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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

May 2007



president's message

I have just returned from a trip which took me to Sarasota, Florida and while there I had an opportunity to visit Selby Gardens, a famous botanical garden and research facility for tropical plants and orchids. They always have wonderful orchids in their display greenhouse that I have never seen in bloom elsewhere – last year it was a number of large *Stanhopeas*, this year it was a number of large *Bifrenaria harrisoniae* and several clones of *Cat. skinneri alba*. I love seeing the orchids and tropical plants there but couldn't help thinking that the MOS Show Table has more blooming plants on it each month than

the Selby Gardens display greenhouse! And *we* have some really unusual plants as well...



This month our speaker is from Hoosier Orchids and he will have plants for sale – an opportunity for our adventurous growers to add to their collection of unusual orchids. If you have an interest in a particular plant from Hoosier Orchids, please let them know that you are a member of MOS and would like them to bring the plant(s) to the MOS meeting/talk on May 17.

Ann

Leon Glicenstein to Speak at Next Meeting

Our speaker this month will be Leon Glicenstein of Hoosier Orchids. He will be speaking on “An Orchid Odyssey” — a journey through orchid rich Costa Rica.

Leon Glicenstein joined Hoosier Orchid Company in September 1998. He began growing orchids in 1954, and became assistant to the curator of orchids at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens — then Carl Withner — from 1957 to 1960. He has advanced degrees in Chemistry and Horticulture, with an emphasis on plant breeding, cytology, and cytogenetics. Working as a plant breeder for five years at Linda Vista S.A. in Costa Rica, he photographed, in

the wild, approximately 80% of the then-known orchid species of Costa Rica. He also found new species such as *Telipogon glicensteinii*, *Macroclinium glicensteinii*, *Pterichis leo* and *Lepanthes glicensteinii*. He has photographed many of the orchids in the Northeastern United States, Florida, and all of the orchids in California, where he located some taxa not formerly known to exist there. He has given numerous conservation-oriented lectures, both nationally and internationally, showing orchids growing in their native habitats and was a speaker at the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver.

New Members

The Orchid Workshop brought many new members to the MOS. Please welcome:

Antonella Garbetta Cascella
Anne Dooley
Kathi Jackson

Cheryl Gleisner
Diana Fowler
Sharon Kreidler

Louise Izat
Donna Helm
Mary Dent

Charlotte Grahe
Pamela Shaw
Terry Winter

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Novice

1. Phal. (Dou Dii Jadeite X Dou Dii Diamond) – Laura Sobelman
2. Paph. Maudiae – Beng Light



Phal. Mystic Golden Leopard 'Cheetah' – The Adamses

Home Grown

1. Phal. Mystic Golden Leopard 'Cheetah' – The Adamses
2. Tie C. Hybrid – Bill Scharf
Dtps. Mem Lillian Reynolds – Mark Robbins
3. Tie Phrag. Giganteum – Bill Soyke
Den. Green Lantern – Bill Ellis



C. Hybrid – Bill Scharf

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. Phrag. St. Peter – Lou Vadorsky
2. C. Guatemalensis – Les Kirkegaard



Den. (*obtusisepalum X oreodoxum*).
Photo by Sarah Hurdel.

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. C. Jean Marie Shelton – Barry Woolf
2. Den. (*obtusisepalum X oreodoxum*) – Cy Swett



Phal. Newberry Parfait 'Picotee'
AM/AOS – Mark Robbins
Photo by Sarah Hurdel.

Cattleya Alliance

1. Lc. (Tokyo Magic X Mari's Song) – Les Kirkegaard
2. C. Jack Cole – Cy Swett
3. C. *skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS – Barry Woolf

Phalaenopsis Alliance

1. Phal. Newberry Parfait 'Picotee' AM/AOS – Mark Robbins
2. Phal. Hybridizers Dream – Gary Smith
3. Dtps. Chain Xen Pearl – The Adamses



Dtps. Chain Xen Pearl – The Adamses. Photo by Sarah Hurdel.



