



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

October 2021

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President's Message October 2021



Huge thanks to all who participated in last month's first MOS hybrid monthly meeting! We had 33 folks signed in in-person and about 10 logged in via ZOOM. The Show Table was a bit lighter than in the past, but still impressive with about 60 plants on display. There were some glitches in the audio feed to the ZOOMers, but we have plans to make that considerably better the second time around. Some remote participants didn't realize that we were accepting entries to a virtual show table; that too can be fixed as we move forward. Any ZOOMer who wants to participate in the next virtual show table just needs, by the day before our meeting, to provide Fay Citerone (fay.citerone@gmail.com) with a picture or two of orchids in bloom this month. Those will not be entered in any judged class, but will earn participation points for you.

This month's meeting will feature a neighbor of ours, Roddy Gable, President of NCOS. Fay Citerone provides a biography and brief description of his talk. He is likely to bring some plants for sale. In addition, we will be conducting the first of two member plant sales this month (the second will be in December). With Roddy's plants, and those already committed to the sale, we cannot accept any more contributions this month, but December's opportunity will be fully open to all members. Set up of these sales is described in a blurb elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Sadly, MOS' Board of Trustees met last month and concluded that we could not hold our annual auction as planned on November 9. The two plant sales (above) are part of our effort to compensate for that cancellation. More on the rationale for and consequences of this action can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Finally, COVID remains a concern as we plan and conduct our activities. Transmission rates in Baltimore County are still listed as 'high' by the CDC, so we will continue our mask mandate at our monthly meetings, forego refreshments, and ask everyone to work diligently for the well-being of our members. The 'policies' for MOS in-person meetings presented in last month's Newsletter are still in effect.

Stay safe and healthy!

I look forward to seeing you all (in-person or virtually) at our October meeting on the 21st.

John Heinbokel

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MOS Show Table Results

Novice

No Exhibitors

Home Grown

1. Hab. rhodochila 'Brilliant' JC/AOS - Fay Citerone
2. Tie Bepl. Golden Peacock - Bob Johnston
V. (Suksunran Spot X Dr. Anek) - Marilyn Lauffer
3. Tie C. Bactia 'Grape Wax' - Kathi Jackson
Paph. Jade Dragon - Bob Travers

Greenhouse

1. Bulb. phalaenopsis - Jos Venturina

Cattleya

1. Lc. C. G. Roebling - Jos Venturina
2. Tie Bc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson
Blc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel' - Bob Johnston
3. Encv. Pikipik - Joel Graham

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. cornu- cervi 'Linda' HCC/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Phal. Summer Rose 'Blue Star' - Kathi Jackson
3. Phal. (Chian Queen X Diamond Beauty) - Pat Schiavi

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Sedenii - Laura Sobelman
2. Tie Paph. Doll's Kobold - Joel Graham
Paph. [(Hsinying Web X Magic Cherry) X superbien] -
Bob Travers
3. Paph. Heron's Faire - John Heinbokel

Dendrobium

1. Den. hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles' - Michael Moran
2. Den. normanbyense - Bob Travers

Oncidium

1. Psy. Kalihi (alba) - Joel Graham
2. Tie Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani' - Brenda Logan
Onc. cheiroporum - Bob Travers
3. Tie Mtssa. Olmec 'Kanno' - Bob Johnston
Psy. Mem. Bill Carter 'Harford' - Laura Sobelman

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Lsy. Red Jewel 'Sweet Baby' - The Soykes
2. Hab. (medusa X Pegasus) - Joel Graham

Species

1. Hab. medusa - Michael Moran
2. Acan. sonderiana CCE/AOS - David Smith
3. Dim. stenopetala - Joel Graham

Miniature

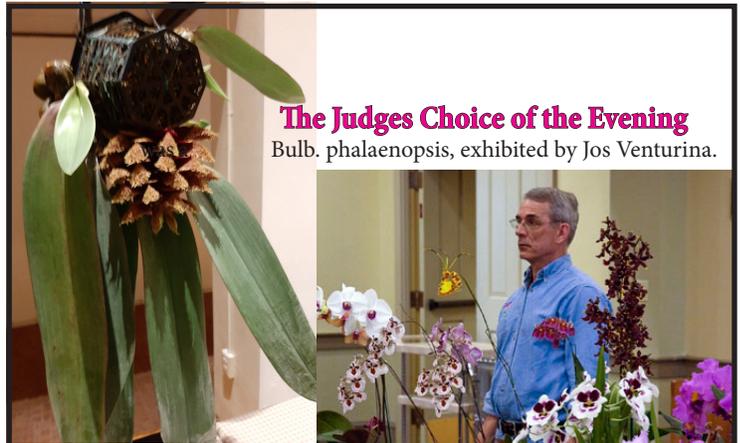
1. Mac. xiphophorous - David Smith
3. Schoen. tixleri - Eric Wiles

First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. (Mem. Dick Clements X klotzscheanum) -
Joel Graham

Fragrance

No Awards Granted



The Judges Choice of the Evening

Bulb. phalaenopsis, exhibited by Jos Venturina.



