Applause, Applause, Applause!

The spring Show and Sale were a great success. After being moved to a new smaller venue, much anxiety and sweat, and dealing with an unpredictable “mother nature”, MOS members pulled it off! Many, many, many thanks to Bill Scharf, Gary Smith, Sarah Hurdel and the numerous volunteers for their untiring dedication, work and presence that made this weekend happen!

Our next event is the Spring Workshop on April 11. Please use the “RSVP by 4/3/15 Invitation” on the last page of this newsletter to reserve a place for yourself and friends.

A “field trip” to the Annual Orchid Exhibit at the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History on Sunday, March 22, is being organized by Laura Sobelman. Contact Laura for details.

There are definite signs that spring is around the corner. To alleviate the residual pangs of “cabin fever”, consider taking advantage of our upcoming events.

Sarah

This Month’s Talk Will Be a Round Robin Discussion

March’s lecture will consist of a round robin discussion of “Best Practices for Orchid Culture.” It will involve general discussion covering the key requirements of successful orchid culture for windowsill, grow rooms and greenhouse conditions. There will be a lively exchange of tips, ideas, and commentary. Bring plants in that you might have questions about.

Member Update

There were 47 members at the January meeting. The door prize, a Phal. Baldan’s Kaleidoscope ‘Golden Treasure’ was won by Phuong Tran.

Please welcome Diane and Bob Elam as new MOS members.

Gary Smith found a women’s sweater in the sales corral at the end of the MOS show. If you know its owner, contact Gary via email at orchid.impaired@gmail.com. He’ll bring it to the next meeting.
Novice
1. Vuyl. Melissa Brianne 'Dark' (above) - Laurie Nardinelli
2. Paph. [(Winston Churchill X Linda Vasquez) X Winston Churchill] (below) - Wanda Kuhn
3. Phal. Cassandra - The Zickuhrs

Cattleya
1. Cct. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie C. Tutenkamen (above) - Barbara Buck
   C. walkeriana var. semi-alba 'Kenny' FCC/AOS - Kathi Jackson
   Pot. Jersey Shore 'Cape May' - Clark Riley

Phalaenopsis
1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Phal. White Moon - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Phal. K V Beauty - The Dagostins
   Phal. Golden Peoker ‘BL’ - John Dunning

Home Grown
1. B. Little Stars (above) - Kathi Jackson
2. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
3. Tie Paph. (Peter Pan X Kayday) - Wanda Kuhn
   Blc. Gold Bug - Aaron Webb

Greenhouse
1. Pln. formosana - Clark Riley
2. Ddc. formosanum - David Smith
3. Den. Hybrid (below) - Eric Wiles

Dendrobium
1. Den. Dream 'Ace' - Clark Riley
2. Tie Den. kingianum 'Beni Otomi' (above) - David Smith
   Den. Silky Heart 'Empress' - Eric Wiles
3. Den. Ioddesi 'Silver Chain' - Laura Sobelman

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium
1. Paph. Bel Royal - John Dunning
2. Paph. lowii (above) - Deborah Dade
3. Paph. argus - Clark Riley

Oncidium
1. Onc. Kukoo - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Dgmra. Flying High 'Stars and Bars' AM/AOS - Laurie Nardinelli
   Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada - The Soykes
3. Onc. viperrinum ‘J&L’ AM/CBM/AOS - Chris Zajac

Miscellaneous Hybrids
1. Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS (above) - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Cym. Hybrid (below) - Brenda Logan
3. Masd. Angel Frost - Clark Riley

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Species
1. Lsa. discolor (above) - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Tie Holc. wangii ‘Sweetheart’ HCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
   Pln. formosana - Clark Riley
3. L. harpophylla - David Smith

Miniature
1. Sppm. rapax - Eric Wiles
2. Epi. conopseum - David Smith
3. Ptst. curta - Clark Riley

First Bloom Seedling
1. Paph. Veiled Love - John Dunning

Fragrance
1. Cyc. Hybrid (below) - Chris Zajac

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Pln. formosana, exhibited by Clark Riley. Thank you to our judges who were Janice Mazur, Joan Roderick and Bob Travers. Our show table had an incredible display of 70 beautiful flowering plants.

One of my favorite genuses of orchids is Pleione. There are about 15 species of Pleione commonly in cultivation. Their native habitats are usually sloping rocks or logs in the mountains of Asia. As such, they prefer cool, extremely well drained growing condition.

The easiest of the group to grow is Pleione formosana from the island of Formosa (Taiwan). I grow mine in net pots in a mix of fir bark, perlite, charcoal, aliflor, and sphagnum in about equal portions. They get watered year round even though they go dormant in the winter. They live in the bright areas of the air-conditioned half of the greenhouse. Maximum day temperature is 75°F, maximum night 60°F, minimum year round 50°F. Winter is mostly in the 50s. The Pleiones are naked bulbs through the winter, sending up buds and then flowers without leaves in February – April. As the flowers fade, the leaves come in behind were the flowers were and expand for the summer. When they are happy, the Pleione formosana will double every year or so and make a nice pot full.

