



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

September 2018

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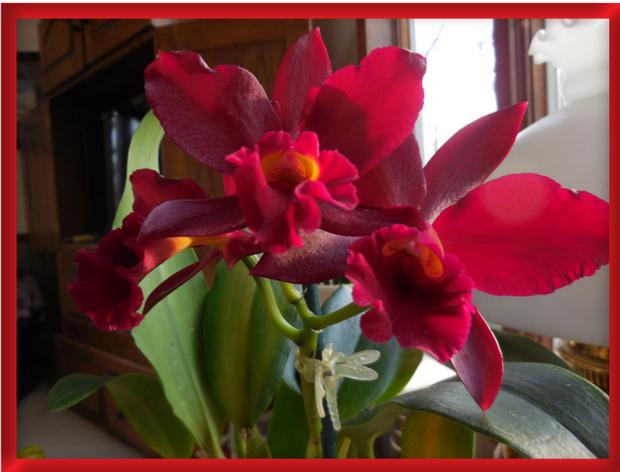
## The President's Message

## Tom's Night

### Greetings...

Welcome back to all our members and friends. I hope your summer was fantastic and safe. We have a great year of activities coming up. So lets get going!

*Joan*



As is our custom, we kick off the 2018-2019 meeting schedule with a review and rewards for our members's contributions to the various show opportunities during the previous year. Contributions to the MD State Fair, our own Spring Show, a number of away shows to which we contribute, and our show table at each of the monthly meetings all winter into the calculations.

Tom McBride will serve as the master of ceremonies with orchid rewards for quantities of contributions and cash rewards for quality.

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# June's Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - Monica Sparber
2. Paph. chamberlainmum - Marc Kiriou
3. Milt. Hybrid - Barbara Brocato

## Home Grown

1. Paph. F.C. Puddle 'Superbum' - Bob Travers
2. Tie Gram. scriptum 'Brogo Tiger' - JohnDunning  
Phal. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer
3. Tie Phal. Surf Song - Deborah Basel  
Hab. Erich's Pink Thing - Sarah Hurdel, Gary  
Smith & Owen Humphrey  
Bro. sanguinea - Arne Schon

## Greenhouse

1. Eplc. Charlie Brown 'Hawaii' - Clark Riley

## Cattleya

1. Enc. (Guadalupe x tampensis) - Bob Johnston
2. Tie Bc. Hippodamia - Joel Graham  
Lc. Exotic Smile 'Spring Sensation' - David Smith
3. Iwan. Apple Blossom - Wanda Kuhn

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Fuller's Sunset - Deborah Basel
2. Phal. Queen Beer 'Mantefon' - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Phal. violacea - Kathi Jackson  
Phal. Taida Liu's Berry - Ellie Martin  
Phal. cornu-cervi 'Linda' HCC/AOS -  
Michael Moran

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Isabel Booth 'Sandy #1' - John Dunning
2. Tie Paph. Deperle 'Sweetheart' HCC/AOS -  
Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith & Owen  
Humphrey  
Paph. Julius - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Paph. Jim Asher - Joel Graham  
Paph. curtisii - David Smith

## Dendrobium

1. Den. Genting Royal - Chris Zajac
2. Den. sanderae var. luzicum - Barbara Buck
3. Den. (aphanochilum x cuthbertsonii) - Bob  
Johnston

## Oncidium

1. Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence' - Joel Graham
2. Onc. Midnight Miracle - The Zickuhrs
3. Alkra. Pacific Nova 'Hilo Stars' - Janice Mazur

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Hab. Tracey - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith & Owen  
Humphrey

2. Tie Gram. (elegans x scriptum) - John Dunning  
Ascf. Cherry Blossom - Joel Graham
3. Zygo. Jumpin Jack 'Kalapana' HCC/AOS -  
Bob Travers

## Species

1. Enc. mariae - Arne Schon
2. Tie Sob. callosa - Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith &  
Owen Humphrey  
L. tenebrosa - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Bulb. setaceum - Bob Johnston  
C. praestans - David Smith

## Miniature

1. Phy. tillandsioides - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Bulb. pecten- veneris - Bob Johnston  
V. falcata - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Bulb. treschii - Marc Kiriou

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. [Johanna Burkhardt X (Paul Parks X san  
derianum)] - John Dunning
2. Phrag. (Peruflora's Spirit X kovachii) - Joel Graham

