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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

April 2007

## president's message

The end of March was almost as busy as the beginning of the month as we participated in our third Away Show of the season by putting up a 90-sq.-ft. display at Longwood Gardens for the SEPOS Show. We owe Valerie Lowe and her helpers a round of applause for another terrific exhibit! Be sure to see her article in this newsletter.

April will be another busy month for MOS. We started the month with a Show Wrap-up meeting. Next, our quarterly Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Anne Minkowski's.

Then, on Saturday, April 14 we will be conducting a Workshop for novice orchid growers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. David's

Church on Roland Ave. in Roland Park (a mile south of our meeting site). Gary Smith has been putting the Workshop together and Gary, Eric Wiles, Valerie Lowe and Steve Adams will be our speakers for the Workshop. If you would like to attend the Workshop, call **me** ASAP to sign up!

Next week, on Thursday, April 19 we will have our April meeting with Dr. Stoutamire speaking on *Disas* (see below).

And on Friday, April 20, there will be a bus trip, sponsored by NCOS (go to [www.ncos.us/ncos/bustrip.htm](http://www.ncos.us/ncos/bustrip.htm) for sign-up information), to see the New York International Orchid Show.

Ann Lundy

## Dr. Warren Stoutamire speaking on Disas at Next Meeting

Our speaker this month will be Dr. Warren Stoutamire speaking on *Disas* (DEE-zas), the terrestrial orchids of the SW Cape area of South Africa.



Dr. Stoutamire is a retired botanist with his own greenhouse, but he also manages the University of Akron (Ohio) greenhouse. He is interested in terrestrial orchids and in bog ecology. Orchids of Mediterranean climates such as

southern Australia and South Africa are among his favorites. Dr. Stoutamire's home greenhouse is managed for growing cool climate plants such as *Disas*, *Lapagerias*, South African *Iridaceae* and other plants with similar requirements. For decades, Dr. Stoutamire has been one of the leading *Disa* growers in the United States, and he will be speaking to us about how to grow these interesting and challenging orchids, as well as how to manage a greenhouse for cool-growing species.

## New Members

Marilyn Lauffer has bravely taken on the position of MOS Membership Chair. Please help her out in keeping your email and snail mail addresses up to date in her member roster database. We are happy to welcome the following new members: Glenn Kook, Sandy Whitley, Craig Sherman, Joanna and Charles Hager, Dawn and Alan Murphy, Lauren McChesney, John and Barbara Dunning, Pat and Carolyn Fulton, and David Thibault.

## Don't Miss This Workshop

The MOS is holding an orchid-growing workshop on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. David's Church, 4700 Roland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21210. Experienced orchid growers will discuss successful orchid growing techniques and provide "hands on" experience in repotting orchids using various media. Workshop cost will be \$10 and will include lunch and drinks. For more information call Ann Lundy at 410.366.9365 or Gary Smith at 410.374.5811.

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## Novice

No Entries



Den. Andree Millar – Lorie Lee-Young

## Home Grown

1. Masd. *wendlandiana* – Bill Scharf
2. Tie Den. Andree Millar – Lorie Lee-Young  
Den. *atroviolaceum* – Bill Ellis
3. Paph. *moquettianum* – Val Lowe

## Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. Den. Hybrid – Les Kirkegaard
2. C. Earl 'Imperialis' FCC/AOS – Joe Dockman
3. Phrag. Demetria – Lou Vadorsky



Brsdm. Fly Away 'Miami' – Dr. Eric Wiles  
Photo by Sarah Hurdel

## Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. Den. Christmas Chimes 'Atsuka' – Cy Swett
2. Den. Merlin – Barry Woolf

## Cattleya Alliance

1. C. Hybrid – Les

Kirkegaard

2. Slc. Rosemary Clooney 'Nanae' AM/AOS – Cy Swett
3. Epi. *calanthum* – Barry Woolf

## Phalaenopsis Alliance

1. Phal. Sogo Roscher – Mark Robbins
2. Phal. Nobby's Amy – Bill Soyke
3. Phal. Joyful Windsong – Dan Williamson

## Oncidium Alliance

1. Brsda. Mem. Bert Fields 'Amy' HCC/AOS – Barry Woolf
2. Brsdm. Fly Away 'Miami' – Dr. Eric Wiles
3. Onc. Sharry Baby – Cy Swett

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedum

1. Paph. *chamberlainianum* – Nancy Duggan
2. Paph. Addicted Phillip – Mark Robbins
3. Tie Paph. Deception II – Dr. Eric Wiles  
Phrag. Noirmont – Lou Vadorsky



Paph. *chamberlainianum* – Nancy Duggan  
Photo by Sarah Hurdel

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Cym. Oriental Legend – Barry Woolf
2. Den. Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe' HCC/AOS – David Smith
3. Den. Hybrid – Lorie Lee-Young