Thank You

to our judges who were Ernie Drohan, Marilyn Lauffer and Laura Sobelman.

Our show table had an incredible display of 58 beautiful flowering plants. A special THANKS to all that make our show table such a great success. It is truly breathtaking!

Thank You and Congratulations to the following people had
"Perfect Attendance"
on our zoom meeting show table for our year 2020 to 2021.

Fay Citerone, John Heinbokel, Kathi Jackson, Bob Johnston, Sarah
Spence and Bob Travers

For everyone that exhibited plants last year here is your reward!

10 Exhibitor Points - 4 Plants

Fay Citerone, John Heinbokel, Kathi Jackson, Bob Johnston, Sarah
Spence, Bob Travers

9 Exhibitor Points - 3 Plants

Suzanne Gaertner, Marilyn Lauffer, Monica Sparber, Chris Zajac

8 Exhibitor Points - 2 Plants

Ellie Martin, Laura Sobelman, The Zickuhrs

7 Exhibitor Points - 2 Plants

Brenda Logan, Arne Schon, The Soykes, Dan Woodburn

6 Exhibitor Points - 2 Plants

Mai Conoway, Joanna Hager

5 Exhibitor Points - 1 Plant

The Kuhns, Clark Riley

4 Exhibitor Points - 1 Plant

Jill Allen, Pat Schiavi

Many Thanks to all who participate to make our Show Table such a
great success!

Respectfully,
Tom McBride



"Buying Orchids in the Digital Age."

Roddy Gabel, the president of the National Capital Orchid Society and director of the *Orchid Digest*, got his first orchid, a *Phalaenopsis Lueddeviolacea*, in the late 1970s. He now has a varied collection of several hundred plants comprised mostly of *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium* species and hybrids, although many other genera are represented.

He has been a member of the National Capital Orchid Society for over 25 years and is currently its President. He has been a member of the American Orchid Society for nearly as long and is currently a Director of the Orchid Digest and President and a member of the editorial staff of the Slipper Orchid Alliance. From 1991 until he retired in 2014, he worked in the International Affairs Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, primarily on CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) under which international trade of orchids is regulated. Roddy's work offered numerous opportunities for international travel, including visits to exotic orchid locales and nurseries.

Like most orchid hobbyists these days, Roddy often sources new plants from on-line vendors, with varying success. In his presentation, Roddy will share his experiences with buying orchids on line and give some tips on things to watch for. He will also provide basic information on importing orchids for those who wish to attempt it.

FIRST MEETING BACK



It was good to see all again



Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

Please Pick Plants Up Pronto

If you have earned show table exhibitor award plants for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, please plan to pick them up from Tom McBride at the Little Greenhouse, 9845 Harford Road, by October 16, during their regular business hours. Keep in mind that selection is first-come, first-served, so come soon to receive the best choices. Following is the list of recipients who have not picked up yet:

4 plants for:

Marc Kiriou
Dan Woodburn

2 plants for:

Teena and Randy Hallameyer
Phoung Tran and Rich Kaste

1 plant for:

Debbie Lippincott
Steve and Rachael Adams
Danielle Gent
Katia Bautista

Laura Sobelman

Clark's Corner



DORMANCY

A good many orchids live in environments where parts of the year are hostile to tender plants. The solution is dormancy, a sort of suspended animation for the orchid. These adaptations enable the orchid to survive. Neglecting them in culture, though, can kill the plant. Some examples: *Cypripedium*, *Platanthera*, and *Calopogon* go dormant during the cold winters, with habitats stretching all the way to the Arctic Circle. In the autumn, the plants pump fungicides and insecticides into their tubers or rhizomes to avoid being devoured while asleep. In cultivation, they will not “wake up” if kept warm.

Habenaria and some *Eulophias* live in Asian monsoon areas. Though the summer monsoon is warm and wet, the winter monsoon is cool and dry. These species require a dry rest during the winter. If watered, they will rot.

