



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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



## The President's Message

Welcome MOS members. I hope you had a wonderful summer and your orchids survived out in the hot, humid air. Hopefully, we are over the "hot and humid" hump and the days are not quite as hot and the nights are cooler. Got to set those buds so we have lots of beautiful flowers to place on our Show Table. We still have some time before we have to bring them inside.

This year promises to be another exciting orchid year. A calendar of our events for the year is included in this Newsletter and will also be available at the September 15 meeting. Two of our events have taken place. For the first time MOS is represented at the Maryland State Fair. Three of our members, Clark Riley, David Smith and Joseph Hamilton placed plants as "advanced growers". There were also non-MOS "novice" plants exhibited, the first place winner receiving a "blue" MOS ribbon and a free one-year membership in MOS. Next year, with more time, we hope to build a bigger, more member inclusive showing of orchids. Our second event was our picnic. Thanks to Suzanne and Ken Gaertner for hosting at their lovely home. The weather was civil, the food delicious, Bocce ball was fun and the camaraderie was wonderful. Pictures from the picnic can be seen on our Facebook page.

The Members Potting Workshop will take place on September 17 at Margaret and David Smith's home followed by our participation in the Rawlings Conservatory Orchid Celebration, September 30 through October 9. Several of our members will be presenting demonstrations, lectures and art for exhibit or sale. We have been asked to set up displays of some of our orchids at the Conservatory September 30 through October 2 and October 5 through 9. Points will be earned for plants lent. At the same time, set up for the NCOS show is on October 6 for the show on October 8 through 10. Plants will be needed for our NCOS display and will earn points. Logistics for these two events will be worked out and members will be notified. We need members to walk around and answer questions at the Rawlings display (contact Sarah Spence or Aaron Webb) and members to help set up the NCOS exhibit (contact ValerieLowe).

By now, you should have received your membership renewal form. In order to show your plants on the monthly show table for points, receive the Newsletter and be included in our roster, you must return your renewal form and \$30.00 dues by September 30.

I'm sure we are all anticipating the September 15 meeting when Tom McBride announces the point totals from last year, the number of plants we get to pick out and the possibility of getting that white envelope with \$\$\$ in it. See you then.

*Sarah*

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# June's 2016 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Epc. Rene Marquis X Epi. paniculata - The Zickuhrs
2. Den. Little Pam - Anne Headrick
3. V. Hybrid - Kim Kelly

## Home Grown

1. Psh. cochleata - Bob Travers
2. Tie Paph. Robinianun - John Dunning  
Enc. profusa - Bob Johnston  
Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz - Wanda Kuhn
3. Tie Phrag. pearcei - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Phal. (Okay Seven X Little Steve) - Kathi Jackson  
Lc. Final Blue 'Royal Purple' - Aaron Webb

## Greenhouse

1. C. forbesii - Clark Riley
2. Lc. Ann Akagi 'Hihimanu' - Barbara Buck

## Cattleya

1. L. purpurata 'Rosa Cereja' - David Smith
2. Tie Lc. Hausermann's Fire Wings - Barbara Buck  
C. Gaskill-Pumila 'Azure Stars' - Arne Schon
3. Tie Pot. (Martha Clarke X Little Toshie) - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Blc. Jennifer Off 'Joan' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston  
Blc. Toshie's Magic 'H&R' - Clark Riley

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Dagostins
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Suzanne Gaertner  
Phal. bastiani - Clark Riley  
Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
3. Phal. Hybrid - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Julius - John Dunning
2. Tie Paph. (helenae X Jolly Green Gem) - Bob Johnston  
Phrag. Noirmont - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Paph. Vanda M. Pearman - Owen Humphrey  
Paph. Magical Contrasts - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith

## Oncidium

1. Odcdm. Wildcat - Phung Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Odcdm. Wild Willie 'Wonka' - Sarah Spence
3. Odbrs. Fangtastic Bob Henley - John Dunning

## Dendrobium

1. Den. normanbyense - John Dunning
2. Den. Roy Tokanaga - Wanda Kuhn

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Cym. (Valerie Absolonova X Artic Sunrise) - John Dunning
2. Tie V. Hybrid - The Dagostins  
Bulb. Daisy Chain - Bob Johnston

## Species

1. Psh. mariae - Arne Schon
2. Tie Paph. delenatii f. vinicolor - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
C. violacea var. flamea - Michael Moran
3. Tie Masd. ayabacana - The Dagostins  
Onc. hastilabium - Bob Johnston

## Miniature

1. Sns. fragrans - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Phal. chibae - David Smith

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. sanderianum - Clark Riley
2. Phrag. Taras - John Dunning

## Fragrance

1. Lc. Secret Love 'Angel' - Suzanne Gaertner
2. Onc. Sharry Baby - Marilyn Lauffer



## Judges Choice of the Evening



The Judges Choice of the Evening was Paph. sanderianum, exhibited by Clark Riley.

Thank You to our judges who were, Mary Chiu, Marilyn Lauffer and Judi von Mehlem.