## Species

1. Epi. *criniferum* – Bill Scharf
2. Max. *pseudoreichenheimianum* – David Smith
3. Tie Coel. *flacida* – Barry Woolf  
Cyclopogon *lindleyanus* – Val Lowe



Den. Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe' HCC/AOS – David Smith  
Photo by Sarah Hurdel



Phal. Sogo Roscher – Mark Robbins  
Photo by Sarah Hurdel

## Miniature

1. Rest. (*elegans X dodsonii*) – Bill Scharf
2. Max. *variabilis* var. *aurea* – Lou Vadorsky
3. Masd. *imposter* – Barry Woolf

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. Jason Fischer – Les Kirkegaard
2. Ascda. Vernon Kebodeaux – Barry Woolf
3. Paph. Lady Luck – David Smith

## Fragrance

1. Max. *tenuifolia* – Barry Woolf
2. Onc. Twinkle – Hilda Sukman

The Judges' Choice of the Evening was Epi. *criniferum*, exhibited by Bill

Scharf. The judges were Val Lowe, Lou Vadorsky and Lorie Lee-Young. There were 100 plants on the show table!

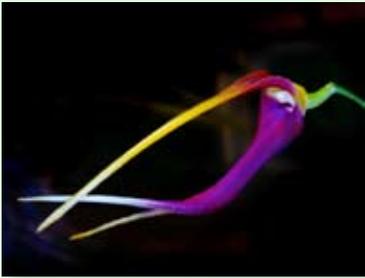


Rest. (*elegans X dodsonii*) exhibited by Bill Scharf  
Photo by Sarah Hurdel

More show table photos on next page.

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More show table photos by Sarah Hurdel.



# The MOS Exhibit in the SEPOS Show at Longwood Gardens

The Away Shows Chair, with the help of Beng Light, Ann Lundy, David Smith, Hilda Sukman, Cyrus Swett, Eric Wiles, and Barry Woolf, installed a 90-square-foot exhibit at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show that was held Mar. 30-Apr. 1 at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. With plants contributed by Bill Ellis, Sarah Hurdel, Val Lowe, Ann Lundy, Mark Robbins, Bill Sharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Bill Soyke, Cyrus Swett, Marty Vittek, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf, Chris Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society received Second Place in our category, four Best of Blues for individual plants, and many blue ribbons.

Although I was there for 11 hours setting up the exhibit, it took only one hour to dismantle it, load up the plants, staging and backdrop, and clean up afterward. Of course, I had help from Sarah Hurdel, Sheryl Holdridge, Ann Lundy, Lee Lundy, Cyrus Swett and his wife Barbara, Barry Woolf, and Eric Wiles.

Thank you everyone who contributed their plants and time to make this a great exhibit.

Valerie Lowe, Away Shows Chair

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Photo by Barry Woolf



Plant	Award	Owner
<i>Den. Green Lantern</i>	First	Ellis, W
<i>Phal. Taisuco Pixierot</i>	First	Hurdel, S
<i>Cyclopogon lindleyanus</i>	First	Lowe, V
<i>Goodyera daibuzensis</i>	Second	Lowe, V
<i>Mischobulbon grandiflorum</i>	Second, Third	Lowe, V
<i>Sarcoglottis sceptrodes</i>	Third	Lowe, V
<i>Masd. yungasensis</i>	Honorable Mention	Lundy, A
<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>	Second	Lundy, A
<i>Paph. Addicted Philip</i>	First	Robbins, M
<i>Phal. Pinkama</i>	First	Robbins, M
<i>Phal. Smarththing</i>	First	Robbins, M
<i>Masd. wendlandiana</i>	Second	Sharf, W
<i>Laelia jongheana</i>	First, Best Amateur Cat.	Smith, D
<i>Sarcoglyphis comberii</i>	Honorable Mention	Smith, D
<i>Schoenorchis gemmata</i>	Second	Smith, D
<i>Leptotes bicolor</i>	Third	Swett, C
<i>C. skinneri</i> 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS	First	TLG
<i>Den. tetragonum</i>	First	TLG
<i>Dtps. Dung Nguyen</i>	First	TLG
<i>Masd. Copper Angel</i> 'Highland' AM/AOS	First	TLG
<i>Aerangis citrata</i>	First	Vittek, M
<i>Den. C.K. Ai</i> 'Oka', AM/AOS	First	Vittek, M