Paph. *micranthum* – David Smith.
Photo by Sarah Hurdel.



Paph. *bellatulum* – Mark Robbins

Oncidium Alliance

1. Brsdm. Henry Melczer 'FANGtastic' HCC/AOS – Barry Woolf
2. Onc. *croesus* – David Smith
3. Tie Odbrs. Fly Away 'Miami' – Cy Swett
Odcdm. Lorraine's 14th WOC 'Hawaii' – Dr. Eric Wiles



Cyp. *parviflorum* – Bill Soyke.
Photo by Sarah Hurdel.

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. *lowii* 'Amy' AM/AOS – Barry Woolf
2. Tie Paph. *micranthum* – David Smith
Paph. *urbanianum* – Cy Swett
3. Tie Paph. *bellatulum* – Mark Robbins
Cyp. *parviflorum* – Bill Soyke

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Sapphire' – Barry Woolf
2. Bardendrum Nanboh 'Cherry Moon' – Dr. Eric Wiles
3. Asc. Cherry Blossom – Bill Scharf

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Aergs. luteo-alba var. *rhodosticta* – Bill Scharf.
Photo by Sarah Hurdel

Species

1. *Aergs. luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta* – Bill Scharf
2. *Den. chrysotoxum* – Barry Woolf
3. *Lept. bicolor* – David Smith

Miniature

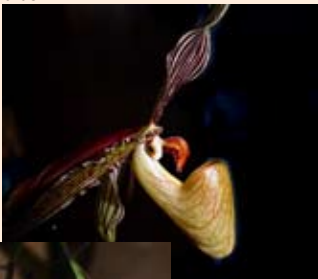
1. *Dendrochilum microchilum* – Barry Woolf
2. *Pths. mithildae* – David Smith
3. *Masd. Maui Gold* – Bill Scharf



Dendrochilum microchilum – Barry Woolf.
Photo by Sarah Hurdel.



Photo by Sarah Hurdel.



Photos by Sarah Hurdel.



Phrag. Belle Hogue Point 'Amy' HCC/AOS – Barry Woolf. Photo by Sarah Hurdel.

First Bloom Seedling

1. *Phrag. Belle Hogue Point 'Amy'* HCC/AOS – Barry Woolf
2. *Paph. Saint Swithin* – The Lundys
3. *Milt. Keiko Komoda* – The Adamases



Milt. Keiko Komoda – The Adamases

Fragrance

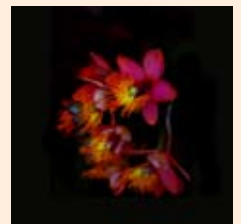
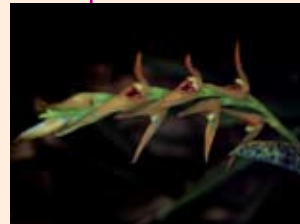
1. *Den. Nestor* – The Lundys
2. *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy'* – Cy Swett
3. *Brsdm. Longlen 'Bill Switzer' AM/AOS* – Chris Zajac



Lc. (Tokyo Magic X Mari's Song)

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *Lc. (Tokyo Magic X Mari's Song)*, exhibited by Les Kirkegaard. The judges were Ernie Drohan, Rachael Adams and Laura Sobelman. There were 129 plants on the show table!

Photos by Sarah Hurdel.



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SYMPOSIUM IN AUGUST

On August 12, 2007 a day of lectures will be presented at the West Hanover Recreation Center in Harrisburg, PA. The registration fee includes breakfast, buffet lunch, vendor sales, AOS judging, and lectures on the following topics:

- Cool growing *Odontocidium* Alliance: Mario Ferrusi
- Panel discussion on hybridizing in the *Oncidium* Alliance: John Dunkleberger, Mario Ferrusi, TBA

- *Brachypetalum* and *Parvisepalum* Hybrids with Complex *Paphiopedilums*: Hadley Cash
- Standard Complex *Paphiopedilum* Hybrids: Gordon Slaymaker

Please remit registration fee to:

Central Pennsylvania Orchid Symposium
c/o 316 N Walnut Street
Dallastown, PA 17313

Make checks (\$30.00) payable to Central Pennsylvania Orchid Symposium.

