orchid societies.

Paul is the owner of JustPat Orchids and has been exhibiting at orchid shows for the last 25 years and had been an orchid vendor at the Philadelphia Flower Show for more than 20 years. He recently (9 years ago) moved from Philadelphia to Honey Brook, PA (45 miles west) and built a new 30' x 48' greenhouse.



Paul will be bringing plenty of plants to sell at the meeting. Check out his website at www.justpatorchids.com.

ORCHID AUCTION

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

SAME GREAT LOCATION

Saturday, November 9, 2013

American Legion Dewey Lowman Post 109
1610 Old Sulphur Spring Road, Halethorpe, MD 21227

Preview 11:00 AM / Auction 12:00 to 4:00 PM

- ♥ Hundreds of orchids in bud or bloom from respected local and nationally recognized growers. Plus pre-priced "instant auction" plants, and supplies from Quarter Acre Orchids.
- ♥ Lunch and a full line of refreshments available on site.
- ♥ Free admission and registration.

Contact Aaron Webb, 410-419-1312 or Sarah Spence, 410-243-3377 for information or visit www.MarylandOrchids.org



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by Sarah Hurdel

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Novice

1. Phal. *pulcherrima* var. *champorensis* (above)- Jennifer Hildebrand
2. Phal. Hybrid (below)- Anne Headrick



Home Grown

1. Asc. Lilac Lace (above)- Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Odcdm. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - The Dagostins
Den. *phalaenopsis* var. *compactum* 'Carney' - Suzanne Gaertner
3. Tie Den. *bigibbum* - The Hallameyers
Lc. Cariad's Mini Quinee - Sarah Spence

Greenhouse

1. Lc. C. G. Roebling 'Beachview' - Jos Venturina
2. Tie Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Red' - The Adamases
Bl. Bernise Foster X B. *cordata* - Eric Wiles
3. Mok. Aomya Gold - Les Kirkegaard

Cattleya

1. Lc. Sagarik Wax - Kathi Jackson
2. Tie L. *lucasiana* - The Adamases
Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pokai' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' AM/AOS - David Smith
3. C. *maxima* - Eric Wiles

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. *heiroglyphica* 'Sarah' AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Phal. Kenneth Schubert - The Adamases
3. Phal. Tying Shin Forest Love - John Dunning



Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Pinnocchio - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Paph. Doll's Kobold - The Adamases
Phrag. Belle Hogue Point (above)- The Soykes
3. Paph. Lady Petula - John Dunning



Oncidium

1. Brs. Edvah Loo 'Nishida' AM/AOS - The Soykes
2. Tie Odcdm. Sunlight 'Pacific Punch' (above) - Eric Wiles
Mtdm. Hawaiian Sunset - Chris Zajac
3. Mtssa. Olmec 'Kanno' AM/AOS - Bob Johnston



Dendrobium

1. Den. Salaya Minist - The Adamases
2. Den. Yellow Song 'Canary' (above) - Sarah Spence
3. Den. *phalaenopsis* - The Soykes

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Monn. Milenium Magic 'Witchcraft' AM/AOS - John Dunning
3. Mok. Jitti - Les Kirkegaard

Species

1. *Acianthera sonderiana* - David Smith
2. Bulb. *unitubum* (right)- The Adamases
3. *Oeceoclades roseo-variegata* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith



Miniature

1. Den. *laevifolium* - Michael Moran
2. *Aergs. luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta* - David Smith
3. Gchls. *dasyponon* - The Adamases

First Bloom Seedling

1. Mok. Sagarik Gold X Ascda. Bangkhuntien Gold - Les Kirkegaard
2. Pot. Gene Crocker - David Smith
3. Paph. (Diversion X Mrs. James) X Claire de Lune - The Soykes

Fragrance

1. C. Bob Betts 'White Lightning' - Norma Lynch
2. Enc. *tampensis* var. *alba* 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS - Jennifer Hildebrand
3. Pot. Satoro Toshima 'Lakeview' - John Dunning

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS, exhibited by Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith. See page 3 for how they grow this beautiful plant. The judges were Ann Lundy, Clark Riley and Chris Zajac. There were an incredible 125 beautiful plants displayed on our show table.