Plant	Award	Owner
<i>Den. White Pearl</i> 'South River' AM/AOS	First	Vittek, M
<i>Goodyera schlectendaliana</i>	First	Vittek, M
<i>Laelia purpurata</i> 'Equilab' AM/AOS	Second	Vittek, M
<i>Phal. Angel Jewel</i>	First	Vittek, M
<i>Phrag. Court Jester</i> 'The Clown'	First, Best Amateur Phrag.	Vittek, M
<i>Rossioglossum grande</i> 'Dallas' AM/AOS	First	Vittek, M
<i>Arpophyllum gigantea</i>	Second	Woolf, B
<i>Brassada</i> Mem. Bert Fields 'Amy'	First, Best Onc. in Show	Woolf, B
<i>Brsdm. Fangtastic</i>	Second	Woolf, B
<i>Den. glomeratum</i>	Second	Woolf, B
<i>Den. Spider Lily</i>	Honorable Mention	Woolf, B
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<i>Den. sulcatum</i>	First	Woolf, B
<i>Laelia intermedia</i> var. <i>orlata</i>	Third	Woolf, B
<i>Lycaste lassioglossa</i>	Third	Woolf, B
<i>Max. praestans</i>	Third	Woolf, B
<i>Odcdm.</i> Mem. Clarence Ching	Second	Woolf, B
<i>Onc. cavendishianum</i>	First	Woolf, B
<i>Onc. croesus</i> 'Aloha'	Second	Woolf, B
<i>Paph. lowii</i>	First, Best Amateur Paph.	Woolf, B
<i>Platystele stenostachya</i>	Third	Wiles, E

# Q&A

Most months the *MOS Newsletter* team offers a column including answers to any questions you might have about orchids. If you have questions regarding orchid care, culture or just general questions please email Laura Sobelman and she will forward it to our “experts” who will give you suggestions. Even better if you have a photo illustrating the question.

The following question was found on the *Miami Herald* web site Life & Times section, posted March 3, 2007 and was provided by Barry Woolf.

## Scales on orchids

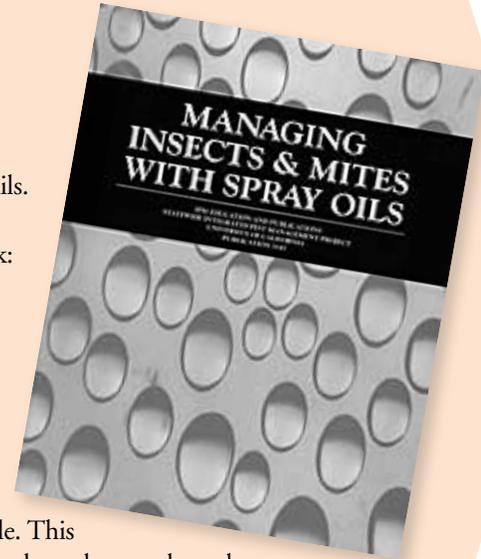
**Q.** I have found so many scale insects on my orchids that I have taken to washing each leaf and petal with a sudsy paper towel. Will this be effective, or do the insects also infest the soil? Are some orchids less prone to scale than others?

**A.** Horticultural oil is your best ally in the battle against scale on orchids. Scale insects are drawn to the entire plant, so you will have to treat the roots as well. Take your orchids out of their pots and remove the bark growing media to expose the roots. Trim off any dead roots at this time. Prepare a 2 percent solution of the horticultural oil (this works out to about 6 T. per gallon of water) and dunk each orchid, roots and all, in the oil solution for several minutes. Repot your orchids in moistened orchid bark. You should treat all the orchids in your collection, even if you don't see outward signs of scale. Although scale insects may be much worse on some orchids, such as *Phalaenopsis*, than others, such as *Paphiopedilum*, few are truly immune to their ravages. However, the jewel orchid, *Ludisia discolor*, is quite pest resistant and is an easy orchid to grow indoors.

Also helpful is the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources web site (<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/InOrder/Shop/ItemDetails.asp?ItemNo=3347>) which advertises the following book:

*Managing Insects and Mites with Spray Oils* \$10

With proper use, petroleum oil sprays are among the most effective and least environmentally damaging pest control materials available. This publication tells what they are, how they work, and how to use them.



## Be a Chair

The position of Activities Committee Chair is still available. The chair is responsible for the following duties:

- 📅 Planning 2-4 activities each year.
- 👥 Forming a team of volunteer members.
- 📊 Identifying objectives and preparing a budget for each proposed activity.
- 🗣️ Facilitating meetings and attending board meetings.
- 📢 Publicity (as needed) for public events.

This is arguably one of the most fun committee positions, because the possibilities are limited only by one's imagination. Current plans include new member workshop, a trip to the National Capital Judging Center, and a greenhouse tour. Step up now and get all the credit!

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Gary Smith ([garysmith@qis.net](mailto:garysmith@qis.net)).



**One possible activity** the Activities Chair might plan is a visit to Longwood Gardens, which boasts a breathtaking orchidarium. This year don't miss Orchid Extravaganza April 1–May 13, featuring thousands of blooms throughout the Conservatory. Longwood showcases the revered orchid with innovative displays, interesting talks and tours and memorable exhibits.



