



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

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Website: www.marylandorchids.org



President's Message January 2021

Happy New Year everyone!

I trust I'm not alone in hoping/expecting 2021 to be a better year. Particularly relevant to MOS is the provision of COVID-19 vaccines and the hope that we will be able to return to a suite of in-person activities before too long. The slow pace of the early distribution makes me doubtful that we'll be meeting together before September 2021, but I've never been too good at predictions, so we'll continue to play it by ear and keep our lines of communication as widely open as possible.

January brings two MOS activities: first, our monthly ZOOM meeting on the 21st. Fay Citerone has provided details in this Newsletter on our program. 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.citrone@gmail.com) by the 20th for compiling into a PowerPoint deck.). We're always looking out for some interesting and engaging Q&A topics for the early part of the session before we turn it over to our speaker. One topic that was suggested previously is an exploration of principles of fertilizing and the use of various root or transplanting stimulants and bloom boosters. More suggestions are always welcome.

Second on the January schedule is the regular, semi-annual Board of Trustees meeting (7pm on the 28th via ZOOM). All members are always welcome to attend Board meetings (if you'd like to participate, be sure that Clark Riley (dr Riley@aol.com) knows and includes you in the ZOOM set-up. We'll have two Minutes of previous BoT meetings to approve and a probably reduced set of Treasurer and committee reports to receive before moving into the topics specific to this meeting:

1. We have the opportunity to enlarge our participation at the MD State Fair in August – September. Should we make such a commitment at this time?
2. I would like to begin exploring the possibility of establishing a web-streaming capability for our monthly meetings once we begin meeting in person again. I can see some significant benefits to that, but there are also costs in terms of network capabilities, skills to manage the process, and acquisition of hardware and software. But, we won't know how those pros and cons balance until/unless we begin the exploration.

In the meantime, as I'll continue to say for the foreseeable future: stay safe and healthy!

John Heinbaker

There were 40 members on our December Zoom meeting! The door prizes provided by our speaker Wade Hollenbach were won by Marilyn Lauffer and Joanna Hager. The door prize provided by The Little Greenhouse was won by Brenda Logan. Please join us for our next meeting! You do not need to stay the entire time but do need to be there to win a door prize.

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January's Guest Speaker
Rob Griesbach



**THE HISTORY
OF
GROWING ORCHIDS
in the
U. S.**

At the January 21, 2021 meeting, Rob Griesbach will present "*The History of Growing Orchids In The U.S.*" Rob Griesbach earned a Ph.D. in genetics from Michigan State University in 1980. The following year, he became an active member of the American Orchid Society, serving as an Accredited Judge, past-Chair of Research Committee, past-Trustee and past-President. In addition Rob is an MOS member.

Fay Citerone - Program



Clark's Corner



Why You DON'T Want a Greenhouse

Not the article you expected from me, a contented and proud greenhouse owner? Well, this is article 1 of 2. Next month, it will be “Why You DO Want a Greenhouse.” The commitments involved can be costly and are long-term. Greenhouse ownership is a very personal and emotional decision and should only be made after a strong dose of reality. It was 50 years from the time I first wanted a greenhouse until I actually had one built. None of the technologies in my greenhouse existed when I started.

1. A greenhouse is expensive. Even a small RELIABLE greenhouse will cost several thousand dollars. In particular, heating a ventilation systems need to be robust and backed up.
2. The neighbors need to accept your greenhouse. Be SURE to obtain proper permits at each stage of construction.
3. A lot of orchids may grow better indoors/under lights. I have found that most Phalaenopsis do NOT do well for me in the greenhouse. They rot for me. I moved them back into the house.
4. The maintenance never goes away. Electrical and mechanical systems must be attended all the time or they will rust. The electronics of automation must be humidity resistant.
5. You still need to attend to all the routine growing tasks. Repotting and insect control do not go away, and weeds are much more vigorous in a greenhouse environment.

Next month: Why You DO Want a Greenhouse.



Sarah's Corner

We currently have 82 members of the Maryland Orchid Society. The new 2020-2021 Membership Roster is available and will be published on line, for a members only and for a limited time. Please download and save to your computer and/or print it out for your reference.

Sarah Spence - Membership

For those members who missed this article in the past newsletter...

ANNOUNCEMENT



Maryland Orchid Society Spring 2021 Show - Cancelled

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!

Upcoming Events

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

American Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



Let's Grow Together!