Mexican *Laelias*, *Catasetum* and *Mormodes* come from parts of Central and South America with dry winters. In the case of *Catasetum* and *Mormodes*, the plants lose their leaves and the remaining pseudobulbs are wrapped in papery sheathes. Applying water during this rest period causes weak growths prone to rot.

As always, the more you research the natural environment of your favorite species, the more likely you are to give them what they want, and they, in turn, will reward you with sturdy growths and great flowers.

MEMBERS' PLANT SALES

To help relieve some of the consequences of canceling the November auction, the Board of Trustees chose to open two of our upcoming meetings to the sale of members' plants. As would have been the case with the auction, all proceeds of these sales will go to MOS. Plant donors will be eligible for tax deductions for charitable contributions.

Keep in mind that plants in bloom are the most desirable; non-blooming plants will be easier to sell if the donor can provide a photo of it in bloom. As with the Show Table, we ask that all plants be healthy, disease- and pest-free, and as accurately labeled as possible. At both meetings, any plant that does not sell will need to go home with the donor.

1. OCTOBER monthly meeting: Our speaker for this meeting, Roddy Gabel of NCOS, is likely to have some of his own plants for sale. To reduce our impact on his sales, we are limiting contributions of plants to the people who were present at the Board meeting on Sept 21. Some plants will be marked with a set price and will be sold first-come-first-served. Other plants will be part of a silent auction; bidder numbers will be the last three digits of the member's door prize ticket. We're working toward additional payment methods, but cash or check will still be your safest options in October.
2. DECEMBER monthly meeting: This is our traditional holiday party with no outside speaker. All members will be able to contribute plants. Specific plans will be announced and will likely depend on our experience in October.

NOVEMBER AUCTION NEWS

The MOS Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021 to discuss the upcoming Annual Auction, scheduled for the second Saturday in November. We took several actions that should be shared now with the membership:

1. We will NOT be holding that November auction. We were concerned about asking folks to gather indoors in a relatively small space for several hours during this time of COVID.
2. We know this will have impacts on members' plans to expand their collections, or to donate surplus plants to this MOS fund-raiser. There are financial implications for MOS as well.
3. We are exploring whether or when we can reschedule the auction in the Spring with minimal conflicts with the local show season. More on that as we learn more.
4. Member plant sales during the October and December monthly meetings will partially compensate for the impacts of stepping away from the November event. See elsewhere in this Newsletter for details on those sales.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MOS congratulates and welcomes new member **PATTY RUPPERT**, the 2021 Novice winner at the Maryland State Fair.

REMINDER: Membership Renewals

If you have not yet renewed your membership and will be attending the October meeting, I will be available to accept your membership renewal. You will then be eligible to place your plants on the Show Table.