They can be divided while dormant. The clumps usually fall apart naturally after a year or so. I added another 7 species this spring so it should be interesting next year. There are hundreds of registered hybrids as well. This is a species well worth trying if you can give it a cool spot.

Clark Riley
DrRiley@aol.com
# 2015 Maryland Orchid Society Show

## Award Results

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Join us for an Orchid Lecture by Dr. Clark Riley

Dr. Clark Riley has been an active orchid grower since 1957. At the age of six, he got his first plant, a Cypripedium pubescens from a perennial nursery. The plant survived just a short period of time, but first bloomed and cemented a love of orchids that has lasted more than half a century. He has labored ever since to make amends, promoting the sound cultivation of Cypripedia.

Clark grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species and ladyslippers, Brazilian Laelias and specialty Phalaenopsis, often from seed. He was the producer for the book and CD of Proceeding of the North American Native Territorial Orchid Conference. Clark is a member of the Maryland Orchid Society, the American Orchid Society, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, and a frequent contributor to the Orchid List Digest.

Lecture Locations and Dates:

Jacksonville Senior Center
(410-887-8208)
Friday, April 17, 2015
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SPCA of Anne Arundel County
(410-268-4388)
Saturday, May 16, 2015
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

* Donations appreciated

The Webinar for this month:
Ron McHatton will present-Pests and Diseases part 2 - Orchid Diseases on Mar 25, 2015 at 8:30 EDT/5:30PDT. (This webinar is open to everyone.)

Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society will share information on the various kinds of diseases that can affect our orchid collections and how to manage them. No orchid grower is completely immune from the introduction of pests and diseases to their collection. This means that sooner or later we are all going to be faced with having to go to battle on some level with the forces of nature that have decided to infect our plants. Join us for this webinar and learn how to prevent and manage the diseases.

The webinar lineup for next month:

Greg Allikas- Cattleya lueddemanniana on April 14, 2015 at 8:30pm EDT (This is a members only webinar.)

Ron McHatton- AOS Greenhouse Chat on April 21, 2015 at 8:30pm EDT (This webinar is open to everyone.)

The March 2015 issue of Orchids has articles on:
• Ancistrochilus rothschildianus, by Ron McHatton. This unusual African species has pseudobulbs that resemble Hershey’s kisses!
• Schoenorchis by Thomas Mineorda, details this interesting Genus with small flowers, which have varying leaf forms.
• Roots, by Sue Bottom shows us why roots are so important and how to maximize your growing so that you too can have not only beautiful flowers, but also some great roots to support them.
• The Genus Guarianthe, by Nile Dusdieker, M.D., is an in-depth look at this Genus that most of us think of as Cattleyas.
• Great Ideas, by Ed Wright and Bill Tippit, shows us how to make a tip-proof device for use in taking your plants along for the ride.
• Appreciating Iwa Chidori, by Taiga Miyamoto and Hideka Kobayashi this is a fascinating article about a species, Amiot stigma keiskei, that I had never heard of, and the hybridizing that provides a wonderful array of colors, for these spring jewels.

If you haven’t received your issue yet, don’t worry it will be on its way soon, and in the meantime you can view it online through the website!

The AOS Spring Members Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon and hosted by the Portland and Cherry City Orchid Societies, April 29th thru May 3rd at the Lloyd Center Doubletree. You don’t want to miss out on this great opportunity!

The Members Meeting in conjunction with the Slipper Orchid Alliance, The Phalaenopsis Alliance, and the Pleurothallid Alliance have an awesome array of fabulous speakers, which include:
Frank Smith- Keynote Speaker, Graham Wood, George Hatfield- Cymbidiums, Alan Koch, Wally Orchard- Disas, Carlos Fighetti-Phalaenopsis, Norman Fang, Kristen Uthus-Neofinetia Culture, and Alfonso Doucette-Coolers for Cold Growers.

Are you aware that membership in the AOS gets you a 5% discount with the following vendors? Don’t forget to mention that you are an AOS member when you are making your purchases with these vendors to get your discount:
Exotic Orchids of Maui, Krull-Smith, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn, Ltd, Seagrove Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, and Woodstream Orchids.

Let’s grow together,
Laura Newton
Orchid Workshop

The Maryland Orchid Society is presenting a workshop on orchid growing, culture and care.

Saturday, April 11, 2015
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Woodbrook Baptist Church
25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212

Demonstrations, discussions, hands-on training in repotting, media, and growing techniques.

Admission is $15.00 per person, includes lunch and supplies. For more details call 443-570-3495

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