



MOS Newsletter

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

May 2025

Presidents Message

Hard to believe it's May already. April ushered in spring for us, and we could see the rapid change in the landscape between SEPOS set up and teardown a few days later. Great results are reported later in the newsletter. Jill Allen completed her first Acadian Society consolidated order of Orchid potting materials. This was another two pallets delivery accomplished in time for us to begin spring potting. Thank you, Jill, Courtney, and the group pickup folks. Well done. Walter Meshaka, thank you for an excellent program in the April meeting well received with great questions answered. We also had the opportunity to recognize Tom McBride with a plant named after him and registered with the Royal Horticultural Society, see the full recognition later in this newsletter.

We had our largest show table of the year. It was incredible. Almost every class was filled with entries and specimen plants. While this was a joy to behold, I need to raise the discussion on

Show Table Etiquette.

Unfortunately, we had a plant's inflorescence broken. Please be considerate and thoughtful; every member should be able to return home with their plants in the same condition they were brought in. If you can't see or smell a plant well enough as it sits, look at the entry form for the owner's name and seek them out. When adding plants to a class, place taller plants in the back with shorter plants in the front – don't hide someone else's plant. You may need to seek out other owners to help you make space for your plant.



Additionally, with our show tables volume of plants growing, we may not be able to lift all ribboned plants during review. Looking ahead to this month, the May program will be a first for MOS by incorporating the American Orchid Society's National Capitol Judging Center (NCJC) Outreach judging session to be our program. The NCJC judges may select any plant from the show table for AOS judging. Please pay close attention to your plants' grooming and presentation this month and put our best orchids forth. Also note we may be welcoming several visitors bringing plants specifically for AOS judging. Your orchids will enjoy the summer outside, gradually acclimate to true sunlight, broad flat leaves can permanently sunburn. Enjoy repotting and dividing, save divisions for the Fall Auction.



National Capital Judging Center

On Thursday, May 15th, the National Capital Judging Center will judge orchids brought by members and guests. This is an AOS-sanctioned judging and, therefore, advertised by AOS. As a result, we may find plants brought in from people outside our society to be judged.

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May Program National Capital Judging Center Outreach

We will be obligated to put these plants through the screening process and judge them if

This needs to be mentioned to our society members so there are no surprises or disappointments if we are not able to judge their plants. All the plants will go through a pre-screening process by our judges. Plants that have AOS award potential will be judged first, followed by those plants that may have an educational value regarding judging. If we do not get to all the plants, members are welcome to bring those plants to our next judging event.

NOTICE: Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 8 PM Zoom Vote on 2025 Bylaws Amendments

Board Members: Please Plan to Attend 30 Day Notice is Required for Vote

Email coming soon from Diane Elam with details secretary@marylandorchids.org

2. Bylaws
The bylaws of a corporation are a permanent document. You do not want to change them often.

Education Corner Schedule and Topics 2025 Education Committee, Chris Zajac or Arne Schon



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!

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

May 15th 'How to Bloom Orchids' Marc Kiriou

June 19th 'pH and Plant Nutrition' Robin Neukam

MOS Welcomes the following new members. *Jill Allen, Membership Chair*
Michael Keller/Corine van der Weele



Miscellaneous Meeting Information *Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair*

There were 54 in attendance in person and 4 on Zoom.

Auction Plants:

1. Phrag Appalachian Sunset
2. Zygonesia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
3. Cattleya 'Lucky Chance'
4. Cattleya Precious Katie

Auction Winners:

1. Mai Conaway
2. Nicole Halperin
3. Jill Allen
4. Fay Citerone

Door Prize:

Paph (Hsinying Ruby Cherry x Hilo Red Shift) 'Charles' x Paph
Mem Serafin Perez 'Christmas'

Door Prize Winner:

Michael Keller



Clark's Corner 'The American Orchid Society Came to Maryland'

The Maryland Orchid Society is a long-time affiliate of the American Orchid Society. The benefits are a two-way street. Several MOS members are part of the AOS judging system, responsible for the consistent evaluation of flower and cultural quality. Many of us are members of AOS in addition to our membership in MOS and contribute our dues to the organizations.

