

# ORCHID *newsletter*

News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

December 2014



## *president's message*

Did you know that December is a month of varied celebrations across the world ...Bodhi Day, Pancha Ganapati, Shabe Yaoda, Sadeh, Chahar Shanbeh Suri, Eid al-Adha, Boxing Day?

We are most familiar with Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. To accommodate this rich cultural diversity, I say Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year to all. May your days be merry and bright!

*Sarah*

## *local aos news*

December 6, 2014: National Capital Judging Center



Michael Moran's plant of *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* 'Damien' received an 82 point Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM).

Steven Schneider's plant of *Phalaenopsis* Little Netsuke 'Petite Prince' received a 79 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC).



**Don't Forget:  
New Meeting Location!**  
MOS meetings have moved to:  
Woodbrook Church  
25 Stevenson Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21212

## *upcoming events*

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

The next monthly MOS meeting will be held December 18, 2014. Don't forget that this is the MOS holiday party. There will be no speaker or education corner, so everyone can enjoy delectable holiday cuisine and sparkling conversation with fellow members. Feel free to bring your significant others and of course bring a party dish and/or refreshments to share. It is a wild time, often extending 'til daybreak. Let Barbara Buck know what you will be bringing.

### **BOARD MEETING**

The next board of trustees meeting is January 22 at the home of Sarah Spence. All members are welcome to attend.

### **MOS ANNUAL SHOW**

It's never too early to start thinking about the **Maryland Orchid Society Show and Sale**. We'll need lots of help and just as importantly we'll need you and your best exhibit friends to put in another beautiful exhibit. Six-square-foot table top to a floor exhibit, we want them all.

Here are the dates for your calendar:

Wednesday March 4 - Install your exhibit  
Thursday, March 5 - AOS Judging and Preview Party and Sale  
Friday-Sunday, March 6-8, Show open to the public. More on this in next month's newsletter.

### Novice

1. Burr. Living Fire 'Dark Embers' - Wanda Kuhn
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - Ron Querns

### Home Grown

1. Ctsm. Orchidglade 'York' HCC/AOS - Bob Travers
2. Tie Spa. *plicata* - Marilyn Lauffer  
Blc. (Toshie Aoki X Waianae King) 'Hawaii' - Bob Johnston
3. Jewel Orchid Assortment - Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith

### Greenhouse

1. Pls. *repens* - David Smith
2. L. *gouldiana* - Clark Riley
3. Pot. (Erin Kobayashi X Marlene Lundquist) 'Carmela' - Barbara Buck

### Cattleya

1. Blc. Spring Dawn X Lc. Mem. Robert Strait - Bob Johnston
2. Tie Lc. Tiny Toshie 'Sweetheart' AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Blc. Petite Stars - The Soykes
3. Tie Ctna. Why Not - Kathi Jackson  
Slc. Bright Circle 'H&R' - Clark Riley

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Lioulin Pink 'Everlasting' - John Dunning
2. Phal. Hybrid - Bob Travers
3. Phal. *amboinensis* 'Nicole' AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith

### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Belle Hogue Point - The Soykes
2. Tie Paph. Mr. Wonderful - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara - Michael Moran
3. Tie Paph. Incredible - John Dunning  
Paph. (Hilo Jewel X *fairieanum*) - Owen Humphrey  
Phrag. Les Dirouilles - Eric Wiles

### Oncidium

1. Burr. Living Fire 'Meteor' - Eric Wiles
2. Odcdm. Wildcat #13 - Norma Lynch
3. Odcdm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' - Gregg Custis

### Dendrobium

1. Den. *convolutum* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Den. Hybrid - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Den. Darlin Imp 'Sentinel's Pink Showers' - The Dagostins

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Ascda. Motes Goldpiece 'Wirat' HCC/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Sngl. Neptune - Clark Riley
3. Cirr. Lovely Elizabeth - Eric Wiles

### Species

1. Paph. *spicerianum* - Michael Moran
2. Tie Echn. *rothschildiana* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Bulb. *grandiflora* - Bob Johnston
3. Tie Epi. *embreei* - Clark Riley  
Psh. *cochleata* - Bob Travers

### Miniature

1. Sc. Carol Lynn 'Nakabayash' - Owen Humphrey
2. Tie Den. *laevifolium* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Epi. *porpax* - Sarah Spence
3. Tie Onc. *cheiroporum* - Joel Graham  
Soph. *coccinea* var. *flavum* - Clark Riley

### First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (*ang thong* X *niveum*) - John Dunning
2. Bulb. Natalia Simkins - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith

### Fragrance

1. Blc. George King 'Southern Cross' - Sarah Spence
2. Tie Mtssa. Seattle Sunrise X Milt. Cast Gold - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste  
Blc. George King 'Serendipity' - Chris Zajac
3. Blc. (Edisto X Mem. Crispin Rosales) - John Dunning

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Paph. *spicerianum*, exhibited by Michael Moran. Thank you to our judges Frank Dagostin, Mark Robbins and Judi von Mehlem. Our show table had an incredible display of 145 beautiful flowering plants.

