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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

March 2008



president's message

Whew! The Show was terrific, the Sale was good and the weather didn't cause any real problems —now it's time to catch up on all of the things that I put off while the Show was going on. Laura will have a special Show issue of the newsletter with pictures and results from the Show and Sale shortly. In the meantime, THANK YOU! to all of you who helped make the Show and Sale a success again this year.

We couldn't do it without the hundreds of hours that our members contribute to make everything happen. The judges and vendors think MOS does a really good show and the public loved it — again!

Ann

Alan Koch to speak on “Getting the Most Out of Your Orchid Addiction”

Our speaker this month will be Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids talking about “Getting the Most Out of Your Orchid Addiction”. This will be a talk on orchid culture for novice and expert alike and is described as a combination of Orchids 101 and 102.

Alan Koch's nursery specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas – plants suitable for growing on windowsills and under lights. He has been growing orchids for almost 40 years and has moved 5 times to find more growing space for his plants. He now has 10 acres for his 300,000 orchids!

Alan Koch is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend-setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. He has published articles in *Orchid Digest*, *Orchids Magazine* and the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference and is an internationally known speaker. He is an AOS judge and a past member of the AOS Judging Committee. He is on the Board of Directors for the *Orchid Digest* and is a trustee of the AOS.



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Paph. (Magic Cherry X Ruby Leopard) - Don Forester

Novice

1. *Sederia japonica* - Laura Sobelman
2. *Paph.* (Magic Cherry X Ruby Leopard) - Don Forester
3. *Phal.* (Romance Rose X Brother Purple) - Sarah Spence



Paph. (Inca Brass X Freckles) - Ernie Drohan

Home Grown

1. *Paph.* (Inca Brass X Freckles) - Ernie Drohan
2. *Cym.* Eileen Hinkson 'Helen' - Nancy Duggan
3. *Paph.* Orchilla 'Chilton' FCC/AOS - Mark Robbins

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. *Phrag.* Giganteum - Lou Vadorsky
2. *Ang.* *sesquipedale* - Les Kirkegaard
3. *Bc.* Hybrid - Barbara Buck



Ang. *sesquipedale* - Les Kirkegaard



B. glauca - Cy Swett

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. *Den.* *nobile* Hybrid - Don Forester
2. *Coel.* *cristata* - David Smith
3. *Cym.* Hybrid - Cy Swett

Cattleya

1. *C. skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Ernie Drohan
2. *B. glauca* - Cy Swett
3. *C. intermedia* var. *coerulea* - The Adamses

Phalaenopsis

1. *Phal.* Hybrid - Lorie Lee-Young
2. Tie *Phal.* Little Mary 'Ava' - Mark Robbins
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS - Judi von Mehlem
3. Tie *Phal.* (Tinny Roseheart X Tinny Cinderella) - Wendy Keene
Phal. Oriental Fairy - Val Lowe



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Oncidium

1. *Odcdm.* McKenzie X Odtna. Dan Inouy - Cy Swett
2. *Colm.* Wildcat 'AVAM' - Clark Riley

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. *Paph.* Screaming Eagle - Mark Robbins
2. Tie *Paph.* Song of Love - Lou Vadorsky
Phrag. Jason Fischer - Don Forester
3. Tie *Paph.* *insigne* var. *sanderiae* - David Smith
Paph. Copper Spice - The Lundys

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *Rhv.* Blue Lightning - Les Kirkegaard
2. *Lyc.* Shoalhaven - David Smith
3. *Den.* Andree Millar - Lorie Lee-Young



Bulb. weberi - The Adamses

Species

1. *Bulb. weberi* - The Adamses
2. *Dendrochilum pulcherrimum* - David Smith
3. *Lyc. macrobulbon* - Bill Ellis

Miniature

1. *Dendrochilum apoense* - David Smith
2. *Rest.* Tiny Tot - Bill Scharf
3. *Sl.* Iron Clad 'Carney' - The Adamses

First Bloom Seedling

1. *Paph.* Michael Koopowitz - Mark Robbins
2. *Paph.* *fairieanum* var. *alba* - Les Kirkegaard
3. *Phrag.* *caricinum* - Clark Riley

Fragrance

1. *B. digbyana* 'Mrs. Chase' AM/AOS - Lorie Lee-Young
2. *Den.* *spectabile* - Hannah Jardel
3. *C. maxima* - Bill Soyke

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *Rhv.* Blue Lightning, exhibited by Les Kirkegaard. The judges were Lou Vadorsky, Mark Robbins and Laura Sobelman. There were 121 plants on the show table!

More show table photos on page 7 and 8.



