

Extract from September 2024 Newsletter

MOS Annual Auction

Saturday November 16, 2024

'Preparing Your Plant Donations'

These donations are Tax deductible.

<https://marylandorchids.org/MOSDonations.pdf>

Pdf original form

Bob Travers will use the October Newsletter to show how to make a Picture label for virtually free provided you have a computer and color printer.



Photo Credit: Jill Allen

Please let us know if you are planning to donate Plants or Materials so we may communicate directly with you ahead of the Auction.

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The MOS auction will be here before you know it. The Auction is the major source of revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society for the year and your QUALITY donations are key to its success.

Start now deciding which of your plants you are willing to donate. You have probably been repotting and dividing your plants and need to make room for new acquisitions.

Plants that perform well: Species plants, particularly rare ones, in bloom Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Catasetinae, Habenaria, Blooming Cattleya alliance plants- small catts, brassocatts, mini catts. Large specimen plants tend to be undervalued at our auction, particularly if not in bloom.

Check List for your Donation Plants

Healthy and Pest free plants only Please	This is not the time to unload underperforming weak plants.
A plant that is healthy, but you have established will not bloom in your growing conditions can be donated.	Are your labels legible and accurate - you may need to remake the label
Plants with no label need a label indicating NOID and to the best of your knowledge the plant type and color	Groom your plants where necessary, clean leaves, stake inflorescences. Etc. Does your plant look like something you would want to purchase?
Plants in Bud or Bloom will bring more money for the Society	Take and keep digital pictures of your plants in bloom
Bare root healthy divisions are acceptable and must be labeled.	If your plant will not be in bloom at the auction, please make a picture label.
A day or two before the auction make sure your plants are watered and not dripping at the auction.	Pack your plants for transport. Some may need staking to prevent swinging inflorescences