You are invited to attend the  
**INTERNATIONAL PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE**  
**2007 SPRING JOINT REGIONAL WORKSHOP**  
Saturday, May 19, 2007

At: A&P Orchid Nursery  
110 Peters Road, Swansea, MA 02777  
Telephone: (508) 675-1717 Fax: (508) 675-0713

A&P Orchid Nursery, Swansea, MA will serve, once again, as the venue for the Joint Northeast IPA Regional Workshop on Saturday, May 19, 2007. This day-long event will include keynote speaker Carol Allen, a botanist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, speaking on Phalaenopsis: Chills, Thrills and Ills; a discussion group, a workshop, and our mini-auction. The fee of \$15 covers the cost of morning refreshments and a catered lunch. We welcome all orchidists, IPA members & non-members alike. In addition, this annual event will provide you with the opportunity to purchase plants from the following vendors: A & P Orchids, The Orchidphile and an additional surprise vendor or two.



**PROGRAM**

9:30 - 10:00 am: Morning refreshments. Sales area open.  
10:00 - 10:45 am: Carol Allen, Keynote Speaker, on *Phalaenopsis*: Thrills (What! Another type of potting medium?), Chills (I need to get them how cold?), and Ills (\*sigh\* Another leaf gone? What did I do?)  
10:45 - 11:00 am: What's new from Taiwan - special from the IPA Symposium  
11:00 - 12:00 noon: Session on *Phalaenopsis* culture  
12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch Break. Sales area open.  
1:00 - 1:30 pm: Auction to raise money for future meetings  
1:30 - 2:30 pm: Ask the Experts: Roundtable Discussion  
2:30 - 4:00 pm: Sales area open

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Registration, by mail or phone, is extremely important so that sufficient food can be provided for all !**

For further information contact: New Jersey/Pennsylvania Regional Rep Mitch Paroly (Region 16) via E-mail at hilolip@aol.com or Tel: 215-943-7516; New England/NYC Regional Rep Marilyn Shapiro (Region 17 & 18) via E-mail at mlshap2@juno.com or Tel: 212-831-3076; Mid-Atlantic Regional Rep Les Werner (Region 15) via e-mail leswer@comcast.net or Tel: 410-793-0756. You can also contact A & P Orchids via E-mail at aporchids@aandporchids.com for local hotels or visit their website (www.aandporchids.com) for driving instructions. Additional information will also be available on the IPA Website (www.phal.org).

**REGISTRATION FORM**

IPA REGIONAL WORKSHOP for SATURDAY, May 19, 2007

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ registration(s) at \$15 each (payable to A&P ORCHIDS)

Send to completed form & check to: A&P Orchids, at the above address.

PLEASE NOTE: You may also pay at the door but please make your reservation by calling A&P at (508)675-8039 at least 24 hours in advance so we can provide sufficient food for everyone attending.

# 2007 MERRITT HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM

Friday, November 9 – Evening Preview Party with Speaker, Guest Vendors

Saturday, November 10 – 8am – 5 pm Speakers, Guest Vendors,

National Capital Judging Center AOS Judging, Lunch



**Ramada Inn 1776**

**725 Bypass Road**

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## **Symposium Program Features**

*Rob Griesbach ~ Moderator*

*Linda Thorne ~ Merritt Memories*

*Jeff Bradley ~ Classic Cattleyas*

*Carri Raven-Riemann ~ Phalaenopsis*

*Yin-Tung Wang, PhD ~ Noble Dendrobiums*

*Dr. Norito Hasegawa ~ Paphiopedilums*

*National Capital Judging Center November AOS Judging*

**Limited Space! Registration Info: Dot Pierce email: [pierce.db@verizon.net](mailto:pierce.db@verizon.net)**

# More SEPOS Show Photos

Photos by Barry Woolf



# calendar

## Next Board Meeting

April 12, 2007

Anne Minkowski's house. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## MOS Orchid-growing Workshop

April 14, 2007

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. David's Church, 4700 Roland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21210.

## Next General Meeting

April 19, 2007

7:00 p.m. Show table setup

7:15 p.m. Education Corner

7:30 p.m. Judging begins

8:00 p.m. Meeting begins

8:15 p.m. Program begins

The Maryland Orchid Society meets at the First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore MD.

Please bring in your flowering orchids! Each plant brought in receives a point which at the end of the year could earn you money or a free plant.

## New York International Orchid Show Bus Trip

April 20, 2007

Rockefeller Center, NY

Sponsored by NCOS

Cost: \$60 NCOS members, \$65 Non-members

Pick-Up Stops: Falls Church (Marshall High School), Beltsville (Calverton Shopping Center), and Baltimore (Baltimore Travel Plaza)

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