## Fragrance

1. Max. tenuifolia - Bob Johnston
2. Milt. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer

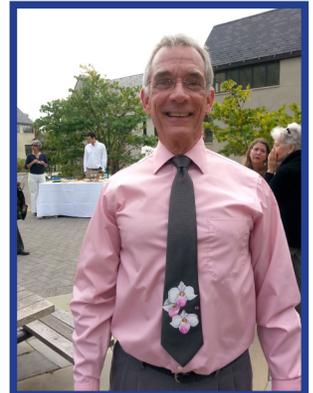
## The Judges Choice of the Evening was

Enc. mariae, exhibited by  
Arne Schon

Thank You to our judges  
who were, Joel Graham, Rich  
Kaste and Michael Moran.

Our show table had an  
incredible display of 111  
beautiful flowering plants.

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



Submitted by Tom McBride - Show Table

# June's Show Table

## "Judges Choice of the Evening"



**Encyclia mariae**

I wanted to grow *Encyclia mariae* from the very day I first saw pictures of the flowers back in Sweden more than forty years ago. The flowers were so unique having the gigantic white lip and the contrasting apple green color of the other flower segments.

However, the pictures came with a note which pointed out that this species was difficult to grow and nothing for beginners.

Because of that, it never occurred to me to buy this particular orchid. Decades later when I walked into a local gardening center in Timonium in 2011 (my wife Khirul's blog helps me to keep track of the dates) I saw an *Encyclia mariae* mounted on a piece of cedar wood with four flowers on two flower stems. But I still remembered the discouraging 'warning' note that this orchid was not for the naive grower.

So I left the shop without the plant convinced that I should not contribute to the killing of more plants of *Encyclia mariae*. For two weeks, I couldn't stop thinking of the little plant and I decided return to the shop to check if it was still there, it was! By now it had lost its flowers and was relegated to a corner of the shop with the price reduced to \$5. I was convinced that no one would buy the plant at this point so I could at least give it a try so I bought it.

Funny, after all the hesitation I knew exactly what to do with it as a result of reading about this species for years. I mounted the plant on a new piece of cork bark and gave it a place under lights in our basement.

Because it was actively growing I gave it water every day. I stopped the frequent watering when the growth seemed to come to a stop in November and I put it in a bright but rather cool window close to the glass. While the plant was resting I gave it water only once every two or three weeks until I could see the flower stems emerging from the top of the newest pseudobulb.

Then I increased the watering frequency gradually over a couple of weeks and by the time the flower stems had reached about two inches I watered it with dilute fertiliser every day.

From this point on I moved it back to our basement when I knew the temperature would reach not more than 80 F during the day. That was how I grew the plant then and I have never changed the culture regiment since. This orchid can probably tolerate higher temperatures than 80 F during summer but I prefer to keep it at the cooler side.

Regarding the name, *Encyclia mariae* is now *Prosthechea mariae* and the second part of the name *mariae*, is after Marie Ostlund, the wife of the Swedish engineer Karl M. Oslund who discovered the species in Mexico in the early 1900.

