



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

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## President's Message April 2021

Once again I'm going to try to keep these comments brief (no really, I am!). I don't need to wax poetic about the lengthening and warming days (you know that already) or express my joy about the increasing availability of COVID vaccinations (you know that already). So what can I contribute? Three items:

1. Somewhere deeper in this Newsletter you should find a new feature labeled 'Miscellany.' I'd like this to be a regular feature of the Newsletter to make visible orchid-related items that our members may have missed. If you encounter something (news/discoveries; conservation; classification; art; heck, anything interesting related to orchids) that would be of interest to our members, please pass it along to me and I'll compile a collection to dole out in future Newsletters.
2. Also, on a following page I've posed 'Question(s) for the Membership.' I don't expect to have one of these for every Newsletter, but this month my thoughts are on what it will take to safely return us to in-person meetings. Please help the MOS Board of Trustees to think productively about that challenge.
3. Finally, Fay Citerone has provided a description of this month's program (focused on specimen plants) and our presenter (Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids). Please note the opportunity to purchase discounted orchids from Peter throughout the month of April. Also Fay will be organizing our virtual show table with 'rules' that should be familiar by now: Please provide her ([fay.citerone@gmail.com](mailto:fay.citerone@gmail.com)) by Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> one or two photos of your plants in bloom in April with their full proper names (if known), and be prepared to say a few words about each.

There, that should do it. Be safe, stay healthy, and grow beautiful orchids that you can share with us.

*John Heinbokel*

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## *April's Guest Speaker* *Peter Lin*

### **Spectacular Orchid Specimens'**

Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids is an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, and AOS judge. He resides in Southern California and grows orchids in 3 small greenhouses, growing primarily mini-catts, Sophronitis, Dendrobiums and miniature species. He frequently gives talks at various orchid societies and has written articles for the *Orchid Digest* and *ORCHIDS* magazine.

Peter started growing orchids over 35 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 15 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Peter is offering a 10% discount to MOS members for the month of April. Mention our society in your order <http://www.diamondorchids.com/>



## MISCELLANY

An Every-Once-in-a-While (Monthly?) Item of Potential Interest to the MOS Membership

*Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel ([jheinbokel@hotmail.com](mailto:jheinbokel@hotmail.com)), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.*

A number of news outlets have reported the KEW Gardens' designation of the  
World's Ugliest Orchid: *Gastrodia agnicellus*.



*(J. Hermans, Curtis's Bot. Mag., 2020)*

Here's a [link](#) to one of the accounts:

<https://www.sciencealert.com/botanists-have-finally-found-it-the-ugliest-orchid-in-the-world>

Contributed to MOS Newsletter by John Heinbokel, March 2021.

# American Orchid Society and Surrounding Events



## Let's Grow Together!

[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)



### 2021 APRIL 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>  
<https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>

#### **APRIL – Congratulations to Us, The American Orchid Society is 100 years old!**

The American Orchid Society has officially reached the 100-year mark. As a centenarian, we have felt all of the growing pains of the ages. We have stretched and exercised to become the strong body we are today. The affiliated societies have united the orchid loving public by providing a monthly meeting place for growers and exhibitors, from novice to expert. Many of our societies have been around for the long haul.

In this year of special recognition, we invite our affiliates to submit a nomination for the **Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service Award (DASSA)**



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. Nominations for the DASSA may be made by any member of an AOS affiliate and should be forwarded to the [Affiliated Societies Committee](#).

If you think your society may be a contender, review the criteria for the award and send off your submission by June 01, 2021. And wherever you are...CHEERS to the future of orchids!

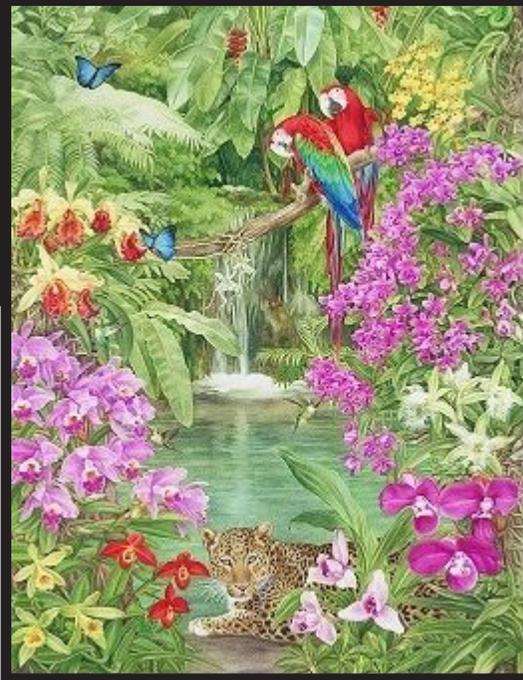
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This gorgeous one of a kind painting from Angela was revealed during the March 13, Spring Meeting of the Members. One hundred signed and numbered museum quality prints were offered to AOS members at the close of the meeting. They sold out in two days! All proceeds from the sale of the prints go towards the AOS Orchid Conservation fund.

