

# ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

March 2015

## *president's message*

### 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

## *upcoming events*

### MONTHLY MEETING

The next monthly MOS meeting will be held March 19, 2015.

### MOS WORKSHOP

The MOS workshop is April 11 the Woodbrook Baptist Church where we hold our monthly meetings. You do not need to be an MOS member to attend. Admission is \$15 and includes several outstanding lectures, the repotting clinic which includes medium and a pot for one plant, and lunch. For more information or to reserve a space so we know how much medium and lunch to provide, contact Sarah Spence at [slsspence@live.com](mailto:slsspence@live.com) or 443-243-3377.

### BOARD MEETING

The next board of trustees meeting is April 23 at the home of Lou and Barbara Buck. All members are welcome to attend. Please let them know if you are attending and if you would like to bring a dish or drink.

## 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.

### Newsletter Submissions

Content for the MOS Newsletter for the 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](mailto:sobelman1@verizon.net).

April 4, 2015; Meeting date 4/16  
May 9, 2015; Meeting date 5/21  
June 6, 2015; Meeting date 6/18

## Member Update

There were 47 members at the January meeting. The door prize, a Phal. Baldan’s Kaleidescope ‘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](mailto: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



**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



**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
3. Pot. Blue Girl 'Hawaiian Beauty' - Eric Wiles

**Phalaenopsis**

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Phal. White Moon - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Phal. K V Beauty - The Dagostins  
Phal. Golden Pecker 'BL' - John Dunning



**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. *viperinum* 'J&L' AM/CBM/AOS - Chris Zajac



**Dendrobium**

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



**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  
Ang. *leonis* - Bob Travers
- 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.

**Pleione formosana**



One of my favorite genres 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 where 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.

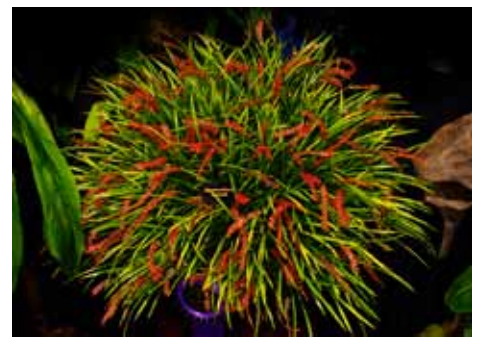
They can be divided while dormant. The clumps usually fall apart naturally after a year or so. I added another 7 species this spring so it should be interesting next year. There are hundreds of registered hybrids as well. This is a species well worth trying if you can give it a cool spot.

Clark Riley  
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March 6, 2015: National Capital Judging Center in conjunction with the Maryland Orchid Society Show



Michael Moran's plant of Paphiopedilum Henrietta Fujiwara 'Jack' received an 86 point Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM).



David Smith's plant of Dendrochilum *wenzelii* 'Barbara White, MD' received an 87 CCM.



Sarah Hurdel's plant of Paphiopedilum Memoria Hirohisa Kawai 'Nebula' received an 81 point Award of Merit (AM). Her plant of Ceratostylis *incognita* 'John Doh' received an 83 point Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM)



## 2015 Maryland Orchid Society Show Award Results

Award	Sponsor	Entry	Exhibitor
Best Table-Top Exhibit	The Hallameyer Memorial Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 12-Square-Foot Table-Top	David Smith
Best Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	Southeastern Penn Orchid Society
Runner Up Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	National Capital Orchid Society
ODC Award		Hobbyist Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot *	Sarah Hurdel
Best Angraecum Alliance in Showx	The Sally Tan Award	Angraecum veitchii	Eric Wiles
Best Bulbophyllum in Show	The Sobelman Award	Bulbophyllum taiwanense	David Smith
Best Epidendrum in Show	The Windsor Veterinary Service Award	Epidendrum criniferum	Mary Jo Gilsdorf
Best Cattleya Alliance in Show	The S. L. Spence Award	Cattleya intermedia 'Maxted's Starry Night', AM/AOS	Catherine Higgins
Best Coelogyne Alliance in Show	The Shirley Jackson Memorial Award	Coelogyne mossiae	Joe Francis
Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show	The Adams Award	Cymbidium Armstrong	Chick Little
Best Hobbyist Paphiopedilum Hybrid	The Charlie Geis Memorial Award	Paphiopedilum Henrietta Fujiwara	Michael Moran
Best Phragmipedium in Show	The Memorial D. Anne Lowe Award	Phragmipedium (wallissi x caudatum)	Richard Garrison
Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show	The Owen T. Humphrey Award	Paphiopedilum Henrietta Fujiwara	Michael Moran
SOA Award		Phragmipedium (wallissi x caudatum)	Richard Garrison
Best Dendrobium Alliance in Show	The Marianne and Erwin von Mehlem Memorial Award	Dendrobium nobile	Bill Keating
Best Dendrochilum in Show	The Roderick Award	Dendrochilum wenzelli	David Smith
Best Lycaste Alliance in Show	The Dagmar Luff Memorial Award	Angulocaste Olymus 'Chadds Ford', FCC/AOS	David Smith
Best Maxillaria Alliance in Show	The Sobelman Award	Maxillaria costaricensis	Debbie Robinson
Best Oncidium Alliance in Show		Oncidium banchetii	Eric Wiles
Best Phalaenopsis in Show	The Gary Smith Award	Phalaenopsis Sogo Beach	Stan Laucks
IPA Award		Phalaenopsis Sogo Vieker 'Taida Little Monkey'	Sarah Hurdel and Gary Smith
Best Masdevallia in Show	The William Scharf Award	Masdevallia Copper Angel 'Highland', AM/AOS [#2]	The Little Greenhouse
Best Pleurothallid Alliance in Show	The "Doc" Scharf Memorial Award	Scaphosepalum beluosum	David Smith
Best Spiranthes Alliance in Show	The Roderick Award	Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Alisa'	Steve Male
Best Vanda Alliance in Show	The Benigna A. Venturina Award	Holcoglossum wangii	Sarah Hurdel and Gary Smith
Best Miscellaneous Genera in Show	The Wiles Award	Warscewiczella amazonica	The Little Greenhouse
Best Species in Show	The Lundy Award	Cattleya intermedia 'Maxted's Starry Night', AM/AOS	Catherine Higgins
Best Specimen Plant in Show	The Smith Award	Paphiopedilum Henrietta Fujiwara	Michael Moran
Best Plant in Show	The Merritt Huntington Memorial Award	Dendrochilum wenzelli	David Smith
Best Miniature in Show	The Margaret Smith Award	Coelogyne monilirachis	David Smith
Best Foliage Plant in Show	The Roderick Award	Cyclopogon lindleyanum 'Silver Screen'	Sarah Hurdel and Gary Smith
Best First-Bloom Seedling in Show	The Jack L. Robbins Memorial Award	Paphiopedilum Stillhouse Hollow	David Smith

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ODC Award, Hobbyist Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot, Sarah Hurdel

photo by Sarah Hurdel

## 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 Terrestrial 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

## aos corner

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 Mirenda, 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, *Amitostigma 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!

Check out all the details at <http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/calendar/2015AOS.php>

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

Cut here and return lower portion with your payment **by April 3, 2015**

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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, Valerieuable 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.