Catasetum Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS — A Lucky Find!

This plant was purchased in 2007 as a small unlabeled pot of rocks and shriveled pseudobulbs. I recognized it as some type of Catasetum, having just attended my first MOS meeting featuring a talk on this fascinating group of plants. I offered the grower \$7 for the plant — which he happily accepted — who else would buy it?

I had no idea what the blooms would look like, but I hadn't seen a Catasetum or Cycnoches that I didn't like, and thought it was worth a try. In the late spring, just as the newest pseudobulb was maturing, I was rewarded with a single spike with three of these gorgeous blooms. I have experimented with many mixes, watering regimes, and fertilizers over the years, and this plant has tolerated all of these changes without skipping a beat — and now faithfully blooms twice a year.

Light — Most of my Catasetum plants spend the summer outdoors, and receive several hours of mid-late morning sun. This year I grew Ctsm. Susan Fuchs under high output T-5 lights during the summer, proving that they can be grown and bloomed indoors.

Watering — In the spring, I begin watering when the new growth has begun to put roots into the media. I have grown this plant in a dish of water during the summer, which I would highly recommend if you are unable to water regularly. I have found that they do not like to dry out between waterings until the newest pseudobulb has almost matured. Once it has matured, I gradually reduce watering, providing just enough to keep the pseudobulbs plump. Watering ceases after the leaves begin to yellow and drop.



Photo by Sarah Hurdel

Photo was taken earlier this year with two spikes open fully, just a few days too late for the June show table!

Potting and fertilizer — I have read many times that they do not want to be over potted. However, I have found that no matter how large the pot, they quickly fill it with roots. I have used a slow release granular fertilizer with no problems, supplementing with organic fish and seaweed or humic/fulvic acid.

Dormancy - I have a number of plants from this group, and they will decide when they will go dormant. Do not withhold water if the new growth has not matured — no matter how late in the season it is. Susan Fuchs has refused to go dormant for the past two years — and even after reducing water in the fall to nothing, I find that I have to remove the leaves as a last resort. I also have a Mormodes *wolterianum* which takes a short rest, and new growth begins while last year's growth still retains its leaves. Cold AND wet during the winter will kill them quickly. My plants rest indoors in low humidity, and I mist the surface of the media once every few weeks or when the newest pseudobulb begins to shrivel.

They seem to prefer some light when dormant, so a dark basement is not ideal. I keep my dormant plants near the lights, but not under them — to prevent accidental watering.

Catasetum, Cycnoches, Mormodes, and Clowesia (and their hybrids) all share similar culture and growth habits — and I find them all very rewarding to grow. Of course, my favorite will always be this lucky find!

local aos news

by Valerie Lowe

October 11: National Capital Judging Center in conjunction with the National Capital Orchid Society Show

Barry Woolf's plant of *Stelis oxypetala* 'Amy' was awarded an 81 point Certificate of Cultural Merit.

2012-2013 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

Novice

1st Amanda Gallegos - 21 pts.
2nd The Hallameyers - 14 pts.
3rd Chip Hiebler - 7 pts.

Home Grown

1st Val Lowe, The Lundys - 13 pts.
2nd John Dunning - 11 pts.
3rd Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith, The Soykes - 8 pts.

Greenhouse

1st Jos Venturina - 24 pts.
2nd David Smith - 12 pts.
3rd Eric Wiles, Lou Vadorsky - 7 pts.

Cattleya

1st Michael Moran - 13 pts.
2nd Bob Johnston - 10 pts.
3rd David Smith - 9 pts.

Phalaenopsis

1st The Soykes - 18 pts.
2nd Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith - 11 pts.
3rd John Dunning - 9 pts.

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1st Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith - 13 pts.
2nd Mark Robbins - 11 pts.
3rd Owen Humphrey - 9 pts.

Oncidium

1st Eric Wiles - 12 pts.
2nd Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith - 11 pts.
3rd Chris Zajac - 9 pts.

