



ORCHID newsletter



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

September 2024

President's Message

It's September, the time when the Maryland Orchid Society historically comes out of Summer Hibernation to begin our new program year. This is not true for this summer. Your Society and its members have been busy, newly elected officers have taken their positions, some committee chairs have shifted. Your MOS Board of Trustees met in July successfully completing a busy agenda and approving our operating budget for this coming year and the updated Show Table Rules. We have held two Virtual Zoom meetings to share our blooming successes, some members have participated in the National Capital Judging Center monthly judging and received AOS Awards for their plants. We took a day for ourselves to enjoy each other's company at the Society Picnic at



Eric Wiles' farm. Our **community outreach** continued with sponsoring the Orchid Exhibition at the Maryland State Fair.

As we begin the new year, I would like to acknowledge changes in your leadership team. MOS 2024 to 2026 Board of Trustees—new members to the board **Robin Neukam** and **Joy Marlowe** as newly elected Directors, and **Vincent Russo** as Hospitality Chair. I would like to highlight that these folks are relatively new to the Society joining in 2022 or 2023. Also, members in new Roles include **Marc Kiriou** as Vice President while continuing as Show Chair, **John Heinbokel** as Activities Chair and Past President, **Chris Zajac** as Education Chair, **Jill Allen** as Membership Chair, **Kathi Jackson** as Refreshments Chair, and myself, **Bob Travers**, as President. You will find the full listing of our Officers and Committee chairs later in the newsletter.

Your Board and I won't rest on our laurels, we have an equally engaging year ahead. Fay has a great program lineup for this year ahead including speakers from our own society, Chris has a wonderful list of topics for the rebirth of the education corner. John continues to lead the Activities with the Fall Potting workshop in October, and Rawlings in January with new ideas in the works. Aaron is gearing up for our annual auction in November - are you preparing your donations? Marc is setting the stage for our March 2025 Annual Show in Timonium and Valerie is anticipating the spring rush of 2025 Away Shows and is looking for new engagement from our membership.

Bob Travers

MOS President

Our September Meeting Features Joel Graham

Joel Graham will be starting off our program year with the Annual Show Table Review and Awards at our September 19th meeting. If you anticipate receiving plants but cannot be in attendance, please make arrangements with another member to select and retrieve your plants. **Let Bob Travers know about those arrangements, so we can facilitate you picking up your plants.**



MOS Welcomes the following new members...

Nathan Tacy
Courtney Green

Jill Allen
Membership Chair



September Meeting's Special Guest is Barbara Schmidt, American Orchid Society (AOS) Vice President

Barb Schmidt will be a special guest at our September meeting. Barb last spoke with MOS in January 2023 "Raising a Show Quality Orchid" a well-received program. Barb will be representing the American Orchid Society in her new role as Vice-President. Her goal for her tenure on the Executive Committee is to encourage more people to join the AOS family through visiting affiliated societies, meeting and chatting with local Society members. Please welcome her and feel free to ask questions.



Virtual Show Table August 15, 2024

MOS virtual show table participants displayed 24 blooming plants from 7 exhibitors. There were 13 members in attendance.

			
Habenaria Tracey Fay Citerone	Paphiopedilum Spring Wolf 'Solid Green' x Paphiopedilum Hilo Green Tea 'Open Mind' Monica Sparber	Cattleya Fort Motte 'Leopard' X harrisoniae 'Royal Robe' Robert Johnston	Bulbophyllum hirundinis x tingabarinaum Clark Riley

Maryland Orchid Society Fall Potting Workshop



Open to the Public
Saturday October 12, 2024
10AM to 1PM

WOODBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH
25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212
<https://marylandorchids.org>



Presentations on Repotting, Dividing, Mounting.
Hands on assisted opportunities to practice those skills.

Admission is \$10 per person at door (cash or check only).
Maximum repotting of 2 plants per person, bring your own pot(s), \$5 per plant materials charge (potting medium). No mounting material provided.

