



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

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President's Message February 2021

GOOD NEWS!

I can just about believe that the days are getting longer again, which moves us toward spring and summer and my (your?) orchids coming out from under lights to their outdoor summer vacation. Technically that was also happening last month, but I can now actually see the earlier dawns and later sunsets. Of course, while I recognize that march to spring, when I look out the window today (Jan 31), I see the beginning of a snowfall that's forecast to total 8-12 inches. Oh well! Patience!!

The progression of our COVID situation, unfortunately, is not as predictable as the seasons; but it probably affects MOS' activities even more. I am anticipating that our monthly meetings will continue on ZOOM at least through June. For those who have not yet joined us, my sense (ask a colleague for an independent review!) is that they are working well, with particular praise for the Q&A session that has replaced the Education Corner for now and for the discussion that arises from the virtual Show Table displays. Presentations are actually pretty similar to those at an in-person meeting. Fay Citerone has organized a marvelous set of speakers for the second half of the year, concluding with our own Arne Schon. Please join us for those.

Looking ahead to other future events: 1) Our opportunity to exhibit at the Rawlings Conservatory is postponed to at least this summer and may well wait for its regular January scheduling in 2022. 2) We are optimistic that we will again be assisting the MD State Fair with a locally (not AOS) judged orchid show Aug 26 – Sept 6. 3) We are hopeful that our annual members' potting workshop can reappear in September or October. 4) Our annual auction is on the calendar for the second Saturday in November. and 5) We are optimistic that 2022 will permit us to host our annual show and sale and to participate in a full slate of away shows sponsored by our neighboring orchid societies.

Focusing on the immediate future, February's meeting will feature Sam Tsui (more on that in Fay's contribution elsewhere in this Newsletter). If you aspire to growing marvelous Paphs, you really do need to join us on February 18th and take advantage of his offering of plants from Orchid Inn (with a 10% discount!) - you should have received an email announcement on that already. Again, for those of you who wish to share your bloomers, please send pictures of one or two (with names – yours and the orchid's) to Fay Citerone (fay.citerone@gmail.com) for inclusion in our virtual Show Table and crediting toward show table participation awards (plants).

Again – stay safe and healthy. I hope to see you virtually later this month and in person ASAP.

John Heinbokel

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February's Guest Speaker

Sam Tsui



Our presenter for February will be Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn USA. Sam is a world renowned *Paphiopedilum* expert. Sam Tsui will speak on **"Multi-floral Paphiopedilum and Their Culture"**, a review of the species, their primary hybrids, their care and culture.

Sam was born and raised in Hong Kong. He attended Illinois State University graduating with a bachelor's degree in computer science and a minor in accounting. He retired January 2008, and is now concentrating, full time, on his orchid growing business.

He began growing orchids in the early 1980's. In 1990, he began hybridizing with Paphiopedilums and continues that work today. As he became more involved with Paphiopedilums, he started selling commercially in 1995 as the Orchid Inn. Currently he makes over 300 crosses, produces 4,000 to 5,000 flasks or approximately 100,000 seedlings annually.

Hybridizing is Sam's passion. He emphasizes Paphiopedilum species, Brachypetalum, Parvisepalum and Multi-floral hybrids.

As a result of Sam's breeding program, his orchids have been honored with approximately 318 awards (as of July, 2019) from the American Orchid Society, Cymbidium Society of America and European Orchid Congress. His most prestigious awards include 17 First Class Certificate (FCC/AOS) awards; six Cultural awards including a 93 points Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE/AOS) award; and seven breeder Award of Quality (AQ/AOS) awards.

All these awards are from American Orchid Society. Two of his recent Paphiopedilum rothschildianum sibling crosses have been awarded with two GM/DOG and also the Grand Champion at the Dresden International Orchid Show in Germany, both in March 2017. A Paphiopedilum charlesworthii fma. album was awarded GM/DOG in January, 2018. Last but not the least, he did it again at the Dresden International Orchid Show in Germany March 2018, one of his Paphiopedilum lowii fma. album have been awarded with GM/DOG and also the Grand Champion of the show again.



Maryland Orchid Society A Special Offer from Our February Speaker Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn <https://orchidinnusa.com>

Our February speaker is the world-renowned *Paphiopedilum* expert, Sam Tsui of [Orchid Inn, Ltd.](https://orchidinnusa.com) He has generously offered a **10% DISCOUNT OF PLANTS** ordered from his [online catalog](https://orchidinnusa.com) between now and February 25th.

He will set up a discount code **10OFFMOS** - that is numeric 10 and then all letters OFFMOS. This 10% discount will start now (2 weeks before meeting) and end February 25th (one week after the meeting). The quantity discount will be automatically applied in addition to the 10% discount. He will ship the orders as they come in (specify weather-safe shipping time). Members or society can order directly from [his website](https://orchidinnusa.com). At check out, just enter the coupon code and the discount will automatically apply.

Following best medical practices in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Woodbrook Church is closed for the safe future.