Submitted by Erne Schon -Member



# *The Maryland Orchid Society Calendar*

## *2018/2019*

**September 20, 2018** - Monthly Meeting  
**September 22, 2018** - MOS Members Potting  
Clinic

**October 4, 2018** - NCOS Show-Set up  
**October 18, 2018** - Monthly Meeting  
**October 25, 2018** - Board Meeting

**November 10, 2018** - Annual Auction  
**November 15, 2018** - Monthly Meeting

**December 20, 2018** - Monthly Meeting/  
Holiday Party

**January 11,12,13, 2019** - Rawlings  
Conservatory Show

**January 17, 2019** - Monthly Meeting  
**January 24, 2019** - Board Meeting

**February 1, 2019** - SOS Show Set up  
**February 21, 2019** - Monthly Meeting

**March 5-10, 2019** - Annual Spring Show and  
Sale

March 5 - Set-up staging

March 6 - Set-up exhibits

March 7 - AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM

March 8, 9,10 - Show opens to public

**March 21, 2019** - Monthly Meeting

**April 4, 2019** - SEPOS Show Set up

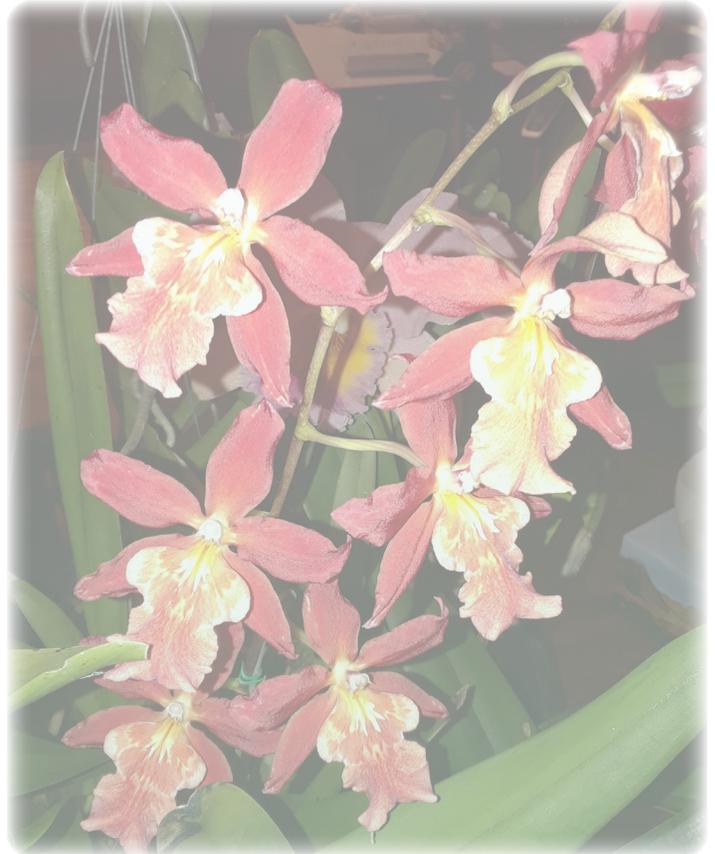
**April 13, 2019** - Spring Workshop

**April 18, 2019** - Monthly Meeting

**April 25, 2019** - Board Meeting

**May 16, 2019** - Monthly Meeting

**June 20, 2019** - Monthly Meeting



Submitted by Joan Roderick - President

# Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

## David's Corner



For the September Education Corner, I'm going to consider a topic that needs to be refreshed every year: selection, grooming, staking, and labeling show table plants.

The show table is possibly the most important aspect of our meetings, after the main program. Without going into detail, however, there are times when it **is** the most important. Every member from their first novice exhibit to the most experienced, feels good after a plant receives a ribbon, especially a blue ribbon.

In this Education Corner, I want to help all members strive towards blue ribbons. How?

1. Start by exhibiting your very best plant or plants, which must have been owned by you for a minimum of six months.
2. **To be continued in the corner!**

Submitted by David Smith - Education Corner

## Sarah's Corner

### New members:

Bernard (Ben) and Beverly Nees  
Mary Carol Baronowski  
Larry Siegel and Shirley Brenton  
Pamela Forrest

### Membership Renewal

By now you should have received your 2018-2019 Membership Renewal Form. Membership must be renewed by the October meeting if you are placing plants on the October show table and if you want your name in the 2018-19 membership roster. Sarah Spence, our new Membership Chair, will be accepting renewals at the September 20th meeting.

Submitted by Sarah Spence - Membership



## Dr. Clark's Corner



## How To Water, and Why

Proper watering, including water quality and technique, are probably **THE** most important part of orchid growing for most of us. More orchids are killed by over-watering than all other problems combined. So here are 5 tips:

1. Unless they are bog orchids, **DO NOT LET POTS SIT IN WATER!** The roots will rot and the plant will die. If you have them in trays or saucers, use a layer of coarse pebbles to lift the pot above water.
2. Flush water when you do. If you have a few plants, take them to the sink. Have the water running at a pleasant-to-the-hand temperature and water until the water runs out freely. Then set aside to drain completely before returning to the growing area.
3. Double-water when you fertilize. The first watering flushes out accumulated salts and saturates the media with clean water. The second watering, with fertilizer, coats only the outside with nutrient that the plants can use.
4. Water the whole plant — roots, stems, and leaves. This gets dust, bugs, and spores off the plants.
5. Water more in summer, less in winter. Most of the orchids we grow are succulent plants and don't need to be wet.

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley - Show Table

# The Member's Spotlights

## SEND US YOUR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS PLEASE

We are trying something new. We would like the members to send in articles and or photos pertaining to orchids and the members that grow them.

