

ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

Oct. 2022

President's Message

Volunteers Make or Break this Society!

There should be nothing startling in the message of that headline. Many (most?) community groups could say the same, but the MOS is the group on which I'm most focused. Our officers, committee chairs, and committee members have all made an ongoing commitment of their time and energy to make the MOS work for all members. I could not be more appreciative! Thank you!

While the majority of our members don't fall into those categories, there are still tons of opportunities to step forward. An incomplete list includes:

1. Contribute plants to our program of shows and exhibitions. The more varied and impressive those are, the more the community will sit up and take notice of us (and be tempted to join us!).
2. Contribute plants to our Show Table (or pics to our Virtual Show Table). Set an example for our members of what, and how well, orchids can be grown (& earn some nice prizes in September).
3. Volunteer time to help set-up, staff, and break down our shows and exhibitions. Reach out and chat with non-members. Even our novice members have insights to contribute!
4. Offer assistance to the chair of any of our Standing Committees (see later in this Newsletter for a list).



AND we have two immediate needs! We are in need of a chair for our Education Committee. Before he felt obliged to step down, David Smith had suggested forming a team of two or more folks to rotate short 20-30 minute presentations or discussions before each formal monthly meeting begins. Can you contribute to those or play a role in organizing them?

AND the Auction, our largest fund raiser of the year, is coming up on November 12. Please see if you have plants you can donate; Bob Travers offers some guidance later in this Newsletter. I know many of you don't have large enough collections to be giving many away, but everyone should be able to donate some time to help set up and make the Auction run smoothly. Please mark your calendars and plan to help for a few hours that day.

As always: Stay safe and healthy; grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us!

John Heinbokel
October 2, 2022

Member Update

MOS Welcomes New Members ...

Eric Klingman
Grace Fellner
Scott Draper and Peggy McNutt
Jonathan Coppola
Heather Eshleman
Winner of the Novice Best-in-Show at the Maryland State Fair



Sarah L.
Spence,
Membership
Chair

Pay Your Membership Online!

This fall we have begun to offer online payment options for membership renewal. As of the beginning of October, 22 members have used this easy option to renew their membership! We also had 4 members pay their dues at the September meeting by swiping their credit card with our in-person card reader.

The card reader gives us the option to accept in-person payments by credit card, PayPal or Venmo. These payment options will come in handy at our November auction and for our monthly meetings when "you just don't have any cash on you but you **really, really want to bid on that beautiful orchid** that a member brought in to auction off at the end of the meeting."

Brenda Logan, MOS Treasurer

MOS Show Table September 2022

Novice

1. No Entries

Homegrown

1. Hab. Tracy - Faye Citerone
2. Tie- Lc. Sagarik Wax - Kathi Jackson
Paph. Delrosi - Bob Travers
Blc. Toshie Magic 'Doris' - Bob Johnston
3. C. Chocolate Drop 'NOK' - Marilyn Lauffer

Greenhouse

1. *Aerides odorata* alba - Eric Wiles

Cattleya

1. Pot. Nakornchaisri Delight - Daniel Gent
2. Tie- Epi. Pacific Girl - Bob Travers
C. loddigesii x *C. harrisoniana* - Bob Johnston
3. Bc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight' AM/AOS -
Kathi Jackson



Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. White Hybrid (above)- Laura Sobelman
2. Tie-Phal. *cornu-cervi* 'Red' - Michael Moran
Phal. Tai Ling 'Amethyst' - Sarah Spence
3. Phal. *violacea* 'Amazon' x sib 'Best' - Kathi Jackson

Paphiopedilum

1. Paph. Iantha Stage - Eric Wiles
2. Paph. Stonei - Michael Moran

Dendrobium

1. Den. Hekouense - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Den. No ID - John Heinbokel
Den. Hibiki - Michael Moran
3. Den. Hibiki - Kathi Jackson