In mid-April, the American Orchid Society held its national meeting in Annapolis. Officers of the Society and members of AOS committees met for four days to decide on priorities and programs for the Society that promotes our beloved plant family. In addition, there were a number of talks featuring news from the cutting edges of orchid culture and conservation.

There were also excellent shopping opportunities. Interestingly, 4 out of 5 vendors were from Maryland! And 3 of the 5 have ties to MOS. Sales featured Needmore Orchids, Woodstream Orchids, and Orchids Dominicana with MOS ties and the Smithsonian Orchid Conservation Center another Maryland organization. Finally, J&L Orchids of Easton, Connecticut brought a fabulous array of fine species.

A benefit auction featured orchid plants, apparel, and orchid items. The winning bids were generous, raising thousands of dollars for national programs. This reporter snagged an orchid tie. All in all, it was a good meeting, and our state was a great host.

Spring Workshop – March 29, 2025 Submitted by John Heinbokel, Activities Committee

MOS' annual spring workshop was held at Woodbrook Church on March 29th. After active recruitment during our Spring Show and Sale, eight individuals registered and participated in a program that included two presentations (John Heinbokel, utilizing a slide deck prepared by Bob Travers to introduce orchids and their diversity; and Clark Riley, discussing ten easy-to-make but important-to-avoid errors in orchid culture) followed by a mentored opportunity for participants to repot one of their orchids. Three potting stations were set up and each utilized the expertise of several MOS members (THANKS! to all who donated their time and skill to assist and guide) and materials and supplies provided by the Society. Generating attendance at our workshops continues to be a challenge, and suggestions for new or enhanced approaches are always welcome.



The Maryland Orchid Society had another first this April of 2025. For the first time our 70 plus years the Maryland Orchid Society was the registrant of an orchid through the Royal Horticultural Society.

[Cattleya Thomas McBride - Orchidex](#)



Cattleya Thomas McBride

C. intermedia* × *C. [Lc.] Prophecy

Tom, please accept this newly registered plant as a living and perpetual expression of the Maryland Orchid Society's appreciation of your 46 years of personal support and contributions to our society. Tom, a life member, joined in 1979 and now ranks as our current second longest active member. It

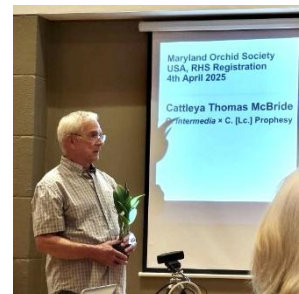
must have been shortly after Tom joined that he took on the Chair of the Show Table. I believe you retired from that role with 40 or more years at the lead. Through your leadership the MOS Show table has evolved into a unique and enviable model amongst our regional community. For this we are forever grateful.

Beyond this there have been countless monthly meetings, board meetings, and untold numbers of new members the society has gained through your

tutelage and encouragement and direction. I am but one of them.

On behalf of the society, Tom, we thank you.

Now a little back story. Our society member Jos Venturina has for the past several years been registering unnamed hybrids with the RHS after gaining authorization from the originator and naming them for society members. Jos contacted me with the idea of honoring Tom McBride. Jos was insistent that this would come from the Maryland Orchid Society. I was in tune with the idea, but told Jos I would need to check with the Executive Committee in order to proceed. There was unanimous approval within hours of notification. Tom, as you know this is light speed for the society.



MOS Volunteer Opportunity

Interested in being more involved with the Maryland Orchid Society? There are lots of ways you can contribute to our organization. We are actively seeking volunteers to fill the Away Show role within our organization. Participation in Away Shows is a vital part of our mission and ensures that our sister societies participate in our show.

MOS currently participates in 3 away shows: SOS in Jan/Feb, SEPOS in April, and NCOS in September.

Time commitment: 20 hours per show depending on the size of the exhibit. SOS and NCOS offer tabletops, 25 to 50 square foot exhibits. SEPOS offers 25 to 50 square-foot exhibits.

