



## May Speaker is Ed Weber: Pleurothallids Anyone Can Grow

**E**d Weber is an American Orchid Society student judge currently in his second year of training. He is based in the Mid-Atlantic judging center located in Philadelphia.

Ed has been growing orchids since 1999 when upon his Grandmother's death, he got custody of several orchids he had gifted to her. Being the inquisitive person he is, he could not have plants in his home that he knows nothing about, so he began researching them and was soon hooked. Within a year, 12 plants became 120 and it only got worse from there. Initially he grew anything that was an orchid, but his favorites were always the mini-catts and other small plants. In 2003, Parkside Orchids introduced him to *Pleurothallis tribuloides*, his first miniature pleurothallid. After that, the focus of his collection quickly became pleurothallids and other plants that like it cool, dark and

damp—an environment he duplicates using a gardening shed located inside his garage. There he grows more than 500 mostly-miniature orchids.

He is an active member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) and is the current president of the Greater Philadelphia Orchid Society (GPOS).

In 2004 and 2005, he had the pleasure of travelling to Ecuador with a group put together by then center chairman Arthur Katz. They visited native orchid habitats and trekked through unexplored forrests, finding many many wondrous things, both animal and vegetable. The culmination of the trip was a day-long visit to the greenhouses of Ecuagenera in Guayaceo, including an excellent lunch with the Portilla family.



Professionally, he is the CEO of Systeme Software, Inc. which is run from his home. Systeme writes and maintains software used by insurance companies to manage their agents' licenses. In 2000, he wrote and began marketing *Cattleya-Log*, which you might have seen advertised in *Orchids Magazine*.

## MOS Board of Trustees Needs You!

As another two years come to a close, the MOS Nominating Committee has selected the following members as candidates for the 2014-2016 board of trustees positions.

President: Sarah Spence  
Vice President: Joan Roderick  
Directors: Michael Moran  
Jennifer Hildebrand  
Treasurer: Aaron Webb

**We still need your help!** All of these positions are still open, meaning that if you would like to suggest someone else for these positions, please nominate them. Consider serving as a board member yourself. Your suggestions, input and service are extremely valuable to the MOS. As a member of the board, your feedback and vote ensures the future of the MOS is solid and viable.

The following positions still need to be filled:  
Controller  
Secretary

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Sarah Spence, Clark Riley, Judi von Mehlem or Laura Sobelman.

# april 2014 show table

by Tom McBride

Photos by Sarah Hurdel



## Novice

1. Colm. Catante 'Pacific Sun Spot' (above)- Jacob Stilley
2. Phal. Zben Yu (below)- John Carter
3. Phal. Hybrid - Ann Bain



## Home Grown

1. Lept. *bicolor* (above)- Bill Scharf
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - The Hallameyers  
Lc. Tokyo Magic X Blc. Mem. Helen Brown - Bob Johnston
3. Tie C. *aurantiaca* - Marilyn Lauffer  
Phrag. Schroderae 'Coo's Bay' AM/AOS (below)- Valerie Lowe



## Greenhouse

1. Paph. Julius - The Adamses
2. Paph. *lowii* 'Rainforest' - Joanna Hager
3. Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lennette' HCC/AOS - Barbara Buck



## Cattleya

1. C. *skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie C. *skinneri* var. *alba* - The Adamses  
Slc. Deborah Off 'Caruso' - Clark Riley
3. Tie C. *skinneri* 'Heiti Jacobs' FCC/AOS - David Smith  
Ctt. Tutankamen 'Pop' AM/AOS (above)- Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel  
C. Hybrid - The Soykes



## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. *lueddemanniana* (above)- The Adamses
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Gregg Custis  
Phal. Santa Barbara - Valerie Lowe  
Phal. Grosbeak 'Harford' - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel  
Phal. Sin Yuan Golden Beauty - The Soykes
3. Tie Phal. *mannii* - David Smith  
Phal. Hybrid - Chris Zajac



## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Screaming Eagle 'TomCat' AM/AOS (above) - Mark Robbins
2. Tie Paph. Lady Isabel - The Adamses  
Paph. (Sander's Pride X Susan Booth) - John Dunning  
Paph. Lebaudianum - David Smith
3. Tie Paph. *rothschildianum* 'Charles E.' FCC/AOS - Joanna Hager  
Paph. Gael - Bob Johnston



## Oncidium

1. Colm. Wild Willie - The Adamses
2. Tie Brs. Rex 'Sakata' sub.var. 'Lea' (above) - Gregg Custis  
Mtssa. Hybrid - The Soykes
3. Tie Bapt. *echinata* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel  
Onc. Sharry Baby - Bob Travers

## Dendrobium

1. Den. *thyrisoflorum* - Eric Wiles
2. Den. *eximium* - The Adamses
3. Den. Dream 'Ace' - Clark Riley

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# Music and Orchids: The Perfect Pair

On a beautiful day in April, several MOS members were treated to a personal tour of the Orchid Symphony Exhibit at the US Botanic Gardens in D.C. Ideal for orchidphiles, this enchanting exhibit, which spanned the entire Conservatory, showcased orchids from all over the world and different climates, including some that are cultivated for medicinal purposes. Topiary sculptured like musical instruments was adorned with *Cymbidiums* and *Lycastes* while chamber music and sonatas played all around us. Below are a few photos of the exhibits. For more photos visit [https://www.facebook.com/laura.sobelman.5/media\\_set?set=a.664487610253176.1073741837.100000758295251&type=3](https://www.facebook.com/laura.sobelman.5/media_set?set=a.664487610253176.1073741837.100000758295251&type=3)



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**Miscellaneous Hybrids**

1. Bulb. Crownpoint 'A-Doribil 3 Peat' (above)- The Soykes
2. Tie Bulb. A-Doribil Anna Roth 'Cherry' AM/AOS (below)- Bob Johnston  
Lep. Imcalsa - Valerie Lowe
3. Asctm. (*garayi X ampullaceum*) - The Adamses



**Species**

1. Bulb. *falcatum* (below)- The Adamses
2. Coch. *discolor* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Schom. *undulata* - Barbara Buck  
Bulb. *falcatum* - David Smith



**Miniature**

1. Aergs. (*luteo-alba var. rhodosticta X articulata*) - The Adamses
2. Tie Ltphs. *astrophora* - Owen Humphrey  
Bulb. *lemniscatoides* - David Smith
3. *Zygostates alleniana* - Eric Wiles

**First Bloom Seedling**

1. Paph. *tranlienianum* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
2. Paph. Bel Royal - John Dunning
3. Phrag. Nichole Tower - Clark Riley

**Fragrance**

1. Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - Sarah Spence
3. L. *rubescens var. alba* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel

The Judges Choice of the Evening was C. *skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS (below), exhibited by Michael Moran. Thank you to our judges who were Mary Chui, Gregg Custis and Deborah Dade. Our show table had an incredible display of 138 beautiful flowering plants.



**Member Update**

Please join the Maryland Orchid Society in warmly welcoming the following new members:

Jacob Shilley, Gregory Wood, Kristen Vennum and Hong T. Tang

The March door prize, a Tolumina from Fishing Creek Orchids, was won by Anne Headrick.

There were 58 members at the April meeting.

**Don't Miss These Exciting Speakers**

May 2014: Ed Weber

June 2014: Clark Riley Discusses "Building the 21st Century Hobby Greenhouse"

September 2014: Tom McBride reviews the past year's monthly show tables and gives away awards in the form of money and plants

October 2014: Helen Hersh, Mount Prospect Orchids

## education corner

**The May Education Corner is to be a presentation about vandaceous orchid care and culture by Phuong Tran. Please feel free to bring in plants and ask questions.**

## The Necessity of Name Tags

Unless you are Secret Agent Man or in the witness protection program, please consider wearing your name tags at the MOS meetings. This is especially beneficial for new members who don't know everyone yet, and ensures that they feel more welcome. It also helps people like me who like to make up names for people if I don't know their real ones. If you do not have a name tag, contact Marilyn Lauffer (jmlauffer@verizon.net) and she will make one for you. If you do not have a name we can give you number instead.

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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.

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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