Oncidium

1. Onc. Midas 'Willow Pond' - Faye Citerone
2. Onc. Sweer Sugar 'Lemon Drop' - Bob Johnston
Psy. Kalihi #2 - Laura Sobelman
3. Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani' - Brenda Logan



Misc. Hybrids

1. Vanda Robert's Delight 'Pink Diamond' (above)
- Brenda Logan
2. Hab. Regnieri 'Rubenesque' - Bob Travers
3. Ddc. *longifolium* 'J.G' - Phuong Tran and Rich Kaste

Species

1. Stan. *gravolens* - Eric Wiles
2. Gur. *skinneri* var. *albescens* - Bob Travers
Hab. *medusa* 'Owen' - Michael Moran
3. Phal. *lindenii* - Arne Schon

Miniature

1. Onc. Midas 'Willow Pond' - Michael Moran
2. *Macroclinium aurea* - Eric Wiles

Fragrance

1. Neof. *falcata* Daiseikai - Eric Wiles
2. C. Green Emerald 'Queen' - Bob Johnston
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' - Wanda Kuhn

The judges choice of the evening was *Stanhopea gravolens* brought in by Eric Wiles.

Thank you to our judges who were Faye Citerone, Marilyn Lauffer, and Michael Moran. Your efforts gave us a great start to the season with 52 beautiful blooming plants. Thank you to everyone who helps make the show table a continued success.

2021 - 2022 Show Table

Class Winners

These results from the last Show Table season were announced at the September monthly meeting and cash awards presented. We held off publishing them until this month, however. CONGRATULATIONS all!

Novice

- 1st Nicole Allen - 9 pts.
- 2nd Tie Jill Allen, Barb Gunter - 3 pts.
- 3rd Arman Siddiqui - 2 pts.

Home Grown

- 1st Bob Johnston - 17 pts.
- 2nd Bob Travers - 15 pts.
- 3rd Kathi Jackson - 11 pts.

Greenhouse

- 1st Jos Venturina - 15 pts.
- 2nd Eric Wiles - 9 pts.
- 3rd Michael Moran - 6 pts.

Cattleya

- 1st Bob Johnston - 17 pts.
- 2nd Eric Wiles - 9 pts.
- 3rd Tie Bob Travers, Jos Venturina - 8 pts.

Phalaenopsis

- 1st Wanda Kuhn - 16 pts.
- 2nd Diane Elam - 7 pts.
- 3rd Tie Kathi Jackson, Brenda Logan, Michael Moran - 6 pts.

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

- 1st Joel Graham - 16 pts.
- 2nd Laura Sobelman - 13 pts.
- 3rd Bob Travers - 11 pts.

Dendrobium

- 1st Chris Zajac - 12 pts.
- 2nd Michael Moran - 6 pts.
- 3rd Tie Nicole Allen, Bob Johnston, Craig Taborsky - 4 pts.

Oncidium

- 1st Tie Joel Graham, Eric Wiles - 9 pts.
- 2nd Tie Wanda Kuhn, Bob Travers - 6 pts.
- 3rd Tie John Heinbokel, Bob Johnston, Laura Sobelman - 4 pts.

Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st Eric Wiles - 10 pts.
- 2nd Joel Graham - 9 pts.
- 3rd Tie Fay Citerone, Bob Travers - 5 pts.

Species

- 1st Arne Schon - 13 pts.
- 2nd Joel Graham - 9 pts.
- 3rd David Smith - 7 pts.

Miniature

- 1st Tie David Smith, Eric Wiles - 13 pts.
- 2nd Brenda Logan - 10 pts.
- 3rd Tie Joel Graham, Clark Riley, Arne Schon, Bob Travers - 3 pts.

First Bloom Seedling

- 1st Joel Graham - 15 pts.
- 2nd John Dunning - 6 pts.
- 3rd Tie Marc Kiriou, Michael Moran - 3 pts.