Please RSVP by October 10 with your Name, Email, Phone Number, how many plants and type so we can plan for sufficient mentors and materials to:
John Heinbokel (activities@marylandorchids.org)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT JOHN HEINBOKEL IF YOU CAN HELP.

MOS Calendar 2024-2025

Sept 19, 2024– MOS Monthly Meeting/Membership Renewals
Sept 21, 2024– MOS Shed Repair weather dependent, help needed: contact Bob Travers
Sept 28, 2024–National Capital Orchid Society (NCOS) Annual Auction
Sept 30, 2024– Membership Renewals Due
MarylandOrchidSocietyMembershipFillable.pdf
October 12, 2024– MOS Fall Potting Workshop
October 17, 2024– MOS Monthly Meeting
November 1—Smithsonian Orchid Greenhouses Tour
November 16, 2024 – Annual Auction (volunteers needed)
November 21, 2024 – Monthly Meeting
December 19, 2024 – Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party
January 10-12, 2025 – Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
(plants & volunteers needed)
TBD 2025 – NCOS Paph Forum
January 16, 2025 – Monthly Meeting
January 23, 2025 – Board of Trustees Meeting: Zoom 7PM
January 31- Feb 2, 2025- Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)
Jan 30 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed), February 2 – Tear-down
February 20, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

March 7-9, 2025 – MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
4 (Tu) - Staging set-up (volunteers needed)
5 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits
6 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM (clerking volunteers needed)
7 – 9 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public (hospitality volunteers needed)
9 (Su) Tear Down (volunteers needed)
March 20, 2025 – Monthly Meeting
April 4-6, 2025 – SEPOS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
April 3 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)
April 6 – Tear-Down
April 2025 TBD – MOS Spring Workshop
April 17, 2025– Monthly Meeting
May 15, 2025 – Monthly Meeting
June 19, 2025 – Monthly Meeting
July 2025 TBD – Board of Trustees Meeting
July or August 2025 TBD – MOS Picnic
August - Sept 2025 TBD – Exhibit at Maryland State Fair (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
Sept 18, 2025 – Monthly Meeting [NOTE: May conflict with NCOS Set-up]
Sept 2025 TBD – NCOS Annual Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

July 25, 2024, MOS Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

Meeting was called to order with 18 of 19 Officers and Committee Chairs present. Required Quorum achieved.

Approved: Jan 24, 2024-Board Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2024-Special Board Meeting Minutes, Executive Committee 24-26 Established, By Laws Review Committee, Updated Show Table Rules, MOS Google Workspace Consultant payment and add to budget, Treasurer authorized to change banks, 3 Life Membership Nominations received.

Google Workspace Update: marylandorchids.org accounts set up for Officers and Committee Chairs.

Discussed, Remain Open: Maintain current post office box or change, Succession Planning, Monthly meeting duration and sequence, Position descriptions – carry over to January, Streamline Newsletter and branding – work team established.

Completed: Membership form updated and available for the coming renewals, Publicity card for the annual auction available for State Fair, Publicity card for the fall potting workshop available for State Fair.

Treasurers Report of Financial Position as of July 15, 2024

Total balance on July 15, 2024, is 124% of last year's balance on July 15, 2023. Cash balance improved as a result of our record breaking 2023 Annual Auction, Frugal Spending by committees and Investment balance recorded year-on-year gains.

Committee Reports Submitted and 24-25 (Fiscal 25) Annual Budget Approved



Show Table Rules

The following General Rules govern the operation of our Show Table, whether In Person, or Virtual type, or in combination.

1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the Maryland Orchid Society.
2. Each membership, whether single, dual or family, will be considered one exhibitor.
3. Exhibitor Points will be given at each of the 10 Monthly Program Meetings, for In Person, and Virtual Show Table, or in combination. Each member exhibiting one or more plants will receive one point [1] per event.
4. Exhibitors may also earn Exhibitor Points by exhibiting one or more plants at the Maryland Orchid Society Show or by lending plants to the Society to be used in our away shows or exhibits, one point [1] per participation. Plants loaned for shows or exhibits do not have to be owned for six [6] months.
5. At the end of the year, the Exhibitor Points will be totaled, and one [1] seedling/plant will be awarded for each three [3] Exhibitor Points at the September meeting.
6. Exhibitor Points will not carry over to next year.