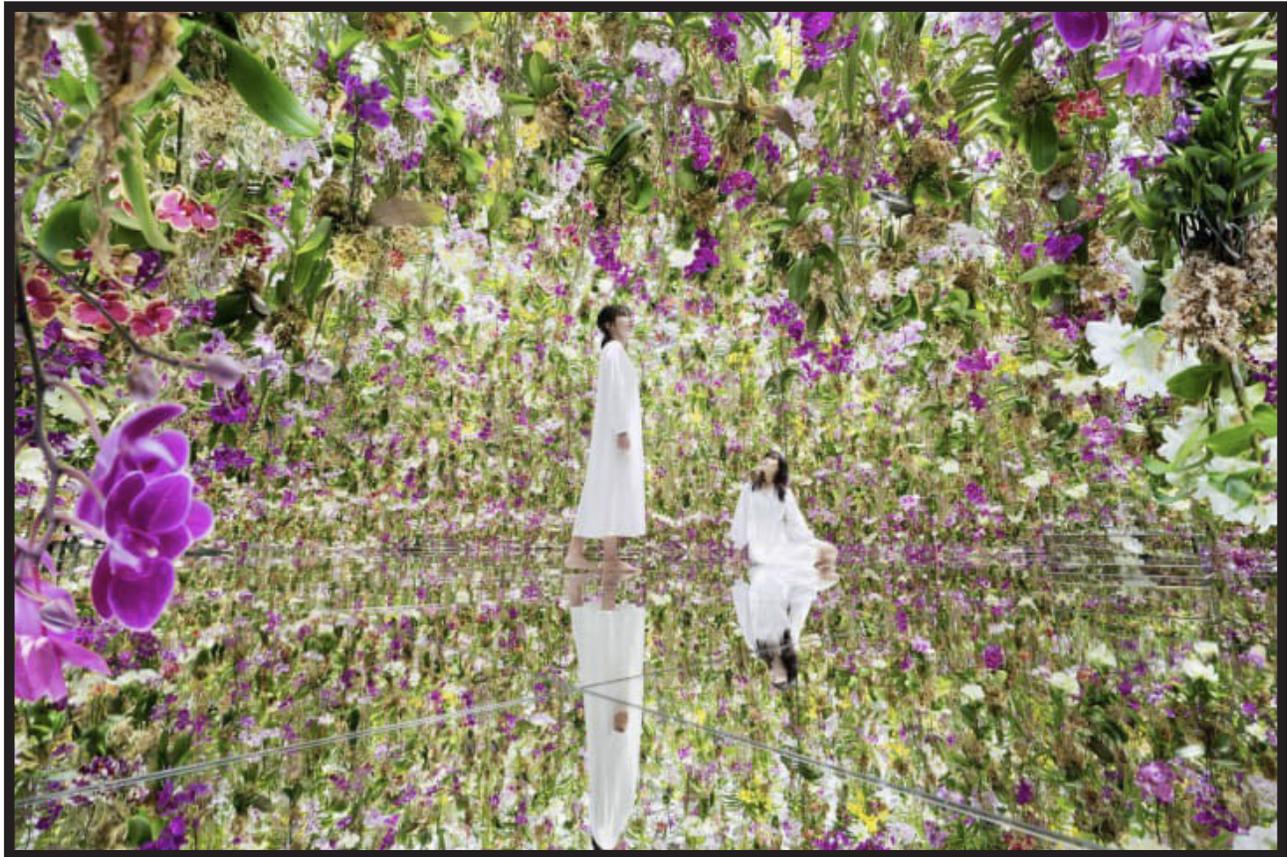
Sarah L. Spence - Membership Chair



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), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.*

Floating Flower Garden: Flowers and I are of the Same Root, the Garden and I are One



The installation is on show at Tokyo's team Lab Planets museum. Credit: From team Lab Planets

Below are two links to this art installation in Tokyo that use over 13,000 live orchids suspended from fine wires so that they appear suspended in the air. It appears to be an incredible fusion of visual, auditory (with the accompanying music), and olfactory inputs. If you go to the second (TeamLab) link, be sure to click on the video clip at the top of the stack of screen captures.

I am suggesting that perhaps Valerie Lowe could take a page from this in setting up MOS' exhibit at the SEPOS show next spring. just kidding, Valerie.

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/teamlab-orchid-garden-tokyo/index.html>

https://planets.teamlab.art/tokyo/ew/ffgarden_planets/

Contributed to MOS Newsletter by John Heinbokel, September 2021.

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2021 OCTOBER AOS Corner – for [Affiliated Societies](https://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx)

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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>

ORCHID SPEAK: We All Have to Start Somewhere

Let's talk about the language we learn when we join the orchid community. It's alphabet soup. Multi-syllable words. Words with more vowels than we know what to do with. Words we are not familiar with. All in the name of orchids. The American Orchid Society is here to help.

Under the [All About Orchids](#) tab on the AOS website there is a resource you will want to share with your society members. Orchids from A-Z is a definitive source for concise information on orchid genera. Full descriptions and culture requirements are provided by experts hand-picked for their knowledge of select genera. Photos of major species in each genus are shown with large pop-up photos. Culture requirements are presented in an easy to understand "recipe-style" format. Also included is a sound file for the proper pronunciation of each genus so you can sound like an expert.

Go ahead – test yourself

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>

Orchids A to Z - Letter C

This section of Orchids A to Z covers genera that start with the letter C

- *Cadetia*
- *Caladenia*
- *Calanthe*
- *Catasetum*
- *Cattleya*
- *Cattleyopsis*
- *Caularthron*
- *Ceratostylis*
- *Chaubardia*
- *Chaubardiella*
- *Chiloschista*
- *Chondrorhyncha*
- *Christensonia*
- *Chysis*
- *Cirrhaea*
- *Cischweinfia*
- *Clowesia*
- *Cochlioda*
- *Coelia*
- *Coelogyne*
- *Comparettia*
- *Constantia*
- *Coryanthes*
- *Cuitlauzina*
- *Cyclopogon*
- *Cynoches*
- *Cymbidiella*
- *Cymbidium*
- *Cynorkis*
- *Cyrtopodium*



WHAT'S NEW? The Orchid Marketplace Discover the top vendors in the orchid community and their special offers on all things orchid.