Rhv. Blue Lightning - Les Kirkegaard

ORCHID WORKSHOP

YOU'RE INVITED

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008

from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. David's Church,
4700 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210.

There will be demonstrations, discussions, hands-on training in repotting, media, and growing techniques.

To reserve a space, call 410-366-9365 or send your check for \$15 (includes lunch) to MOS, P.O.Box 5651, Baltimore, MD 21210.



from the show chair

Another great effort!

Our string of bad luck with weather started when we had to cancel the January meeting. The bad weather continued right through the Show weekend with cold rain and too much wind. I became concerned in February that I would not be able to get as much help at the Show. Again, the MOS membership came through in a big way with as many members helping as we have had in the past. The efforts of those working there created a seamless event. Without you this Show would not be possible. I cannot thank you enough.

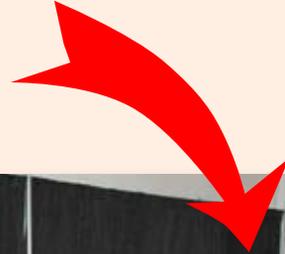
I want to especially thank the Show committee again for putting in all the long hours of planning, while never losing sight of our goal—to produce a Show that the first time buyer, beginner, novice and expert grower will enjoy taking part in. We met those goals and more, bringing 16 new members to the MOS family. I consistently heard compliments from the very beginning, including the AOS judges, vendors and shoppers alike.

The weekend always goes by very quickly, too quickly in fact. It seemed everyone was having a great time whether they worked in the sales area, packed plants, retrieved plants for a new grower or more than occasionally bought new orchids for their own collection. I'm sorry if you were not able to help this year, it was a good time and another great effort by the MOS membership.

I have said this before and I still mean it. I'm lucky to have such a dedicated group to work with. That makes this Show a real success!

Sincerely,

Bill Scharf
Maryland Orchid Society
Show Chairman



Special thanks to the members that volunteered at this year's Show. We could not have done it without your hard work. Thank you!

Be sure to attend this month's meeting to receive your gift of appreciation from the Show Committee. We apologize if for some reason your name is not listed. Please let me know.

Bill Scharf

Gary Smith
Ann Lundy
Lee Lundy
David Smith
Margaret Smith
Bill Scharf
Lou Buck
Barbara Buck
Lorie Lee-Young
Bill Soyke
Cyrus Swett
Bill Ellis
JoAnn Russo

Laura Sobelman
Ann Minkowski
Sarah Spence
Paul Biederman
Nancy Duggan
Joe Dockman
Chris Zajak
Donna Helm
Joan Forester
Don Forester
Clark Riley
Martha Hopkins
Phuong Tran

Harriet Quandt
Deborah Dade
Ernie Drohan
Judi von Mehlem
Mary Chiu
Yuko Ota
Marilyn Lauffer
Edith Goldman
Eric Wiles
Becky Weiler
Aaron Webb
Blair Farrand
Mark Robbins

Anne Dooley
Pat Fulton
Carol Fulton
Les Kirkegaard
Beng Light
Valerie Lowe
Gene Trump
Suzanne Gaertner
Sarah Hurdell
Sue Spicer