Fragrance

- 1st Bob Johnston - 14 pts.
- 2nd Wanda Kuhn - 13 pts.
- 3rd Eric Wiles - 6 pts.



David Smith's *Acianthera sonderiana* 'Turnberry', CCE received the Carlyle Luer Award from this photo.

October MOS Speaker

Sarah Hurdel, a fellow member of the Maryland Orchid Society, is the owner of **Needmore Orchids**, (<https://needmore-orchids.myshopify.com/>) an artist, orchid blogger, exhibitor, and accredited AOS judge. She maintains a collection of well over 600 orchids under lights in her basement, including a large number of *Habenaria* species and hybrids. Even without a greenhouse, her plants and exhibits have received AOS award recognition for culture, flower quality, and design. She enjoys sharing her orchid obsession with others through in-person and virtual presentations to societies across the US and Canada.

Sarah currently has two blog pages featuring her orchid photography and cultural information: (<https://www.facebook.com/askmeaboutmyplants>) and (<https://somethingaboutorchids.blogspot.com/>)



Habenaria medusa 'Owen' got a Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) this year!



Peak Habenaria season in Sarah's basement, 2020

This month's talk combines Sarah's love of orchids, photography, and illustration with experienced advice and a sense of humor. Most of her plants are from the perspective of an under lights grower. However, the information is useful for windowsill and greenhouse growers—beginners to advanced—and presented in a way that keeps the audience engaged with original animations, illustrations, and lots of pretty pictures.

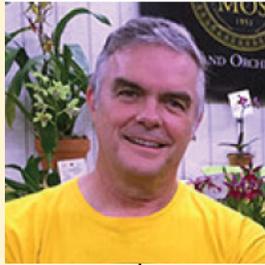


Habenaria rhodocheila 'Yellow' -

Information provided by Fay Citerone, MOS Program Chair

In Praise of Local Orchid Vendors

There is perhaps no better source for orchid knowledge and orchid plants than a local nursery. The owners of these establishments KNOW how to grow orchids. They have to in order to survive. The plants they offer have already demonstrated the ability to grow here in the central Maryland area. Visiting, you get to experience the feeling of the plants in a good environment of heat, light, and moisture. Keeping our local vendors in business is one of your best investments in orchids.



When I arrived in Baltimore in 1984, there were a number of orchid growers who are now gone — Kensington Orchids, Jungle Gems, and Arbecs come to mind. Within a two hour drive, another dozen or so are gone. It has always been hard to maintain a viable orchid business.

Within an easy drive, we are still blessed with several exceptional orchid nurseries:

* The Little Greenhouse,
845 Harford Road,
Baltimore Maryland 21234,
(410) 661-4748

* Woodstream Orchids, 5810
Huntingtown Road,
Huntingtown Maryland 20639,
(410) 286-2664 (Special events or
appointment,
<http://www.woodstreamorchids.com>)

* Little Brook Orchids,
25 Rider Avenue
Lancaster Pennsylvania 17603,
(717) 394-1000,
<https://www.littlebrookorchids.com>

Within a bit more of a drive, there are a number of fine establishments in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Virginia. Talk to our orchid greybeards about some of their favorite nearby nurseries.

Orchid Auction

Presented by

The Maryland Orchid Society
Saturday, November 12, 2022

Knights of Columbus Hall
1010 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Preview 11:00AM, Auction 12:00 to 4:00 PM

- Hundreds of orchids in bud or bloom from Respected local and nationally recognized growers.
- Plus...pre-priced "instant auction" plants.
- Free admission

**PayPal, Venmo, Credit Card, Check
and Cash accepted**

Contact Aaron Webb, 410-419-1312 or visit
www.marylandorchids.org for more information