Coordinates and arranges for size of exhibit
Obtain loaner plants from members (transport/return)
Staging materials onsite
Installation and teardown of exhibit
Label and stake plants in exhibit

Plant registration with show registrar
Forward the names of all members who volunteered orchids to the Show Table Committee Chair
Forward all ribbon and AOS results to the Newsletter Editor for publication

Round tabletop at NCOS



Tabletop and 25 Sq Ft at SOS



25 Sq Ft at MOS



MARYLAND EXHIBIT AT THE 2025 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Thanks to the design expertise of Sarah Hurdell and the help of Susan and Robert Travers, Clark Riley, Courtney Bounds, Cathy Green, Jill Allen, and Jos Venturina as well as the generous donation of plants from Courtney Bounds, Fay Citerone, Diane Elam, Susanne Gaertner, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Wanda Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, Brenda Logan, Valerie Lowe, Joy Marlow, Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Arne Schon, David Smith, Laura Sobelman, Monica Sparber, Robert Travers, Jos Venturina, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles and Chris Zajac; the Maryland Orchid Society installed an award-winning 100 square foot exhibit! This Maryland Orchid Society exhibit received an 85-point Silver Certificate from the American Orchid Society.

Image by R. Travers



Other ribbons/awards received were:

PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Phal. Little Gem Stripes	2 nd	Jill Allen
Phal. Lianher Super Red	2 nd	Jill Allen
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure', HCC/AOS #1	2 nd	Jill Allen
Phal. Fay	3 rd	Fay Citerone
Rhodehamelara William	2 nd	Fay Citerone
Ludisia discolor v. nigrescens	3 rd	Fay Citerone
Stenorrhynchos speciosum	3 rd	Fay Citerone
Cattleya intermedia v. alba	2 nd	Kathi Jackson
Phal. Ben Yu 'Fresh Highlights'	3 rd	Kathi Jackson
C. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lenette', HCC/AOS #1	1 st	Robert Johnston
C. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lenette', HCC/AOS #2	2 nd	Robert Johnston
Phal. Marisa	3 rd	Marilyn Lauffer
Paph. wenshanense	3 rd	Brenda Logan
Phrag. caudatum 'Regal Bearing', AM/AOS	1 st	Brenda Logan
Tol. Jairak Firm 'Quail Eggs'	2 nd	Brenda Logan
Phal. Sogo White	2 nd	Brenda Logan
Cattleya Minipet	3 rd	Clark Riley
Cattleya Wild Fire	3 rd	Clark Riley
Cattleya Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade', FCC/AOS	1 st	Clark Riley
Paph. (rothschildianum x Anita Baby)	3 rd	Clark Riley
Phal. Lianher Lucky Cat	3 rd	Clark Riley
Phal. Taida Golden Orange	2 nd	Clark Riley
Restrepia guttalata 'Fox Den'	1 st	Clark Riley
Vanda barnesii	1 st	Arne Schon
Vanda barnesii	Best Hobbyist Vanda	Arne Schon
Coelogyne nitida	2 nd	Arne Schon
Laelia jongheana 'Turnberry', AM/AOS	1 st	David Smith