Dendrobium

1st The Adamses, David Smith - 12 pts.
2nd Jos Venturina - 8 pts.
3rd Eric Wiles, Chris Zajac - 6 pts.

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1st John Dunning - 11 pts.
2nd Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith - 10 pts.
3rd The Soykes, Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste, Jos Venturina, Eric Wiles - 7 pts.

Species

1st David Smith - 17 pts.
2nd Michael Moran - 10 pts.
3rd The Adamses, Jos Venturina - 9 pts.

Miniature

1st David Smith - 27 pts.
2nd Bill Scharf, Eric Wiles - 12 pts.
3rd The Adamses - 8 pts.

First Bloom Seedling

1st John Dunning - 18 pts.
2nd The Lundys - 7 pts.
3rd Bob Johnston - 5 pts.

Fragrance

1st The Lundys - 9 pts.
2nd John Dunning - 7 pts.
3rd Chris Zajac - 6 pts.

Congratulations and Thank You to the following members who had perfect attendance on our show table last year! Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith, Owen Humphrey, Valerie Lowe, Ann & Lee Lundy, Jamie Riegel, Clark Riley, David & Margaret Smith, Bill & Sandy Soyke, Sarah Spence and Eric Wiles.

Member Update and Miscellaneous

There were 60 members at the September meeting.

The September door prize, a dor. Queen Beer 'Mantefon' was won by the Soykes. Another plant, a *Laelia crispin*, was won by the Adamses.

Don't Miss These Exciting MOS Speakers!

Deborah Dade has a thrilling speaker line-up planned for MOS' 2013-2014 monthly meetings. Following is a list of confirmed speakers for 2013-2014:

October 2013: Paul Sheetz, JustPat Orchids

November 2013: Cordelia Head, J&L Orchids

January 2014: Stephen Male, Fishing Creek Orchids

May 2014: Linda Thorne, Seagrove Orchids, Seagrove, NC

Maryland Orchid Society Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the MOS Board of Trustees is to be held October 24 at the home of Norma Lynch. Arrive early to enjoy a light meal and refreshments. (Please consider bringing a side dish or refreshment.) Open to all members. Please RSVP to Norma or Eric Wiles.

Committee Chairs should be ready with their committee reports and budget requests prior to the meeting. Some time-sensitive amendments to the Bylaws will also be considered.

The MOS Orchid Auction is Just a Few Weeks Away!

The huge success of last year's auction has prompted us to use the same location this year. **We are hoping that everyone will support this year's auction as volunteers, bidders and with plant donations. The event is fun and educational, with beautiful and unusual orchids for bargain prices from a variety of sources!**

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Post 109 is near the intersection of Interstate #95 and the Baltimore Beltway (Interstate #695), providing ready access for our Baltimore area members and our Washington, D.C. area orchid customers.

For directions and more information about Dewey Lowman Post 109 visit <http://www.americanlegionpost109.org>

For more information, to donate plants or other orchid-related materials, or to help with the auction, contact **Aaron Webb** at 410-419-1312 or **Sarah Spence** at 410-243-3377.



aos corner

AOS Affiliated Societies.

As a member of the American Orchid Society, you have the opportunity and ability to interact with orchid societies throughout the world. AOS recognizes that their affiliated societies are the backbone of the American Orchid Society. At the local level members can discover more detailed regional information about growing a variety of orchids. What works in Florida does not necessarily work in Canada or Australia. Affiliated societies receive a copy of Orchids magazine monthly, are listed in the Orchid Source Directory at no cost to the society and the promotion of any shows in AOS Calendar of Events. Affiliated societies have the benefit of low cost show insurance and on site AOS judging as well as the privilege of presenting the prestigious AOS Show Trophy at their AOS sanctioned shows. These are just some of the advantages of being an AOS affiliated society. More exist and they are described in more detail on the AOS website under the Affiliated Societies tab. The Affiliated Societies

Committee is always looking for suggestions from AOS members on how AOS can be more responsive and connected to its affiliated societies. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them along to me at affiliated_societies@aos.org. All of your ideas or suggestions will be discussed at our biannual meetings.

