



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

June 2018

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The President's Message



Dear Members,

Another successful MOS meeting year is coming to a close with the election of new Officers and Directors at the June meeting. The nominees are:

- President - Joan Roderick
- Vice President – Laura Sobelman
- Treasurer – John Dunning
- Secretary – Ellie Martin
- Director – John Heinbokel
- Director – Marc Kiriou

Hopefully you have enjoyed the activities of your Society and have picked up many helpful orchid growing tips from your colleagues. Even though we do not have regular monthly meetings during July and August, we will meet on July 15th for our annual Members and Family Picnic. We will party again this year at the home of Ken and Suzanne Gaertner. Watch your e-mail for information and directions to their home.

The year-end/year-beginning Board meeting is scheduled for July 26th at the home of David and Margaret Smith. Committee Chairs remember, this is the meeting where you submit your 2018-2020 budget. Please review your past expenses and consider these in formulating your new budget request. We will vote on the 2018-2020 MOS budget at the July Board meeting.

MOS library books must come home for the summer months. Please check your book shelves for any MOS books that you may have forgotten to return, bring them to the June meeting and give them to our librarian, Norma Lynch.

The 2018 season begins with the September 20th meeting followed by the Members Repotting Workshop on Saturday, September 22nd, 10 AM at David and Margaret Smith's.

This is message number 40 and the last one that I will write as your President. I want to sincerely thank all of you for your support over the last four years. It has truly been my pleasure and privilege to lead this great organization...great because of you, the members. Collectively, we have accomplished many things; some easy, some hard. The following are a few...

- moved to a new monthly meeting place at Woodbrook Church
- upgraded PO Box to larger size with new PO Box Number 50097
- painfully, moved to a smaller Show space at the fairgrounds but with a successful outcome
- updated the Bylaws
- established and presented yearly Leadership and Service Awards and President's Orchid Digest Award
- moved the annual Auction to a new location
- displayed plants and judged at the Maryland State Fair
- organized, weeded out and offered for sale duplicate copies of books from our library
- introduced a 50/50 raffle at our monthly meetings
- offered for sale denim shirts and t-shirts with MOS logo
- established an MOS information table at monthly meetings
- procured a gold table cover and black MOS logo runner for the display/information table
- developed MOS "tri-folds" for use in relaying information about our society to the public

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Again, I emphasize that the above are collective results of members working together for the benefit of the Society. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to offer your generous support to the incoming officers.

My sincere thanks to all,

Sarah

From the Sunshine committee...

Please keep Frank Dagostin and his wife Shirley in your **thoughts** and **prayers** as Frank is battling a serious illness.

Our **condolences** to both Brenda Logan and Aaron Webb on the loss of their Mother's within the past month.

Important news...

Jean Hedrick has done a wonderful job as our Program chairperson. Sadly, she has asked to be relieved of this task for the 2018-2020 term. If you would like to work on this committee, please let the incoming President know. You would be searching for and procuring speakers for several of our monthly meetings.

*MOS
June's Speaker - Allen Black
of
Virginia*



Allen is a hobbyist, novelty orchid grower and breeder from the Richmond, VA area. He was exposed to the pleasures of horticulture at a very young age in central Pennsylvania. Early exposure to houseplants, flower beds, and vegetable gardening was common for Allen in his formative years. He has been growing and breeding orchids for over 25 years.

His main breeding efforts have been directed at Brassavola-Cattleya alliance novelty hybrids.

He has registered over 70 of his orchid hybrids. Allen's presentation will be: Home Orchid Sex - Orchid Breeding 101...from Pollination to Flowering. He will be bringing seedlings of his new hybrids for sale.