Preparing Your Donations for the MOS Annual Auction

Auction Date: Saturday November 12, 2022

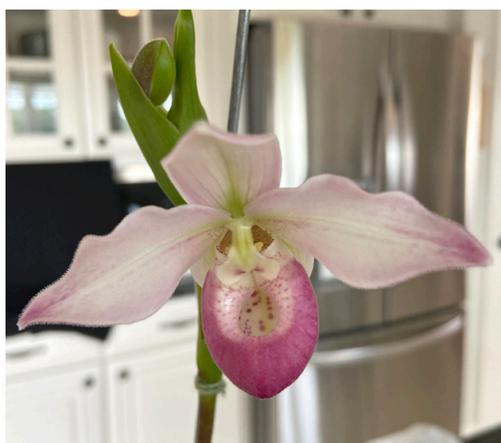
The MOS auction will be here before you know it. Thank you in advance for your plant donations. The Auction is a major source of revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society for the year and your QUALITY donations are key to its success.

Start now deciding which plants of your plants you are willing to part with. Having missed the auction for a couple years you have probably been repotting and dividing your plants and need to make room for new acquisitions.

Check list

- Healthy and pest-free plants only, please
- Your donations are greatly appreciated but **please do not provide underperforming weak plants.**
- A plant that is healthy but you have established will not bloom in your growing conditions can be donated.
- Labels should be legible and accurate; you may need to remake the label
- Plants with no label need a label indicating NOID and to the best of your knowledge the plant type and color
- Groom your plants where necessary—clean leaves, stake inflorescences, etc. Does your plant look like something you would want to purchase?
- Plants in bud or bloom will bring more money for the Society
- Take and keep digital pictures of your plants in bloom.
- Bare root healthy divisions are acceptable and must be labeled.
- If your plant will not be in bloom at the auction, please make a picture label using one of your digital pictures or search the web for a stock picture of your plant. This label is an opportunity to highlight an historic plant, parentage, growing conditions—anything to help sell the plant.
- Bob Travers will use the October meeting beginners' corner to show how to make a picture label for virtually free, provided you have a computer and color printer.
- A day or two before the auction make sure your plants are watered but not dripping at the auction.
- Pack your plants for transport. Some may need staking to prevent swinging inflorescences
- **Download and complete the MOS Auction donation form and bring to the auction for signing. These donations are tax-deductible.**

<https://marylandorchids.org/MOSDonations.pdf>



Bob Travers will use the October meeting beginners' corner to show how to make a picture label for virtually free, provided you have a computer and color printer.



The Bobs (Travers and Johnston respectively) setting up the MOS Show in March. Fay Citrone and Lou Buck in the back.

Maryland Orchid Society 2022 - 2023 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

OCTOBER

October 20, 2022 – Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

November 12, 2022 – Annual Auction: Volunteers and Contributions Needed!

November 17, 2022 – Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

December 15, 2022 – Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party

JANUARY

January 2023 – Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

12 - SET-UP

13-15 – On Display (Volunteers Needed to Staff)

January 21 – NCOS Paph Forum

January 19, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

January 26, 2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD ???)

FEBRUARY

February 2023: Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

2 – SET-UP

3 – Judging

4-6 – On Display

National Capital Orchid Society Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

16 – SET-UP

17 - Judging

17-19 – On Display

February 16, 2023 – Monthly Meeting [NOTE: May conflict with NCOS Set-up ???]

TBD ??? – NCOS Annual Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

MARCH

March 2023: MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

7 (Tu) - Staging set-up

8 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits

9 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM

10-12 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public

March 16, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

March – April 2023 – SEPOS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

29 – Set-up

30 – Judging

31-April 2 – On display

APRIL

April 2023 TBD ??? – Spring Workshop

April 20, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

MAY

May 18, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

JUNE

June 15, 2023 – Monthly Meeting

JULY

July 27, 2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD???)



Chris Zajac's tabletop exhibit, MOS Show, March 2022

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.

Species or Hybrid: Can You Trust the Label?