Orchid Workshop a Great Success

On 14 April, the MOS hosted a Novice Orchid Growers Workshop. Our six speakers gave the following well-received presentations:

- *Phalaenopsis* - Valerie Lowe
- Gardening Under Lights - Gary Smith
- *Paphiopedilum* - Valerie Lowe
- *Cattleya* - Barry Woolf
- Repotting - Steve and Rachael Adams
- Baskets and Mounting - Eric Wiles

The day ended with an enthusiastic Hands-On Repotting session.

St. David's Church offered an excellent venue, even if parking was a bit of a challenge. Thanks to Ann Lundy, the food was yummy. We attracted over 40 participants and signed up 12 new members! By all accounts, this was a highly successful event. We offer our thanks to the Activities Committee for planning this event.

More photos on next page.



Hilda Sukman and Beng Light manned the welcome table, signing up attendees, new members and handing out literature.



Hilda tells Beng not to run from the camera person.



Valerie Lowe spoke on *Paph* and *Phal* culture.



Gary Smith talks about the benefits and challenges of growing orchids under lights. Afterward, we all played Twister. Photo by Barry Woolf.



Speakers addressed a packed, spellbound crowd. Photo by BW.



Barry Woolf gives instruction in repotting orchids.



Eric Wiles demonstrates his expertise in mounting orchids to cork bark and wood baskets. Photos by BW.



Steve Adams talks about the importance of sterilizing tools to prevent the spread of viruses. Photo by BW.



Rachael Adams shows Nancy Duggan how to divide a Cattleya. Photo by BW.



Photo by BW.



MOS members brought in plants for the repotting session but some visitors brought their own.



Photo by BW.

New member Mary Dent (in scarf) brought in plants she bought at the annual MOS show.



Barry Woolf gives advice about Catts.

board meeting minutes

April 12, 2007

In Attendance : Ann and Lee Lundy, David and Margaret Smith, Tom McBride, Lorie Lee-Young, Gary Smith, Anne Minkowski, Valerie Lowe, Marilyn Lauffer, Barry Woolf, Clark Riley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes from the January board meeting were voted on and approved.

New Business

The upcoming April 14th workshop was discussed and the Board and members are looking forward to its being a huge success.

Committee Report

Treasurer's Report – September 1, 2007 through April 12, 2007 transaction list was distributed to board. A motion was made, voted on and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Controller's Report -Controller discussed Treasurer's report and show results. The Society is a tax-exempt organization, and we will continue as such; therefore, although we must file tax returns, the Society does not pay income taxes.

Auction - The Auction will be held in the same location this year.

Away Show – The Board thanks Valerie Lowe and the other members for a job well done with the set up of our exhibit at the recent SEPOS show. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Library – Two new books are on order for the Library. The Board would like to thank Laura Sobelman for including the extensive list of Library books in our Newsletter.

Membership – There have been 10 new members added to our society. Membership applications are now on the MOS website. Recruiting efforts continue for new members. Notices will be mailed in August for annual dues. A motion was made to re-institute the membership pins and distribute them to the members. Motion was voted and approved.

Program – Ann Lundy discussed upcoming speakers for the monthly meetings. Anyone having suggestions on speakers, please contact Ann.

Show – This year's show was a huge success and the Board is already planning next year's show. There may be some changes made to the judging process. Anyone with suggestions to improve our show please contact Ann Lundy or Bill Scharf.

Newsletter – An e-mail will be sent to members with a link to the Newsletter. The Board greatly appreciates all the hard work by Laura Sobelman to maintain our beautiful Newsletter.

Activities- Gary Smith reported that a tentative greenhouse tour is set for The Little Greenhouse. The Board is looking for an activities chairperson. Anyone interested please contact Ann Lundy.

Show Table- Tom McBride reported that our monthly show table is doing well.

