



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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The President's Message



Another orchid year is coming to a close. I hope that everyone enjoyed the activities, learned something and had success with their orchids.

It has been a good year! Margaret and David Smith hosted the Members Re-potting Workshop; we held a successful annual Orchid Auction; had a great Christmas/Holiday Party;

pulled off a fine Show and Sale in March; and held a well-attended Workshop in April. Most importantly, we welcomed 17 new members. MOS is very fortunate to have members that take part in making all of this possible. I thank each and every one of you for your participation and support...and we raised award winning orchids too!

Don't forget, there are activities during July and August with the Board Meeting at Margaret and David Smith's, Thursday, July 25th and our Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 4th at the home of Suzanne and Ken Gaertner. Watch you email for more information concerning the picnic. Suzanne would appreciate your RSVP by July 29th (410-531-6672). The Maryland State Fair is coming up toward the end of August. We will again be putting in a display of orchids. Watch for more information to come. Remember...any orchids that you lend for this display will earn you a show point.

Membership renewal letters will be coming out in August. Membership must be paid up by the September 19th meeting if you want to place plants on the September Show Table. If you joined the Society after January 1, 2019, your membership is good until August 2020 and you will not have to renew until then.

Since Joan Roderick has resigned the position of President, I, as immediate past president, will be completing her term through June 2020 along with Laura Sobelman, our Vice President. Laura and I will be sharing the responsibility of writing the President/Vice President

messages in the monthly Newsletters as well as other responsibilities as they may arise.

The 2019-2020 Maryland Orchid Society year begins with the monthly meeting on September 19, 2019. I wish all of you, (and your orchids) a wonderful, revitalizing summer.

Sarah

June's Speaker Nancy Mountford

Nancy Mountford, an MOS member and NCOS member, will be the final speaker (at our June 20 meeting) in our 2018-19 program year. Nancy has been growing orchids since 1970, when she was a student at Douglass College of Rutgers University. After graduation from Rutgers, she came to Maryland for graduate studies in Zoology, employment at University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Lab, and the founding of Cove Corporation which continues to specialize in the identification of marine invertebrates.

Nancy is an AOS-accredited judge, and has been active in showing and judging orchids at numerous shows, both domestic and international. She has been engaged in AOS leadership activities, having served as a Trustee and currently serves on their Audit, Finance, and Nominating Committees. Nancy is also a founder of Orchids Dominicana (Orchidom) which was launched in 1996 to produce top-quality orchids to meet the needs of commercial orchid growers and wholesalers in the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Nancy will be speaking on Big-Lipped Phalaenopsis at our June 20, 2019 meeting, our last meeting prior to the MOS summer vacation.

Nancy will accept checks as well as cash for plants that were pre-ordered from Orchidom.

Submitted by John Heinbokel - Program

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*May's 2019 Show
Table Winners by Tom McBride*



*Hey girls, did you hear the show table can't
be in this edition? Not Tom or Gary's
fault. Darn computers! What a bummer!
Maybe they'll put us in the next issue.
Happy summer!!!!*



Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



Phrag. caudatum 'Regal Bearing' AM/AOs

I have never won the Judges' Choice Award so I am pretty excited about that.

Phrag. caudatum is found in Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. I got this plant in January 2019, at the MOS monthly auction. It was a division of David Smith's, who says 'Regal Bearing' is the clonal name given to this particular plant of this species. It grows well in bright morning light but it really gets east, south, and west exposures throughout the day in our sunroom. It is potted in a Paph mix with a little sphagnum thrown in for good measure. I try to repot it annually and when it is not in bloom, and water it thoroughly once a week at the sink. Our water has a high lime content so it is high in calcium. The plant seems to like this but just in case, mid-week I fill all of my Phrags. with about an inch of distilled water and let them sit in it. Humidity ranges from 45 to 80% during the summer, and I supplement this in the winter with a humidifier. I fertilize it with Osmocote 14-14-14 beads which also seem to keep it happy. This all seems to be working well but sometimes it's just dumb luck and guessing.

