

ORCHID newsletter



News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

February 2015

president's message

While we are waiting for warmer weather and are anticipating our annual spring show, it is a good time to go over some of our monthly show table rules.

- The display of blooming plants, winning of ribbons and assignment of points is reserved for **members who are current in their paid-up MOS membership.**

- Members must own the displayed plant/s for at least six months.
- All displayed plants must be free of pests and should be groomed of yellowed or dead leaves and spent flower spikes.
- If several plants are exhibited in one class, one show table entry form is used for all of the plants. All plants are to be placed at the single entry form (not spread out).

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This Month, Clark Riley Presents 50 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes

In something like April of 1957, Clark's mother's friend sent him her spent orchid corsage because she knew the six-year-old was intensely interested in nature. Clark enthusiastically dissected it, remembering over half a century later that it was a lavender *Cattleya*. He acquired his first orchid shortly thereafter, a

Cypripedium pubescens from a wildflower nursery. It went into a small clay pot with field dirt and took a short residence in a west window. It perished (mistake #1 – 3), but not before blooming and cementing a love of orchids that would endure and grow from that point forward.

Fifty-seven years later, he successfully grows *Cypripedium pubescens* and a host of other species. His senior plant is a *Paphiopedilum Maudiae* given to him in 1972. He has had a chance to visit growers, commercial and private, around the northern hemisphere and learn from their successes and mistakes. Beginners and veterans alike will find "aha" moments in this talk and discussion.

Clark has been a member of the Maryland Orchid Society since 1988 and serves as webmaster and frequent auctioneer. There will be no plant sales, so save your dollars for the auction!



upcoming events

MONTHLY MEETING

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

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.

MOS ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE A BLINK AWAY

The Maryland Orchid Society Show and Sale is just three weeks away. We'll need lots of help and just as importantly we'll need you and your best exhibit friends to put in another beautiful exhibit. We are also desperately in need of small and medium-sized boxes so bring as many as you can fit in your car!

Here are the dates for your calendar:

Wednesday March 4 - Install your exhibit
Thursday, March 5 - AOS Judging and Pre Show Sale
Friday-Sunday, March 6-8, Show open to the public. For more information or to help in any way, contact Bill Scharf at willworks@hughes.net or Joan Roderick at jomarod@verizon.net

See more details about the show on page 4 and on what you can do to help!

Novice

1. Paph. [*spicerianum* X (Jolly Green Gem X Valwin)] - Wanda Kuhn
2. Paph. Avalon Pearl - The Zickuhrs
3. Dgmra. Flying High 'Stars and Bars' AM/AOS - Laurie Nardinelli

Home Grown

1. Slc. Fire Magic - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Paph. Hsinying Gold - John Dunning
Stsc. Vanguard 'Bright Stripes' - The Soykes
Paph. (*helenae* X Pacific Shamrock) - Aaron Webb
3. Tie Paph. (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - Laura Sobelman
Bllra. Tahoma Glacier - Bob Travers

Greenhouse

1. Ddc. *wenzelii* - The Adamses
2. Er. *stricta* - David Smith
3. Tie L. *praestans* 'Satin Doll' - Clark Riley
V. tricolor var. *suavis* - Eric Wiles

Cattleya

1. Pot. Fort Fortune X Blc. Small Fortune - David Smith
2. Tie Epi. *garcianum* 'Clevelandos' - Owen Humphrey
C. Lucky Gem 'Sarah' AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
Epc. Renee Marquess - The Soykes
3. Tie Pot. Kozo's Scarlet 'Vi-Emi' BM/JOGA - Bob Johnston
B. *nodosa* X C. Lulu - Eric Wiles

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Ambo Buddha 'Woodson' - The Adamses
2. Tie Phal. Taida Snow - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
Phal. Sin Juan 'Golden Beauty' - Sarah Spence
3. Dtps. Tying Shin Phoenix 'G.S.' - John Dunning

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara - Michael Moran
2. Tie Paph. Prime Child 'Wegmans' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
Phrag. Fritz Schomberg - David Smith
Phrag. *besseae* var. *flavum* - Laura Sobelman
3. Tie Paph. Hsinying Alien - Joel Graham
Paph. Deedmanianum 'Sammy' AM/AOS - Owen Humphrey
Paph. (Elfstone X Skip Bartlet) - Bob Johnston

Oncidium

1. Odbrs. Fangtastic Bob Henley - John Dunning
2. Tie Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai' - Wanda Kuhn
Mtssa. Kauai's Choice - Chris Zajac
3. Odcdm. Wildcat '#13' - Norma Lynch

Dendrobium

1. Den. *capituliform* 'Hihimanu' - The Adamses
2. Den. Peng Seng - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Den. Wonder Nishii - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Zygo. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS - Joan Roderick
3. Bulb. A-doribil Anna Roth 'Cherry' AM/AOS - Bob Johnston

Species

1. Masd. *triangularis* 'Loch Raven' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Sten. *speciosus* - Clark Riley
Pths. *immersa* - David Smith
3. Ang. *sesquipedale* - The Dagostins