The original painting is on the auction block at the Centennial Celebration, Friday, October 29th.



<https://angelamirro.com/>



Make a toast to our next hundred years. Get your very own commemorative glassware in the AOS Gift Shop.

***Cheers to the next 100 years!***

## Special Centennial Auction - Friday, 29th, starting at 7p m.

### AOS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DATES: October 27th - 30th, 2021

We are proud to present the American Orchid Society's Centennial Celebration!

The four-day celebration will encompass our 2021 Fall Members Meeting activities, an exciting live auction, and a splendid gala banquet that will feature a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, music, and dancing in a beautiful and historic setting.

Please join us at the beautiful landmark location - The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

#### Events include:

- Wednesday, October 27 - Meet and Greet reception for registrants 5-6 p.m.
- Thursday, October 28 - AOS Judging, hosted by East Everglades Orchid Society
- Friday, October 29 - Special Centennial Auction, starting at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30 - Speaker Series, until 3 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30 - Centennial Gala, starting at 6 p.m.

[Cheers to the next 100 years!](#)

<https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings/schedule.aspx>

You and your society can become sponsors of this event!

Make your contribution here: <https://secure.aos.org/event/sponsor>

Forever, be a part of the AOS Centennial.

# We Are Your National Volunteers

## Let us Know What We Can Do For You

### Valued Members and Volunteers

An organization is only as good as its members. The AOS is deeply indebted to the many talented and dedicated volunteers who give their time and service to encourage a widespread interest in orchids. They advance the mission of the AOS more than they will ever know. *Please contact any of us if you would like to join our committee.*

### Affiliated Societies Committee

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### AOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

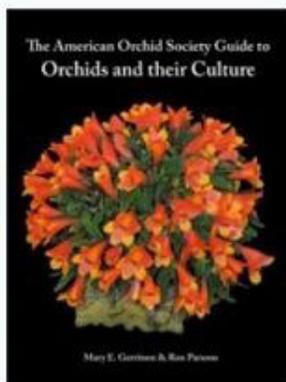
#### AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

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>

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.*



### The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture

This 245-page book, beautifully illustrated with over 450 color photographs, covers a myriad of topics on orchid culture. Topics include specific information on popular orchid groups, repotting, orchid mounting, growing orchids semi-hydroponically, as well as a section on common orchid pests and diseases. **ON SALE AT 50% OFF FOR ALL AOS MEMBERS. BE SURE TO LOG IN BEFORE PURCHASING!**

Regular Price \$29.99  
Member Price \$14.99

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# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



|                  |   |  |   |  |
|------------------|---|--|---|--|
| <b>When</b>      | <b>April 08, 2021</b><br>8:30pm EDT<br>Thursday                   | <b>April 20, 2021</b><br>8:30pm EDT<br>Tuesday               | <b>May 04, 2021</b><br>8:30pm EDT<br>Tuesday                      | <b>May 31, 2021</b><br>8:30pm EDT<br>Monday  |
| <b>Topic</b>     | Greenhouse Chat<br>(Orchid Q&A)<br><i>Send in your Questions!</i> | Deflasking and<br>potting up:<br>Best Practices              | Greenhouse Chat<br>(Orchid Q&A)<br><i>Send in your Questions!</i> | <i>Prosthechea karwinskii</i><br>in Mexico,<br>reintroducing a<br>threatened species |
| <b>Presenter</b> | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>Chief Education<br>and Science Officer     | <b>George Hatfield</b><br>Award Winning<br>Orchid Hybridizer | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>Chief Education<br>and Science Officer     | <b>Julia Douglas</b><br>AOS Conservation<br>Grant Recipient                          |

**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 to Facebook,

Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

We digitize the webinars and they are 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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

From the AOS website... **[AN ORCHIDIST'S GLOSSARY](#)**

A glossary is an alphabetical list of concepts, terms and words within a given field of knowledge or science. It is in this sense that we have called this an Orchidist's Glossary. It views the listed words from the viewpoint of an orchidist only, and thus is most meaningful when limited to its field. It is far from fully comprehensive, but it does embrace a fairly wide range of words used by orchid growers, orchid botanists and various orchid authors. This section includes a pronunciation guide with sound files.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchidists-glossary.aspx>

It pairs nicely with **[ORCHIDS A TO Z](#)** webpage that also includes sound files for the pronunciation of orchid genera. <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>

## ORCHIDPRO

The AOS awards database is available at no extra cost to members. A digital version is included with every AOS membership. You have access to the same program that the judges use.

From Most Recent Awards in OrchidPro...



