



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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The Vice President's Message



JUST TWO WORDS

Just two words. (Well maybe an acronym, a word, and a few more words.) MOS Show.

Please: Sponsor. Contribute. Volunteer. Lend. Donate. Participate. Help. Buy. Educate. Clerk. Box. Water. Proselytize. You will find helping rewards you a thousand-fold, and you will learn from the best!

Here is the schedule of events for the show:

- March 5: Racking and table set up. Please help.
- March 6: Vendor set up and exhibit installation. Please help.
- March 7: Judging. We need clerks and other helpers.
- March 8-10 Show is open to the public. Please help.
- March 10: Tear down. Help.

For more information contact Joan Roderick; Sarah Spence; Aaron Webb; Gary Smith; Sarah Hurdel; Valerie Lowe; Laura Sobelman; Clark Riley or almost any other MOS member.

That's all she wrote. Grow long and prosper, and may the orchids be with you.

Laura

February's Speaker

Dennis Whigham, PhD

Senior Botanist,
Smithsonian Environmental Research,
Founding Director
of the
North America Orchid Conservation Center



The ecology of plants has been Dennis Whigham's primary interest and his research has resulted in journeys through forest, fields and wetlands around the world. Explorations have led to studies of woodland herbs including orchids, vines, wetland species, and invasive species, and to studies of forests in tropical, and boreal zones. In recent years, studies of interactions between orchids and fungi have moved in new and exciting directions. His current research projects focus on the role of wetlands associated with juvenile salmon habitat in Alaskan headwater streams; the rarest terrestrial orchid in eastern North America; and an invasive wetland species that is rapidly expanding across the country. His current passion is to establish the North America Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC), an initiative of the Smithsonian and the United States Botanic Garden. NAOCC's mission is to secure the genetic diversity of native orchids for future generations. The NAOCC model for orchid conservation is based on public/private collaborations and there are currently more than fifty collaborating organization distributed across the continent from Florida to Alaska.

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*January's 2019 Show Table
Winners by Tom McBride is
not be available
due to meeting cancellation*

Submitted by
Tom McBride - Show Table



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February Speaker

Dennis obtained an undergraduate degree from Wabash College, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He joined the Smithsonian in 1977. He and his collaborators have published more than 250 articles in journals and books and he has co-edited 10 books.

**Native Orchids: Ecology and conservation
(February 2019)**

The presentation will begin with an overview of the importance of considering orchid conservation at the international and national levels. This will be followed by a discussion of orchid ecology to introduce the complexities that of orchid life cycles several which are poorly understood. He will present results from Smithsonian research projects to reinforce the finding that orchid conservation must include efforts to conserve the orchid and the fungi that they require. The last third of the presentation will focus on the orchid conservation effort that the Smithsonian has initiated to conserve all native orchids in the U. S. and Canada. Educational efforts related to the conservation program will also be presented.

Dennis will not bring plants for sale, but may be able to bring some of the orchid-gami materials developed by the NAOCC (gov't operations permitting)

**Coming Attraction
(March 2019)**

Mark Werther, Sentinel Orchids, will speak at MOS' March meeting on the topic of Collection Management. More details on Mark and his talk will be provided in the March Newsletter. Mark has agreed to accept pre-orders of Sentinel plants for sale and bring them with him when he speaks. He has just completed a new Price List. [A link to the price list is included on the MOS website.](#) Please note that the MOS is getting an advanced look at this update; he will start wider distribution of it to his customers by February 16th. [Until that wider distribution of the Price List on the 16th, MOS members will receive an **exclusive 20% discount** on the published prices.](#) For orders placed after Feb. 16th MOS members will be charged the standard price. Many of Sentinel's plants are very limited in number, another reason members should consider early to avoid disappointment. There may also be smaller divisions, or similar plants available that are not included on the new Price List, so ordering by phone to facilitate such conversations

is advised. Pre-payment (checks only) is possible, as is payment (cash or check) at the time of delivery at our meeting. He will also have many plants not listed in this Price List (especially a wide variety of Tolumnias) with him for sale at the meeting in March. Again, **DON'T DAWDLE** if any of these plants are of interest.