2008 NCS show results

AWARD	SPONSOR	ENTRY	EXHIBITOR
Best Commercial Exhibit	The Gerald Brown Memorial Award	Commercial Exhibit, 100-Square-Foot	The Little Greenhouse
Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit	The Duggan Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 6-Square-Foot Table-Top	Sarah Spence
Best Table-Top Exhibit	The W. Pitts Riley Memorial Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 9-Square-Foot Table-Top	David Smith
Best Hobbyist Exhibit	The Buck Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 100-Square-Foot	National Capital Orchid Society
Runner Up Orchid Society Exhibit	The Kensington Orchids Award	Society Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	Catoctin Orchid Society
Best <i>Bulbophyllum</i> Alliance in Show	The Sobelman Award	<i>Mgm. falcatum</i>	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Commercial <i>Cattleya</i> Alliance	The Swett Award	<i>C. intermedia v. coerulea</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist <i>Cattleya</i> Alliance	The Bud Hammond Memorial Award	<i>Iwan. Apple Blossom</i>	Susquehanna Orchid Society
Best <i>Laeliinae</i> in Show	The George W. Murray Memorial Award	<i>C. intermedia v. coerulea</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Alliance in Show	The Adams Award	<i>Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'</i>	Catoctin Orchid Society
Best Commercial <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Species	The Sifleet Award	<i>Paph. primulinum</i>	Marriott Orchids
Best Commercial <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid	The Travers Award	<i>Paph. Franz Glanz 'Monarch'</i>	Marriott Orchids
Best Hobbyist <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Species	The Howard King Memorial Award	<i>Paph. insigne v. sanderae</i>	David Smith
Best Hobbyist <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid	The Charlie Geis Memorial Award	<i>Paph. (Sierra Lace x fairrieianum)</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best <i>Phragmipedium</i> in Show	The Memorial Anne Woods Lowe Award	<i>Phrag. Grande</i>	Susquehanna Orchid Society
Best <i>Cypripedium</i> Alliance in Show	The Ota Award	<i>Phrag. Grande</i>	Susquehanna Orchid Society
Best Commercial <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance	The Bill Ellis Sr. Memorial Award	<i>Den. tetragonum</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance	The Jos A. Venturina Award	<i>Den. spectabile</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance in Show		<i>Den. tetragonum</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Commercial <i>Epidendrum</i> Alliance		<i>Epi. Penns Creek 'Luscious'</i>	Woodstream Orchids
Best Hobbyist <i>Epidendrum</i> Alliance		<i>Epi. stamfordianum v. roseum</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best <i>Epidendrum</i> Alliance in Show	The Wiles/Holdridge Award	<i>Epi. Penns Creek 'Luscious'</i>	Woodstream Orchids
Best Commercial Miniature		<i>Max. juergensii</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist Miniature	The Pete Lynch Memorial Award	<i>Ddc. curranii</i>	David Smith
Best Miniature in Show	The Margaret Smith Award	<i>Max. juergensii</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist Miscellaneous Genera		<i>Coel. flaccida</i>	Cyrus Swett
Best Commercial <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance	The Dorothy Powell Kelt Memorial Award	<i>Odcdm. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'</i>	Arbec Orchids
Best Hobbyist <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance	The Helen Soyke Memorial Award	<i>Brsa. Mem. Bert Fields 'Amy'</i>	Cyrus Swett
Best <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance in Show		<i>Odcdm. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'</i>	Arbec Orchids
Best Commercial <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alliance		<i>Phal. gigantea</i>	Woodstream Orchids
Best Hobbyist <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alliance	The Little Greenhouse Award	<i>Dtps. Minho Princess</i>	Tina Wood
Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alliance in Show	The Gary Smith Award	<i>Dtps. Minho Princess</i>	Tina Wood
Best Commercial <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance		<i>Masd. schroederiana</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Hobbyist <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance	The Dot Ellis Award	<i>Pths. truncata</i>	Marty Vittek
Best <i>Masdevallia</i> in Show	The Scharf Award	<i>Masd. Aquarius</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams
Best <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance in Show	The Scharf Award	<i>Masd. schroederiana</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best <i>Vanda</i> Alliance in Show	The Mrs. Benigna Venturina Award	<i>Ascf. Cherry Blossom</i>	National Capital Orchid Society
Best Grower's Choice Plant	The Lee Sheubrooks Memorial Award	<i>Rhv. Blue Lightning</i>	Les Kirkegaard
Best First-Bloom Seedling in Show	The Jack L. Robbins Memorial Award	<i>Phrag. Penns Creek 'Cascade'</i>	Woodstream Orchids
Most Pleasing Fragrance	The Lee-Young Award	<i>C. hybrid</i>	Les Kirkegaard
Best Commercial Species	The Clark Riley Award	<i>Phal. gigantea</i>	Woodstream Orchids
Best Hobbyist Species	The John Gardner Memorial Award	<i>Pths. truncata</i>	Valerie Lowe
Best Species in Show		<i>Mgm. falcatum</i>	Fishing Creek Orchids
Best Interpretation of Show Theme	The Lundy Award	Hobbyist Exhibit, 25-Square-Foot	Valerie Lowe
Best Plant in Show	The Huntington Award	<i>Angcst. Aurora</i>	The Little Greenhouse
Best Specimen Plant in Show	The Smith Award	<i>Mgm. falcatum</i>	Fishing Creek Orchids
IPA Award		<i>Dtps. Minho Princess</i>	Tina Wood
SOA Award		<i>Paph. Franz Glanz 'Monarch'</i>	Marriott Orchids
ODC Award		Hobbyist Exhibit, 50-Square-Foot	Steve and Rachael Adams
AOS Show Trophy		Commercial Exhibit, 100-Square-Foot	The Little Greenhouse
Best Art in Show	The P. Jean Soyke Memorial Award	Art, Color Photography	Jack Gellen

New Members!

