

The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

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2020 December's President's Message

Happy Holidays to all! I trust each of you is getting into the spirit of your respective celebrations – Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whatever solstice observance our druid members celebrate. In keeping with our adjustments to keep everyone safe as COVID spikes yet again, we will not be convening our traditional Holiday Party this month (no surprise there, right?), but WILL be hosting a regular monthly ZOOM meeting on the 17th (I'm amazed at how quickly I've come to think of our ZOOM meetings as 'regular'). Fay Citerone has provided details in this Newsletter on what I'd like to think of as a bonus presentation for this year. We'll do the virtual show table as we did last month (depending primarily and preferably, but not exclusively, on photos of plants in bloom this month) and limiting submissions and discussions to two plants per member. Those photos and plant IDs should be submitted to Fay (fay.citerone@gmail.com) by the 16th for compiling into a PowerPoint deck.). I'm also hoping to be able to offer two door prizes again – one from our speaker and one from the Little Greenhouse.

Speaking of the Little Greenhouse, please remember the MOS Members' Sale that they will host this month. Their announcement can be found deeper in this Newsletter with all the relevant details.

I doubt that there is any surprising news on the COVID front from the MOS perspective. I continue to anticipate that we will meet virtually until the availability of one or more safe and effective vaccines, and, ideally, effective treatments allow us to gather in person again. We'll make that decision as soon as we are able, but I doubt that it will be before late spring at the earliest. The MOS Board of Trustees will be meeting on 3 December (a couple days after I'm writing this) to discuss the fate of our annual spring show in March as part of the Home and Garden Show in Timonium. We'll post the results of that conversation later in this Newsletter along with any additional information we may have concerning the Rawlings Conservatory exhibition or our spring public workshop. The annual NCOS Paph Forum, normally a January event, is evolving into a virtual event later in the spring.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. I'll be curious to see how/if your orchids enter into your decorating schemes for the holidays (especially how our druid members incorporate them!).

John Heinbckel

We had 40 people on last month's Zoom meeting and two members won door prizes! Please join us if you haven't already. We will be glad to walk you through the connection process. It is very easy to connect, and the meeting is fun, personal, and informative.

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December's Guest Speaker

Wade Hollenbach Orchids To Grow Your Collections

I started growing orchids in 1978 when I saw a *Dendrobium nobile* var. *pendulum* for sale in a local nursery. Despite all attempts to kill it, it flowered. This sent me on a quest. If it won't die, maybe others will!

My endeavour continued with the construction of greenhouses and the emptying of pockets. To my consternation, the majority of them refused to die! Little did I know that the magical power of these plants turned me to a supporter.

It is now 40+ years and I'm growing in my 4th greenhouse. I am enslaved to their wiles and dedicate my retirement life to heating them in winter, cooling them in summer, and buying more and more fans to keep a buoyant, tropical breeze blowing across their leaves.

I'm President of the Central PA Orchid Society (State College), and member of the Western PA Orchid Society (Pittsburgh) and Susquehanna Orchid Society (Harrisburg area).



He will provide us with a virtual \$25 gift certificate as a door prize.

Wade's website is <http://www.wadesorchids.com/about.html>

Fay Citerone - Program Chair

David's Corner

In upcoming news, David Smith is working on our future MOS Education Corner topics, most of which will be related to "What is An Orchid?" Stay tuned for further details.



ANNOUNCEMENT



Maryland Orchid Society Spring 2021 Show - Canceled

On December 3, 2020, the MOS Board of Trustees voted unanimously to cancel the March 2021 orchid show that we had planned to organize as part of the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Timonium Fairgrounds. COVID-19 related issues threatened numerous elements of the show that are essential for its success: judges; vendors; displays from neighboring societies; and, most importantly, the safety of MOS volunteers required to support its set-up and operation.

We look forward to returning to this show sponsorship in March 2022, if the COVID-19 risks have subsided. We are also exploring the possibility of lower-key exhibitions in the summer or fall of 2021, again, when we are comfortable that our members will not be endangered by participating.