Submitted by Jean Hedrick - Program



May's Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

Novice

1. Hwra. Mini Primi 'Harford' - Marc Kiriou
2. Phal. Hybrid - Mary Carol Baranowski
3. Lc. Carla Off 'Linwood' - Amath Gomis

Home Grown

1. Ascf. Cherry Blossom - Arne Schon
2. Tie Onc. Andreae 'Good Cheer' - John Dunning
Phal. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer
Paph. F.C. Puddle 'Superbum' - Bob Travers
3. Phal. Hybrid - Anne Headrick

Greenhouse

1. Pot. Pure Love - Clark Riley
2. Lc. Ann Akagi 'Hihimanu' - Barbara Buck

Cattleya

1. Guar. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Barbara Buck
2. C. Aquí Finn 'Shirley' AM/AOS - Ellie Martin
3. Blc. Mari's Glory 'H&R' - Clark Riley

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Miki Galaxy 'M69' - Laura Sobelman
2. Tie Phal. Bonnie Vasquez - John Dunning
Phal. amabilis (4-N) - The Zickuhrs
3. Tie Phal. Queen Beer - Kathi Jackson
Phal. Sogo Yenlin - Sarah Spence

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Hilo Black Wings - John Dunning
2. Tie Paph. lowii - Clark Riley
Phrag. caudatum 'Regal Bearing' AM/AOS -
Laura Sobelman
3. Tie Paph. delenatii var. dunkel - Marc Kiriou
Paph. Gloria Naugle - Bob Travers

Dendrobium

1. Den. Violet Yamaji 'Puanani' - Marc Kiriou

Oncidium

1. Brs. Spiders Gold 'Caruso' AM/AOS - Marc Kiriou
2. Tie Milt. Lennart Karl Gottling 'Hula Skirt' -
John Dunning
Burr. Sunkissed 'Butter Cup' - Clark Riley
3. Psy. Kalihi 'Green Valley' - Joel Graham

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Gram. (elegans X scriptum) - John Dunning
2. Tie Rhv. Pine Rivers 'Pink' - Fay Citerone
Ascf. Cherry Blossom - Clark Riley
3. Ascda. Hybrid - Brenda Logan

Species

1. Paph. philippinense 'Khairul Bariah' AM/AOS -
Arne Schon
2. Tie L. purpurata var. carnea 'Harford's Parade'
HCC/AOS - Barbara Buck
C. sincorana (4-N) - Michael Moran
3. Tie Mic. stolzii - David Smith
Drac. bella 'Gunpowder Falls' - Eric Wiles

Miniature

1. Mycdm. Mal McCormiek - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Mcm. aurorae - David Smith
Ascf. Cherry Blossom - Phuong Tran & Rich
Kaste
3. Tie Ang. didieri - Charlotte Grahae
Sl. Red Doll - Clark Riley

First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice - John Dunning
2. Slc. Seagull's Apricot X Sc. Beaufort 'Harford's
Elmwood, 4N' AM/AOS - Suzanne Gaertner

Fragrance

1. Phal. japonica - Joel Graham
2. B. nodosa 'Remar' - Deborah Basel

The Judges Choise of the Evening was

Paph. philippinense 'Khaitul-Bdariah' AM/AOS -
Arne Schon

Thank You to our judges
who were, Brenda Logan, Joan
Roderick and Bob Travers.

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

Special THANKS to all that
make our show table such
a great success. It is truly
breathhtaking!



Submitted by Tom McBride -
ShowTable

Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



May's Judges Choice of the Evening Paph. *philippinense* 'Khairul-Bdariah' AM/AOS

About ten years ago, a neighbor of mine was inspired to start culturing orchids after she saw my modest collection. Unbeknownst to her, she

purchased a *Paph philippinense*. At the time, I clearly didn't hide my admiration for her orchid because when she moved away, and her interest in orchid began to wane, she gave me the orchid as gift and for safe keeping.

It bloomed the first time for me in 2014 with a flower stem much more impressive than what I had seen earlier. I searched the Internet and found pictures of *philippinense* with three, four, or at most, five flowers per stem but mine had six beautiful flowers. I really thought it had award potential. I expressed this to my wife, who earlier that year had started to write about my orchids in her own blog, Arne's Orchid Corner (<http://amesorchidcorner.blogspot.com>). She was very optimistic and asked me how I was going to make that happen. I told her about the National Capital Judging Center in D.C. So the plan was in motion but as the day came closer, I had my doubts. My wife Khairul kept saying, "if you don't go, you will never know". Suffice to say, I went and my *philippinense* was awarded with an AM on June 7, 2014.

I repot my plant every year after blooming in medium bark with some addition of clay pellets and coconut husk. I put some large chunks of Styrofoam at the bottom of the pot for good drainage. It receives dilute fertilizer the whole year round. I keep the plant in our unheated basement under lights except for some months during summer when it sits on our front porch where it is protected from rain. My plant has bloomed every year since 2014 but this year it has two flower stems for the first time.