## Newsletter Submissions Deadlines

Content for the MOS Newsletter for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is due at the end of the first full week of each month. The following dates are the deadlines for submitting content to the newsletter editor. Please submit your information to sobelman1@verizon.net. Also, the newsletter has a new look! Let me know what you think of it.

January 3, 2015; Meeting date 1/15  
February 7, 2015; Meeting date 2/19  
March 7, 2015; Meeting date 3/19  
April 4, 2015; Meeting date 4/16  
May 9, 2015; Meeting date 5/21  
June 6, 2015; Meeting date 6/18

### clark's corner



### Cattleya Triumphans

Cattleya Triumphans, a remake of a 100+ year old hybrid, is one of my most satisfying plants. It is a hybrid between the warm-growing *Cattleya dowiana* and the cool-growing *Cattleya rex*. Both parents can be cranky growers because of their cultural requirements. The hybrid seems comfortable across the temperature spectrum and is quite free blooming. The spectacular lip picks up the beautiful color and veining from *dowiana* and *rex* and the white edge from the *rex*. Both parents have bright light yellow sepals and petals. The plant was purchased from The Orchid Trail in North Carolina.

**Happy Holidays! Come join us for**  
**The Little Greenhouse**  
**Open House**

**for Maryland Orchid Society members only**

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**  
**9:00 AM until 5:00 PM**

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**\$50.00 Gift Certificate.**

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The December 2014 AOS Corner- From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Society Chair



In the December edition of *Orchids*...

- » Our annual gallery: best of the “Photo of the Week” from [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)
- » *Zygopetalums* : Two great articles on this very popular genus
- » A Look at Pristine Ecuador
- » Orchids at the Rose Bowl
- » The genus *Sobbenikoffia*
- » *Cattleya wittigiana*

There are some great Orchid Shows coming up around the country...

January 17th & 18th the Miami Orchid Society will be hosting the Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Fuchs Pavilion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.) Miami, Florida. There will be 50 vendors from all over the country and internationally! For complete details check out [www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com](http://www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com)

For those of you who might be interested in attending The Pacific Orchid Expo held in San Francisco, California, February 19th-22nd please check out their website for complete details <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-pacific-orchid-exposition-the-thrill-of-discovery-tickets-12481363093?discount=AOS15>

This is the premier Orchid show on the west coast. There are many fabulous vendors attending from all over the world. The San Francisco Orchid Club is offering a discount to all AOS members for admission and they have secured a fabulous room rate. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Fisherman’s Wharf. Reservations must be made before January 30 to get the special rate. Call 1-800-942-7348 and make sure to say that you are asking for the POE or Pacific Orchid Exposition rate. The rate is \$149/night and is good for stays from February 18 to February 23, 2015.

We have secured sponsors for both 2015 AOS Members’ Meetings: April 28th – May 3rd 2015 Doubletree Lloyd Center 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232. Hosted by the Portland Orchid Society and co-hosted by Cherry City Orchid Society.

November 11th- November 15th 2015 The Atlantis Resort-Hotel-Spa-Casino 3800 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502 Hosted by the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada

We are currently looking for sponsors for the 2016 Spring and Fall meetings! This is a great opportunity for your local society to host this prestigious event. We love to travel to new areas of the country and see all the beautiful orchids that you might grow in your region. Contact us if you are interested and we would be happy to send you all the necessary information [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org).

Did you know that the AOS offers many self-help videos on proper care and repotting? Check the videos out on the website under (all about orchids) and then click on AOS Video Library.

The AOS is now accepting requests for project funding for research and/or conservation projects. Applications for consideration in the spring must be received before January 1, check out the

front page of the [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) website for complete details.

Let’s grow together,

Laura Newton

## Member Update

There were 55 members at the November meeting.

## MOS Newsletter Editor Needs Replacement

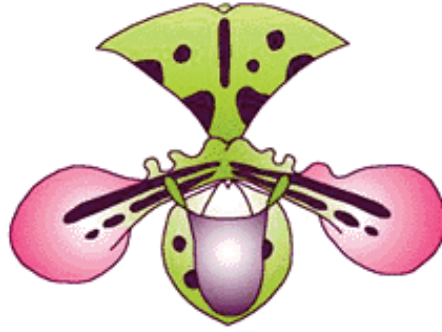
After nine years of laying out and editing the MOS Newsletter, I am hoping to hand off this important mantle to someone new. It has been a fun and interesting job and I have learned a great deal. It is now time for someone else to reap the rewards of such an esteemed position. If anyone is interested, please contact Laura Sobelman at [sobelman1@verizon.net](mailto:sobelman1@verizon.net). The June 2014 issue will most likely be my last MOS newsletter.

## *education corner*

There is no education corner for December, but don’t miss January’s when Bill Soyke (pictured with Sandy) will be speaking and answering questions about *Phalaenopsis*.



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# 2015 OPEN HOUSE

**Woodstream Orchids Invites you to our  
Sixth Annual January Thaw (Or Not)  
Peak of the Blooming Season Open House and 25th Anniversary Celebration!**

**Saturday and Sunday January 24-25, 2015 (10:00am – 4pm)**

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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 the end of the first full week of each 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.

Visit us on the Web at [www.marylandorchids.org](http://www.marylandorchids.org)  
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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program commences at 8:00 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m.