Submitted by John Heinbokel - Program

The Member's Spotlight

**Please note... change in submission
dates for the MOS Newsletter.**

All articles for the monthly Newsletter must be submitted to Barbara Buck (barbarabuck2015@comcast.net) by the **first Sunday of each month** as follows...

For March Newsletter **by March 3**

For April Newsletter **by April 7**

For May Newsletter **by May 5**

For June Newsletter **by June 2**

Submitted by The Board

Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

David's Corner



February's Ed Corner

I am going to do the Feb Ed Corner about setting up a show exhibit. The emphasis will be on small exhibits

especially for new or nearly new exhibitors. The talk will trace a setup from first thought to finalizing, and every step along the way. There will be a handout and a few PowerPoint slides with as much discussion as time allows.

Submitted by David Smith -
Education Corner

Dr. Clark's Corner



When you want a little more ...

It's a really good idea to visit other great venues to hobnob with your fellow wizards.

Here is a tiny selection of some U.S. shows and events from near to far that will help you to grow and develop your growing skills:

The Pacific Orchid Expo

San Francisco, February 21-24, 2019. Exhibits and vendors from around the world including Asia. See (and buy) things you didn't even know existed:

<http://pacorchidexpo.org>

Redlands International Orchid Festival,

Homestead, Florida, May 17-19, 2019. Exhibits and vendors from around the world including South America:

<https://www.redlandorchidfest.org>

Long Island Orchid Festival

Oyster Bay, New York, May 31 - June 2, 2019. World class orchid lectures and vendors:

http://www.longislandorchidsociety.org/orchid_festival.html

See you there?

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley - Show Table

Sarah's Corner

New Members

Paul and Mary Mintz

Submitted by Sarah Spence -
Membership





MOS Day at the Rawlings Conservatory

Many thanks to all members who donated plants for the Rawlings Conservatory display and all Members who participated in setting up and hosting the MOS event. It was a great success!

Submitted by Sarah Spence - Conservatory Show



The Maryland Orchid Society Calendar 2019

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



Bob Travers' *Catasetum*
Orchidglade "York"
HCC/AOS

Submitted by Barbara Buck
- Newsletter

Submitted by Joan Roderick - President



Photo by Aaron Spence

What's Up at the Smithsonian Gardens?

ORCHIDS: *Amazing Adaptations*

February 2 - April 28, 2019



Donald W. Reynolds Center for
American Art and Portraiture
Robert and Arlene Kogut Courtyard
8th and F Streets, NW

**Spend the
day with
us. Come
see the
Beauties.**

Smithsonian Gardens Habitat

Orchid Exhibition: Orchids: Amazing Adaptations

February 2 - April 28, 2019

in the

Kogod Courtyard Orchids

Amazing Adaptations Escape the winter cold and step into a floral oasis in the Kogod Courtyard with Orchids: Amazing Adaptations. A joint collaboration with Smithsonian Gardens, United States Botanic Garden, SAAM, and National Portrait Gallery, this installation fills the courtyard with hundreds of orchids of stunning variety. The installation showcases how orchids have adapted to their many different environments, and can be found on every single continent except Antarctica.

Orchids: Amazing Adaptations is part of Habitat, a Smithsonian Gardens-wide exhibition exploring the importance of habitats and how we can help protect them. Habitat is the first in a series of changing exhibitions connecting all of Smithsonian Gardens' spaces with a single theme. From 2019 to 2020, Habitat will feature a variety of indoor and outdoor displays, exhibits, and educational programs.



The American Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



American Orchid Society Member Newsletter

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Moving Soon?

Whether you're escaping the weather or in for a change of scenery, you can take ORCHIDS with you wherever you go!

You can log in and change your address under the My Account option located in your personal menu at the top right corner of the AOS website. We can also take address changes via email or over the phone. If you plan to be out of town, we can also place issues on hold for you until you get back! Just let us know and we'll take care of you!

February Issue of ORCHIDS

February 2019 Issue Cover The February issue of ORCHIDS is now in the mail to current print members. All Current AOS members can log in to read it online now.