The MOS would like to welcome the following new members:

David Thibault
Terri Fraser
Pamela and Mike Stegmaier

We'd also like to welcome the following new members who joined at the show:

Tom Pho (renewal)
Craig Sherman (renewal)
Patricia A. Wood
Aimee Pelekakis
Judy McClure
Janet Kaiser
Angie Smith
Cecelia Bellomo
Galina Artamorova
Susan Streckfus
William and Martha Mercer
Sherrod (Sherry) Schulze
Dr. MaryAnn and Bill Ley
John and Sandy Svehla
Maureen Buczynski
Judith R. Kreiner
Renee Robinson
Sharon Johnson and Madison Riddle
Marvin D. Olansky

Central Pennsylvania Annual Orchid Seminar

AUGUST 10, 2008

7:30 am – conclusion

Harrisburg, PA

SPEAKERS:

- Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will speak on *Catasetinae* culture and the current Awards standards
- Steve Shiflett from Floradise Orchids will give us some tips on *Vanda* culture both in the home and in the greenhouse.
- John Dunkleberger, an accredited AOS judge will give us an update on Miniature cymbidiums, their breeding and culture as well as recent awards
- Leon Glicenstein of Hoosier Orchids will delight us with jewel orchids

VENDORS:

- Sunset Valley Orchids
- Floradise Orchids
- Hoosier Orchids
- John Dunkleberger
- New Earth Orchids

AOS JUDGING

Please remit check to:
Central PA Orchid Seminar
PO Box 1726
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Registration, including lunch is \$30 until June 30, 2008
\$35 until July 31
\$40 until meeting day.

mos show trivia

Q: How many ribbons and awards did the MOS give out at the 2008 show?

(Answer below—upside down and backwards and you have to stand on your head).

397! This included 4 organizational awards (AOS, IPA, ODC, SOA), 26 Tier 1 lavender rosettes, 22 Tier 2 navy rosettes, and 119 blue ribbons.



The Salvation of Nomenclature

The following was authored by Dr. Wes Higgins from Selby Gardens for newsletter editors at the request of Carol Holdren.

Horticulturists have thrown up their hands in despair over all the changes in orchid names. First it was the species and then the hybrid names which began to change. The purpose of a classification system is to facilitate communication. It is a user tool based on scientific data, but it must be user-friendly. With the advent of molecular systematics, we have new insights into relationships within the orchid family. The DNA data has caused taxonomists to re-examine the morphology and to rethink generic concepts. What is a genus? How big should it be? Can it be too small to be useful? Unfortunately many of the recent changes in genera did not consider the impact on horticulturalists (the users).

The lectures at the 19th World Orchid Conference reflected a new trend where scientists have started consulting the users of the classification system. New data has mandated changes in orchid names, but the changes need to be compatible with the needs of the end users.

At the general meeting of the International Orchid Commission, Cassio van den Berg proposed moving the Brazilian *Laelias* into *Cattleya*. This recommendation was well received by the group. This change

will greatly help with the nomenclature of this widely hybridized group. Alec Pridgeon stated that a supplement could be included to *Genera Orchidearum V* to rapidly disseminate this change. The only dissenter was someone who wanted to do away with nothogenera and use just breeding groups. The *Cattleya* proposal was forwarded to the Royal Horticultural Society (the hybrid registrar) for consideration.

What do we have to look forward to:

- A large *Cattleya* genus,
- A large *Epidendrum* genus,
- A large *Pleurothallis* genus,
- A large *Oncidium* genus, and
- A stable system of hybrid names.



C. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Ernie Drohan

Orchid Extravaganza

February 4–March 31
Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA
<http://www.longwoodgardens.org/>

The divas of the plant world put on an unforgettable show throughout the Conservatory with thousands of orchid blooms and Longwood's award-winning Living Wall of Orchids. Marvel at elaborate never-before-seen orchid displays. Enjoy artists performing each weekend.

Immerse yourself in intriguing talks and exhibits.

The International Orchid Show and Sale is March 28-30 in collaboration with the Southeastern PA Orchid Society. For more information, visit the Longwood Gardens web site or call 610.388.1000.

The MOS will be setting up an exhibit at the show on Thursday, March 27 (tear-down March 30 at 5 pm). Please volunteer to help, lend plants for the exhibit or come and support the MOS. Volunteers get free admission during set up and take-down of the exhibit. For more information contact Valerie at 410.335.3522



Photo from Longwood Gardens web site

calendar

Next General Meeting

March 20, 2008
7:00 p.m. Show table set up 8:00 p.m. Meeting begins
7:15 p.m. Education Corner 8:15 p.m. Program begins
7:30 p.m. Judging begins

The Maryland Orchid Society meets at the First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore MD. Please bring in your flowering orchids for the show table!

National Capitol Judging Center

April 5, 2008 Noon
National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC.
Sue Burgess, Program Director

Orchid Extravaganza

February 4 - March 31, 2008
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, PA
Show: March 28-30, 2008

Next MOS Board Meeting

April 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Marilyn's house.
Food will be served at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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