MOS Website – Clark Riley reported that the website is up to date. The Board meeting minutes are on the site. The Newsletter is also on the site and may be downloaded and printed in whole or in portions.

Other Business

MOS Job description project – Gary Smith is requesting that job descriptions be defined by those involved in the society. You may e-mail your descriptions to Gary.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 12th at David and Margaret Smith's house at 7 pm, 6:30 pm food will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Activities Chair Needed

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).

letter from the editor(?)

I attended my first MOS meeting in March 2005 when I became curious about orchids after going to the annual show that year. I had been interested in orchids for a few years, after some passionate friends had successfully grown more plants than they killed. I figured if *they* could grow orchids so could *I*. At the show I was greeted warmly and given a tour of the exhibits and vendor tables by Bill Soyke; like it was yesterday, I remember Gary Smith joyfully identifying a *Den. spectabile* for me. Their enthusiasm was the magnet drawing me to my first MOS meeting.



Enter into my first MOS meeting. Members were friendly but distant, caught up in the frenetic energy and pandemonium of plotting their show table plant-placing strategy. "Should I put this in *Phalaenopsis* or *Fragrance*? Where will it have the best chance of being awarded? What did Barry and David bring?"

Overwhelmed by so many exquisite, amazing orchids in one place, it was during this first meeting the hook was baited and set. Fellow members became Moonies, sucking me into an addiction impossible to shake off. They had name tags, special denim shirts and pins, and an unusual language that sounds like speaking in tongues.

Still, I was intimidated. I had one unlabeled yellow *Oncidium* which was thriving that I bought from Home Depot, and a compost heap of two or three *Phals*. I killed because I did not understand their needs. When the *Oncidium* bloomed I threw a party. It took me a-year-and-a-half to bring in my first and only plant to the show table for fear of being laughed at — a *Mtdm.* Hawaiian Sunset 'Yupin'. Amazingly, it won a blue ribbon but I figured either the judges were just feeling sorry for me or the pickin's were slim. Although, I *was* very proud of my ribbon and did treat that plant extra special

when I got it home, baby-talking to it and rewarding it like an AKC champ.

Two years later and still admittedly a novice grower, but with more live plants than dead, I can now tell a *Restrepia* from a Rostropovich thanks to many very good teachers who transferred their enthusiasm and shared their knowledge. I've met some wonderful people, both novices and experts, whom I truly look forward to seeing each month. I can also say that after a shaky start of doing the newsletter, I've had mostly positive feedback and loads of help, even if I don't always get the nomenclature right. So, when a new member wanders into the meeting with his deer-in-the-headlights gawk, help him pull his jaw off the floor and welcome him enthusiastically into the cult. He could be your next newsletter editor ... or president.

Laura

Please Support the *Orchid Digest*

The *Orchid Digest* is a nonprofit organization and the editorial staff continues to be completely volunteer. Each year the *Orchid Digest* puts out a special issue at the end of the year. The year-end 2007 issue will be packed with *lycastes*! An illustrated *Lycaste* Species Checklist by Henry Oakley and a look at *lycaste* hybridizing in Japan (where the major breeding is now taking place) are the major in-depth articles. As usual, this issue will be illustrated with some of the superb photography for which the *Digest* is renowned.

The cost of the special issue is partially covered by the yearly membership fee. Some of this issue's costs are paid with money raised by the *Digest* Speaker's Day in June. The only way that the *Digest* can continue to produce its world leading publication (winner of the 2006 Silver Award of Achievement from the Garden



Writer's Association) is with your financial assistance. Please continue to support the *Digest* with whatever amount you feel comfortable giving. We appreciate any help. Even a token amount shows your approval of our efforts.

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Regardless of whether or not you donate to this issue, the *Orchid Digest* would like to invite you to continue to enjoy the benefits of the *Orchid Digest* as it strives to provide the orchid world with the best articles and photography available.

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Next General Meeting

May 17, 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. Award winners get even more points.

Next Board Meeting

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Central PA Orchid Symposium

August 12, 2007

West Hanover Recreation Center in Harrisburg, PA

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