Cattleya loddigesii	2 nd	David Smith
Den. kingianun	3 rd	David Smith
Cattleya Susan Travers	1 st	Robert Travers
Cattleya Beau's Apricot Gem	2 nd	Robert Travers
Cattleya gloedeniana	2 nd	Robert Travers
Phrag. fischeri	3 rd	Robert Travers
Phal. Lianher Scallops	3 rd	Robert Travers
Phal. amabilis #1	3 rd	Robert Travers
Phal. Chia E. Yenlin	3 rd	Robert Travers
Phal. Susan 'Mini Falls'	1 st	Robert Travers
Phal. Ruby Roberts	3 rd	Robert Travers
Liparis formosana 'Sesshu'	1 st	Robert Travers
Ctt. Fire Dance 'Patricia', AM/AOS	2 nd	Jos Venturina
Ctt. Astraea 'Mem. Ann Porter Lundy', CCE/AOS	1 st	Jos Venturina
Ctt. Astraea 'Mem. Ann Porter Lundy', CCE/AOS	Best Hobbyist Cattleya	Jos Venturina
Ctt. Astraea 'Mem. Ann Porter Lundy', CCE/AOS	Best Cattleya in Show	Jos Venturina
Ctt. Astraea 'Mem. Ann Porter Lundy', CCE/AOS	Best Specimen in Show	Jos Venturina
Ctt. Astraea 'Mem. Ann Porter Lundy', CCE/AOS	Best Plant in Show	Jos Venturina
Oncidium Twinkle	1 st	Jos Venturina
Oncidium Twinkle	Best Oncidium Hybrid	Jos Venturina
Cattleya Irene Finney	3 rd	Jos Venturina
Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism', AM/AOS	1 st	Jos Venturina
Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism', AM/AOS	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	Jos Venturina
Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism', AM/AOS	Best Dendrobium	Jos Venturina
Paph. Mem. Albert Eickhoff	3 rd	Aaron Webb
Epi. stamfordianum	3 rd	Eric Wiles
Aliceara Clownish 'Cotton Candy'	3 rd	Eric Wiles
Onc. altissimum	2 nd	Eric Wiles
Enc. Shinfong Smile	2 nd	Chris Zajac
Phrag. (Mem. Estelle Getty x longifolium v. gracile)	2 nd	Chris Zajac
Den. Quintal Twist	2 nd	Chris Zajac
Phal. Chenlung Happy Queen 'Wilson'	1 st	Chris Zajac



Image by Valerie Lowe

I would like to thank Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Jill Allen, Bob and Susan Travers, Jos Venturina and Eric Wiles for helping to tear down the exhibit, getting it packed up and transported home.
Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Lowe, Away Shows Chair

Show Table April 24, 2025 Joel Graham

Novice

1. Phal. Charming Little Gold - Michael Lado
2. Tie: Phal. Noid - Bill Franke
Phal. Noid - Kathleen Spicer
3. Ludochilus Sea Turtle - Sherrie Rashid

Homegrown

1. Epi. 'Lovely Valley' - Luis Molina
2. Tie: Masd. Golden Monarch - Brandt Braunsweig
C. *skinneri* 'Casa Luna' - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie: Myc. Tiffanies Tiara - Bob Johnston
Phal. *schilleriana* - Bob Travers
Phal. Noid - Bill Franke

Greenhouse

1. Cym. Louise Hay - Craig Taborsky
2. Rth. Love Passion 'Orange Bird' - Jos Venturina
3. Slc. Coastal Sunset - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Ctt. Fire Dance - Jos Venturina
2. Tie: Blc. Jennifer Off 'Joan' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston
C. Irene Teo Lai Kheng - Sarah Hurdal
3. Tie: Grc. Black Comet - Clark Riley
Ctna. Why Not - Chris Zajac

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Ox Luna Rose - Wanda Kuhn
2. Tie: Phal. Hyb. Orange - Brandt Braunsweig
Phal. Queen Beer - Chris Zajac
Phal. (Fuller's E-Plus x Liu's Twilight) - Laura Sobelman
3. Tie: Phal. Lioulin Grape - Brenda Logan
Phal. Noid - Amanda Gallegos
Vdnps. Pulcherimin - John Heinbokel



Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. *caudatum* 'Regal Bearing' - Brenda Logan
2. Tie: Paph. Carolyn Butcher
"Bubbles" AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdal
Phrag. Nichole Tower - Chris Zajac
Paph. *esquirolei* - Bob Travers
3. Tie: Paph. *phillipinense* - Joel Graham
Paph. QF Hiroki - Mai Conaway
Paph. Argus - Clark Riley

Oncidium

1. Mps. Ambre's Charm 'Cream Puff' - Luis Molina
2. Brs. Rex 'Sakata' - Craig Taborsky
Onc. Catante - Diane Elam
3. Tie: Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' CCE/AOS - Bob Travers
Tol. Spicy Pink 'Harford's Rosy' HCC/AOS - Diane Elam
Zlm. Midas 'Willow Pond' AM/AOS - Fay Citerone