We look forward to gathering again in person on the other side of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

In the mean time, use the opportunity to preen and enjoy your plants. Keep healthy. Avail yourself of best practices at the Centers for Disease Control and prevention site at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).



Live-Streaming MOS In-Person Meetings Call for Opinions (and Assistance)

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A proposal was made at the January 2021 MOS Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting to explore the possibility of live-streaming our monthly meetings once we resume an in-person format.

Rationale: Even when the risk of COVID-19 is reduced to the point that we can resume our normal in-person meetings, the BoT speculated that live-streaming our meetings would benefit MOS and its members in several dimensions:

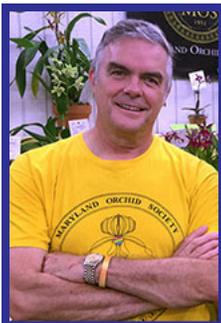
1. Members especially vulnerable to the risk of COVID-19, or simply still concerned about exposure, and reluctant to join the in-person sessions, would be able to participate in and profit from those meetings.
2. Members with other health concerns or with driving issues in inclement weather would have an option for participation.
3. Potential new members outside reasonable monthly meeting range (e.g. Eastern Shore, Western or Southern MD) could 'attend' regularly, giving them an incentive to join and to participate in our annual events (auction, show, and workshop).

Questions for our Membership: The BoT is currently exploring the hardware, software, and expertise needs (and costs!) for putting such a system together. We have an initial list of concerns but recognize that it is not, by any means, a complete list for our consideration before making a rational decision. Please help us make the best possible decision on whether to move forward and, if we do, to put together the best possible live-streaming system.

1. What possible positive and negative outcomes might arise, and how do we maximize or minimize (respectively) those effects?
2. Does live-streaming have the potential to represent a net benefit for MOS and its members?
3. What experience and expertise do you have (and can contribute) to putting such a system together?
4. How much time and energy are you willing/able to contribute to help put such a system together and/or operate it on a monthly basis?

Questions from our Membership: If you need clarification or expansion on any of these ideas and questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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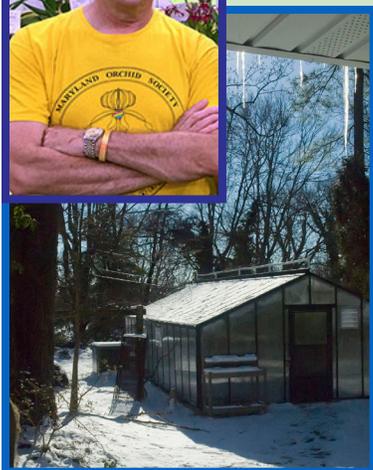


Clark's Corner

Why You DO Want a Greenhouse.

Last month's corner, *Why You Don't Want a Greenhouse*, was a reality check. If you think you *might* want a greenhouse, let the thought simmer. If you thought, "I really really still want a greenhouse," I'm with you. If you are willing to invest the time, money, and labor, here's you can look forward to.

1. You can grow a LOT of plants with the same labor as in home under lights. The secret is you can splash water with the hose everywhere and get everything soaked without ruining the floor, the walls and the ceiling.
2. You can grow a wider variety of plants. While keeping in mind that some orchids actually do better in most homes, you can grow a lot that don't like our houses.
3. You will likely get more and better blooms. The natural light of the greenhouse is better synched to the orchid growing cycles than our homes.
4. Once you get going, you are likely to have more "give-away" plants. Nice gifts.
5. There is no feeling on Earth better than walking into a warm, moist greenhouse on a cold, snowy day.



ZOOM MEETING

There were 38 members on our January 2021, Zoom meeting! The numbers keep growing but we would love see more faces. The door prizes provided by The Little Greenhouse were Phal. Little Gem Stripes 'M' won by Marilyn Lauffer, and Paph. Hsinying Glory 'HOF' AM/AOS x Paph. Hilo Ruby 'Winery' won by Chris Zajac. 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. Laura - Vice President



Sarah's Corner

MOS Welcomes New Members...

Emily Mason and Andrew Jensen
Tatianna Tanney
Stephanie Tommasello

Sarah Spence-Membership

TO ALL MOS MEMBERS

Send us your articles and photos

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 1st 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.

Send your articles and photos to barbarabuck2015@comcast.net and we will include it in the newsletter.

Support the AOS

RENEW

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*Happy New Year, Orchid Friends!
Near or far, we will never stop growing together!*

2021 Spring Members Meeting Dates Announced

The 2021 Spring Members Meeting will be taking place March 19 - 20, 2021. Mark your calendars! *This will be a virtual event.* Details will be available soon!

Questions about orchids?

As a member of the American Orchid Society, one of your many Membership benefits includes receiving expert advice and answers from our Education Committee for any orchid-related question you might have.

All you have to do is send an email to theaos@aos.org describing your situation, include any photos that may help to illuminate the situation, and we will forward your inquiries to the wonderful volunteers on our Education Committee!

Orchidist's Word of the Month overpot (OH-ver-pot):

To pot an orchid in a container larger than necessary, allowing more freedom for root growth or for greater plant growth, or allowing for a greater time interval before repotting; in inexperienced hands, this can be detrimental to the plant.