AOS Affiliated Societies Representative.

AOS membership for the AOS Representative -- in addition to a society membership -- is one of the basic requirements to be an AOS affiliated society. The AOS Representative is responsible for keeping the society up to date on activities of AOS. They should also be the spokesperson and ambassador for AOS at meetings and shows of the society. They should keep the AOS current on the leadership of their society, notifying headquarters of changes of meeting dates, locations, etc. as they happen. AOS Reps, and any AOS member, can attend the biannual Affiliated Societies Breakfast at the AOS Members'

and Trustees' meetings. These breakfasts provide an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas among the societies.

AOS Committees. The business of AOS is conducted through committees. Some of the committees -- mainly Research, Conservation, Membership, Affiliated Societies, Education -- may be looking for some new members. Being a part of an AOS Committee can be a rewarding experience and give you the opportunity to participate more in the mission of AOS. If you have an interest in joining a committee, communicate your interest to the chair (their email address is provided in Orchids).

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



Marilyn Lauffer and Norma Lynch

Membership Renewal

If you have not done so already, please renew your membership. Make your check payable to the Maryland Orchid Society and send it back with your renewal forms to:

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

Or give them to Marilyn at the September meeting.

education corner by David Smith

October:	Growing Spaces and Areas.	Marilyn Lauffer
November:	Paphs and phrags.	John Dunning
December:	Christmas Party.	No Education Corner
January 2014:	Staking and grooming for exhibit.	Sarah Hurdel
February:	Show Discussions. exhibits show participation clerking for judging	Valerie Lowe
March:	Spring Show Critique.	Bill Scharf
April:	Oncidiums and Hybrids.	Eric Wiles
May:	Vandaceous orchids.	Phuong Tran
June:	Growing Mini species and Mounting Orchids.	David Smith

The Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit at the SOS Show

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Sarah Hurdel, Clark Riley, Gary Smith, and Bob Travers with the generous donation of plants by John Carter, Frank Dagostin, John Dunning, Suzanne Gaertner, Anne Headrick, Jenny Hildebrand, Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Ann Lundy, Norma Lynch, Janice Mazur, Jamie Riegel, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Bob Travers, Eric Wiles, Chris Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse (TLG), the Maryland Orchid Society Away Shows Committee installed the Best Society exhibit at the annual Susquehanna Orchid Society Show. David Smith's *Acianthera sonderiana* 'Turnberry', CCE/AOS was deemed the Best Pleurothallid in Show. The plants in the exhibit garnered several ribbons as follows:

Plant	Place	Owner
Paph. Lady Petula	1 st	J. Dunning
Brsdm Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	2 nd	O. Humphrey
Paph. Eleanor Rozilla	3 rd	"
Paph. <i>henryanum</i>	1 st	S. Hurdel
Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Bright Stripes'	1 st	V. Lowe
Cym. Chen's Ruby 'Mem. Lonnie Riegel', HCC/AOS	1 st	J. Riegel
Slc. Jillian Lee 'B'	3 rd	C. Riley
<i>Acianthera sonderiana</i> 'Turnberry', CCE/AOS	1 st	D. Smith
Den. Mingle's Sapphire	3 rd	"
Epi. <i>diffusum</i>	1 st	"
Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'	1 st	"
Hasegawara Red Stella 'Hawaii', AM/AOS	1 st	"
Lockhartia <i>lunifera</i>	3 rd	"
Ornithocephalus <i>gladiata</i>	2 nd	"
Pleur. <i>picta</i>	2 nd	"
Pot. Samantha Duncan 'Orange Tart'	2 nd	"
Bulbo. Jersey	1 st	E. Wiles
Gastochilus <i>bellinus</i>	2 nd	"
Wils. Bouley Bay	3 rd	"
Den. <i>laevifolium</i> v. <i>alba</i> 'Loch Raven', CHM/AOS	1 st	TLG
Den. <i>laevifolium</i> 'Red'	2 nd	"
Den. <i>laevifolium</i>	3 rd	"
Den. Maiden Charlotte	2 nd	"
Paph. Garnet Crown	1 st	"
Paph. Hsinying Ruby Fair	3 rd	"
Paph. Mandarin Dragon	2 nd	"
Rlc. Newberry Classic 'Harford', HCC/AOS	2 nd	"
C. Jackie Stidham	3 rd	C. Zajac
Mtssa. Dark Star 'The Orchid Works'	1 st	"



The exhibit was dismantled and all packed up within an hour with the help of Sarah Hurdel, Clark Riley, David and Margaret Smith, Gary Smith, and Eric Wiles.