Our show table had an incredible display of 93 beautiful flowering plants.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

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

## News Review of May 2016, Judge's Choice of the Evening



John Dunning's plant Ren Kalsom 'Red Dragon' was the Judges Choice of the Evening at Mays' meeting night.

Renanthera Kalmia is a primary hybrid between *R. philippinensis* and the larger *R. storieri*, both originating in the Philippean islands and producing very bright red long lasting flowers on branched inflorescences. I have maintained a couple of plants since 2010 in my hot (70 to 85 degrees F) basement plant room under bright light and only succeeded in getting blooms once before in over 5 years of trying.

I believe from my experience that there are 5 keys to maintaining healthy Renanthera.

1. First is temperature that never gets below 60 degrees F. Because of this precaution, do not take them outside in the summer.
2. Very bright light is needed, but not noonday sun, for about 12 hours per day. The plants are maintained in baskets without media, and I attach the plant stems to wires that hang about 3 feet down opposite corners of a suspended 150 watts yellow sodium lamp.
3. High humidity 70 to 80% relative humidity is necessary. I try to spray the entire plant, not just the roots, with water everyday, usually in the morning, except last Dec. and Jan. when I was recovering from surgery. I was rewarded for this by the appearance of a small spike at a leaf axil in Feb. which pushed out to form a branching in florescence this Spring. I do not claim the ;interruption of daily spraying brought about the bloom, but it could be factor.
4. Fertilization every fourth spraying with a weak 20:20:20 solution and then drenching the entire plant once a month by submerging in a large Home Depot bucket of water to wash off excess fertilizer.
5. Finally, it is the gentle air movement caused by a moving fan that keeps the dangling plants in motion all of the time. These vanda-like culture provisions require more of my attention than any of my other orchids.

Submitted by  
John Dunning,- MOS member



## Clark's Corner



*Paph Johanna  
Burkhardt*

Named for one of my heroes. Johanna Burkhardt and her husband Hans sold many rare species from their home lab in the 1980s.

Their home was DEEP in the redwood forest of Mendocino County, California on the banks of the Noyo River. Their cottage was solar and water powers. My brother Patrick and I visited on one of the best days in my life.

Hybrid is *Paph rothschildianum x adductum*.

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley - Webmaster

## A Special Thanks...

I want to thank everyone for coming [to the picnic] and for making the day so enjoyable. It was so nice to get to talk to everyone other than at a meeting. Thanks for sharing all of the delicious food. I don't think anyone went home hungry. **A big thank you to Susan [Drohan] for helping me clean up.**

Someone left a green chair. I can bring it to September's meeting if you let me know whose it is. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you in September.

Suzanne Gaertner





## Maryland Orchid Society – 2016/2017 Calendar

**July 28, 2016** – Board Meeting

**August 22, 3-8 PM** and **August 23, 10 AM to 8 PM** – Plants to Timonium State Fair for judging, Farm and Garden Bldg. Ask for Sally Over (443-640-7619). More questions, ask Aaron Webb

**August 28, 2016** – Annual MOS Family Picnic at the Gaertner's, 3 PM till?

**September 15, 2016** – Monthly Meeting

**September 17, 2016** – MOS Members Potting Clinic

**September 30-October 9** – Rawlings Conservatory Orchid Celebration

**October 6, 2016** – NCOS Show-Set up

**October 20, 2016** – Monthly Meeting

**October 27, 2016** – Board Meeting

**November 12, 2016** – Annual Auction

**November 17, 2016** – Monthly Meeting

**December 15, 2016** – Monthly Meeting/ Holiday Party

**January 19, 2017** – Monthly Meeting

**January 26, 2017** – Board Meeting

**February 2, 2017** – SOS Show Set up

**February 16, 2017** – Monthly Meeting

**March 7-12, 2017** – Annual Spring Show and Sale

March 7 – Set-up staging

March 8 – Set-up exhibits

March 9 – AOS Judging; Preview sale 6-8 PM

March 10 – 12 – Show opens to public

**March 16, 2017** – Monthly Meeting

**March 23, 2017** – SEPOS Show Set up

**April 1, 2017** – Spring Workshop

**April 20, 2017** – Monthly Meeting

**April 27, 2017** – Board Meeting

**May 18, 2017** – Monthly Meeting

**June 15, 2017** – Monthly Meeting

# AOS

## News and Surrounding Area Orchid Events

### THE SEPTEMBER 2016 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee.  
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For newsletter editors:

Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner, in whole or in part, in their society newsletters. We encourage promotion of AOS website use by your members. Register now!

*Time is near and registration is filling...*

Please let your society members know that we welcome them to join us for the AOS Fall 2016 Members' Meeting being held at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in beautiful San Marino, California on October 21-23, 2016. The meeting will include presentations by internationally renowned speakers and is being held in conjunction with the Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show where some of the best orchids in Southern California will be on display along with vendors of orchids and supplies from around the world.

Check out the schedule of events and speakers you will find on the registration website. Also, take a look at, "Like" and follow the AOS Fall 2016 Members' Meeting Facebook Page where you will learn more about our host location and be able to follow the preparations being made leading up to the meeting. Along with access to the all of the Botanical Gardens, registrants will have the rare opportunity to visit the "off-exhibit" orchid collection greenhouses! It's sure to be an event you won't want to miss.