Laura Sobelman

I emphasized the fact that Laura had never won this award before.

Submitted by Barbara Buck - Newsletter

David's Corner



Hopefully, I will be able to continue the taxonomy series. This will include pronouncing, spelling, and a bit about meanings. There will not be anything beyond a basic introduction to scientific names of orchids.

Submitted by David Smith - Education Corner



Clarks's Corner



New Hardy Orchids for Maryland!

The United States is home to over 300 species of hardy orchids. Maryland hosts nearly 30 species. But the temperate world is home to thousands of hardy species. What about *Bletilla*, *Calanthe*, *Dactylorhiza*, or *Platantheras*? A few intrepid growers — and crazies like this author — are beginning to try them. Most of you are familiar with some of the *Cypripediums* and *Bletillas*.

I am trying a *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* acquired from Edelweiss Perennials in Canby, Oregon. This species, common in Europe, has done well in Connecticut, Canada, and Oregon. We'll see how it likes Maryland summers.

If you're interested in trying them yourself, choose genera and species that grow in similar climate zones to Maryland. Research their culture online, and look for seed or division grown plants. Imagine someday a yard full of these beauties.

Submitted by Dr. Clark Riley

The Member's Spotlight

MOS Group Perlite Buy

Bob Travis

It has been about a year since I have brought Perlite to a MOS meeting for sale. I received several inquiries at the Christmas meeting, so I will again coordinate a group purchase of Orchid Screen Perlite for MOS Members. I will repackage and provide in smaller size bags. Prices include transportation and handling and deliveries will be brought to the MOS Meetings.

The Perlite is sourced direct from the manufacturer Pennsylvania Perlite, and is offered in 4 cubic foot bags. They have a Standard Screen for Orchids which yields a particle size of 3/8" to 1/2". The pictures below are from a previous purchase. This falls between a Grade #3 and #4 and is a significantly larger particle size than you will find at garden centers or the big box stores. Usually this is ordered through orchid supply companies and would incur additional shipping charges.

Repackaged sizes and prices (Note price increase passed on from Penn Perlite)

One gallon Bag	\$4.00
Two Gallon Bag	\$6.00
Five Gallon Bag	\$11.00
4 Cu. Ft. Bag	\$28.00

Please respond to Bob Travers anytime, with your order request. Payment accepted at the meeting your Perlite is delivered.

Contact Bob Travers email sbobtrav@zoominternet.net or phone 410-557-9901.



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Moving Soon?

Planning on moving this summer? Going out of town for a few weeks?

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!

Orchidist's Word of the Month

malathion (mal-ah-THYE-on):

The common name for a chemical pesticide consisting of S-(dicarbethoxyethyl) O, (O-dimethyl dithiophosphate); used for the control of soft scales, spider mites, aphids and other orchid pests.



Orchid Events Calendar.

In two years, the American Orchid Society will be celebrating its 100th birthday! Are you interested in becoming a sponsor for the Centennial Celebration? Make sure to designate your donation to the fund you would like to contribute to the most.

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!



[Give your dad the gift of membership this Father's Day!](#)

Summer is here! Take advantage of your free or discounted admission to the gardens listed under the **Reciprocal Garden Admissions Program** while you're traveling this year and be sure to carry your Membership ID with you!

June Issue of ORCHIDS

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

This month grower of Catasetinae extraordinaire, Fred Clarke, treats us to the first installment of his new series on this fascinating group of plants. Part 1, entitled The Cat's Meow: New Developments in Breeding and Growing Catasetums is not to be missed. The plan is to publish new installments every other month.