Submitted by Arne Schon

Dr. Clark's Corner



Summer Rain, Orchid Friend

Think of all the times we wisely advise against overwatering orchids. Yet orchids outside for the summer, or in the wild, may get days of rain, not only with no ill effects, but loving it. How is that? Turns out that rainwater is quite different from tap water. It's not the chlorine or "chemicals" in the tap water — water is after all a chemical.

From the time rain forms as condensed water in clouds until it hits our plants after plunging a mile or so through the air, it is constantly saturating with oxygen and carbon dioxide. Even in the most pristine environments, our atmosphere is about 0.03% carbon dioxide. That CO₂ has a natural equilibrium with water making small amounts of carbonic acid:

This mild acid has cleansing and anti-bacterial properties that help our orchids. It is also very low in minerals.



You can collect rainwater, but be careful. The first flush of rain washes the air of our manmade pollutants. When sitting, this first flush water can become quite foul and deadly. If you are collecting, let it rain for a while and only then collect the water. Rainwater keeps its good qualities for quite a while if kept in inert containers like glass or polyethylene.

So dance in the rain, knowing that your orchids are loving it as well.

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley - Show Table

David's Corner



The June Education Corner will be presented by Dr. Wiles (Eric). He will talk about getting plants ready to go outdoors for a summer vacation. How to pick an acceptable location and how to determine which plants are to be placed outside. What kind of care do those plants get while outside?

Submitted by David Smith - Education

Marilyn's Corner



New Members

John Bersch and daughter
Melissa Bersch
Larry Siegel and Shirley Brenton

Welcome back:

Cindy Ward

Submitted by Marilyn Lauffer - Membership

Photograph by
Aaron Spence



American Orchid Society News and Events



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Save the Date!

The 2018 AOS Fall Members Meeting is being held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid Symposium on October 31 - November 3, 2018, in Apopka, Florida.

Visit aosmembersmeeting.com for the latest information.

Orchidist's Word of the Month

mericlone (MAIR-i-klohn):

An individual plant produced through meristem tissue culture propagation and treated as a vegetative division of the clone from which it was produced.



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June Issue of ORCHIDS

June 2018 Issue CoverCopie of the June issue of ORCHIDS are in the mail to current print members, who also can [log in to read it online now.](#) *Habenaria rhodocheila* species complex, *Dendrobium unicum*, and more.



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Recently funded research projects

The AOS motto "Education. Conservation. Research" echoes the organization's dedication to support these three objectives as they relate to orchids. Since its inception in 1951, the Society, by means of its Research Committee has supported research to study a wide range of subjects both in the US and throughout the world.

For this funding cycle, 21 projects were submitted for evaluation. Subject matter ranged from conservation genetics, over phylogenetics, microanatomy, pollination ecology, evolutionary ecology, floral inventories, mycorrhiza, to documenatry movie production. Applicants from Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Russia, UK and the United States submitted proposals.

The following projects were recommended for funding by the research committee headed by Dr. Daniel Geiger, and approved by the Board of Trustees at the 2018 Spring Members Meeting in Santa Barbara, California:

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and other orchid-related products
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Reminder: The 2018 Orchid Source Directory is coming this Fall!

The OSD is a wonderful resource published annually - it makes it easy for you to locate vendors, supplies, and orchid-related products as well as to obtain information on local affiliated societies and judging centers. In order to have the most up-to-date information, we are asking for help from our Affiliated Societies.

Read more about [what we need from our Affiliated Societies](#) for the 2018 OSD or submit an update to your societies' information through the [new update form](#). Changes received by June 15th are guaranteed to be included in time for publication.

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1. Interaction between orchid mycorrhizae and *Lasiodiplodia* sp., fungal pathogen of the endangered, epiphytic orchid *Guarianthe skinneri* (Bateman) Dressler & W. E. Higgins, in southwest Mexico.
2. Plant-microbial interactions in *Teagueia*: a rapidly evolving and understudied lineage of orchids within the Andean biodiversity hotspot.
3. Conservation of North America's native *Vanilla* species: Population genetics, microbiome metabarcoding, and in vitro seed germination.
4. Exploration of a Threatened Andean Orchid Flora - Reserva Los Cedros, Ecuador.

