



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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President's Holiday Message

Did you know that December is a month of varied celebrations around the world ...Bodhi Day, Pancha Ganapati, Shabe Yaoda, Sadeh, Chahar Shanbeh Suri, Eid al-Adha, Boxing Day? We are most familiar with Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. To accommodate this rich cultural diversity, I say Happy Holidays, Happy

Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year to all. May your days be merry and bright!

Tom McBride and Gary Krause have invited MOS members to their annual Little Greenhouse "open house" on Dec. 16. MOS members are eligible for discounts on purchases and a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate. Consider doing some of your holiday shopping at the Little Greenhouse while enjoying beautiful plants and Gary's famous home-made pound cake. See the enclosed invitation in this Newsletter.

As always, December's "meeting" is a holiday party. Please let Barbara Buck (410-551- 9374) know what you will be bringing to share. Come hungry! Also, I will be presenting the Orchid Digest Award of Excellence and the members awards for Leadership and Service to this year's recipients. Don't miss this meeting!

Finally, the t-shirts are here. Cost is \$12.00 per shirt. There will be some extras for those who did not pre-order.

Sarah



Happy Holidays

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November's Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - Monica Sparber
2. Masd. infracta 'Carney' - Marc Kiriou

Home Grown

1. Blc. Always Dream 'Volcano Queen' - Bob Johnston
2. Tie Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamami' AM/AOS - Bob Travers
Paph.(Nikes Sunny Delight X Pinocchio) - Aaron Webb
3. Tie Paph. Maudiae 'The Queen' AM/AOS - Mark Robbins
Phrag. Chuck Acker - The Soykes

Greenhouse

1. Bc. Maikai 'Maiyumi' - The Adamses
2. Tie Paph. Fanaticum - Mike Moran
Orpha. radicans - Eric Wiles
3. Epi. embreei - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Epi. Chiapas - Bob Travers
2. Tie Bc. Glenn Maidment 'Aranbeem' - Bob Johnston
C. Porcia 'Canazaro' FCC/AOS - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Lc. Molly Tyler FCC/AOS - Barbara Buck
C. Hybrid - Ellie Martin
Lc. Final Blue 'Royal Purple'- Aaron Webb

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. equestris 'Gino' - The Adamses
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Sarah Spence
Phal. 'M' - Aaron Webb
3. Phal. Hybrid - Fay Citerone

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara 'Jack' - Mike Moran
2. Tie Paph. Mount Toro - The Adamses
Paph. (Susan Booth X sanderianum) - David Smith
3. Tie Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' FCC/AOS - Mark Robbins
Paph. Fairly Sauced - Chris Zajac

Dendrobium

1. Den. Nida Stripe - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Den. glomeratum - The Adamses
Den. bracteosum - Eric Wiles
3. Den. Little Pam - Norma Lynch

Oncidium

1. Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana - Bob Travers
2. Tie Colm. Jungle Monarch - John Dunning
Odcdm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' - Chris Zajac
3. Burr. Living Fire 'Meteor' - Eric Wiles

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Masd. Dean Haas 'Barbara' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Bulb. A-doribil Anna Roth 'Cherry' - Bob Johnston
Lep. Jmcalsa - Val Lowe
3. Asc. Lion Star X Neof. falcata - Joel Graham

Species

1. Ren. philippinense - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Gcls. obliquus - Bob Johnston

- Paph. sanderianum - Mike Moran
3. Tie Bulb. unitubum - The Adamses
Psh. cochleata var. alba - Bob Travers

Miniature

1. Soph. wittigiana - Clark Riley
2. Tie Med. decoratum - The Adamses
Orcp. gladius - Eric Wiles

First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. Andean Fire - Eric Wiles
2. Paph. (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - John Dunning
3. V. lamellata X Asctm. miniatum - Clark Riley

Fragrance

1. Blc. Mem. Anna Balmore 'Convex' - Bob Johnston
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - John Dunning
3. Blc. George King 'Serendipity' - Eric Wiles

The Judges Choice of the Evening

was

Enc. Chiapas, exhibited by Bob Travers.

Thank You to our judges who were, Frank Dagostin, Wanda Kuhn and Mark Robbins.

Our show table had an incredible display of 119 beautiful flowering plants.

A special **THANKS** to all that make our show table such a great success. It is truly breathtaking!