Just jot down a paragraph or two about your favorite orchid and how you grew it, or maybe you read a small article you thought the members would enjoy reading.

Articles for each newsletter are due by the 6th of each month.

Each article and photo must have a title and include your name.

If the article is from another source and written by persons other than yourself please name the source and the authors name. Here's where you send them [barbarabuck2015@comcast.net](mailto:barbarabuck2015@comcast.net). THANK YOU!



## Monica's Miniatures

This is the first new bloom for me on my cattleya. Blc. Hsinying Little Bride '#1'.

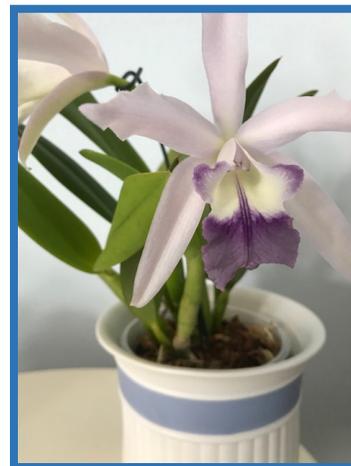
I just wanted to show off my first new bloom for me on my cattleya. I'm thrilled that I could grow it!



I have found a new purpose for my mother's antique tea cup... a place to grow for a miniature orchid, "Haraella retrocalla."



Submitted by  
Monica Sparber - MOS Member



Who said I'm spoiled?

Tom & Gary's cat "'Coty'" of  
The Little Greenhouse

## Leadership and Service Awards

Annual MOS Service and Leadership Award Nomination forms will be given out at the September 20th meeting. Nominees are selected by members, to honor members who have given of their time and energy, in service or leadership to the Maryland Orchid Society. Ballots will be collected at the October 18th meeting. The MOS Board will tally the nominees at the October 25th Board meeting and recipients for the service award and leadership award will be determined. Awards will be presented at the December 20th meeting. Please... get to know your fellow members and consider your nominees for these awards.

The following, previous award winners are ineligible for nomination...

Leadership Award Recipients – Tom McBride, Lee Lundy, Clark Riley, David Smith

Service Award Recipients – Barbara Buck, Gary Smith, Deborah Dade, Ernie Drohan

# Picnic Time



Our THANKS to Suzanne and Ken Gaertner for the wonderful picnic at their home. The fun and the food were terrific. There were a lot of members conversing, laughing, and just having a great time.



# OUR Maryland Orchid Society Exhibition at the Timonium State Fair



Submitted by Sarah Spence - activities



## FUN AT THE FAIR

Working our MOS table at the Timonium Fairgrounds was not all business! Diane, Laura and Brenda can attest to that. By the way I only count two in this photo.

Submitted by Laura Sobelman - Newsletter

# And the Winners are...

**Thank you** to the following participants in the 2018 Maryland State Fair exhibit... Aaron Webb, Bob and Susan Travers, Bob Johnston, Clark Riley, Kathi Jackson, David Smith, Eric Wiles, Fay Citerone, Mai Conaway, Marie and Norm Zickuhr, Sarah Spence; also Laura Sobelman, Deborah Basel, Diane Elam and Brenda Logan for “mentoring” the publics’ questions the first Saturday of the Fair.

## Winning standings are as follows...

Orchid Novice, any variety –

1<sup>st</sup> place – Fay Citerone

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Fay Citerone

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Patty Ruppert (non-member)

Orchid Novice, Phalaenopsis –

1<sup>st</sup> place – Fay Citerone

Orchid Experienced, any variety –

1<sup>st</sup> place – Eric Wiles

2<sup>nd</sup> place – David Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bob Johnston

Orchid Experienced, Phalaenopsis –

1<sup>st</sup> place – Aaron Webb

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mai Conaway

Orchid Experienced, Cattleya –

1<sup>st</sup> place – Eric Wiles

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Bob Travers

3<sup>rd</sup> place – David Smith

Orchid Experienced, Lady Slipper –

1<sup>st</sup> place – David Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Clark Riley

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bob Travers

Winner of the MOS sponsored Best in Show, Novice, receiving a big, blue, rosette ribbon and a one-year membership in MOS, is Fay Citerone.

Winner of the MOS sponsored Best in Show, Experienced, receiving a big, blue, rosette ribbon, is Eric Wiles.