I don't usually fall back to the commercial sales products of orchid vendors for material for this column, but this one, derived and only lightly edited from our friends at Paph Paradise in Californis (<https://paphparadise.com>), caught my eye. For any of you who are also as hung up as I find myself on wanting to know the names and ancestry of my plants, this might also be worthy of a quick read.

September 19, 2019 By Dave Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilum spicerianum is a species that is native to India, Burma and Southern China. It was introduced to the hobby in the late 1800's and has always been very popular among Paph growers. You may have one in your collection, or at least you may think you do.

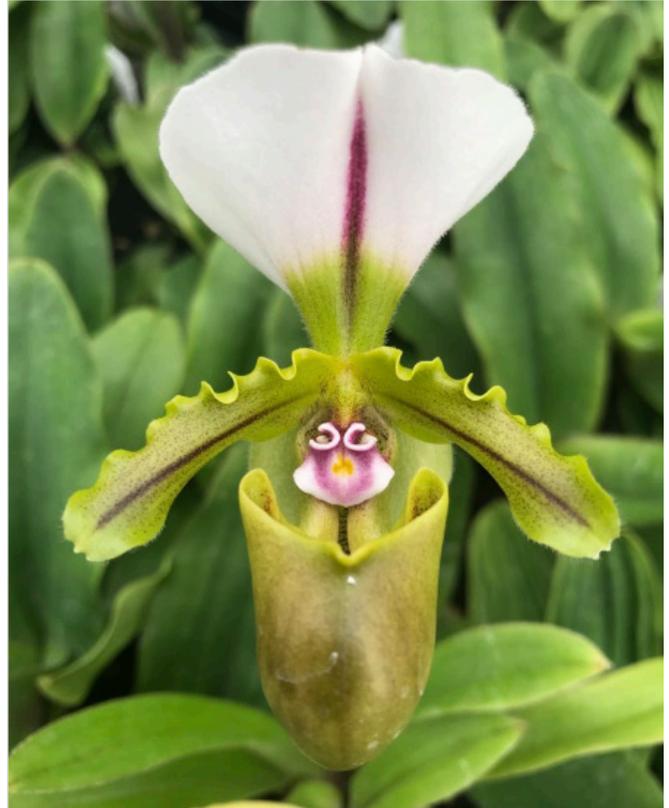
Unfortunately, many of the *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* offered for sale today are actually hybrids. Oh, they cleverly disguise themselves as the species, but they are imposters. They can even fool taxonomists.

The History of *Paphiopedilum spicerianum*

How did this happen? About 20 years ago, Alan Koch, at Gold Country Orchids, was offered a division of *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* 'Marshall's' AM/AOS. He purchased the division, but the plant wasn't quite ready to divide, so he was sent some pollen in the meantime. He put the pollen on his clone of 'St. Albans' HCC/AOS and set a pod. His order for 5 flasks was misinterpreted by the lab and he was sent 50. As he had no use for that many plants, he gave flasks to many Paph growers around the country. Some growers who received them sent some of the flasks to growers in Taiwan. Basically, they ended up everywhere!

The next year Alan finally received his division of 'Marshall's'. When he saw the flower in person, he realized that it was not actually *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* but a hybrid. He immediately let everyone who had received flasks know about the mistake, but these plants grew like weeds. Hybrid vigor will do this! Many had already made their way into the market, and many more followed as some vendors didn't really care. After all, they look like *spicerianum*.

In the years that followed these vigorous doppelgangers were used by unsuspecting breeders to flood the market with hybrid



spicerianum. Some are recognizable, most are not. Those with flat dorsal sepals are likely hybrids. If you are able to see a group of siblings in bloom you may see some that lack the distinctive yellow-green cross on the staminodal shield. Some may also have poorly formed curls at the top of the staminode. Only a taxonomist can tell for sure. Even then you can only really be sure if you see a group of siblings and determine if there is variation among them.

What's this mean to you?