Miniature

1. Doc. *ridgida* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Aergs. *hyaloides* - David Smith
Epi. *polybulbon* - Eric Wiles
3. Den. *pentapterum* - The Adamses

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (Hsinying Majakun X *faireanum*) - John Dunning

Fragrance

1. Enc. *cordigera* 'Hinomaru' X self - Gregg Custis
2. Blc. (Bryce Canyon X Fred Stewart) - Bob Johnston
3. Rhy. *gigantea* 'Red' - The Adamses



Photo by Sarah Hurdel

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Den. *capituliform* 'Hihimanu', exhibited by The Adamses. (See page 3 for more about how Steve and Rachael grow the amazing plant.) Thank You to our judges who were, Barbara Buck, Owen Humphrey and Aaron Webb. Our show table had an incredible display of 131 beautiful flowering plants.



january judges' choice

Photos and article by Rachael and Steve Adams

Dendrobium capituliflorum

Dendrobium capituliflorum is a small-growing plant from the *pedilonum* section. It is from Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and grows in a variety of conditions including lowlands and at some altitude. It is tolerant of cool temperatures as well as warm-hot temperatures. Ours is grown in a warm greenhouse and has always done well. It is in fairly bright light and hangs above the cattleyas. It seems to prefer a fast draining media and would probably do well mounted. Ours blooms sporadically throughout the year, however the largest display is always in January-February. While the individual flowers are small and not particularly showy, it makes up for that with the sheer quantity of flowers it can produce. With its compact size and ease of growth and profuse flowering, it is a great little species worthy of a spot in any greenhouse.

Cylburn Needs Plants and Pots

Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore City is in need of healthy plant donations, especially species, as well as pots for some of the slightly larger plants in their collection.

“Our greatest need at this time is for terracotta pots 10-15 inches in diameter, full or half pots. Some of our larger Dendrobiums and Cattleyas do better in terracotta versus plastic and are more stabilized by the weight of the terracotta pots. Our stock of pots in the larger sizes is depleted (as is our public budget), so I’m begging everywhere for donations of pots,” says MOS member John Carter, who has taken over as manager of the greenhouses after Alice Hisely retired.

Donations can be received at the Cylburn Greenhouse located at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209 (near Sinai Hospital) or contact **John Carter** at 815-347-3536 to arrange pick-up.

ORDER ORCHIATA

To date we do not have enough orders to fill a full pallet of Orchiata, so if you forgot to place your order, please do so now. Contact Joan Roderick if you have any questions. 410-992-1811 or jomarod@verizon.net

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.

March 7, 2015; Meeting date 3/19
April 4, 2015; Meeting date 4/16
May 9, 2015; Meeting date 5/21
June 6, 2015; Meeting date 6/18

clark's corner



Laelia praestans alba

Many factors distinguish *Laelia praestans* from the other *Hadrolaelias* but one of the most prominent differences is the very tubular lip. The flowers are also on a stronger stem, lifting their heads up. I grow *praestans* warmer than its cousins *pumila* and *sincorana*. This species comes from the sea level South Atlantic forests of Espirito Santo, Brazil. This plant was obtained from Sam Tsui’s Orchid Inn in Illinois.

Member Update

There were 45 members at the January meeting. The door prize, a Vuyl. Carnivale ‘Rio’ was won by Margaret Smith.

MOS welcomes new members John and Barbara Stommel Alexandria Chun, Virginia Naylor and Jim Potter, and Kitty Roath. Please give them the secret handshake when you meet them.

education corner

February’s Education Corner will feature Chris Zajac discussing mistakes we have all make (including him) when growing orchids and ways to improve. Bring in orchids about which you might have questions.

It's Show Time!

The MOS spring Show is just around the corner. The committee has been busy with preparations and we are on track for another exciting Show in 2015. There have been many changes this year due to moving to the Main Building, also known as the Cow Palace at the Fairgrounds. We are positioned right next to the food court so it should be very busy, giving us the opportunity to meet new orchid friends and hopefully welcome new members.

Here are the dates and events you'll need to keep in mind.

Tuesday, March 3 – Set-up staging, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm we could use 2-3 more people for this at the Fairgrounds.

Wednesday, March 4 – Exhibit and Sales Set-up 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. We need a few people to help exhibitors and vendors bring their plants in. This will help speed things up and avoid a log-jam at the entrance. Please see me at the February meeting.

Thursday, March 5 – AOS Flower and Exhibit Judging, MOS Preview Sale 3:00 – 8:00 pm. This pre-show sales event is open to MOS members only. Get there early to be sure you get the plants you want.

Friday, March 6 – Show opens to the public. 10 am – 6 pm

Saturday, March 7 – Show open to the public. 10 am – 9 pm

Sunday, March 8 – Show open to the public. 10 am – 6 pm.

There are still events and days where we need more help.

Set up Staging, Tuesday, March 3. We need 2 -3 more people to help set up the staging for the show. More people make for a shorter day. We are generally finished by 3:30 pm.

Clerking Thursday, March 5. We need at least 4-6 more people to fill out the judging teams. This is a unique opportunity for new and experienced growers to get first hand experience working directly with AOS judges.