This is the third year MOS has participated in the Maryland State Fair and our exhibit and number of participants, has grown. Next year promises to be bigger and better with the addition of more orchid groups.

Submitted by Sarah Spence

*National Capital Orchid Society News  
and Surrounding Events*

**12th**

**Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium**

Presented by an alliance of his orchid friends in Virginia

**November 2 & 3, 2018**

**The Founders Inn and Spa**

**5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA**

**757-366-5700**

**Symposium:** Friday, November 2, 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

6:00 PM - Buffet Dinner (included in registration), Cash Bar and Plant Sales

7:15 - Introduction - Rob Griesbach

7:30 - Linda Thorne – Merritt Huntington, Forever in Our Hearts

8:30 - Panel Discussion

**Symposium:** Saturday, November 3, 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM

8:45 - Introduction - Rob Griesbach

9:00 - Mark Reinke - "Decoding Dendrobium: the Surprising Orchids You Thought You Knew!"

**Plants to be entered for AOS Judging by 10:00 AM**

10:30 - Sam Tsui - "Multifloral Paphiopedilum and their Culture"

12:00 - 1: PM Buffet Lunch (included in registration) and plant sales.

1:30 - David Off – “You Bred What?”

2:15 - Linda Wilhelm – The Real Miltonias

3:15 - Judging Awards Presentation

**VENDORS:**

Waldor Orchids - [www.waldor.com](http://www.waldor.com)

Orchid Inn - [www.orchidinnusa.com](http://www.orchidinnusa.com)

Marble Branch Farms - [www.marblebranchfarms.com](http://www.marblebranchfarms.com)

Seagrove Orchids - [www.seagroveorchids.com](http://www.seagroveorchids.com)

Woodland Orchids - [www.woodlandorchids.com](http://www.woodlandorchids.com)

Orchid Classics - <https://www.facebook.com/orchidclassics/>

# REGISTRATION FORM

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Only (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Combination(\$75) \_\_\_\_\_  
Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Huntington Memorial Symposium  
Return to: Joanne Bryan  
932 Darby Rd.  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23464*

\*For additional information and Online registration go to: [www.mhsymposium.org](http://www.mhsymposium.org)  
The Founders Inn and Spa rate for Huntington Symposium: \$99 Plus Tax

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Laughing Bumble Bee Orchid  
(*Ophrys bomyblifora*)



# Let's Grow Together!



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## THE SEPTEMBER 2018 AOS CORNER

From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee  
([Affiliated\\_Societies@AOS.org](mailto:Affiliated_Societies@AOS.org)).

**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 excited, it's just about time... The AOS Fall 2018 Members' Meeting, is being held in conjunction with the 19th International Slipper Orchid Symposium and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance Members' Meeting on October 31 - November 3, 2018, in Apopka, Florida. If you love Paphs, this is a meeting you won't want to miss. There will be an AOS judging of individual plants (bench judging) as part of this event and a private BBQ at Krull-Smith Nursery on Saturday night. Space is limited, so get your registration completed ASAP. If you would like to participate in judging, you'll find a separate registration tab that you also need to complete to be included. We look forward to seeing you.

Online registration is at: <https://aosmembersmeeting.com/>

One of the main goals of the Affiliated Societies Committee is to develop and share resources to help local societies thrive as a benefit of their AOS affiliated membership. Besides the benefit of seeing old friends and making new friends with those who share our passion for all things orchid, annual Spring and Fall AOS Members' Meetings bring us together to share our progress and develop new goals as an organization. It's important that the AOS hears from you. Thanks to the feedback we've received from Affiliates, we have a new document online that re-defines the Roles and Responsibilities of the AOS and Affiliated Societies when co-hosting an AOS Judged Orchid Show with an AOS Meeting. As Deb Bodei, Affiliated Societies Chair, noted in her recent "Update from the Chair" email, this document dispels the rumors and clarifies responsibilities. We are currently looking for host societies for Spring 2019, Fall 2019, and Spring 2020 Members' Meetings. Please share this document with your Board Members and consider having your society host a Members' Meeting. Also, remember that if there are several societies in your area they can join together to co-host the event. The Affiliated Societies Committee is here to answer your questions and to support you.

Check out the new document: <http://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/Hosting-an-AOS-Meeting.aspx> and drop us an email at [affiliated\\_societies\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies_committee@aos.org) with any questions you might have.