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2021 JANUARY 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>

AOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

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 in the comments section online at checkout or on the [printed membership form](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf). <https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

AOS Representatives, please remember to let your society members know that we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join the AOS today! Once they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. <https://secure.aos.org/store/register-renew>

Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

12 Good Reasons We Should Value our AOS Affiliated Membership

I challenge you to explore one benefit in depth, each month. My goal is to continue to bring you news that you can take back to your orchid society. If you would like to spotlight an issue or share news with other affiliated societies, we welcome your input. Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter! If there is something within your society that is working extremely well – let's share it here. If there is something you could use help with – let us know. By chance, another affiliate may be able to offer a solution, or want to try something you have achieved. Your contributions are critical to bringing fresh, timely content to this publication each month. Please send your questions, solutions and submissions for the AOS Corner to eileenh@aos.org or askmasc@verizon.net

JANUARY

AOS Corner, bringing you important news to share with your members

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/>

FEBRUARY

AOS.ORG, our flagship website overflowing with orchid related information for orchid growers

An entire page dedicated to [AFFILIATED SOCIETIES](#). Check out the [Complete Affiliated Benefits Package](#).

The AOS exists to serve you, the orchid grower. The AOS website has a plethora of information to help us know and grow our orchids better. There is so much information in the section [ALL ABOUT ORCHIDS](#) that is worth sharing with your society members. Check the sidebar for Culture Sheets, Seasonal Orchid Care, Orchid Pests and Diseases, Orchids from A-Z (with orchid name pronunciation guide), Orchidist's Glossary (with pronunciation guide), and Video Library section (created prior to webinars). All of this and a whole lot more, help us better understand the world of orchid growing.

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

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

<https://www.aos.org/orchids.aspx>

MARCH

ORCHIDS magazine, new editions delivered monthly, plus searchable digital archives

Published since 1932, ORCHIDS (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the many benefits of affiliated membership. Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for beginners through advanced orchid growers. One of the most cited benefits of joining the AOS is the 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, affiliates have access to thousands of articles through the [digital archives](#).

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

FREE digital COPY for your society members: <https://go.aos.org/freeissue201904>

APRIL

WEBINARS, including new Greenhouse Chats, indexed and archived, every month

Affiliated Societies may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. They can be viewed from anywhere there is an internet connection via Mac, PC or even a mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](#) and to register on the AOS website. 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 list has been updated and should be ready to view in the very near future. 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 or over a remote platform <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

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

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	January 07, 2021 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 13, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday	February 09, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 16, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Mounting Your Orchids Best Practices	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Native Orchids of the Heartland
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Michael Coronado Production Manager, VP, R.F. Orchids, Inc.	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Doug Martin Meeting the Challenge of Growing Native 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

MAY

ORCHIDPRO, search and compare your monthly show-and-tell entries to awarded orchids

OrchidPro is included as an affiliate 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 much more. New data and photos are added continuously. There is no additional cost to affiliates for ongoing updates. The program 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. Create a meeting presentation for your society from the [OrchidPro](https://op.aos.org/) awards database. <https://op.aos.org/>



Most recent award photos will show what is blooming in season, but isn't it always a good season to grow orchids? Affiliates can research their monthly show-and-tell entries and compare them to awarded look alikes. With the OrchidPro tool, you can help your members understand what the judges are looking for when they select plants for review at shows and monthly judging. Need ideas about what makes an award winning display? Select awards, show trophy, broad search, and you have 1883 examples to help you create your next exhibit.

JUNE

DISTINGUISHED AFFILIATED SOCIETY SERVICE AWARD, recognition for affiliates

This prestigious award is given to an affiliate in recognition of sustained, outstanding contributions in areas of service and support in the field of orchidology. Check out the precise criteria to get your society recognized. [Nominations for the DASSA](#) may be made by any member of an AOS affiliate and should be forwarded to the Affiliated Societies Committee.

https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/DASSA_Nomination_Form.pdf

JULY

JUDGING CENTER SUPPORT for your orchid show and exhibitors

Affiliates receive a free listing for their shows on the AOS website, highlighted with [your show graphic header](#). Show dates are printed in the Event Calendar section of the AOS website as well as in ORCHIDS magazine. Judging centers nationwide provide [AOS Judges for your show and Monthly orchid judging in your region](#).

<https://www.aos.org/news-events/event-calendar.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/ShowApp-Effective0418.pdf>

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging/aos-judging-centers.aspx>



AUGUST

SPEAKERS LIST, remote and onsite presentations for meetings on all things orchid

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, effective 12/15/2020. 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-Annual-updated-2020a-\(1\).pdf](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List-Annual-updated-2020a-(1).pdf)



SEPTEMBER

DIRECT MAIL ASSISTANCE to announce your shows and events to AOS members in your area

Access to AOS members' names and addresses for the purpose of promoting affiliated shows, seminars and special events via direct mail can be obtained from the AOS Membership Services Department, Affiliated Societies: sandra@aos.org