Tear-down on Sunday. We will need help with taking down exhibits, staging, packing up and many other things.

Daily sign up sheets. There are still many open slots on the daily sign up sheets. If you have not signed up, please consider helping the MOS by offering some of your

time to the Show. When you help your admission to the Show is free. It's a great opportunity to get to spend time with fellow orchid growers and get to meet new growers and new orchid friends.

Things we need.

Boxes are very much needed. Boxes of any size can be worked with but mostly boxes that will carry 2-4 plants. Bring them flat or made up, that's up to you. Bring them to the Show on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or when ever you can get them there. This is very important so we can keep up with the volume of sales.

Newspaper for packing plants. We use a lot of newspaper and it's getting harder and harder to find. So please save your newspaper and bring it to the Show.

If you can not be at the meeting to sign up, please email me at willworks@hughes.net and let me know when you plan to be there.

Thank you very much in advance for helping the Show be a success.

Bill Scharf

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

ORCHID SHOW & SALE MARCH 6-8

FRI. 10-6, SAT. 10-9, SUN. 10-6
Thousands of blooming orchids on display and for sale.

In conjunction with the Maryland Home and Garden Show. Timonium, MD.
NEW LOCATION in the Main Building of the MH&G Show

For directions and details visit:
www.mdorchids.org



aos corner

From the desk of Laura Newton, AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies Chair

The Webinar for this month:

February 25, 2015, 8:30 PM EST

Harry Gallis, Accredited AOS Judge and Board of Trustees Vice President will present, Demystifying AOS Judging: What are those Judges Looking For?

Dr. Harry Gallis has been growing orchids since 1980, and currently has about 380 plants. The largest groups are Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, and Dendrobiums, the latter being his current passion. His plants have received 41 AOS awards and, says Harry, "I very much enjoy growing plants for shows and awards." He entered the AOS judging program in 1991, and is an Accredited Judge and Past Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center in Greensboro, NC. In 1999, he was asked to take on the position of national training coordinator for AOS judges. He served as Chair of the Judging Committee for two years. Harry knows lots about judging: getting plants awarded, and will help us all understand what the judges want and how we might get one of those awards.

If you are already an AOS member, sign up for the webinars today on our website www.aos.org. If you are not yet a member, now is the time to become one and start enjoying all the many benefits of membership!

The webinar lineup for the next four months:

March- Ron McHatton, Those Pesky Diseases

April- Greg Allikas, Cattleya lueddemanniana

May- John Salventi, The How and Why of Fertilizer

June- Peter Lin, Novelty Phalaenopsis Breeding

In the February 2015 issue of *Orchids*, there are articles are so many diverse genera:

Cattleyas:

- o *C. lueddemmaniana*, by Michael Sinn
- o *C. maxima*, by Clare and Johan Hermans
- o *C. Betty Ford*, by Arthur and A.A. Chadwick

Rhynchostylis by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, describes this small genus and their powerfully scented flowers.

Orchids of Mexico, by T.J Hartung is a fascinating look at Epidendrums, Oncidiums, Trichocentrums, Rhynchosteles, Prosthecheas, Lycastes, Isochilus and Mormodes. It is jam-packed with great cultural information. I've never seen anything like *Prosthecea guttata*, with the unusual spines on the backs of the flowers!

Bletilla, by Hideka Kobayashi and Tony Avent, introduces us to this genus and the breeding trends of these interestingly keeled lips.

Great Ideas, by Ed Wright and Bill Tippit, shows us how to increase our growing space by using vinyl guttering.

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

Show Season is coming into full swing; check out all the great shows coming up, under the events and news tab on the website, or by this link <http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=512> Shows are a great place to see new and interesting Orchids and also a great place to get information from the vendors about plants that you already have in your collection.

Let's grow together,
Laura Newton

president's message

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- Plants must be placed on the show table by 7:30 PM. In consideration of others, please place large, tall plants at the back of the table. When placing your plants on the show table, please be mindful of members who have placed their plants before you. If you arrive late, DO NOT MOVE plants to the back of the table that have been placed prior to yours. **Please care for all plants as if they were your own.**
- Do not water your plant the day of display. If you do, please place the pot in a water collecting saucer before putting on the display table.

For a complete listing of show table rules, classes and awarding of points, please refer to the 2015-2016 on-line roster available to MOS members.

The monthly show table provides MOS members the opportunity to "show off" their plants and exchange growing secrets and tips. After all, the mission of our society is the promotion of orchid culture and the exchange of information. The monthly show table is one way in which we can accomplish this goal.

Sarah

P.S. Displaying plants at the annual spring show does not require the six month ownership rule but all plants for display must be groomed and pest free.

20th Annual Orchid Exhibition: Interlocking Science and Beauty

January 24 - April 26, 2015 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History

Smithsonian Gardens and the United States Botanic Garden will open the 20th annual orchid exhibition, "Orchids: Interlocking Science and Beauty," at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 (closes April 26, 2015.) On any given day, the exhibition will display more than 300 orchids. Change-outs occur often; during the course of the exhibit thousands of orchids will be on view. Let me know if anyone is interested in me organizing trip again this year. If so, contact me.

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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.

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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.