Submitted by Valerie Lowe, Away Shows Chair

Mos Sweeps the NCOS Show!!

Thanks to the gracious loan of plants from J. Clark, F. Dagostin, J. Dunning, S. Gaertner, A. Headrick, J. Hildebrandt, S. Hurdel, O. Humphrey, M. Lauffer, V. Lowe, A. Lundy, N. Lynch, J. Mazur, J. Riegel, C. Riley, D. Smith, G. Smith, W. Soyke, S. Spence, J. Venturina, E. Wiles, B. Woolf, C. Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse (TLG) the Maryland Orchid Society was deemed the Best Society Exhibit in Show and was awarded the Orchid Digest Award for Best Amateur Exhibit in Show and the American Orchid Society Show Trophy for Best Exhibit in Show. Many thanks to D. Dade, S. Hurdel, A. and W. Kuhn, E. Martin, D. and M. Smith, and R. Travers for helping me to install the exhibit and to S. Hurdel, D. and M. Smith, G. Smith, and M. and J. Venturina for helping me take the exhibit down.

Valerie Lowe



First Place Ribbons

Phal. *pantherina*
 C. Lucky Gem 'Sarah', AM/AOS
 Bulb. *phalaenopsis*
 Lc. Kristi Masuhar 'Paradise'
 Stelis *oxypetala*
 Coel. Mem. William Forget
 Chond. (Moire x *albicans*)
 Hwra. Mini Primi
 Phag. Mem. Dick Clements

Owner

G. Smith
 "
 J. Venturina
 E. Wiles
 B. Woolf
 "
 TLG
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Second Place Ribbons

Paph. Lady Petula
 Odcdm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'
 Milt. Lennert Karl Gottling
 Hab. *rhodocheila*
 Milt. *spectabilis* v. *mooreliana* 'Anne Warne', AM/AOS
 Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'
 Hasegawara Red Stella 'Hawaii', AM/AOS
 Cycd. Wine Delight 'JEM', FCC/AOS
 Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'
 Epi. *capricornu*
 Coel. Mem. Louis Forget
 Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', FCC/AOS
 Mtssa. Dark Star 'The Orchid Works'
 Den. *laevifolium* v. *albescens* 'Loch Raven', CHM/AOS
 Den Maiden Charlotte
 Phal. *bellina*
 Phal. *Venimp*

J. Dunning
 G. Smith
 F. Dagostin and J. Hildebrandt
 V. Lowe
 D. Smith
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 J. Venturina
 E. Wiles
 B. Woolf
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 C. Zajac
 TLG
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Third Place Ribbons

Bllra. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'
 Den. Mingle's Sapphire
 C. C.G. Roebling 'Beach View'

F. Dagostin
 D. Smith
 E. Wiles

continued

Third Place Ribbons (continued)

C. Portia 'Thielsts' B. Woolf
 Paph. (In-Charm White x *niveum*) "
 Pleur. *powellii* "
 Den. Baby Karn C. Zajac

Honorable Mention

Sc. Cosmic Delite x Slc. Circle of Life D. Smith

Best Amateur-grown Pleurothallid Alliance

Stelis *oxypetala* B. Woolf

Best Miniature Plant in Show

Stelis *oxypetala* B. Woolf

Best Amateur-grown Miscellaneous Genera

Bulbophyllum *phalaenopsis* J. Venturina

Best Amateur-grown Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phal. *pantherina* G. Smith

Best Amateur-grown Phragmipedium

Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements TLG

Best Society Exhibit

The Maryland Orchid Society

Best Amateur Exhibit in Show

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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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