In Person Show Table

Bring your blooming orchids in for display on our Show Table at the 10 Monthly Program Meetings. This display of orchids is a real morale builder, and we can also benefit from the experience of other growers.

Rules

1. Exhibitors must own the plant or plants for at least six [6] months in the Competitive Classes [A-M]. All plants should be groomed and free of pests.
2. Each exhibitor must fill out entry forms, listing all plants. Use one entry for all plants shown in each class. A fillable PDF is available on the Maryland Orchid Society website.
3. Plants to be judged must be on the Show Table by 7:30 p.m. Plants brought in after this time may not be judged. This is in fairness to the judges who must start judging promptly so they can finish and enjoy the program with the rest of us.
4. Show Table classes are:
 - A. Novice — The Novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years. Any type of orchid can be entered in this category. Novice growers may also enter plants in other applicable categories.
 - B. Homegrown — The Homegrown class is for those who grow orchids in any area that is not considered a greenhouse. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
 - C. Greenhouse — The Greenhouse class is for exhibitors who grow their plants in greenhouses of any size. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
 - D. Cattleya — The Cattleya class is for Cattleya alliance plants, such as Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola, and Sophronitis species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.

- E. Phalaenopsis — The Phalaenopsis class is for the Phalaenopsis alliance plants, such as Phalaenopsis species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.
 - F. Oncidium Alliance — The Oncidium Alliance is intended to be used for this type of species and hybrid plants. This alliance includes Oncidium, Odontoglossum, Miltonia, Brassia, and other related genera.
 - G. Paphiopedilum — The Paphiopedilum class is intended for Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium and other slipper orchid species and their hybrids.
 - H. Dendrobium — The Dendrobium class is for the Dendrobium alliance plants. All Dendrobium species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.
 - I. Species — The Species class is open to plants of any genera. Jungle-collected and seed-grown plants are both acceptable. The only requirement is that it must be a species, not hybrids.
 - J. Miscellaneous Hybrids — The Miscellaneous Hybrid class was created to provide exhibitors another place to exhibit plants which cannot be entered in classes D, E, F, G and H. Plants of these classes must not be entered in the Miscellaneous Hybrid class.
 - K. Miniatures — Plants entered in the Miniature class may not exceed six inches in any dimension, excluding the inflorescence. Species and hybrids are both acceptable.
 - L. First Bloom Seedlings — The First Bloom Seedling class is for plants that are blooming for the first time. Both species and hybrids are acceptable. No mericlones may be entered in this class, only seed grown plants should be exhibited in this class.
 - M. Fragrance — The Fragrance class will be judged for the most pleasing fragrance. This is an open class.
 - N. Non-Competitive — For education, jewel (foliage) and an opportunity to display plants that arrive too late for other classes. In this class, members are encouraged to exhibit plants that cannot be exhibited in any other class (e.g., owned less than six [6] months, grower not wishing to compete, etc.)
5. The judges will award First, Second and Third place ribbons in each competitive class. First place will receive three [3] Ribbon Points, second place will receive two [2] Ribbon Points, and third place will receive one [1] Ribbon Point. Each exhibitor may not receive more than one [1] ribbon per class. Only one [1] First Place Ribbon per class will be awarded. At the end of the program year, the awarded Ribbon points will be tabulated and the top three “point getters” in each class will receive cash prizes. In the case of a tie, prizes will be duplicated. The year for Show Table prizes will be September through June.
 6. After judging all plants on the Show Table, the judges of that evening will consider all the plants that received first place awards in each class. They will award one with a special award called “Judges’ Choice of the Evening.” This special award will earn the exhibitor a bonus plant to be given at the conclusion of the Show Table review.