We look forward to updating you on the progress of these worthy projects!

Don't miss these webinars for June

Thursday, June 7, 2018 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT



Tom Harper will show and discuss the explosion of big lipped *Phalaenopsis* and how judges look at them. Are they better than parents? Are they worth awards? *Members only*. [Click here to register](#)

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT



Join Dr. Ron McHatton, Chief Science Officer, for a Q&A session on orchid culture. Open to all.

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THE JUNE 2018 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee
(dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com).

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're asking for your help to ensure our records are current and correct. As we mentioned last month, we're busy working on the annual AOS Orchid Source Directory which includes a list of Affiliated Societies along with general contact information. When anyone is looking for a local society, this is the info they will find. The schedule for distribution is with the September issue of Orchids and the deadline to have society data ready for print is the beginning of July. We need all affiliates to submit their most current contact info using the online "Update AOS Affiliated Societies Information" form <http://affiliatedsocieties.americanorchid-society.org/update/>. If you prefer to print it out, here's the pdf format http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate_201710.pdf. You can fax it to (305-747-7154) or mail it to (American Orchid Society | PO Box 565477 | Miami FL 33256-5477).

Remember that any changes will need to be made by either the Society President or the AOS Rep. We must receive your update before the end of June to assure the most current information about your society is included in the Directory. Please take a few minutes to update your societies information now.

AOS President, Susan Wedegaertner's, message in the June issue of Orchids will remind us that the AOS operates with six paid staff along with an army of generous volunteers to fulfill its' vision, mission, and goals. These are a great group of people and there's always room for more committee members. Please let your society members know that they can participate at the national level for anything from project work to full committee participation. Just send us an e-mail and we'll help you find a committee that can use your talent. If you'd like to join the Affiliated Societies Committee and help us share info with other fellow affiliates, please drop us a line at affiliated_societies@aos.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The American Orchid Society 2018 Fall Members Meeting is being held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid Symposium on October 31 - November 3, 2018, in Apopka, Florida. Please put it in your calendar and let your friends know that all AOS members are welcome to join us. Details aren't up yet but we'll let you know as soon as they are. We hope to see you there.

We hope that you received the new and much requested AOS "Orchid-gram", which will become a regular thing, and include bulletins of events, webinars and activities. Please ask all AOS members to check for it. If they can't find it... it's possible that aos.org has been marked as spam or you may have unknowingly opted out of AOS e-mails. If you would like to opt back-in, you need to send an e-mail requesting that your account be re-added to: TheAOS@AOS.org from the account you would like e-mails to be sent to. Watch for the confirmation e-mail and once it's confirmed/received the address can be re-added to the recipient list.

Make sure to check out the new Digital Archive Search available for Orchids magazine! As an AOS member, with access to past issues, you are now able to search over 2,050 articles by date ranges and keyword. It's so useful to be able to quickly locate info on a specific species or to find that article you read and wanted to go back to when you can't quite remember which issue it was in.

Remember to check out [AOS.org/Kids' Corner/Kids Field Trip](http://AOS.org/Kids%20Corner/Kids%20Field%20Trip) for a description of a successful field trip to

an orchid nursery (for 4 year old!) How have you shared your orchid enthusiasm with young people? Please share your own ideas and experiences with the Education Committee at ssubbings@comcast.net.

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. Our Instagram Administrator, Candace Hollinger, sends her appreciation to you all. It's wonderful to see such a variety of everything orchid that's enjoyed around the globe. Please remind your members that we would love pics of how they grow, what's blooming now or anything they love about orchids. 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.

Remember to check-in on our Facebook Group Page for Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society. Let us know how your show went and what was successful for you or what didn't quite make the mark. We always help each other by sharing. 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.

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/>

SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

We continue to hear about the wonderfully creative and fresh ideas that many Affiliated Societies are using to maintain thriving organizations and support the involvement of their members. We are going to start sharing them here. If your society has developed a program that engages participation and supports its activities please send it to us and we'll pass it on. This innovative reward program comes from the North Jersey Orchid Society.