We'll keep you posted!





THE LITTLE GREENHOUSE HOLIDAY SALE

**Exclusively for the members of the
Maryland Orchid Society**

Take 20% off all plants purchased
from December 12th to the 24th, 2020

Due to COVID-19 we will not host our annual open house.
So pay your dues and shop at your leisure and take
advantage of this special offer.



Q&A with Joel

Hi, Joel,

I know you have a lot of success with catasetinae. Last year I did very well but this year only one had a spike and flowers—my Susan Fuchs Burgundy Chips. I've gotten different advice and read different things about how often to water (or not at all) in the winter. I also know about avoiding watering too early in the spring. What is your winter watering advice? Thanks!

NOV 23, 2020, 1:44 PM

Hi, Laura,

I have found the important thing with overwintering catasetinae is to harden them off properly. That is water is given in ever decreasing proportion as they go dormant, not just stopped suddenly. If you find that pseudobulbs are shriveled after the leaves fall, they may need a couple more light waterings to finish hardening off, if they are plump and staying that way without water then they are ready to go in a box until they start to grow again. Catasetums are pretty good at going dormant, fredclarkearas require more coaxing.

Some my catasetums:



Catasetum Aurora (gladiatorum x fimbriatum)



Catasetum Irma Scott

Clark's Corner



Puttyroot Orchid, *Aplectrum hyemale*, and Cranefly Orchid, *Tipularia discolor* in Clark's woodland orchid garden in Baltimore.

Want to see some native orchids in the woods today? "But it's winter," you say. Well, in Maryland, we have a couple of species that send their leaves up in the autumn and they are evergreen!

Those are the Cranefly Orchid, *Tipularia discolor*, and the *Puttyroot* Orchid, *Aplectrum hyemale*. Both are not uncommon in well-established eastern woodlands, and of relatively easy culture in a woodland garden, enjoying the same conditions as Trilliums and Bloodroot.

The leaves sprout in autumn, persist through the winter and die down in the spring. *THEN*, in mid-summer, the naked flower stalk appears. No leaves. On a summer hike in the Smokey Mountains, I once saw wooded slopes with tens of thousands of Cranefly spikes in among other native orchids. A bonus with the Cranefly is that the leaves have attractive purple spots while the *Puttyroot* has silver-striped leaves.

Taxonomically, the Puttyroot is supposedly related to Cymbidiums, so maybe a hybrid? That may fall in the category of "just because it *can* be done, doesn't mean it *should* be done." *Puttyroot* gets its name from the gummy mass of the crushed tubers, which were a folk toothache remedy.

Upcoming Events

Our January 21, 2021, speaker will be Rob Greisbach speaking on the "History of Growing Orchids in the US."

On February 18, 2021 our speaker will be Sam Tsui.



American Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



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www.aos.org



2020 DECEMBER AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

The AOS Corner is for society representatives and newsletter editors: Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner completely, or in part, in their society publications.

We encourage use of the [AOS website](http://www.aos.org) by all members. <http://www.aos.org>

As this calendar year comes to a close, we will remember this year as the year of challenges. If you believe in folk-tales, you might be in agreement that this is the year that March came in like a lamb and out like a lion. The lion continues to roar as we struggle with the continuing ripple effect of the coronavirus. Let us count the truly good things that have happened in our lives this year. Have you enjoyed additional time spent learning about the orchids in your collection? Do you understand more about their cultural needs, growth and bloom cycles? Have you taken an opportunity to tune in remotely to dynamic guest speakers? Did you take advantage of the chance to view all of the AOS webinars? We have made it this far. Congratulations! We sincerely hope that 2021 will have fewer challenges and bring increased interest to this orchid passion we all love.

DID YOU KNOW? If you have missed an issue of the [AOS Corner](#), they are archived on the AOS website. Recent issues can also be found in the Files section on the [Affiliated Societies Facebook Page](#).