Two-Year renewals, or new two-year members, receive a \$30 coupon for each ELITE Marketplace Partner. Marketplace Partner terms and conditions may apply.

ALL AOS members save a minimum 5% on purchases from every vendor.

Additionally - **The Orchid DealWire™** is an opt-in email-based service provided by the American Orchid Society, to inform DealWire subscribers of promotions, special events and sales related to orchids. Anyone may sign-up to receive these notices by entering their email address at the bottom of the Orchid Marketplace screen on the AOS website.

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

Digital Membership Cards

How cool is this? Members can now find their membership cards in their account information on the drop-down menu after [signing on](#) to the AOS website.

Print or download and save to your electronic device(s).
<https://secure.aos.org/login?ReturnUrl=http://www.aos.org>



GOOD NEWS Fall Members Meeting

The 2021 Fall Members Meeting virtual event will be held on Saturday, **October 30, 2:30 PM EST**. Check in to learn the latest about what's happening in the American Orchid Society!
Agenda

- * Town Hall & Meeting of the Members including a State of the Organization Report
 - * AOS Projects & Innovations
 - * Committee Reports
 - * Introducing New Judging Personnel and Status Elevations...and more!

In Case You Have Not Heard

Due to concerns over Covid-19 and its variants, coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health of everyone involved, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have postponed the 2021 Centennial Celebration.

GOOD NEWS

All events and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 are rescheduled for April 6th - 9th, 2022. **Watch for updates!**

Fall Members Meeting Registration

Registration Required <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2448907481855582733>

AFFILIATED SOCIETY BENEFIT BONUS

There is sure to be an AOS membership level to fit the needs of each society member. Membership in the AOS is a win-win for your society, and for the American Orchid Society.

The Affiliated Societies Committee exists because you exist.

Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same.

Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues and benefits may vary.

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. Though it is a highlight, there is more to membership than a magazine subscription. <https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership>

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TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST

Reprint **October: The Month of Insanity** by Thomas Mirenda

Gearing up for a Season of Indoor Growing

of windowsill or greenhouse bench space already spoken for, many orchid nurseries choose this time of year to advertise lower prices and bargains. After all, many of them need to pack up for the winter too. I learned long ago that I cannot resist an orchid sale so my windowsills and benches will always be filled beyond capacity through the inclement weather.

This is the kind of obsession that many of us share. Some would call it passion, others pathology. However, due to our fascination with the outrageous diversity displayed in the tens of thousands of orchid species and the never-ending array of spectacular and easy to grow hybrids, we must resign ourselves to slavishly devoting hours of our personal time, and dedicating vast amounts of space and financial resources to our collections. Are we insane? Well, if so, we are in good company. Some extremely respectable individuals (not I, of course) are secret orchid growers. You would never know it if you saw them at work or on the street. They seem normal enough, with respectable careers, devoted spouses and above-average children. But we know that we are living on the edge, seized by an uncontrollable mania that immerses us in that beautiful and mesmerizing world of orchids. If you have not yet reached capacity, what are you waiting for?

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT Your collection grew well this summer thanks to all the excellent care you gave it after reading about the plants in Orchids. Those that summered outside received plenty of rainwater, excellent light and air movement. Many have put on large new pseudobulbs. Cattleyas are forming sheaths, phalaenopsis are hardening their newest growths and dendrobiums are producing terminal leaves on their long canes, basically finishing their vegetative growth for the year. Now is the time to prepare the winter growing space, be it a windowsill, light room or greenhouse. If you have not already done so, take the time to clear out debris from last year, clean and sterilize the surfaces with a disinfectant and plan your strategy for getting all your orchids safely inside for the winter.

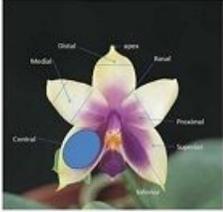
NO HIDDEN PASSENGERS With many of your warmer-growing plants, such as vandas and angraecoids, about to come in for the winter before the first cold snaps, September may be your last chance to check your orchids for hitchhiking critters. Any number of undesirable winter residents may have invaded orchids that are outside. Sucking insects, such as mites, scale or mealybugs, are often decimated by the beneficial insects that live in our yards or washed away by rains, but sometimes, small enclaves of these pests survive. Take the time now to look over plants carefully and treat any pests accordingly. Even though they may not be visible on the leaves, colonies of ants sometimes invade the porous interstices of orchid mix. These cannot be tolerated and could cause you a lot of grief if allowed in the greenhouse. Once discovered, the ants must be evicted either by drowning or drenching with an insecticide. It is always a good idea to repot such plants in fresh medium as the old mix is likely to be seriously broken down or badly acidified by the formic acid released by ant habitation.