### BREAKING NEWS!

AOS President Susan Wedegaertner's message in the September issue of ORCHIDS. This month she tells us about the Membership Committee. As chair of the Membership Committee, Graham Ramsey is bringing his enthusiasm and passion for orchids to the national level. Serving to maintain focus on member retention and new member recruitment, the committee is working hard to improve the experience of our members. If you have ideas that will help us grow or the desire to be an advocate for your fellow AOS members, drop Graham an email at [membership\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:membership_committee@aos.org).

It's now the time of year most societies are organizing end of year meetings. It's the season we take stock and express our gratitude and appreciation for those who have made valued contributions to our organizations. Remember that the AOS will annually provide two beautiful, frameable Certificates of Appreciation to each society. Just drop an email to [TheAOS@AOS.org](mailto:TheAOS@AOS.org), with the request for certificates and the recipients' names.

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Many of us are in show planning process again. Just a reminder that all shows can be added to the AOS calendar on a space available basis, with Affiliated Society's events having priority. Send all calendar requests, with your show details, to [TheAOS@AOS.org](mailto:TheAOS@AOS.org).

You have got to see the [Kids' Corner](#) for ideas you can use at your show like Sorting Boxes, for an organizing and matching activity using photos of orchids. It's a fun and easy game. See other articles for instructions on how to create other activities we've tested out. Please share your own ideas and experiences with the Education Committee at [sstubbings@comcast.net](mailto:sstubbings@comcast.net).

Thanks for all the pics that you are sending in for the Instagram feed. The feed just gets better and better. Personally, I'm loving all the AOS award pics! We have some amazing growers out there! 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](mailto: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. We've recently updated the posting rules for the page, so take a look at the "Announcements" at the top of the feed. We always help each other by sharing so we've expanded and now allow Show Posters to be shared. Let us know how your show went and what was successful for you or what didn't quite make the mark. 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/>

## **CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT**

Authored by Thomas Mirenda ~ Originally published in ORCHIDS August 2007

### **September: The Month of Unicorns - Orchids Often Cast a Spell for a Lifetime**

While I don't exactly know precisely when I became addicted to orchids, I do know it has been a really long time: decades certainly. You would think after all the thousands of hours spent repotting, fertilizing and watering, not to mention all the hiking boots and sweat socks ruined slogging down muddy rainforest trails and bogs in search of them, that orchids would have lost some of their magic by now. Certainly some enthusiasts burn out, or get bored or overwhelmed, either by orchids themselves or by life's vicissitudes, and give up. Even so, once bitten by orchids, most of us end up with a life-long fascination and love affair with them. Even larger than the orchidists' hobby, is that of birders. Astonishing numbers of people go out on treks to see birds all over the world and keep extensive life lists, "collections" of sightings, if you will, to the point of obsession. I have often wondered why this is. Even though there are fewer orchidists than birders, some of the same reasoning applies to us. There is the joy of collecting, the beauty and colors of our respective subjects, the excitement of exploration and discovery, the science and mystery of their forms and habits, and the camaraderie of like-minded individuals as well as that bit of friendly competition involved in growing and showing them.

There is one more factor that may make you laugh, but I think is part of the fun and appeal of orchids: the "unicorn effect." Birders talk about this as well. Seeing an orchid for the first time in the wild, or blooming a newly acquired orchid that you have only seen in a book, is a bit similar to seeing a celebrity on the street. Sure, you have seen Brangelina's films and read about their lifestyles and habits, but an actual sighting can be exhilarating. So, it is for me every time a new orchid blooms in my presence. It is as if some mythological creature I recognize from a story book or movie has suddenly appeared on a remote trail or in my greenhouse or on my windowsill and allowed me to hold it and admire it up close and personal. Orchids are definitely the celebrities of the plant world — they bring a little of their magic into our world every day. Their presence in my life thrills me.

## **SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS**

A long hot summer has finally ended, and cooler temperatures are starting to prevail. Whether your orchids summered outside or in, the return of cool nights triggers many orchids to initiate flower spikes. The summer heat, particularly hot nights, can be stressful for many intermediate-growing species and hybrids. Often

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plants that may have stopped growing in July and August will now resume as temperatures begin to replicate those of their montane habitats. Look at plants carefully now for new tender emerging spikes and renewed root growth.