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Virtual Show Table

The Virtual Show Table is intended to provide Show Table participation for virtual viewing. It is non-competitive and managed by a Coordinator.

Rules

1. Plants must have been photographed in bloom since the last meeting.
2. Exhibitors must email a picture along with the typed name of each plant to the Virtual Show Table Coordinator. The name of the orchid must be typed in the email or be part of the photo file name. No photos of plant labels will be allowed.
3. Entries are encouraged by the evening before the scheduled monthly meeting. Photos included in the presentation are at the discretion of the coordinator.
4. No Exhibitor Points will be awarded at the July or August Virtual Meetings. Members exhibiting in these meetings are encouraged to participate and speak about their plants in the presentation.

Virtual Show Table Coordinator

1. The Coordinator Contact Information will be in the Monthly Meeting notice.
2. Prepares a Presentation with the pictures of the plants, plant names and their owners' names.
3. Records monthly participation (except July and August) and reports to the Show Table Chair at the end of the Program year the names of individuals who earned Exhibitor Points.
4. Provides a presentation for each of the 10 Program Meetings and the July and August Virtual Meetings.
5. Provides the presentation to the Social Media Coordinator

Education Corner Schedule and Topics

Introduction to the Education Committee submitted by Chris Zajac

Any MOS member may volunteer to present a topic with basic, practical content for the novice grower: a 15-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute Q and A session. Topic suggestions welcome!

Your Education Committee: Chris Zajac or Arne Schon.

The education corner runs approximately 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.

September 19, 2024 'Choosing an Orchid' Chris Zajac

October 17, 2024 'Photography of Orchids' Maria Zickhur

November 21, 2024 'How to Grow Paphs' Mai Conaway

December 19, 2024 'Collaborating to Put Together a Display' Susan Travers

January 16, 2025 'How to Bloom Orchids' Marc Kiriou

New Life Members Honored. CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Three nominations were received at the July 2024 Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting. A special meeting was convened via Zoom private polling. That process is defined in our Bylaws which sets criteria for such an honor:

"A voting member of the Society who has rendered long-standing and consistently superlative service (which may be ongoing) to the Society may be elected to life membership in the Society ..."

Aaron Webb in recognition of his 25 years of service to the Maryland Orchid Society since joining in 1999. Aaron has served as a Director, 2 terms as Treasurer, at least 11 years as Auction Chair, managing our Monthly Meeting Auctions and our Annual Auction, a role that is critical to the Financial viability of the Society. On top of this, Aaron manages the process of moving our MOS Show staging from our shed in Clarksville to Timonium and back afterwards. Renting a truck and hiring crew.



Sarah Spence in recognition of her 20 years of service to the Maryland Orchid Society in multiple Roles: Sarah has served in the Officer roles including Society Secretary, Vice President, President 2 terms plus completing a third when a succeeding President was unable to complete that term and she earned the role of Past President. Sarah has also served as our Membership Chair, Hospitality support at MOS Annual Show, and championing MOS Service and Leadership awards.



Laura Sobelman in recognition of 19 years to the Maryland Orchid Society in multiple Officer Roles: Director in 2 terms, Vice President 2 terms. An incredible accomplishment of at least 16 years as MOS Newsletter Chair. Laura has guided us from Print and Mail to Digital and Email, facilitating a significant increase in issue content. Laura is ever present helping with MOS Workshops, MOS Annual Show and greeting members.



A majority of members of our Board of Trustees were present and voting via secret ballot. All three nominees very comfortably achieved unanimously the ¾ majority required for approval.