Please remember to call ahead when planning to attend an orchid show, judging event, or garden!



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!](#)

[A great gift for the orchid lover in your life!](#)



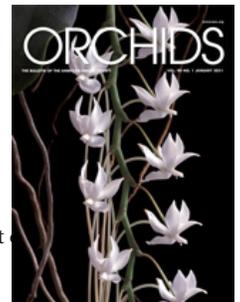
January Issue of ORCHIDS

January 2021 Issue Cover The January issue of *ORCHIDS* is now in the mail to current print members.

All Current AOS members can [log in to read it online now.](#)

For the Paph enthusiast in all of us, January features an article by Olaf Gruss on *Paphiopedilum tranlienianum*, just species out of Southeast Asia described in the last decade or so. This little gem, now readily available from seed-grown populations, is a great addition for those with limited space, producing stunning specimens in less than 5-inch (12.5-cm) pots. For our lovers of stanhopeas, Love fragrant orchids? Why not try your hand at a stanhopea or two. You won't want to miss this feature article this month - you can almost smell them.

January also brings two articles on modern cattleyas - one by Fred Clarke on *Rlc. Rubescence* and the incredible hybrids he's made with it and another by Matthias Seelis introducing the breeding efforts of Mr. Siam Noisuwan in Thailand who is producing those show-stopping big, bright cattleyas with massive lips we've started to see lately. Rounding out January, Clare and Johan Hermans treat us to a lavishly illustrated article on Léon Humblot and Madagar.



Speaker's Day - Day of Orchid Culture



Register today for the First AOS Speaker's Day, aka Day of Orchid Culture! All registrants will be entered to win prizes on the Orchid Wheel of Chance!

**Coming up on Saturday, February 6th
Starting at 11:00AM EST**

[Register Now, only \\$30 Online!](#)

[Click Here to Download](#) the full schedule of speakers, the topics they are covering, and more!

Speakers and Topics include:

- Growing Miniatures with Dr. Kristen Uthus
- Geography and Culture of Brazillian Orchids with Francisco Miranda
- Those Pesky Bugs with Dr. Ron McHatton
- Growing Fabulous Paphiopedilums with Dave Sorokowsky
- Dendrobium Culture with Alan Koch

Don't miss these webinars in January

Thursday, January 7, 2021 8:30 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. *Open to all.*



Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:30 PM EDT

Click to go to the Webinars Page!

Mounting Orchids - Join Michael Coronado, AOS Judge for the WPBJC, as he goes into the prepping, care, and best practices in mounting orchids. *Member Exclusive Webinar.*



Orchids Account for a Full 1/3 of the New Species in2020!

We have an interesting read for you from the Royal Botanic Kew Gardens on the top 10 species new to science in 2020, which includes what has been dubbed as the "ugliest orchid", plus 19 new orchid species from New Guinea. Here's a sneak preview of just a few of these pictured to the right, as well as a link to the article:



Preview of Orchids on Kew's 2020 New Species List
[Click Here to Read the Full Article Online!](#)

January 2021 Update: Gala Tickets will be available for sale soon!

In order to ensure a safe and successful event, the Board of Trustees and the Centennial Celebration Committee have decided to postpone the Centennial Celebration including the Members Meeting activities and Gala Banquet to the Fall of 2021.

Same beautiful landmark location - The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida, same days of the week just moved forward to the last week of October. The Gala will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 2021. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

Hotel information, pricing and group code for reservation remains the same. If you have any questions, please contact AOS Headquarters by email or telephone.

You can become a sponsor of this momentous event by making your contribution at www.aos.org/donate and selecting "Centennial Celebration Fund" from the Distribution drop-down list.

Check out the Biltmore's website here and view this gorgeous venue: <https://www.biltmorehotel.com/>



We have contracted a special room rate for this event. Use booking/contract rate code 321 when you make your reservations directly with the hotel at (855) 311-6903.

On behalf of the Centennial Committee, we want to thank you in advance for your support of the American Orchid Society. With your help, our organization will continue to grow and fulfill our mission of orchid education, conservation, and research.

**The AOS Centennial Celebration Will Be Held
October 27th - 30th, 2021**



Support the AOS while you shop

You can help the American Orchid Society simply by shopping at Amazon through their Amazon Smile program. Just go to <http://smile.amazon.com> every time you shop at Amazon.

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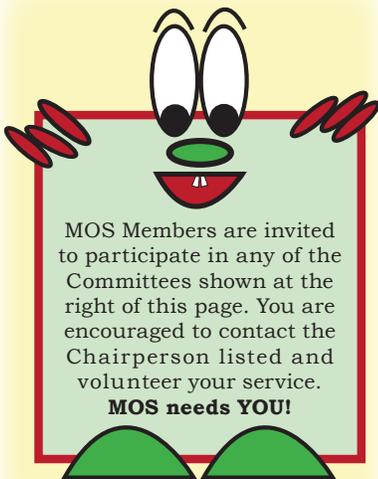
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