**Bob Travers
Plant -
Encyclia Chiapas**

Judges Choice of the Evening at November's MOS meeting, Encyclia Chiapas was first registered with the RHS in 1964 by W.W.G.Moir as a primary hybrid between Encyclia adenocaula (pollen parent) and Encyclia cordigera (seed parent). My plant was obtained from a former MOS President Southgate "Bud" Hammond (1982 - 1983). This plant is a remake of the hybrid made by Bud. Bud Hammond passed in October of 2004, so I most likely received this plant in the late 1990's before I kept a log of my collection.

The parents are both native to Mexico and can range south to Columbia. This suggests a strong requirement for high light levels. My success did not come until I could

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support the light requirement. My whole orchid collection winters in the basement under lights and summers outside in a shade stand at about 70% shade. The first time I recollect bringing this plant to MOS Show table was the spring of 2014. Over that winter we had made major modification to the growing area in the basement to improve light availability. This area is now under a triple bank of 6 tube High Bay T8 fluorescent lights that come on at 4pm and off at 8am.

Last summer the plant was repotted as spikes appeared to a 14 inch dish planter. This was a suggestion taken from Jeffrey Morris who spoke at the June 2016 MOS meeting on growing specimen plants.

This spring I moved the plant to an 18 inch dish planter which should provide space for a couple years. Staking was done once the flower buds formed and the height of the inflorescences were set. It was suggested last year to improve the flower count to grow in a still higher light environment.



This summer I grew the Encyclia Chiapas outside the shade stand on the deck, which received full sun. This did cause some sunburn damage to the leaves. Despite the sunburn and unusual summer weather with extended cool wet periods as well as hot and dry, Encyclia Chiapas bloomed about 6 weeks later than last year with a beautiful exhibition. I feel very fortunate since this plant had also received Judges Choice last year in October.

Submitted by Bob Travers – MOS Member



How about this, MOS members...

One of our newest members Monica Sparber, won a blue ribbon in the Novice Category.

This was her first time at our meeting and her first time entering her orchid on the show table. Good going Monica!

Novice - The novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years.

Any type of orchid can be entered in this category. Novice growers may also enter plants in other applicable categories.

Clark's Corner



Holiday Gifts for the Orchid Lovers in Your Life

Gift-giving is a cornerstone of the dark season. The orchid lovers in your life might be thrilled to receive a gift of the orchid kind. Here are a few suggestions from the thrifty to the insane:

1. Another orchid. There are thirty thousand species and over a hundred thousand hybrids from which to choose. If you choose this, choose an easy-to-care-for variety, perhaps a colorful miniature Phalaenopsis.
2. Orchid books. From the beautiful to the highly technical, there are a huge number of excellent books in all price ranges. The American Orchid Society has a small online shop at <http://aos.org>. If you just type in "orchid" in a book search on Amazon.com, you will get 101 PAGES of books mentioning orchids from horticultural to steamy romance!
3. The pleasure of your company. Consider a road trip with your friend. Local day trip destinations include The Little Greenhouse, Fishing Creek Orchids, Woodstream Orchids, Little Brook Orchids, Waldor Orchids, and more.
4. Membership in the American Orchid Society. A gift of permanent knowledge and participation is available at <http://aos.org>.
5. A greenhouse. OK, insane as promised, but maybe a gift in that direction. Start with good quality potting mix, special fertilizer, great pots or orchid hanging baskets. For the newer grower, your company and help can go with the gift.

Submitted by
Dr. Clark Riley

Marilyn's Corner

New members:

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Submitted by
Marilyn Lauffer - Membership

MARYLAND EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL ORPCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Thanks to the help of Joel Graham, Sarah Hurdel, Bob Johnston, Marc Kiriou, Al and Wanda Kuhn, Clark Riley, David and Margaret Smith, Bob and Susan Travers, Eric Wiles and the generous donation of plants from Barbara Buck, Frank Dagostin, Suzanne Gaertner, Jason Gebbia, Joel Graham, Anne Headrick, Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Wendy Kuhn, Kathi Jackson, Bob Johnston, Marilyn Lauffer, Brenda Logan, Valerie Lowe, Norma Lynch, Janice Mazur, Clark Riley, Arne Schön, David Smith (older), Gary Smith, Sarah Spence, Robert Travers, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf, Chris Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society installed a 50+ square foot exhibit that won first place in its category, was deemed the Best Society Exhibit in Show, and was awarded the Orchid Digest Trophy for the Best Amateur Exhibit in Show. The other ribbon received were:

Plant	Award	Owner
Phrag. Acker's Lovely	HM	Jason Gebbia
Phal. Pure Moon 'Green Pixie'	2	Anne Headrick
Prosthechea Green Hornet	1	Owen Humphrey
Paph. Harford's Gabriel 'Hampstead Blackbird', AM/AOS	3	Sarah Hurdel
Paph. moquettianum	2	"
Paph. Petula's Presence	1	"
Prosthechea mariae	1	"
Bc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight', AM/AOS	HM	Kathi Jackson
Bllra. Big Shot 'Hilo Sparkle'	1	"
Bllra. Big Shot 'Hilo Sparkle'	Best Oncidium	"
Milt. Earl Dunn 'Dark Lip'	3	Bob Johnston
Bulbo. grandiflorum	2	"
Slc Misty Girl 'Moonlight'	2	"
Pot. Wainae Appeal	3	"
Blc. Toshi Aoki 'Pokae'	HM	"
Hwra. Mini Primi 'Harford'	2	Marc Kiriou
Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani', AM/AOS	3	Brenda Logan
V. Brenda's Pink Passion	2	"
Pelexia olivacea	2	Valerie Lowe
Cattlianthe Mem. Dina Izumi	3	Clark Riley
Brassavola perrinii	1	Arne Schön
Brassavola perrinii	Best Species	"
Aerangis lutoialba v rhodosticta	1	"
C. gouldiana	3	"
Ornithophora gladius	3	David Smith
Oberonia lycopodioides	3	"
Oberonia lycopodioides	2	"
Oberonia cavaleriei	3	"
Paph. Charles Parker McKinney	1	Gary Smith
Paph. Hsinying Carlos	3	Sarah Spence
Phal. Nola Bella	3	"

Phal. Liu's Cute Angel , KF#3	1	"
Masd. Maui Gold 'Harford'	1	Little Greenhouse
Paph. Hilo Green Mountain	3	"
Warczewiczella amazonica 'Loch Raven' AM/AOS	1	"
Tol. Genting Orange	1	Bob Travers
Hab. Flamingo 'Rubenesque', AM/AOS	1	"
Hab. Flamingo 'Rubenesque', AM/AOS	Best Misc.	"
Hab. rhodocheila	3	"
Onc. Irish Mist 'Winter Green'	2	"
C. walkeriana v alba 'Pendentive', AM/AOS	1	"
L. purpurata v. carnea	3	"
Epi. roseo-scriptum	2	Eric Wiles
Neostylis Fuch's Ocean Spray	2	"
Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', FCC/AOS	3	Barry Woolf
Masd. Red Baron	3	"
Coel massangeana	2	"
Mtssa. Kauai's Choice	2	Chris Zajac
Phal. Zajacii	2	"

I would like to thank Sarah Hurdel, Clark Riley, David Smith, Gary Smith, Bob and Susan Travers, and Ellie Martin for helping to tear down the exhibit, getting it packed up, and transported home.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Lowe

Away Shows Chair



LOCAL AOS NEWS

December 9 2017: National Capital Judging Center

Marc Kiriou's plant of Paphiopedilum Michael Koopowitz 'Gemini' received a 79 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) from the American Orchid Society. Congratulations Marc on your first quality award!



Paphiopedilum Michael Koopowitz 'Gemini'

ATTENTION ORCHID LOVERS!

Happy Holidays! Come join us for

The Little Greenhouse Open House

for Maryland Orchid Society members

Saturday, December 16, 2017

9:00 AM until 5:00 PM

**20% Off All Regularly Priced Plants!
30% Off All Stem Prop Phalaenopsis!
Special BOGO Sales!**

**Members may enter to win a
\$50.00 Gift Certificate.**

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Maryland Orchid Society 2017/2018 Calendar

December 21, 2017 – Monthly Meeting/ Holiday Party

January 12,13,14, 2018 – Rawlings Conservatory Show

January 18, 2018 –Monthly Meeting

January 25, 2018 – Board Meeting

February 2, 2018 – SOS Show Set-up

February 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

March 6-11, 2018 – Annual Spring Show and Sale

March 6 – Set-up staging

March 7 – Set-up exhibits

March 8 – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM

March 9 – 11 – Show opens to public

March 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

April 5, 2018 – SEPOS Show Set up

April 14, 2018 – Spring Workshop

April 19, 2018 – Monthly meeting

April 26, 2018 – Board Meeting

May 17, 2018 – Monthly Meeting

June 21, 2018 – Monthly Meeting



Photo by Sarah Spence

Content for the 2017-2018 MOS Newsletter

is due at the end of the first week of each month.