Miscellaneous

1. V. Cherry Blossum - Brenda Logan
2. Tie: Lyc. (tricolor x Suave) - Mai Conaway
Chy. (*langleyensis* x *limminghii*) - Bob Johnston
Eupha. Mem. Alexis Pardo - Joel Graham
3. V. Mona Church - Clark Riley

Species

1. Cu. *pendula* 'Longwood's Cherry Blossum Cascade' AM/AOS -
2. Tie: Cyn. *angustipetala* - Joel Graham
Pln. *maculata* - Sarah Hurdal
3. Tie: Bif. *aureofulva* - Bob Johnston
V. *christensoniana* - Bob Travers



Miniature

1. Cmg. *hariotiana* - Brenda Logan
2. Tie: Slc. Minipet - Clark Riley
Den. Nagomi - Sarah Hurdal
3. Tie: Den. Lichenastrum - Bob Johnston
Masd. (*exquisita* x *floribunda*) - Brandt Braunsweig

First Bloom

1. Paph. Hysing Anita - Joel Graham
2. Paph. (*venustum* x Spring Egret) - Bob Travers

Fragrance

1. Den. *chrystoxum* - Phong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. R. digbyana - Sarah Hurdal
3. Tie: Lyc. *aromatica* - Craig Taborsky
Rlc. Hawaiian Provenance 'America' - Bob Johnston

Unrivaled! That's the only way to describe this month's show table. It had quality, quantity and diversity in abundance! There were 139 blooming plants displayed from 33 exhibitors. The **Judge's Choice** for the evening went to **Phragmipedium caudatum 'Regal Bearing'** brought in by **Brenda Logan**. The judges were Fay Citerone, Diane Elam, Sarah Hurdal, and Michael Lado. Other exhibitors not mentioned above were Jill Allen, Courtney Bounds, Hemsley Hamilton, Michael Keller, Robin Neukam, Jason Overgard, Barbara Pralle, Vincent Russo, David Smith, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles, Maria and Norm Zickhur. However, with great success comes great responsibility. Unfortunately, we had some plants inadvertently harmed, partly because the tables were just so crowded. Please adhere to **Show Table Etiquette**, do not handle plants that are not your own, and especially do not bend flower spikes for any reason. Do not crowd plants together. Please email Joel if you are willing to help with the show table spacing and we will endeavor not to repeat this problem.