<https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/aos-corner.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/files/>

DID YOU KNOW? The AOS website has a plethora of information to help us know and grow our orchids better.

A good place to start is here: [ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS](https://www.aos.org/orchids.aspx) <https://www.aos.org/orchids.aspx>

The AOS exists to serve you, the orchid grower. The AOS website, the monthly ORCHIDS magazine, and the AOS webinars, held twice monthly are among the perks of membership.

PESTS AND DISEASES

It's always a good time to inspect your orchids for those pesky little critters and problems that crop up from time to time. Once you have brought your orchids in for the winter and they are in close range, be on the lookout for anything that looks out of the ordinary. Compare what you see to what it might be, by looking over Orchid Ailments -- The AOS's Pests and Disease Series. ORCHIDS magazine ran a popular series of articles in the early 2000s titled Orchid Ailments. That information is available on the AOS website. It provides viewers with information and images to help identify orchid ailments and grow healthier plants. From Aphids to Virus, the series explores the finer points of insect pests, rots, disease and cultural challenges, to name a few, and offers advice on prevention and treatment for common problems. Use the list of articles in this series to learn about specific orchid problems. <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

CULTURE CONNECTION

[Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care](#)

Review a selection of [Winter Flowering Orchids](#) and their minimum temperature tolerance.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/winter-flowering-orchids.aspx>

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? An Affiliated Society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx) and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	December 02, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	December 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	January 07, 2021 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 13, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Orchid Conservation Projects in Florida and Cuba	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Mounting Your Orchids Best Practices
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Lawrence Zettler Biology Professor, Illinois College	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Coronado Production Manager & VP, RF Orchids

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow! Webinar announcements are posted on Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS *Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter*. Each webinar is recorded and available to view at your leisure. GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to greenhousechat@aos.org

If your society does not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at sltsvoboda@gmail.com (please note new email address) and request **a program, or multiple programs, from the recorded list**. The video file(s) with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy to a flash drive or copy to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting. This list has been updated and should be ready to view in the very near future.

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf>

If you have an idea for a webinar topic, or would like to present a webinar for our members, this is your opportunity. We are flexible! We are always looking for interesting topics to share with our viewers. Choose a day convenient for you. You will need a prepared PowerPoint topic, an internet connection, and a computer with audio capabilities to present an AOS webinar.

Contact [Cheryl Erins](mailto:cerins@aos.org) to be added to the AOS webinar line-up or for further information. She can arrange a webinar practice session to help you get familiar with the process. cerins@aos.org

DID YOU KNOW? The Affiliated Societies Committee maintains a list of speakers available for your monthly meeting presentations. The list has been updated with confirmations from speakers offering remote presentations. Please feel free to reach out to these speakers directly to see if they might fit into your meeting schedules.
https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List_July27_2020.pdf



AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

AOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Affiliated Societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your Affiliated Society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section online at checkout.

AOS Representatives, please remember to let your society members know; we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! Once they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.

Culture Sheets These popular documents have been at the foundation of AOS orchid education for decades and provide orchid care information in a convenient, concise format. The website now contains printable QR codes for the popular orchid genera. It also includes PDF documents that print perfectly on a letter-sized sheet of paper.

Printable QR Codes



Putting together goody bags for your members for the holidays? How about including a few [culture sheets](https://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets.aspx) for the most popular orchid genera and an AOS Membership Application?
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets.aspx>
<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW? Published since 1932, ORCHIDS (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the many benefits of an AOS membership. Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers. One of the most cited benefits of joining the AOS is the wonderful monthly magazine ORCHIDS. Affiliated Societies receive a print copy of this publication monthly as part of their membership. In addition to each new monthly publication, AOS members have access to thousands of articles through the [digital archives](http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx). <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

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<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

Insight for our [AFFILIATED SOCIETIES](http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx)
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>