Please submit information to:

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Deadline dates are as follows...

*due December 9, 2017 for meeting on December 21, 2017

*due January 6, 2018 for meeting on January 18, 2018

*due February 3, 2018 for meeting on February 15, 2018

*due March 3, 2018 for meeting on March 15, 2018

*due April 7, 2018 for meeting on April 19, 2018

*due May 5, 2018 for meeting on May 17, 2018

*due June 9, 2018 for meeting on June 21, 2018



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THE DECEMBER 2017 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero,
Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society 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.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

We are always working on content on the Affiliated Societies web page to make it more useful to the societies. One of our recent administrative efforts includes a new form that will allow us to centralize the updating of society contact information. The information submitted on your form will be updated to our databases and reflected in the website society listing, the AOS Corner mailing list, as well as all correspondence to the Society from the AOS. This is the place you can now go to, not only to update a change in your AOS Rep or President, but also to advise a change in meeting information, or the addition of your newsletter editor's e-mail to ensure that they are receiving a copy of the Corner as well. It's a good idea to check occasionally just to make sure that what we have on record is correct.

You can look up your Society's information with this link:

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-societies-lookup.aspx>

You can reach the entry form with this link:

<http://affiliatedsocieties.americanorchidsociety.org/update/>

You can also e-mail this pdf form or print the form out and mail it to the office in Coral Gables:

http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate_201710.pdf

Dr. Daniel Geiger, Chair of the Research Committee, advised that their page has been completely overhauled. New grant application guidelines have been posted and the committee members are now listed with a short bio. The Research Committee is also open to offering named awards (akin to the named plant awards). A first such award, the Chair's Award for systematics of overlooked taxa, was funded by an individual friend of AOS. If individuals, societies, or organizations are interested in that, please contact the RC Chair or the Main AOS office.

Here's a link directly to the Research Committee page:<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-research.aspxAs2017>

As yearend approaches, we ask you to remind your members that The American Orchid Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the passion for orchids through education, conservation, and research. All donations are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible.

Here's a link directly to the donation page: <https://secure.aos.org/donate/default.aspx>

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. It's really wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please continue to send your photos and short videos to: americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to send a short caption explaining your photo. Also, if you are bilingual and can include your caption in English plus your other language(s)—it will help with our universal outreach.

Don't forget to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Our administrator, Chad Brinkerhuff, monitors the feed and is a great resource for all that the AOS has to offer. Keep us up to date on what's going on at your local society and let us know how we can help you. If he doesn't have the answer you need, he will find it for you.

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. And... Here's a link to check it all out - <http://www.aos.org/>

December: The Month of Unbridled Joy ~ by Thomas Miranda

This is a re-print of an article from Orchids magazine, December 2013. It's still as useful today as it was when Tom first wrote it. Gifting Your Friends with Orchids and the Joys of Growing Them

I'm not ashamed to say that of all the people who've come and gone through my life, I miss my mother, Patti, the most. This might make me a sentimental mama's boy to some, but I don't care. Mothers throughout history have always gone to heroic lengths to bring happiness to their progeny. I'll never forget one holiday season when I was eight or nine. I was an avid collector of rare seashells (I still am) and mom took me to meet a famous local collector she read about in the newspaper to encourage my interest. There was a fascinating shell in that collection that was rare and probably one of a kind. After all these years, I've never seen another. It was beyond my imagination that I would find this rare creature inside a box under the Christmas tree that year. I don't think I can recall ever again being as ecstatic. I'll never know what she had to do, nor how much it must have cost, but that is what love is. And that year I knew I was loved.