### **THE CONCESSION STAND**

No, do not give your orchids hot buttered popcorn and gigantic \$5 sodas. But they do want nutrients this month, so do not forget to fertilize them just because it has gotten cooler. If you have young plants that are not old enough to bloom, you can still fertilize with a higher nitrogen formula and let them continue to grow vegetatively. However, if your plants are blooming size, you may want to get away from high nitrogen formulas at this time or you could inhibit blooming on cymbidiums, dendrobiums and phalaenopsis, which should be forming spikes soon as the long nights increase, and the nighttime temperatures drop.

### **GOTTA WEAR SHADES**

Unlike mega celebrities who need their sunglasses, so they will not be easily recognized, orchids continue to need shade as protection from the hot and sunny days that are still likely to occur this month. Do not be lulled into thinking that direct sun will not harm your plants. Even though the effects of high light are lessened when temperatures are cooler, there is still potential for plants to burn. Careful attention must be paid during this transition period. Weather becomes less stable and predictable. It is even possible that some cold or violent weather can appear. So, it is always best to be prepared for this eventuality.

### **BACK IN THE MANSION**

Orchids have been summering outside and now is the time to begin prepping the indoor growing area for their return. Whether it is a greenhouse, a windowsill, a lightroom or a terrarium, a little preplanning cleaning, sterilizing and organizing will allow for carefree transitions of the plants as the cold season approaches. It is also advisable to check out the plants for hitchhikers, such as weeds, insects and parasites. You want a “star pad” for your orchids, not for oxalis or mealybugs. Take some time to individually go through those plants outside and find and treat any critters that may be thinking they are part of the entourage. Expel them now before they move in and take over.

### **PAPARAZZI**

With the blooming season about to resume, you should make sure cameras are ready for what will likely be an excellent set of blooms on your collection, for your newer plants, the approaching blooms are anticipated as much as long-awaited film premiers and their red-carpet moments. This is also a chance to document your successes and failures. Keep a notebook of your orchids each year. It is fun to see how they progress, especially if you have raised them from baby plants into spectacular or hulking specimens. It is almost like following your favorite stars from early independent films to wildly successful Hollywood blockbusters. Yes, you knew them “when.” But you have the added joy of knowing you helped them get where they are today.



Sometimes there is magic at the opening of a new flower, as if suddenly a legendary creature has appeared in our presence and allowed us access to its glories and mysteries. Such was certainly the case when *Lycaste Wyld Unicorn* ‘Unicorn Rose’ HCC/AOS bloomed for the first time.

Photographer: Unknown.

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### **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.

#### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton**

**Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST**      *Open to all*

Please join Dr. 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 [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by Sunday, September 2nd.

**Register now using this link:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/#register/1589882111136018690>

#### **Judging Webinar:**

Judging the Oncidinae with Ron Midgett Tuesday, September 18th, 2018@ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Members Only

Join noted speaker and orchid breeder, Ron Midgett as he discusses the history and judging trends for this complex group, the Oncidinae, that have had so many names.

Register now using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8888461185065916675>

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Oncidium Pink Panther 'Elizabeth Grace'  
AM/AOS;

Photographer: Charlie Riner

### **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.

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

- Genus of the Month - Chinese Cypripediums: Part 2
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Cattleya Big Dipper 'Mizar' HCC/AOS;  
Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

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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 non- members.



Sobralia decora 'Jaxon' AM/AOS;  
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Let's grow together,  
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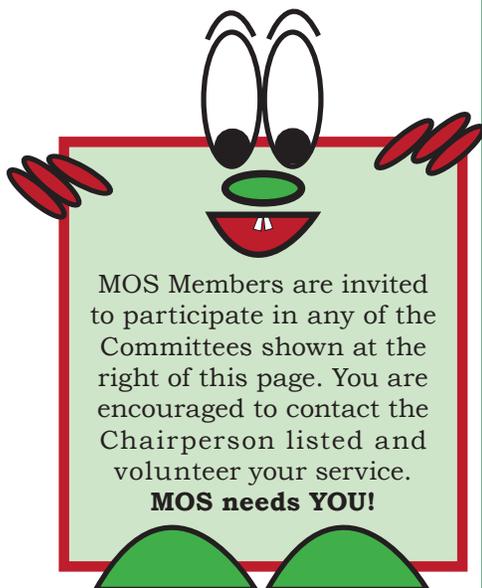
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