In this issue, Clare and Johan Hermans complete their two-part series on the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival in Tokyo, Japan while closer to home, Heidi Kirkpatrick and Gayle Brodie take us on a Southern California orchid road trip.

Both Arthur A. and Arthur E. Chadwick describe the remaking of *Cattleya Prince John*, Tom Mirenda further explores the form and function of orchid fringes on his two-part series *Fringe Festival Fascination*, and Franco Pupulin describes *Phalaenopsis japonica* in the ongoing *New Refugium Botanicum* series.

Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins focus on the genus *Dendrobium* in their ongoing *Orchids Illustrated* series.

With the show season in full swing, we have a couple of show-themed articles for our novices! Barbara Schmidt is ready to walk us through exhibiting at an orchid show while Cindy Jespen gives us her personal experiences with her first display.



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Orchidist's Word of the Month
anthocyanin
(an-THO-sigh-a-nin):

A type of naturally occurring flavonoid pigment that is especially common within flowers and is responsible for red through blue colors; these pigments vary in color according to the pH of the cell sap, presence of metal ions, and the concentration of co-pigments.



Looking for Orchids?

Find vendors of orchid plants, seedlings, supplies, greenhouses, fertilizers, watering equipment, potting mixes, lighting setups and other orchid-related products in our online [Orchid Source Directory!](#)

Looking to visit a garden?

AOS Members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. See a list of [participating gardens near you!](#)



Valerie Lowe - MOS AOS/ODC Representative

Special Delivery!

Orchids and Their Culture Book

The first proof copy of the American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture has finally arrived!

This book is crammed with nearly 250 pages of valuable information on orchid culture, paired with stunning, full-color images from cover to cover. It appears that Mary E. Gerritsen and Ron Parsons have delivered a quintessential guidebook for facilitating a blossoming interest in orchids!

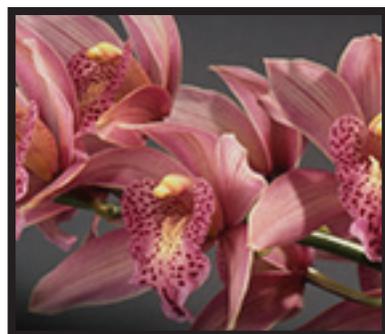


Once we get a hold of them, these handy books will be available in our web store at \$24.95, but with your 10% Membership discount, your copy comes out to \$22.46!* Make sure you are logged in before making any purchases on our web store for your discount on all AOS Publications to apply!

We will keep you posted on the release date!

**Prices do not include shipping and handling charges.*

Don't miss these webinars in February



Wednesday, February 13, 2019 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST

Growing Cymbidiums - Join legendary grower George Hatfield as he reveals cultural techniques for growing award-winning cymbidiums. *Member Exclusive webinar.*



Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST

Greenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. *Open to all.*



Registration is now OPEN for the 2019 AOS Spring Members Meeting!

Visit www.aos.org and go to News & Events to learn more and register today! You may also click below to be taken directly to the Members Meeting page.

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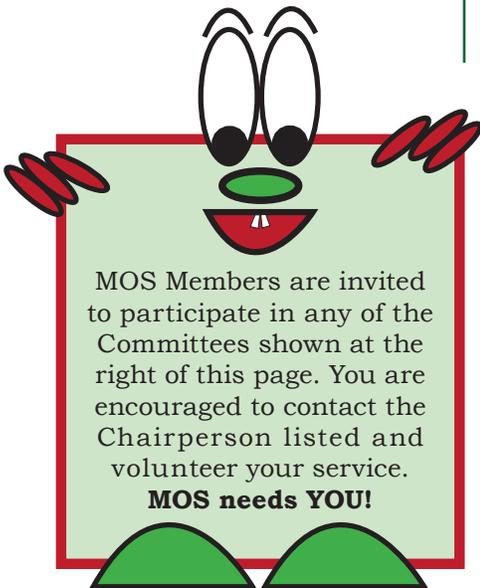
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