FLOWER POWER Many hobbyists anticipate the approaching blooming season for many orchids, including cymbidium, phalaenopsis and dendrobiums, by fertilizing plants less frequently and with a lower concentration. In particular, the use of high-nitrogen fertilizers this time of year can inhibit blooming by encouraging plants to continue growing foliage. For orchids that you are expecting to spike in the autumn, switching to a blossom booster fertilizer now can give plants the extra boost they need to flower extravagantly.

THE LITTLE DEATH A few orchids — deciduous dendrobiums, lycastes, many terrestrials (Habenaria, Cynorkis) and some members of the Catasetinae — are showing brown-tipped or yellowing leaves now. Do not be alarmed. Usually shortly after the autumn equinox, as day length starts to shorten, many orchids adjust and slough off leaves in preparation for dormancy. Most of these are benefiting from the cooler night temperatures after enduring the summer heat and are genetically programmed to shut down their metabolisms. Respond by letting these plants dry out and holding back plant fertilizer. Overwatering now can lead to rot problems later in the autumn.

JUST ONE MORE It is so tempting to load up on new orchids during those ubiquitous autumn sales. I certainly cannot preach to anyone about the virtues of restraint when it comes to orchid acquisition, so I hereby release you from any guilt you may be feeling about crowding your collection too much this winter. It may be irresponsible of me to tell you this, but we are what we are. I believe the correct word is “enthusiasts.” So go for it. Order a few new sale plants from orchid nurseries. And have fun.

— **Tom Mirenda** has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is the past chair of the AOS Conservation Committee. He is an AOS accredited judge in the Hawaii Center (email: biophiliak@gmail.com)

<h2>AOS Judging</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">OrchidPro Resources</p> <p>Create a FREE handy-dandy flip chart to help you understand all of the terminology used in award descriptions.</p> <p>https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_1.pdf https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_2.pdf https://op.aos.org/docs/AOS_Flip_Cards_diagrams.pdf</p>
	<p><small>All descriptions follow a prescribed format. It is NOT the order in which the measurements are taken.</small></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flowers, buds, number of inflorescences 2. Description of plant and container if appropriate 3. Flower base color if appropriate 4. dorsal sepal (or sepals if taken together) 5. lateral sepals (or symsepal) if not included with dorsal sepal 6. petals 7. lip including crests, keels and spur 8. column and anther cap (or stamens) 9. substance 10. texture 11. novelty if noteworthy 12. floral bracts if noteworthy 13. rachis if noteworthy 14. country of origin for botanical awards 15. verification of identity 16. Any judges comments of note, i.e. ...precluded higher score 17. Potted

OrchidPro is an AOS membership benefit. Log on to the AOS website and select **OrchidPro** from the drop-down menu. **Explore the world of orchids.**

Every month Orchids showcases hundreds of awarded orchids in the Awards Gallery. There are also Selected Botanical Terms and a Pronunciation Guide in each issue. Together with OrchidPro, members have a plethora of resources to learn more about the orchids we grow.

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

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	October 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 21, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	November 09, 2021 8:30pm EST Tuesday	November 17, 2021 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Black Orchids The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness	Orchid Collection Tour The Huntington Botanical Gardens	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge, President of COC	Brandon Tam Orchid Collection Specialist, AOS Judge	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

Webinars are 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.

Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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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.*

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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



Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!
Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

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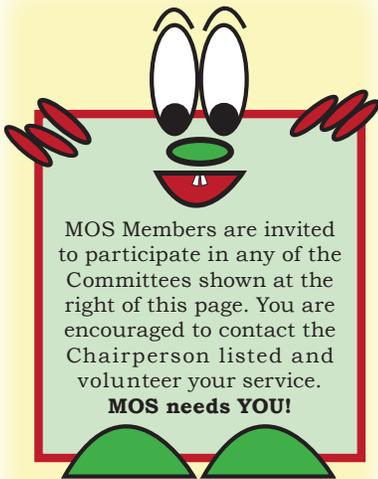
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