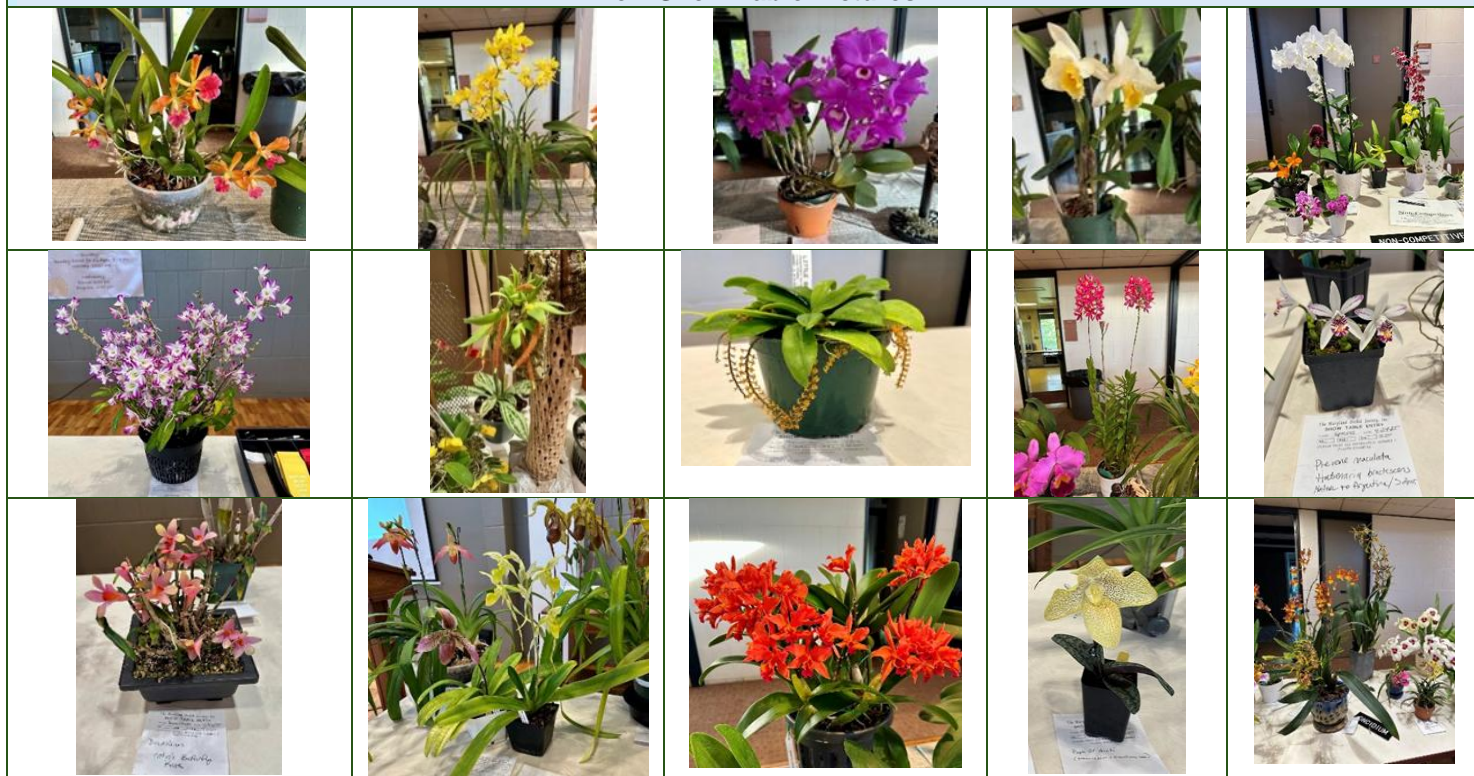
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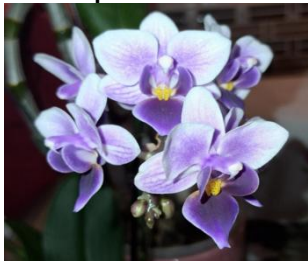

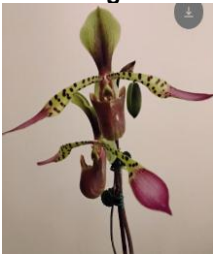


This is the first time that this plant has bloomed for me. I received it as a division from Laura Sobelman several years ago. Shortly after receiving this Phrag it started to fail. Most of the roots were dying. Laura suggested wrapping the remaining roots in sphagnum moss and keeping it moist.

After a couple months it recovered and kept getting new growths. Many years passed and it grew larger but never grew any flower spikes. The past year or so I tried to make sure that there was always water in the deep saucer that the pot sits in. About once a year I sprinkle crushed oyster shells on the top of the soil. I water it in the sink every week to week and a half but keep water in the saucer at all times. I think that is the trick to growing Phrags. I water with the recommended strength of K-Lite approximately every other watering. The plant is grown under lights in a west facing window.

A Few Show Table Pictures



April, 24 Virtual Show Table: 11 Participants, 19 Plants

Phalaenopsis Purple Kiss Sarah Spence 	Oncidium Hilo Firecracker 'New Year' Wanda Kuhn 	Paphiopedilum lowii, 'Rain Forest' Joanna Hager 	Guarianthe skinneri 'Casa Luna'. AM/AOS Suzanne Gaertner 	Paphiopedilum Magic Latern Monica Sparber 
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Mentoring Opportunities

If you spoke to David Smith about mentoring please contact Bob Travers president@marylandorchids.org

Calendar of Events 2025

May 15 MOS Monthly Meeting

May 27 Special Board Meeting Zoom @ 8 PM

June 19 MOS Monthly Meeting

July 24 Board of Trustees Meeting

July or August TBD MOS Picnic

August – Sept TBD Exhibit at Maryland State Fair
(Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

September 18-21 NCOS Show @ Homestead Gardens

Sept 18 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

Sept 21– Tear-down

(Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

September 25 MOS Monthly Meeting

[Changed due to conflict with NCOS Show]

MOS cordially invites you to support, participate and volunteer for our last Show of the 2025 season.
Add this date to your calendar, maybe plan a vacation day or two to join the fun and learning.
Earn a Show Table Point for loaning plants to the exhibit!