Check it out now and register on this link: AOS Fall 2016 Meeting

#### Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee

If you have an upcoming show, remember to check out the "Guide to a Successful Orchid Show" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show. Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading. Here's the link: AOS.org

The committee is busy working hard to provide additional resources to support the Affiliated Societies. In addition to current information available on the AOS website we plan to run a series in the Corner of ideas collected from throughout the AOS. It will include programs and formats being found effective in enlivening and creating more interaction with society members at meetings. Our goal is to help the Affiliated Societies flourish.

Watch for it here!

#### Facebook Page for Affiliated Societies

We now have a closed Facebook group designed specifically for us! Chad Brinkerhuff, Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee Member and AOS Student Judge, is now our Affiliated Societies Facebook Administrator.

We're making a change...

The group has grown quickly and is proving to be a great way to share Affiliated Society concerns and needs. We really appreciate all the contributions being made by you, the AOS Reps. We are going to open up the group, from AOS Reps only, to all interested society members. We do intend to remain a "closed" group and members must be still approved and added by our Administrator. Posts will continue to be monitored but we are inviting all society members to join us.

Please share the link below with your own society members and encourage them to join and participate. Please follow the link below and request to join:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/>

This forum will remain as a place to share your successes, challenges and best practices with other orchid societies, and we hope that participating clubs will find new ideas for improving membership recruitment, retention and participation.

The AOS volunteers will also post information and helpful links, and the AOS will use this bridge to maintain contact with you and your society. Food for thought!  
Contributed by ~ Chad Brinkerhuff

#### AOS Student Judge, Florida North Central Judging Center

With show season starting just around the corner. I am sure we are all very excited to be planning our shows. As a new student judge it is always a pleasure to work with societies and their shows. I am always amazed at the level of support and enthusiasm of every society, and the hours of work in preparation by the clerks that join in the judging teams.

I know the judges really appreciate the volunteers taking the time to make sure we are well fed, as at some shows the judging can be a very long process, and for myself if I don't have something to eat my brain wants to shut down.

On that note, I personally have dietary restrictions as I am sure there are other judges that do as well, along with volunteers and vendors. I know there are many that do not eat pork specifically, some are diabetic, gluten intolerant and even vegetarian. How much thought, do you as a society make to have a broad range of options? I know many societies just take what they can get. Others have food catered in.

One suggestion is have your Judging chair ask the judges participating, if there are specific restrictions they need to be aware of. I am in no way suggesting that they chose specific menu items, but food allergies and specific restrictions (i.e.. things they cannot eat), should be considered.

You may try to have the membership stick to a specific menu or give them the restrictions and allow them to make dishes that would be appropriate. If catering in food, most caterers will know what menu items that they offer and will help you work with those restrictions.

I fortunately am not diabetic yet and I love all the homemade sweets that are brought in. I have had some amazing desserts. But I have noticed that there does seem to be some consideration in the dessert items when there are nuts it is usually marked, sugar free and gluten free options. While I could personally make a meal just from the deserts I am sure that everyone would appreciate any effort to accommodate their individual needs.

Looking forward to a great show season and lots of amazing cheat meals. Thank you again for everyone's support of the show and the Judges involved.

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton  
Thursday, September 8, 2016 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT  
Everyone is invited

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. If you have a question, please submit your questions by September 6 to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net). Register now using this link: <http://attendeegotowebinar.com/reter/9103301344895379713>

Wonderful World of Phragmipediums by Jason Fischer  
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 @ 8:30 PM EDT. Members only

Join Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota, as he discusses some of the wonderful phragmipediums and how to grow them. Register now using this link: <http://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5523658721218865412>

**THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

### *Genus of the Month - Myrmecophila*



*Myrmecophila christinae* 'Joyce Kelly' CHM/AOS  
Photographer: Greg Allikas

- Orchids Illustrated – Cattleya
- For the Novice – Catasetums and Their Kin

### EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY:

Remember to let your members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they respond immediately, they'll also receive the following:

- For A LIMITED-TIME ONLY Get Immediate,
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(Please note that this special bonus is currently available for a very limited time and will be removed at any time without prior notice.)

Encourage new membership to AOS. 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!



*Catasetum expansum* 'Royston Envy' AM/AOS  
Photographer: James McCulloch

- *Oncidium fuscum* Part 1
- First Ladies and Their Cattleyas – *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Laura Bush



Mea Culpa! The Case of a Misidentified Jewel Orchid

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Let's grow together,  
Denise Lucero

**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.

**June 3, 2016 National Capital Judging Center**

Sarah Hurdel and David Smith were both elevated from Student Judges to Probationary Judges at the biannual business meeting of the National Capital Judging Center. Their elevation needs to be approved by the Judging Committee of the American Orchid Society at the October Trustees meeting before it becomes official.

**Congratulations!**

*Responsibility submitted, Valerie Laine - AOS representative, M.O.S. Award Shows Chair*



*More pictures from the picnic.*



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