Check out the Complete Affiliated Benefits Package
<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Benefits-of-being-an-Affiliated-Societies-Member-v5.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW? OrchidPro is a member benefit allowing access to over 95,000 photos of award-winning orchids, exclusive data, in-depth genealogy (family trees, progeny, species makeup, parents), charts, and more. New data and photos are added continuously, and we're constantly working on new features and integrating third-party data to make OrchidPro the best orchid resource available anywhere. There are no additional costs to members for ongoing updates. The application can be accessed online from any device with an internet connection (OrchidPro adjusts to any screen size from desktops down to smartphones.) Plus, you can download data and photos and use all kinds of powerful features from viewing award-winning orchids side-by-side to saving searches for future use and much more.

AWARDS GALLERY

AOS MEMBERS can review the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of [ORCHIDS magazine](#) and also in the most up to date [OrchidPro](#) awards database.

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

<https://op.aos.org/>



Below is a sample of comparing awards shown in OrchidPro. Remember to sign on to aos.org and look for OrchidPro on the drop down menu. Click on any one photo in LATEST AWARDS to read the details, measurements and description for each award. Find out when and where it was exhibited, and the exhibitor for each orchid. While you are there, select OTHER AWARDS button to compare the current award to previously awarded clones.



This month I have chosen a selection of three very different award types from across the USA.

LEFT *Bulbophyllum sanguineomaculatum* 'Irene' CBR | AOS (0 points)

Award No: [20204887](#), Date: Oct 17, 2020

Northeast Judging Center

Exhibitor: Al & Irene Messina, Photographer: Maurice Garvey

CENTER *Masdevallia minuta* 'Kristen P' CCM | AOS (85 points)

Award No: [20202303](#), Date: Nov 01, 2020

California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

Exhibitor: Douglas Kubo, Photographer: Ramon de los Santos

RIGHT *Fowlieara Rhizome Cowgirl* 'Little Heifer' FCC | AOS (91 points)

(*Brassocatanthe* Jack Sloniker x *Rhyntonleya* Sugita Spots)

Award No: [20201067](#), Date: Nov 14, 2020

Florida North-Central Judging Center

Exhibitor: Bill Nunez, Photographer: Wes Newton

AOS awards are a recognized measure of quality the world over and coveted by hobbyists and commercial growers alike. An AOS flower quality award adds value to an orchid in its own right, and as a parent for creating hybrids. Review the definition of each award here: <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-awards.aspx>. The diversity of orchids seen in the judging system is awe-inspiring. Check in frequently to view the 100 most recent awards. Orchids are a continuing education.

LET US KNOW! Is your society planning a show in 2021? What are your major concerns in this age of COVID? Is going to an orchid show any different from going to the grocery store or Home Depot? Are there restrictions on group events gathering in your region?

LET US KNOW! Is there something in particular that you would like to see the Affiliated Societies Committee address, accomplish or change over the next two years? How can we better serve our Affiliated Societies members?

LOOKING TO SHARE? Please send me a PDF copy of your society newsletter. I want to see what you all are doing. Forward your comments, questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to askmasc@verizon.net or Eileenh@aos.org

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

Happy Holidays

Valerie Lowe -
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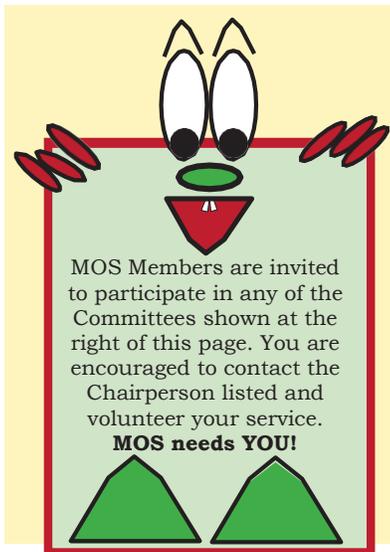
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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program commences at 8:00 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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