So how can you avoid buying a hybrid? Knowing the providence of the seedlings can help. Those made with old clones from before 2000 are safe bets. Also buying from a breeder who has maintained their breeding lines without adding 'tainted' stock. For many folks, it may not be that much of a big deal, but for a real 'Paph purist' it definitely does!

Submitted by John Heinbokel, October 1, 2022.

For more information from the American Orchid society, visit
<https://mailchi.mp/5765e5f34fb7/aos-corner-october-2022?e=09cba2124d>



AOS Affiliated Societies Newsletter October 2022

AOS Corner

Affiliated Societies

The Affiliated Societies Committee is here to act as your liaison to the American Orchid Society. Whether you are planning a show or you cannot find something on the website remember it is easy to contact us by just sending an email to [Affiliated Societies@AOS.org](mailto:Affiliated_Societies@AOS.org). We are here to guide you or we will find someone who can.

The Trustees of the AOS and its Standing Committees meet twice each year in the spring and fall. This fall's meeting, which is hosted by the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, is being held October 26th – 30th, 2022 in Sacramento, California. The Affiliated Societies Committee will meet Friday morning, October 28th, so make sure to let your members know that they are welcome to join us.

Future Members Meeting

Has your society ever wondered how it would be to host an AOS Spring or Fall Meeting as part of your local society show? We invite you to co-host an AOS members meeting. Take a few minutes to review the roles and responsibilities of co-hosting such an event and drop us a line at affiliated_societies@aos.org if you are curious to know more.

You are Invited

Join the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee at the 2022
Fall Members Meeting

We value your opinion and invite you to join us.

Friday, October 28, 2022 at 10:00 am

Please attend in person at:

- Embassy Suites, John Sutter Boardroom,
- 100 Capital Mall, West Sacramento, *California*

or join remotely. Zoom link to be provided.



For more information from the American Orchid Society, visit
<https://mailchi.mp/5765e5f34fb7/aos-corner-october-2022?e=09cba2124d>



AOS Corner provided to you by Valerie Lowe,
AOS/ODC Chair and MOS Away Show Chair

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022-2023

It is that time again...to renew your membership*.

In order to fully participate in the meetings, plant competitions, and to receive the Newsletter, your payment of \$30 to the Maryland Orchid Society should have been received by September 30, 2022.

We'll accept payments at any time, but you will be missing benefits until you renew!

You are encouraged to hand deliver your renewal form and payment to Sarah Spence or Brenda Logan, at a monthly meeting.

If you need to mail your renewal check,
Sarah will notify you via email when your check is received.

New this year...Electronic payment via PayPal will accept credit cards using the following link...

[Membership | PayPal](https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/6WVG8Q46C88ZJ) <https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/6WVG8Q46C88ZJ>

Payment can also be made at any meeting by cash, check or credit card.

Please be aware that electronic transactions will charge a modest fee.

*If you joined Maryland Orchid Society after January 1, 2022, you are paid up through June 2023.

Life Members pay no membership fee.

Sarah L. Spence, Membership Chair



Please cut here and submit bottom portion with your remittance

Renewal Form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Please mail to the above address or bring to a monthly meeting.

Information will be included in the Society Roster, if received in time.

Name/Type of Membership: (\$30 dues are the same for single or dual/family memberships living at the same address)

Name/Single _____

Name/Dual/Family _____

Please complete the following IF your information has changed...

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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The *MOS Newsletter*, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community.

We invite articles, notices, etc. for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the end of the first full week of each month.

The MOS brings together people interested in orchids to promote and encourage orchid culture, preservation, education, propagation, hybridization, and all other orchid-related activities of interest to its members. Benefits of membership include a subscription to the Newsletter (e-mail and web), voting rights, borrowing privileges from the MOS Library, monthly guest speakers, local judging, door prizes, and much, much, more!

If you are interested in orchid culture and would like to meet others with similar interests, we cordially invite you to join the ranks of Marylanders already enjoying the benefits of membership in the Maryland Orchid Society.

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