Promoting Participation by Carrie Buchman

Does it seem like a few members of your orchid society end up doing too much of the work? This is a perennial problem in many volunteer organizations. The North Jersey Orchid Society is trying a novel approach, loosely based on the airline miles reward programs, where volunteer activities earn points and points earn rewards.

This program got started out of conversations around our meeting show table. Traditionally, members voted on the show table entries, and at year-end we awarded cash prizes to the winners. Getting people to vote was problematic. (Voter apathy anyone?) Feedback was "why bother, the same people always win...". These cash prizes were almost always won by the same small group of growers.

So, over the course of several months, the North Jersey Orchid Society Board of Directors worked out a program that would recognize people in the Society for participation in Society activities including show table participation. We are in our second year of this, and it seems to be working!

When we started, we thought we would reward the top 10 or so people, but soon realized that would put us back in to the same boat as before – it would likely be the same people being recognized year after year. So, like the airlines, we designated Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of participation based on the number of points earned.

We specifically set the threshold for the Bronze level so that someone who brought a plant into the show table at least 6 times during the year, would earn the Bronze level. Points are also earned by participating in our annual show, "away" shows, hosting speakers, and more. We have continued to refine the list as needed; and our approach is always to award more points; for example, we found that there was a lot of work going into washing the black cloth and pot covers we use in our exhibit after our show, so now we recognize that activity. If you bring a friend or family member to help, you earn more points, have lots of fun, and the society often gets a new member out of it.

Some thinking went into how to encourage less experienced growers to contribute plants to our exhibits. Note that every ribbon earned is 1 point and no one can earn more than 10 points for plants and 10 points for ribbons. Our motto is “participation over perfection.” That said, we did want to recognize ribbon awards, so we made a first-place ribbon the same value as a third-place ribbon.

The levels are defined as Bronze (6-19 points), Silver (20-34 points) and Gold (35 or more points). The downside is that someone has to track this. We use a simple spreadsheet.

At the first-of-the year meeting, which for us is in July, each winner’s name is announced and they are presented with a handwritten thank you note and their coupons. We take pictures of each group of winners for publication in our Newsletter. Bronze level winners receive a \$5 coupon, Silver is \$10 and Gold is \$20. Coupons may be used at our semi-annual auctions or monthly raffles, are not transferable, and expire in 1 year. The \$5 and \$10 coupons are different sizes and printed on different colored paper to eliminate mix up when they are turned in which is especially helpful during the chaos of post-auction check-out.

Here is an example of our \$5 coupon.



Last year we had 3 Gold winners, 7 Silver winners and 25 Bronze winners. This year we’re on track to have 8 Gold, 12 Silver and 20 Bronze winners; that’s more than 40% of our membership! I can only hope that, in time, this program is so successful that it costs us MORE than the grower of the year awards! Wouldn’t that be a wonderful problem to have?

Carrie Buchman is the President of the North Jersey Orchid Society and a student judge in the Northeast Judging Center. She has been growing orchids since the 1980s, and grows largely cool to intermediate South American miniatures.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

It’s easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You’ll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled after the production of the monthly Corner.

Big Lip Phalaenopsis, A Judging Webinar with Tom Harper

Thursday, June 7th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Members Only*

Many of you know Tom Harper from Stones River Orchids as a longtime supporter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, as one of the founding members of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA), and as a world-renowned speaker. Tom will show and discuss the explosion of big lipped Phalaenopsis and how judges look at them. Are they better than parents? Are they worth awards? Make sure to join us.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7425241003836130563>

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Open to all*

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 your questions and pictures to stillisch@cox.net by Friday, June 1st.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2354042690179247617>

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

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

- Genus of the Month - Cuitlauzina
- For the Novice - Orchids Outside the Pot
- The Cypripediums of the United States and Canada, Part 2 - acaule, passerinum and reginae
- Winner of the 2017 Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest
- Who Were These Guys? Part 5 - John Lindley
- The Habenaria rhodocheila complex



Habenaria rhodocheila (Xanthina) 'Bryon's Yellow One' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Bryon Rinke

YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:

Upcoming shows are a good time to 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 in the completed application.

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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16-page award gallery of breath taking pictures of recently awarded orchids.



RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:

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Cymbidium Dots Downunder 'New Horizon' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

Let's grow together,
Denise Lucero

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