[\(Rhyncattleanthe Orange Nuggett x Cattlianthe Viola Sanjume\)](#)

Award No: 20211291 left  
Exhibitor: David White  
Photographer Kay Clark  
Florida North-Central Judging Center

[Pterostylis concinna 'Dusty's Pea-Wee'](#)  
[CBR/AOS \(0 points\)](#)

Award No: 20212557 center  
Exhibitor: Nile S. Dusdieker  
Photographer: Nile Dusdieker  
Chicago Judging Center

[Papilionanda Batram 'Frank Smith'](#)  
[FCC/AOS \(92 points\)](#)

*(Papilionanda Mimi Palmer x Vanda denisoniana)*  
Award No: 20211287 right  
Exhibitor: Krull-Smith  
Photographer: Kay Clark  
Florida North-Central Judging Center

The plants showcased here, demonstrate the variety of awards granted by the AOS. **The CCM, Award No: 20211291**, was given to the grower, and first time AOS exhibitor. He is now a proud member of the AOS.

**Award No: 20212557** is something you do not see every day. A CBR is awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest that has received no previous awards.

The judges liked **Award No: 20211287** enough to grant it an FCC, the highest flower-quality award designated for orchid species or hybrids scoring 90 points or more, on a 100-point scale.

To learn more about [orchid awards and judging](https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx) visit <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx>

## [ORCHIDS MAGAZINE](#)

### **Repotting Those Huge Cattleyas**

SEEDLING CATTLEYAS are so much fun. They do not take up much space in your growing area when you first bring them home, so you can buy lots of them at orchid shows without worrying about where you are going to put them. You get to watch each plant grow bigger and stronger and imagine what their first blooms will look like. If you decide the flower was worth the wait, you give it a permanent home in your growing area. When it starts growing out of the pot, you move it into a larger pot and look forward to it producing multiple flower spikes and putting on a real show. Then one day your plant is growing out of an 8- or 10-inch (20- or 25-cm) pot, you start running out of options, and eventually you have to decide to either find a bigger pot or divide the plant.

I have a serious orchid addiction so it goes without saying that I am always running out of bench space. A compounding problem is my love of the large standard cattleyas that, not coincidentally, take up a lot of space. I needed a way of potting-up my overgrown cattleyas without having one pot turn into two or three or four, so I often pot divisions into the same pot. Spoiler alert: You will be ineligible for AOS cultural awards by having

more than one plant in a pot, but if your primary goal is getting the most flowers per square inch (square centimeter) of pot space, read on.

Find the [entire article](#) beginning on page 260 in the April 2016 edition of ORCHIDS.

Text by Sue Bottom/Photographs by Terry Bottom

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

From the AOS website...ORCHID CARE - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Although many of us have learned that orchid growing is not a one-size fits-all endeavor, general guidelines exist to put those entirely new to orchids on the path to success.

#### **Are all orchids the same?**

Quite the contrary. No plant family is more diverse. After all, the orchid family is the largest plant family, occupying almost all possible environments. From the thimble-sized *Mystacidium caffrum* to the 20-foot-tall *Renanthera storei*, orchids exhibit amazingly different shapes, forms and growth habits. Some orchids produce blossoms no larger than a mosquito; other orchid flowers are as large as a dinner plate. Your familiar corsage is just one of the thousands of attractive types that can be grown with ease, given the proper culture. And with today's propagation methods and current hybridizing trends, there are more choices to choose from than ever before.

#### **Are orchids fragrant?**

Some are so powerfully scented as to perfume an entire greenhouse or living room. A few orchid fragrances defy description, while others mimic familiar aromas -- raspberry, coconut, lilacs and citrus. Others have no scent, but rely on shape and color to attract insects or birds for pollination, thereby continuing the life cycle of the species.

Find more orchid Q & A here: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care.aspx>

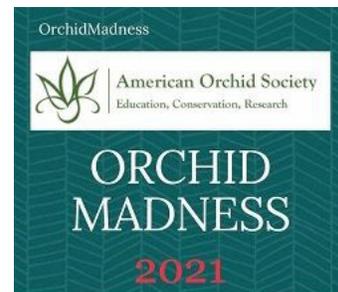
From the AOS website...

#### **ORCHID MADNESS**

Select YOUR favorites

Don't miss out.

We are already in Round Two.



#### **FOR A LITTLE FUN**

Let's play along through to the final selection, April 17.

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



#### **CARE TO SHARE?**

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

We currently have 16.9K international followers on the AOS Instagram account. To participate on Instagram, please email your photos to [americanorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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 or event.

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

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

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](mailto:eileenh@aos.org) or [askmasc@verizon.net](mailto:askmasc@verizon.net).

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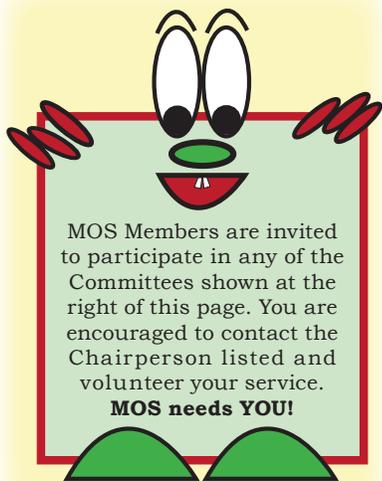
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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open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