



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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## The President's Message

Well, it's after Mother's Day and it is said that it's safe to put our plants out. According to the Farmer's Almanac, April 11 was the last frost in Baltimore and May 16-18 is an "excellent time for planting".

Looking at the long range night-time temperatures, 49° is the lowest temperature occurring on May 15th so I think I'll wait till then to put my orchids outside for their fresh air and sunshine.

**The Nominating Committee has brought forth the following persons for nomination to the indicated positions for the 2016-2018 term...**

- Director – Lee Lundy
- Director – Joel Graham
- Secretary – Suzanne Gaertner
- Treasurer – Aaron Webb
- Vice President – Joan Roderick
- President – Sarah Spence

**The Nominating Committee will continue to search for someone to fill the position of Controller. The following is the description of the duties of the Controller as stated in our By-laws...**

"Section 8. Controller. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer, the Controller shall perform the duties of the President. If the office of President, the office of Vice President, and the office of Treasurer all shall become vacant, the Controller shall perform the duties of the President until a President shall be elected. The Controller shall be the chief accounting officer of the Society, shall maintain the Society's financial books and records, shall prepare and file any tax returns required to be filed by the Society,

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## Mays' Guest Speaker Brian Spitler



## "Cymbidiums: Their History, Culture, Breeding, and Geography"

We are excited to have a speaker to address cymbidiums and their culture as our educational lecture. Brian Spitler has been growing orchids for 20 years. Currently he is the President of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and is also an AOS Probationary Judge. He likes introducing new members to successful culturing of orchids. His current personal growing interests focuses mostly on genetic diversity of seedlings and miniature cymbidiums.

Brian's presentation will introduce the diversity in Cymbidium culture, how we have arrived at modern hybrids and discuss cultivars of species and their habitats.

Brian will bring a limited number of plants for sale. Please let him know if there are any special requests.

Submitted by Deborah Dade - Program

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# April's 2016 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Greenhouse

1. Slc. Jewel Box 'Orange' - Clark Riley
2. Den. jenkinsii - David Smith
3. Tie Ascda. Princess Mikassa - The Adamases  
Mcp. tibincis - Eric Wiles

## Cattleya

1. C. Irene Holquin 'Brown Eyes' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie Ctt. Tutankamun 'Pop' AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Dial. Snowflake - Bob Travers
3. Tie Guar. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson  
Lc. Alchua 'Hilry' - Bob Johnston  
Slc. (Fame 'N Glory X Love Sound) - Clark Riley

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. lueddemanniana - The Adamases
2. Tie Phal. Sin Yaun Golden Beauty - Mary Chiu  
Phal. Taida Golden Diamond 'Taida Black' - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Suzanne Gaertner  
Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Fritz Schomburg - Joel Graham
2. Tie Paph. Deedmannianum - Owen Humphrey  
Paph. Venus Aglow - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Paph. (gratrixianum X tonsum) - Eric Wiles

## Oncidium

1. Brs. Santa Ynez 'Harford' - The Adamases
2. Tie Odcdm. Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl' HCC/AOS - Wanda Kuhn  
Milt. Lennart Karl Gotting 'Red' - Bob Travers
3. Tie Onc. viperinum 'J&L' AM/CBM/AOS - Clark Riley  
Mtdm. Lorraine's 14'th WOC 'Hawaii' - Eric Wiles

## Dendrobium

1. Den. thyrisiflorum - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Den. sulcatum - Barbara Buck  
Den. harveyanum - David Smith

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. V. Pachara Delight 'Black' - Eric Wiles
2. Ascf. Cherry Blossom - The Adamases
3. Ascda. Su-Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle' AM/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

## Species

1. Guar. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie Max. tenuifolia - The Adamases  
Paph. henryanum - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Enc. cordigera - Wanda Kuhn  
Cyn. guttata - Clark Riley

## Miniature

1. Pths. luctuosa - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Soph. coccinea - Clark Riley  
Mts. hariotiana - David Smith

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. Fritz Schomburg - Joel Graham
2. Onc. splendidum - Clark Riley
3. Phal. [(World Class X Designer's Choice) X Wild Delight] - Steve Schneider

## Fragrance

1. C. walkeriana var. alba - Bob Travers
2. Rl. digbyana - Eric Wiles
3. C. Hsinying Catherine 'Dogashima' - The Hallameyers



## Judges Choice for the Evening



**The Judges Choice of the Evening** was Guar. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS, exhibited by Michael Moran.

Thank You to our judges who were, Owen Humphrey, Bob Johnston and Brenda Logan.

Our show table had an incredible display of 128 beautiful flowering plants.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

to all that make our show table such a great success!

## Marilyn's Corner

### Welcome to our new member

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No email

There were 120 members present at the April meeting.

# MOS

## News and Surrounding Area Orchid Events



**MOS  
Group  
Perlite  
Buy**

Bob Travers will coordinate a group purchase of Orchid Screen Perlite for MOS Members. He will repack and provide in smaller size bags. Prices include transportation and handling and deliveries will be brought to the May and June MOS Meetings. You must pick up at a MOS Meeting – no other delivery provided.