Maryland State Fair

Submitted by John Heinbokel, Activities Committee

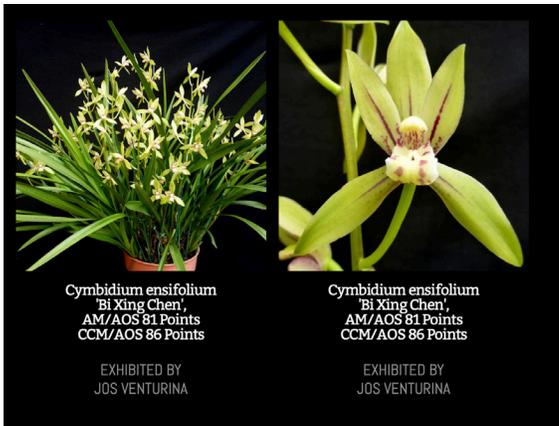
Thanks to all for entering plants in our show at the MD State Fair! We had 32 plants entered by 12 exhibitors for a nice display of both quality and variety. Jos Venturina's impressive *Bulbophyllum* won the Best in Show ribbon for experienced growers and Joy Marlowe's striking white *Phalaenopsis* took Best in Show for novice entries. Congratulations. Ribbon winners will receive appropriate checks from the fair organizers (not MOS) in the mail at some point in the future.



National Capital Judging Center (NCJC)

The NCJC will be meeting on September 7 and October 5, 2024 at the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Rd., Marriottsville, MD 21104. In September, there will be an Education Session presented by Leon Glicenstein on his "Monsters" starting at 11 am. In October, Hong Zhang will be presenting a talk on Chinese Cymbidiums, also starting at 11 am. AOS Judging starts at noon on both days. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not.

MOS Members received AOS Awards at NCJC in August 2024



MOS Annual Auction is Saturday November 16, 2024

'Preparing Your Plant Donations'



These donations are Tax deductible.

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

The October Newsletter will show how to make a Picture label for virtually free provided you have a computer and color printer!

Photo Credit: Jill Allen

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

*Please let us know if you are planning to donate Plants or Materials so we may communicate directly with you ahead of the Auction. Aaron Webb auktion@marylandorchids.org or Bob Travers president@marylandorchids.org

- Start now deciding which of your plants you are willing to donate. You have probably been repotting and dividing your plants and need to make room for new acquisitions.
- Plants that perform well: Species plants, particularly rare ones, in bloom Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Catasetinae, Habenaria, Blooming Cattleya alliance plants- small catts, brassocatts, mini catts. Large specimen plants tend to be undervalued at our auction, particularly if not in bloom.

Check List for your Donation Plants

Healthy and Pest free plants only Please	This is not the time to unload underperforming weak plants.
A plant that is healthy, but you have established will not bloom in your growing conditions can be donated.	Are your labels 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.
A day or two before the auction make sure your plants are watered and not dripping at the auction.	Pack your plants for transport. Some may need staking to prevent swinging inflorescences





The (Orchid) Times, They Are A'Changing

Do you remember your first orchid? Do you still feel a deep fondness for that species or hybrid? If you're like me, that first specimen passed away after a time. The longer we revel in the hobby, the more of those species or hybrids have expired under our care. As our skills improve, we know we could do better and that first love keeps calling to us.

But here's the thing. If you've been in the hobby a long time, it might be difficult to find one of those early varieties. Tastes change, demand changes, and the commercial climate changes. Often, the earlier varieties are supplanted by superior varieties. I have a collection of *American Orchid Society Bulletins* (the original name of *Orchids*) from the 1940s and 1950s featuring the popular species and hybrids of the time. Most of the best hybrids — whether *Cattleya*, *Paphiopedilums*, or *Phalaenopsis* (especially *Phalaenopsis*) — wouldn't stand a chance on our monthly show tables. Likely, 90% or more of the parents of today's standard hybrids are EXTINCT! Even 90% of the NURSERIES that birthed them are out of business.

Still, there are dedicated hobbyists who have made a mission of preserving some of the classics. Individuals like David Off and Art Chadwick, who have given talks with us, maintain the blood lines. If you are still growing a classic, what can you do? First, pay attention to its culture. Don't let it die of neglect. Second, propagate it — by division if it's a clone, by seed if it's a species. Finally, distribute it to like-minded growers. Then, should there be a catastrophe, there will be backup copies to replenish yours.