OCTOBER

ADVERTISING DISCOUNT for your shows and events in Orchids magazine

Affiliates receive a 50% discount on ads placed in ORCHIDS magazine. Advertise your show, auction, seminar or other special event to AOS members that may not be members of your local society. [Contact Allen Press representative Kevin Hall](#), advise that you are an AOS Affiliated Society. https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/ORCH_2020_Media-Kitsmall.pdf

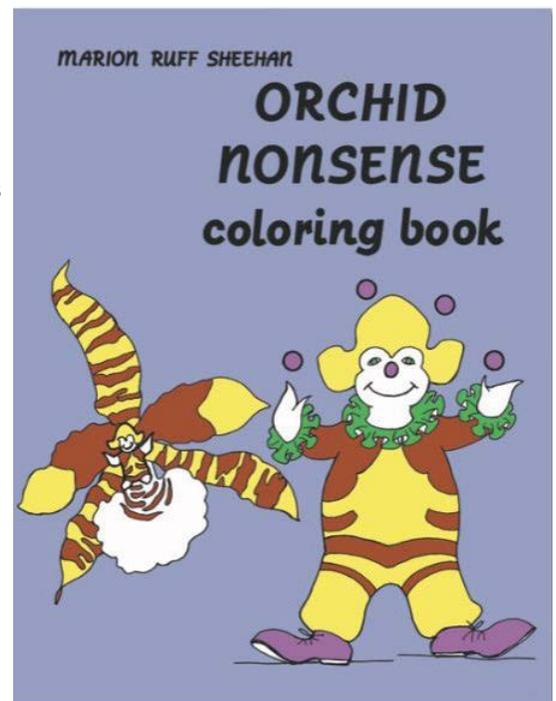
NOVEMBER

DISCOUNT on AOS PUBLICATIONS for resale at meetings, shows and related events

Discounts vary on individual and bulk purchase of AOS publications. Contact Membership Services Department, Affiliated Societies: sandra@aos.org for details.

Now!

For the first time ever, a limited run of orchid coloring books is available. These make wonderful gifts. This whimsical coloring book with more than 40 fun illustrations of orchids, animals, and characters is a great way to engage youngsters. \$11.99 each or \$9.99 for AOS Members! To receive member discount please make sure to [log in to the shop](#) before placing your order. <https://secure.aos.org/categories/55>



DECEMBER

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION, recognize outstanding society members

Each affiliate is eligible to receive annually, two free Certificates of Appreciation, for presentation to valued members of your own group. The beautiful certificates may be requested at any time from AOS headquarters. Contact Membership Services Department, Affiliated Societies: sandra@aos.org.

CARE TO SHARE?

Take a virtual visit to other affiliates. Exchange information with our online groups. Please share a PDF copy of your society newsletter in the Files section of our [Affiliated Societies Facebook page.](#)

We currently have 16.7K international followers on the AOS [Instagram](#) account. We will post your photos to the AOS account, please email your photos to americanorchidsociety@gmail.com. The grower or society gets credit/tag for photos. You may include any other information you wish to share about your orchid. You may also view all our posts directly on the AOS [Instagram](#) account.

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

<https://instagram.com/americanorchidsociety?igshid=16ixfciczky01>

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE AOS IS EXCITED ABOUT HOLDING OUR FIRST ONLINE ORCHID SPEAKER'S DAY
ALL ABOUT ORCHID CULTURE

Join us online Saturday, February 06, 11:00 AM. EST

Let's Rid Ourselves of the Winter Doldrums. Spend the Day Learning More about Growing Orchids

GROWING MINIATURES 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Kristen Uthus from NEW WORLD ORCHID BRAZILIAN HABITATS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON CULTURE 12:00—12:45 p.m. Francisco Miranda from MIRANDA ORCHIDS

THOSE PESKY BUGS 1:00—1:45 p.m. Ron McHatton, AOS CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER GROWING HEALTHY PAPHS 2:00-2:45 p.m. Dave Sorokowsky from PAPH PARADI

SECRETS OF GROWING DENDROBIUMS 3:00-3:45 p.m. Alan Koch from GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS

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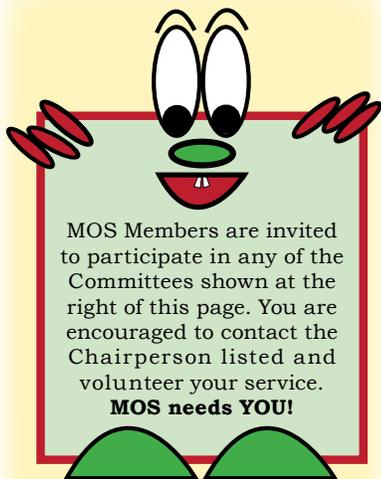
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MOS needs YOU!

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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.