The Perlite is sourced direct from the manufacturer Pennsylvania Perlite, and is offered in 4 cubic foot bags. They have a Standard Screen for Orchids which yields a particle size of 3/8" to 1/2". The pictures below are from a previous purchase. This falls between a Grade #3 and #4 and is larger particle size than you will find at garden centers or the big box stores. Usually this is ordered through orchid supply companies and would incur additional shipping charges.

#### Repackaged sizes and prices

One gallon Bag	\$3.00
Two Gallon Bag	\$5.00
Five Gallon Bag	\$10.00
4 Cu. Ft. Bag	\$25.00

Please respond to Bob Travers any time, but no later than Friday June 10 with your order request. Payment accepted at the meeting your Perlite is delivered.

Contact Bob Travers email [subobtrav@zoominternet.net](mailto:subobtrav@zoominternet.net) or phone 410-557-9901.

## Clark's Corner

### 'Tis the season for Hardy Chinese Orchids!

One of the first orchids I grew successfully was the Hardy Chinese Orchid, *Bletilla striata*. I obtained it from a perennial nursery back in the late 1950s. To this day, you are more likely to find the species of *Bletilla* there than at orchid nurseries. More people should try them. They are easy to grow and very rewarding. Every question about their culture can be answered with "like a daffodil." Where to plant, what kind of soil, how much light - all can be answered "like a daffodil."

With almost no care, they will double every year or so, sometime giving huge clumps.

The most common species is *Bletilla striata*, a nice lavender; *striata alba*, a white, and *ochracea*, a mustard-yellow. Hybrids being seen now include *Yokohama* (*striata* x *formosana*);



*Bletilla striata*

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley - Webmaster

# LOCAL AOS NEWS

**March 10, 2016  
Maryland Orchid Society Show:**

## FOLLOW-UP

Wanda Kuhn's plant of the Paphiopedilum hybrid of Paphiopedilum spicerianum crossed with Paphiopedilum victoria-mariae received a Provisional High Class Certificate (HCC) of 77 points. Wanda has since had this hybrid registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. She named this hybrid Paphiopedilum Calvert Sunrise.

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## Norma's Corner

### MOS LIBRARY "MINI" BOOK SALE



Society members have worked on the MOS library to make it more "user friendly". It has been streamlined and organized to make it easier to find books. In addition, MOS received a donation of four boxes of really nice books, and many of those will now be included in the library.

In the process of re-organization, out-dated books have been removed from the library and will be offered for sale at the May and June meeting.

Submitted by Norma Lynch - Librarian

## Continued Presidents Message

shall furnish to the Board of Trustees at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees a written report of the financial condition of the Society, and shall make available to the finance committee appointed by the President the financial books and records of the Society for review. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms as Controller."

**At the upcoming May 19 meeting, the general membership will have the opportunity to nominate others for the above positions as stipulated in the Bylaws Section 2, (b)...**

"Nominations from the membership at large may be made in writing by a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of the Society and delivered to the President prior to the adjournment of the monthly meeting (if any) of the Society in May following such report, or, if there is no monthly meeting in May, prior to the end of May. Nominations for all offices shall be closed at the adjournment of the May monthly meeting, or, if no monthly meeting is held in May, at the end of the last day in May."

*Sarah*

## 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)

May 19, 2016 Meeting date  
June 16, 2016 Meeting date

**Join us for  
Orchid Digest Speakers' Day:**

**CRAZY ABOUT CATTS**  
**Saturday, June 4, 2016**  
**12:30 pm - 8:00pm**

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and  
Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA



Photo by Greg Allikas

Cattleya lovers take note. The 2016 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day Program is all about Catts and features a line-up of expert speakers who have a broad experience growing and hybridizing cattleyas.

**Speakers:**

Fred Clarke: Modern Splash & Spotted Catts & Their Culture

Keith Davis: Superior Cattleya Culture

Munekazu Ejiri: New Cattleyas from the Far East

Francisco Miranda: The Genus Cattleya in Brazil

James Comstock: Cattleyas in 3D

Cost: \$65 (\$80 at door) includes afternoon seminar, wine and cheese happy hour, and dinner. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket.

AOS judging will be held at 10:00 am.

Take advantage of an afternoon of expert lectures and orchid sales.

Bring your orchids to be enjoyed by others & be eligible for a prize.

Enjoy the wine and cheese happy hour and dinner.

Cost: \$65 (\$80 at door) includes afternoon seminar, wine and cheese happy hour, and dinner.

Reservations can be made online at the Orchid Digest website: [orchiddigest.com](http://orchiddigest.com)  
Or contact Simone Friend at [Orchidsimonef@aol.com](mailto:Orchidsimonef@aol.com) or call (562) 431-1247.  
When contacting by e-mail, please include phone number, e-mail address, and mailing address.

*Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket.*

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