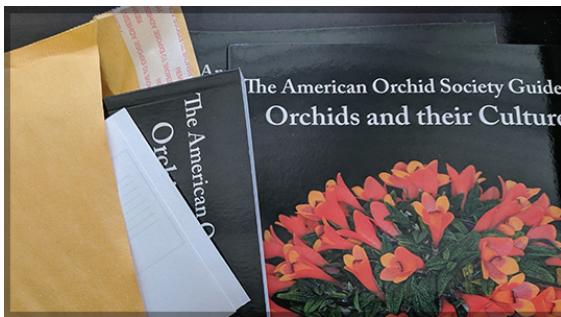
Also featured in this month's issue is the first of two



parts on the genus Maxillaria written by Esteban (Steve) González-Costa. This first installment covers the larger flowered species and the second installment will address the smaller flowered species and hybridizing in the genus.

Rounding out our features is a survey of the native orchids of Montana provided to us by 17-year-old Ansel Fiddaman.

Get your copy of Orchids and Their Culture before they disappear!



Our brand-new book has been selling copies non-stop, and we are down to a fraction of what we started with last month! These handy books are still available in our web store at \$24.95 retail price, but with your 10% Membership discount, your copy will be \$22.46!*

Please make sure you are logged in before making any purchases on our web store to ensure that your discount on all AOS Publications is automatically applied.

From now through July 15th, 2019 we are still offering a 50% discount off of retail price on bulk purchases of one or more sealed boxes while supplies last, each box containing 24 books each. You will need to call our offices in order to take advantage of this deal, as the site will not apply this discount to your order.

The book can also be purchased by calling our offices at (305) 740-2010. We are available from 9AM to 5:30PM EDT, Monday through Friday.

Better hurry! These books are flying off the shelves faster than we can restock them!

*Price does not include that of shipping and insurance, which will vary depending on your location or amount of copies ordered.

Don't miss these webinars in June

Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT



Greenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Have your questions answered by our resident orchid expert! Please send your queries to greenhousechat@aos.org two days prior to the chat. The deadline is June 11th, 2019! Open to all

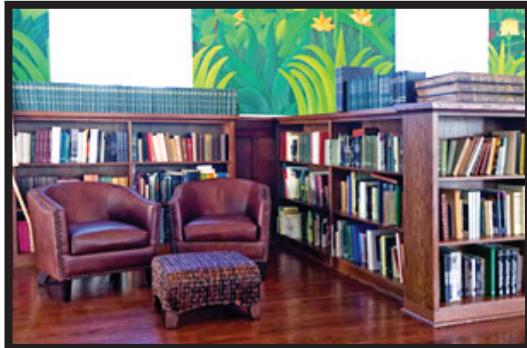
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT



The Care and Feeding of Stanhopea - Join Inge Poot, AOS Judge Emeritus, from the Toronto Judging Center as she discusses how to grow Stanhopea.

Member Exclusive Webinar.

The AOS Library has a New Librarian!



Our library is open to the public with a new set of hours and a new librarian! Come to the library, located above the gift shop at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, FL, and meet our new addition to the AOS staff, Jennifer Vina! She will be helping us catalogue our extensive collection of books and will be more than happy to assist any visitors.

The library will be open Tuesday through Saturday from **10AM to 4:30PM EDT**.

On the third week of the month, the hours remain the same, but the dates will be switched to Monday through Friday.

The librarian will be breaking for lunch around 1:00 until 1:30PM, closing the library briefly during operating hours.

Save the Date! Fall 2019 Members Meeting

Save the date for our next members gathering! Start making plans to come down to Homestead, Florida from October 16th to October 20th. The show starts on the 17th, but events for the AOS Members Meeting will begin on the 16th. Join us and the East Everglades Orchid Society's annual show!

2019 Fall Members Meeting Flyer





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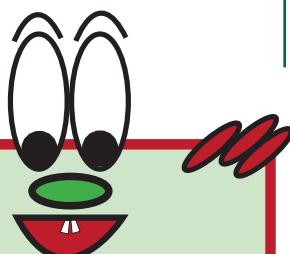
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