



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

February 2016

Website: [www.marylandorchids.org](http://www.marylandorchids.org)

## The President's Message



**Fact:** we have received all of the snow that we usually get in one season during the blizzard Jonas, January 22-23, 2016! Hope-fully, you have survived relatively unscathed, your sore muscles have recovered and that's it for this winter.

My orchids reaped the benefits of my being "house bound" for several days. They all were taken to the sink, inspected, preened, showered and fertilized. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly

they "perk up" and how surprised I am to see the beginnings of "spikes". I have high hopes of having some "bloomers" for display at our orchid show in March.

Speaking of the March show and sale, thanks to Bill Scharf for bringing Speaking of the March show and sale, thanks to Bill Scharf for bringing us up to date at the January meeting. If you were not able to attend the January meeting, I'm hoping Bill will be able to join us again in February, to tell us how we can get involved in our annual show and sale. Also, be on the look out for information and instructions published on our website.

The MOS Board met on February 4 for their quarterly meeting. At that meeting, a Nominating Committee was appointed for the task of searching for nominees to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors, all coming vacant as of June, 2016. Members of the Nominating Committee are Aaron Webb, our current Treasurer; Valerie Lowe, Chair of Away Shows and AOS/ODC Representative; and Louis Buck, member at large. If you are interested in being a nominee for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact the Nominating Committee.

Remember, Valentine's Day is around the corner. Give your Valentine a "coupon" toward the purchase of an orchid from any of the orchid vendors at the March show and sale.

*Sarah*

## February's Round Table Discussion

### Orchids On Vacation

For our February 18, 2016 Educational Program we will have our own Member Round Table Discussion "Orchids on Vacation".

In February we may dream of vacationing on a warm balmy beach with no snow to shovel but our orchids are probably dreaming of being outside this summer, stretching their leaves in the humid, warm breezy air.

We will have lively discussion and exchange of ideas as we view the pictures submitted by members on how their orchids vacationed outside. Topics will include how they used various tools and methods to protect the orchids from the hot summer sun and how they secured the plants to fencing, trees or placed on porches. You can also expect animated banter on which species does best outside and which ones prefer to stay inside or in constant conditions.

We will generate lots of tips so you can plan how and when your orchids will vacation this year.

Submitted by Deborah  
MOS Program Chair

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# January's 2016 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Paph. Hybrid - The Zickuhrs
2. Dgmra. Flying High 'Stars and Bars' - Laurie Nardinelli

## Home Grown

1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - Bob Travers
2. Tie Paph. [(spicerianum X Jolly Green Gem) X Valwin] - Wanda Kuhn  
Odcdm. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - Marilyn Lauffer
3. Tie C. perciviliana - Kathi Jackson  
Epc. Rene Marquis 'Tyler' - Bob Johnston  
Paph. (heleane X Pacific Shamrock) - Aaron Webb

## Greenhouse

1. Rhy. gigantea - The Adamses
2. Pot. Fort Fortune X Blc. Small Fortune - David Smith
3. C. loddigesii - Clark Riley

## Cattleya

1. Lc. Pixie Gold - Bob Travers
2. Tie Blc. Booth Lee 'Venice' - Clark Riley  
Pot. Fairyland - David Smith
3. Tie Slc. Fuschia Doll 'Sarah' AM/AOS - Gregg Custis  
Slc. Golden Aclaim X Pot. Little Toshie - Bob Johnston

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Ambo Buddha - The Adamses
2. Phal. Sin Yuan Golden Beauty - The Soykes
3. Phal. Sogo Manager 'Newberry Sunshine' - Kathi Jackson

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Les Dirouilles - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Paph. delenatii - The Adamses  
Paph. Fanaticum - Michael Moran
3. Tie Phrag. Hat Creek - Joel Graham  
Phrag. Nicolle Tower - The Soykes  
Paph. (faireianum X Magical Leopard) - Chris Zajac

## Oncidium

1. Dgmra. Winter Wonderland - Bob Johnston
2. Wils. Tigersetta 'Wyld Court' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles
3. Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Maillot Juane' - Kathi Jackson

## Dendrobium

1. Den. capituliflorum - The Adamses
2. Tie Den. anosum - The Soykes  
Den. Nobile Hybrid - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Den. Nobile Hybrid - Wanda Kuhn  
Den. Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe' HCC/AOS - Phuong Tran and Rich Kaste

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Ascda. Motes Golden 'Wirat' HCC/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Coel. Janice Banks - Eric Wiles

## Species

1. Den. macrophyllum - The Adamses
2. Bulb. dearei - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Phal. japonica - The Soykes  
Epi. lehmannii - Chris Zajac

B. Little Stars - Chris Zajac

## Judges Choice for the Evening



**The Judges Choice of the Evening** was Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS, exhibited by Mike Moran.

Thank You to our judges who were, Gregg Custis, Jenny Hildebrand and Bill Scharf.

Our show table had an incredible display of 112 beautiful flowering plants. A special **THANKS** to all that make our show table such a great success!



Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'

## David's Corner



This month's Education Corner features Bob Johnston

Bob Johnston will be discussing the cattleyas and bulbophyllums in his collection, his light setup, sources of his lights and reasonable prices.

Then, if he has time, he will describe some experiences past summer, and findings from his orchid trip through the south this past summer.

Bob has been a member of the MOS for only a relatively few years, but he has begun to accumulate many show table ribbons with a varied display of blooming orchids each month.

Submitted by David Smith  
Education/Activities

## Deborah's Corner



### April 21, 2016 Educational Program

April 21, 2016 Educational Program will feature a national and international speaker!