Want a challenge? Try to find Bc. Miranda 'Chartreuse Queen', *Paphiopedilum callosum*, or *Phalaenopsis Doris*.

Clark Thomas Riley



Phal. Doris 'Shapely' photo by Bill Livingston (Brian Main)

Saturday, September 28, 2024
10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Lunch and Light
Breakfast Included

Orchid Education Seminar

Join us for a full day of educational presentations, vendor sales, and a silent auction of select plants donated by our speakers and judges.

Speakers:

Rob Griesbach - Peloric Phalaenopsis
Sarah Hurdel - Habenarias
Beth Off Davis - Judging Peloric Flowers Part Two
Rich Garrison - Vanda testacea and Friends

Limited Space- Reservations on first RSVP & pre-paid basis.
\$ 10 Non-refundable Registration Fee includes lunch
Send check made out to Mid-Atlantic Judging Center to:
Paul Sheetz, 1260 North Manor Rd., Honeybrook, PA 19344

For further information contact:
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Michael Bowell: mwb@createascene.com for directions

2148 Bodine Rd, Malvern, PA, 19355
Parking is limited - Please Carpool If Possible



Who doesn't want an excuse to visit Hawai'i in January?

Registration for the World Slipper Orchid Conference #3 is available now on the Orchid Digest website. The conference will be held at the Grand Nanioloa Hotel in Hilo, Hawai'i, from January 17 to 19, 2025

The scheduled speakers are:

- Chu Xuan Canh (Vietnam): *Paphiopedilum* Species As They Grow In Vietnam 4.
- Frank Cervera (USA): The *Phragmipediums* of Brazil.
- Elizabeth Chen (Taiwan): *Paphiopedilum* breeding at Cocoa Orchid Farm.
- Tim Culbertson (USA): Early Complex *Paphs.* and their Impact on Modern Hybrids.
- Olaf Gruss (Germany): 1) Genus *Paphiopedilum* News and 2) *Paph. rungsurianum* & *thaiantum* and Their Hybrids.
- Harold Koopowitz (USA) Biology and Evolution of *Paphiopedilum*.
- Alessandro Valenza (Italy): Modern *Phragmipedium* hybrids and their future.

Member Registration

\$275 through December 15, 2024. After December 15, \$325 Guest Saturday night dinner only: \$60

Non-Member Registration

\$325 through December 15, 2024. After December 15, \$375 Guest Saturday night dinner only: \$60

Vendor Registration

\$475 includes a sales table & one registration Guest Saturday night dinner only: \$60

For more information and to register, visit
<https://www.orchiddigest.org/events>

Summer Picnic (July 27):

For the second summer we met at Eric Wile's farm in Westminster and enjoyed their splendid hospitality, comfortable summer weather, and a relaxed and absolutely free-form opportunity to visit with each other and explore the farm and its various denizens. To my knowledge, no one took attendance, but comparing the RSVP list to memories of who I encountered, we tallied 30-some folks in attendance. The to-be-shared pot-luck contributions on the kitchen table and in various coolers fully rounded out the basic fare provided by the MOS and assured that no one should have left hungry. Thanks, Eric and Wendy, for your hospitality, and all who attended and shared your day!

Submitted by John Heinbokel,
August 30, 2024

Photos from Susan Travers



Maryland Orchid Society

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<p>The <i>MOS Newsletter</i>, 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 first day 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!</p> <p>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. Visit us on the Web at www.marylandorchids.org</p>	<p>HOUSE Clark Riley 410-591-9201 DrRiley@aol.com Bob Johnston</p>	<p>SUNSHINE Pat Schiavi 410-456-7399 sunshine@marylandorchids.org</p>
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	<p>MEMBERSHIP Jill Allen 301-704-9401 membership@marylandorchids.org Sarah Spence</p> <div data-bbox="673 1686 946 1955" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>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 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 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m. Members may also attend via Zoom.</p> <div data-bbox="1149 1732 1382 1948" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Maryland Orchid Society Facebook</p>