Dates	Show	Location	Notes
Sept 18-21	NCOS – National Capitol Orchid Society National Capital Orchid Society (ncos.us) Contact Valerie Lowe	Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville MD	Sept 18 Need plants, help staging and exhibit setup, start 8-9 AM Sept 21 teardown 3-4 PM

AOS Corner Submitted by Valerie Lowe, AOS Representative



LOCAL AOS NEWS

May 3, 2025: National Capital Judging Center (NCJC)

The NCJC will be meeting at the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. Margaret Dunkelberger will be presenting her talk on 'Phragmipedium kovachii' starting at 11 am. AOS Judging will start at noon. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not.

June 7, 2025: National Capital Judging Center (NCJC)

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AOS Education Committee is thrilled to announce the continuation of this project with a brand-new master orchid series of webinars. Get ready for the 2025 series: "Challenges of Growing Orchids Indoors"! Why this topic? We received an overwhelming number of questions from orchid lovers just like you who are keen to master the art of indoor orchid care. So, we've curated an exceptional lineup to address your most pressing concerns. What to Expect:

May 2025 "Calming the Fear of Repotting Your Orchid Best Media and Techniques for Your Indoor Orchids" Janeil Payne
June 2025 "The Best Orchids to Grow Indoors" David Vandenbroek

July 2025 "Orchids Under Lights – Greenhouse Not Required" Sarah Hurdal

September 2025 "Pest Management Techniques for Indoor Orchids" Ron McHatton



AOS Culture Day - American Orchid Society

The 7th Orchid Culture Day - From Seed to Success

Sunday, May 18th. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT

The event will be streamed through our [GotoWebinar](#) platform. Fee to register: \$40. Register [HERE](#). ***This event is Open to All.***

Featured Speakers

We are thrilled to welcome Adam Karremans, Ph.D., Keith and Dina

Emig, Allen Black and Manny Aybar as our featured speakers for this special event. You will learn about four fascinating topics - "From Seed to (Orchid) Success."

Congratulations to our Sister Societies!

Catoctin Orchid Society Celebrates 30 Years!



COS Exhibit at MOS 2025 Show



LORD FAIRFAX ORCHID SOCIETY WINS 2023 WALTER OFF EXHIBIT AWARD

You should recognize this exhibit at the 2023 NCOS Show. Several of the plants in this exhibit have been in NCOS exhibits at the MOS Shows in 2023, 2024 and 2025!

About the Walter Off Exhibit Award

Established in 2017 to honor the legacy of Walter Off, a respected exhibitor and teacher in the field of orchid exhibitions, the award celebrates excellence in orchid exhibits. The Walter Off Exhibit Award recognizes the most outstanding AOS Show Trophy Award, Silver Certificate, Gold Certificate, or Educational Award

granted at an AOS-sanctioned orchid show during the preceding calendar year. The selection process involves rigorous evaluation, including the submission of photographs from each judging center showcasing nominees. The award's emphasis on both creativity and educational impact underscores its prestige in the orchid community.

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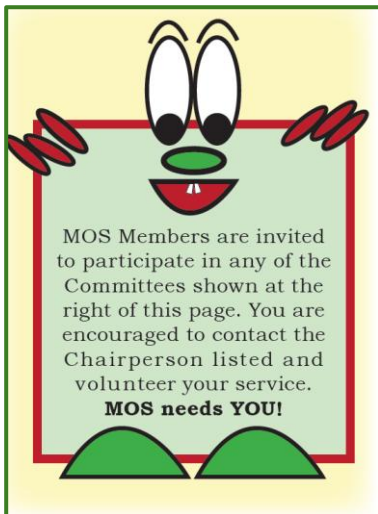
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