Bill Thoms, winner of multiple prestigious awards for culture will present general orchid culture and his specialty bulbophyllums. He will present how plants work, give advice to the beginner grower on how to fix culture problems and has a wealth of accumulated information to share with the advanced grower. *This is a program you do not want to miss!*

#### Would you like to host a speaker?

We are asking for volunteer hosts for our educational speakers who have traveled from out of town.

Many would prefer to stay in a home rather than a hotel. It is an opportunity to share experiences and information. Benefits are exclusive conversations with the experts and first pick of any plants they are selling! Other than a comfortable bed and bath one important requirement especially for the winter time is an easy access place for their plants overnight.

If you have heated garage they can pull into and leave their plants in the vehicle would be idea. Or if you have a room that is easily accessible to bring plants in for the night would be perfect too.

If you are interested please see me at the mtg. We would provide some offset to you for meal expenses but your generosity would be a nice savings on our budget for speaker's travel!

Thank you, Deborah Dade  
MOS Program Chair

## Clark's Corner

### Slc Spirit of Seventy Six 'Cherry Wine' AM/AOS

This hybrid from the great house of Stewarts in California was made in the early days of breeding with Laelia milleri (1974). It is Laelia milleri x Slc. Brandywine, both dark reds. The milleri brings down the size and gives a good stem-to-plant ratio. The Brandywine fills out the form a bit.

It was cloned back then but is nearly extinct in cultivation today. I don't know the chromosome count of Slc Brandywine but this hybrid suggests they are either both diploid (2n) or both tetraploid (4n). I grow it fairly dry in loose media in a terracotta pot in the intermediate section of the greenhouse right next to the door to the cool section.



Submitted by  
Dr. Clark Riley

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Submitted by Bill Sharf  
Committee Show



*Millie says...*

**Remember these dates.**  
**Mark them on your Calendar**

# February's 2016 AOS Corner



From the desk of Denise Lucero, Committee Member, Orchid Society Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee (dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Join us for a Webinar on Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 8:30 EST. Everyone is invited.

Please join Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids.

If you have a question, please submit by Feb 1 to stillisch@cox.net

Register now!! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5390388011585533441>

**Judging Seminar:** How do I say that? Writing award descriptions

Join us for a Webinar on Tue, Feb 16, 2016 at 8:30 EST. Members only.

Please join Laura Newton, AOS Awards Registrar, who will answer the question "How do we say that?", and will explain how to write award descriptions. This is the second in a monthly series on AOS judging and will qualify to fulfill one hour of the requirement of 12 education hours required annually for AOS judges.

Register now! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2616642331614015489>

## General Orchids of Mexico except Laelia/Guarianthe

Join us for a Webinar on Tue, Feb 23, 2016 at 8:30 EST. Members only.

Join us to hear Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society, discuss the Orchids of Mexico. This will be an informative glimpse at some of the attractive orchid species to be found in Mexico, both the well-known and the lesser-known, with some comments on their habitats and cultural needs.



Chysis bractescens 'Susana' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Malcolm McCorqudale

**Register Now!!** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2072797492236599297>

The registration link will be found on the WEBINAR link on the AOS website (www.aos.org) after

## WHAT ARE WEBINARS?

Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your MAC, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

### WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?

The live Webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS

Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that they refer (membership renewals don't count). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the AOS Membership Application Form, check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, most importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and mail the completed application and payment to AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS membership! Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name already filled in and available at your club meetings!

### DON'T MISS THE NEW ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Recent Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and nonmembers.

### THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- The New AOS Library
- *Cattleya coccinea* in situ
- The Contributions of Bob Dressler
- How to Grow Terrestrial Orchids Outdoors
- Controlling *Cercospora* *Robiquetia cerina* 'Harold' HCC/AOS
- The Genus *Robiquetia*



*Cattleya coccinea* 'SVO' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Albert Mok



*Robiquetia cerina* 'Purple Pinecone' AM/AOS  
Photographer: Robert Anderson



*Robiquetia cerina* "Harold" HCC/AOS  
The Photographer: Maurice Maretti

### NEW FEATURE IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!

16-page award gallery of breathtaking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

## ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS: SEASONAL ORCHID CARE

Encourage all of your members to visit and utilize the wealth of information available to everyone on the AOS website. Whether a beginner or an expert orchid grower you will find information to inform and inspire in both our print and on-line media.

One of the things you will find are Monthly Checklists. Because plant growth and flowering is in tune with the changing seasons, these monthly checklists will remind you of what needs to be done when in your orchid collection throughout the year.

Additionally, you will find AOS Culture Sheets. These popular documents have been at the foundation of AOS orchid education for decades and provide orchid culture information in a convenient, concise format. There are HTML versions that can be translated into nearly any language selected from the drop-down menu below our logo, along with PDF documents that print perfectly on a business-sized sheet of paper. Print them all and make your own basic culture booklet or use them as handouts at local society meetings or as point-of-purchase giveaways at commercial firms, orchid shows, etc. (Please leave AOS copyright and contact information intact).

Let's grow together,  
Denise Lucero

*Respectfully Submitted, Valerie Lowe,  
AOS Representative & MOS Away Chair*



## Newsletter Submissions

Content for the MOS newsletter for the 2016 fiscal year is due at the end of the first full week of each month.

Submitting content to the newsletter editor, please submit your information to: [barbarabuck2015@comcast.net](mailto:barbarabuck2015@comcast.net)

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March 17, 2016 Meeting date  
April 21, 2016 Meeting date  
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