We all have the power to create such unbridled joy. With our orchid friends, in this day of massive orchid propagation, such tasks are easy. Most adults won't indulge in that rare orchid for themselves, but you know what brings your orchid friends joy. With all the strife, division and despair we're feeling around the world, the gift of a young seedling or clone of that orchid your friend so desperately wants should go a long way to spreading much needed happiness and goodwill. This holiday season, I encourage you to spread that unbridled joy of orchid growing. You might be surprised at how good it makes you feel when full-grown adults jump up and down and run screaming around the room like beloved, happy children.

BREAK THE ICE

The weather has taken a turn for the inclement with the winter season. It's bleak, barren and cold outside, but warm, buoyant and full of life in the greenhouse. Spikes are everywhere this time of year, particularly on Phalaenopsis and Cymbidiums, but also on many others triggered by cooler night temperatures and short day lengths. Collecting ice and snow can be novel ways of supplying pure water for your orchids, although you would want to melt them and allow the water to reach room temperature before applying to your plants because cold water will shock them. Imagine someone sticking your foot in an ice bucket while you're sleeping.

UP IN THE AIR

There is one thing that we all tend to lack in our air this month. If you wake up with a scratchy throat and a dry mouth in the morning, it's a sign your humidity has plummeted, often to levels lower than a cactus might need. In the greenhouse, misting systems and wetting down gravel and floors can help alleviate this problem, but on windowsills this can be much more challenging. Pebble trays are one option, but any humidity that rises a few inches above the surface dissipates quickly. (A pebble or humidity tray holds wet pebbles on which containers are placed; the increased surface area of all the stones creates extra humidity around the plants.) Grouping your plants can help create a humid microclimate. Frequent misting can be beneficial, but is labor intensive. Placing plants behind a partition or shower curtain can create that humid terrarium effect, but beware of low air circulation under such circumstances. I never cease to be amazed by the ingenious ways people solve these problems for their individual conditions. If you have a novel solution you'd like to share with our readership, please send it to me.

KEEN OBSERVATION

Because temperatures and day lengths have decreased dramatically over the last two months for most of us, it is more important than ever to monitor your watering, fertilizing and other proactive activities in your collection. Some frequently grown orchids, including Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis and most Dendrobiums, need significantly less water now than they did three or four months ago. It's okay for most succulent orchids, particularly those with large pseudobulbs, to dry out more thoroughly at this time of year. Some plants should barely be watered at all. This is especially true for deciduous dormant plants, such as *Catasetums*, nobile- and other deciduous-type Dendrobiums, many terrestrials and seasonally dry forest plants, such as *Prosthechea citrina* and *Prosthechea mariae*, that will rot if watered heavily at this time of year. Aside from books, the best way to know these things is to observe your plants daily, and learn as much about individuals as you can. At that orchid club holiday party, ask those more experienced growers about the plants you're having trouble with or don't know much about. With few exceptions, orchid people tend to be uncommonly nice. Most are happy to help.

Tom Miranda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades, is an AOS accredited judge, recently coauthored *The Book of Orchids: A life-size guide to 600 species from around the world* and begins this month as the director of horticulture, education and outreach at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden (email: biophiliak@gmail.com; www.htbg.com).

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Note: There will only be a Greenhouse Chat in the month of December. Additional webinars will be added after the new year.

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton - Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send you questions to stillisch@cox.net by Sunday, December 10th.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2847045007049760515>

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

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.

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

- Orchids Illustrated - *Gymnadenia*
- For the Novice - Gift Ideas for your Orchid Fanatic
- Genus of the Month - *Telipogon*



Telipogon ariaasii 'Cesar' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Walter H. Wust

Phragmipedium Tall Tails
'Gayle's Ozone' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Larry Vierheilg



- Collector's Item - *Neobathia grandidieriana*: Is Yours Correctly Identified?
- The New Refugium Botanicum - TBD
- OrchidRoots.org
- Photograph of the Week
- *Phragmipedium Tall Tails* 'Gayle's Ozone', AM/AOS - without a greenhouse

YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS

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 (note: 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!

Remember to let your members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources at their disposal making growing orchids even more enjoyable and successful.

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See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid 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. Phragmipedium Tall Tails

Let's grow together,

Denise Lucero



'Gayle's Ozone' AM/AOS;
Photographer: Larry Vierheilig

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