



MOS Newsletter

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

January 2026

Note Change: Monthly Meeting January 29, 2026 the 5th Thursday



President's Message January 2026

Let's begin with KUDOS for December – to the membership who turned out for the holiday party with 72 folks either in person or on Zoom. We had to bring out an additional cart of chairs. This was the best attended meeting in recent memory, and now I would like to see you all every month. The show table was spectacular

and diverse, see Joel's summary.

Kathi Jackson and crew provided and coordinated a fabulous spread of great eats, both provided and donated. Thank you all.

As we turn from the holidays, it's time to check out and mark your calendars, we have a lot coming up to participate in. See "Invitation to Another MOS Show Year" article.

January has three events for us, starting with the Board meeting on January 15 by Zoom, the Rawlings Exhibition with setup on Jan 22, quickly followed with our Monthly Meeting January 29, 2026, Program Speaker: Wenqing Perner. John Heinbokel will present Education Corner "Potting Using a Semi-hydroponic Approach and a Demo".

Scour through the rest of the newsletter. There are a lot of ways to engage in the orchid world around us in the coming months.

MOS is gearing up for our Annual Show at Timonium in March consider, exhibiting, volunteering or attending. See article 'Thinking about putting in an exhibit at the Maryland Orchid Society Show?'

There is one benefit of our Annual Show that **we truly want to stress**. Each year on Thursday afternoon after Judging is complete, MOS provides for our members, exhibitors, judges, and volunteers a **SHOW PREVIEW AND ORCHID SALE** with **no admission charge**. You can view the exhibits while all is still fresh and have first choice from the vendors. The hall is closed to the public until the show officially opens on Friday morning. Mark, your calendars, consider this your personal invitation to attend, and avoid the crowds.

Mar 5 (Th) 3-6 PM

MOS Members Show Preview & Orchid Sale

Your chance to have 1st choice vendors orchids!

At the end of March, we will have our away show at SEPOS Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show in Oaks, Pa. and then our Spring Orchid Workshop in April.

Enjoy, Participate, Learn, Share, Engage
Bob

January 29, 2026 Program Speaker: Wenqing Perner 'Pleione - Enchanting Mountain Nymphs'



<https://hengduanbiotech.net/index.html>

Proficient in Chinese, English, Japanese and German. IUCN SSC Orchid Specialist Group expert and IUCN SSC China Species Specialist Group expert, Huanglong National Park senior advisor, Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology president.

In 1998, together with her late husband Dr. Holger Perner, joined the cooperation project "International Trade of Chinese Orchids" between the CITES Secretariat and the Chinese State Forestry Ministry, was in the charge of the international trade.

She works for Huanglong National Park as senior advisor for nature conservation. Together with her husband they established Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology Ltd. In 2003. The company is mainly engaged in the propagation of Paphiopedilum and Cypripedium, and exports their products to Europe, America, Canada, Japan, Australia and other countries, and is the only commercial

nursery that can export App. I Paphiopedilum from China. She gives about 10 talks a year in the world and was key note speaker in some world conferences and is a popular speaker. We are very fortunate to have her visit us.



January 22-25 Rawlings Conservatory Show

Jan 22 Set Up
January 23 – 25
Hospitality Volunteers
Plants Needed
(Show Table Point

Awarded to Participants)

Contact John Heinbokel
activities@marylandorchids.org

March 2026 Spring Show Update

We are no longer inching toward the Spring Show. In fact it feels more like "barreling" at this point. Time to start thinking about your individual or team exhibit. We will need lots of help to make the show another success.

Contact Marc Kiriou, Show Chair

gothiclord01@yahoo.com

Awards Sponsors Wanted!

Contact Laura lmsobes@gmail.com

NOTICE: [CHART - Snow Emergency Plans](#)

If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Baltimore County or City the in-person meeting will be cancelled. A Zoom link is provided in the Meeting Announcement. You can still earn a show table point by submitting pictures to the VST Coordinator the prior Wednesday

2026 Calendar

January 15 MOS Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom
 January 22-25 Rawlings Conservatory Exhibit
 Jan 22 – Plants received
 Jan 23-25 Volunteers needed to chat with visitors
 Jan 25– Plants retrieval
 (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

January 29 MOS Monthly Meeting

February 19 MOS Monthly Meeting

Mar 3-8 MOS Show @ Timonium Fairgrounds

3 (Tu) - Staging set-up (volunteers needed)
 4 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits
 5 (Th) – AOS Judging; Show Preview & Sale 3-6 PM
 (clerking volunteers needed)
 6 – 8 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public
 (hospitality volunteers needed)
 8 (Su) –Tear Down 6 PM (volunteers needed)



Maryland Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale
 March 6-8, 2026
 Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-6
 Blooming Orchids on Display and for Sale
 In Conjunction with the Maryland Home & Garden Show

Located at Timonium Fairgrounds
 Main Building (Cow Palace)
 2200 York Rd, Lutherville/Timonium, MD 21093
www.marylandorchids.org

March 19 MOS Monthly Meeting

Mar 26—29 SEPOS Away Show
 Mar 26 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)
 Mar 29– Tear-down
 (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

April 11 Spring Workshop



ORCHID WORKSHOP
MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY
 SATURDAY • APRIL 11, 2026
 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane • Baltimore, MD 21212
 INTRO, CULTURE, CARE, POTTING DEMO
 Admission is \$10 per person and includes snacks.
 The workshop is open to the public.
 Walk-ins Welcome but **RESERVATIONS REQUESTED**
 Please RSVP to activities@marylandorchids.org by April 3, 2026, to reserve your space(s).
 Cut here and return lower portion with your payment.....
 Make checks (\$10 per person) payable to Maryland Orchid Society
 Mail to: Activities, 2 Norris Run Ct., Reisterstown, MD 21136

NAME(S)	
EMAIL	
PHONE	

April 16 MOS Monthly Meeting

May 21 MOS Monthly Meeting

June 18 MOS Monthly Meeting

July 23 2026 Board Meeting In Person



SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL AUCTION & SALE
 SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
 10AM-2PM

NORTH CHEVY CHASE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8814 KENSINGTON PARKWAY, CHEVY CHASE, MD

 NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY
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January 31, 2026 The 46th Annual NCOS Paphiopedilum Forum

Showcase expert speakers, an unparalleled selection of Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium plants for sale by leading vendors and NCOS members, an extensive show table featuring slippers in bloom, ribbons and rosettes for outstanding show plants, door prizes, a silent auction and American Orchid Society judging.

45th Annual Paphiopedilum Forum | National Capital Orchid Society



The Paphiopedilum Forum, hosted by the National Capital Orchid Society, is one of the oldest annual events in the United States devoted entirely to slipper orchids.

The 46th Annual NCOS Paphiopedilum Forum will showcase expert speakers, an unparalleled selection of Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium and Cypripedium plants for sale by leading vendors and NCOS members, an extensive show table featuring slippers in bloom, door prizes, silent auction and AOS judging.

SPEAKERS

Wenqing Perner, "Cypripedium of China and Their Cultivation"
 Graham Ramsey, "How I Grow My Phragmipediums"
 Dave Sorokowsky, "Novelty Paphiopedilums"

VENDORS

Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology Ltd. (Wenqing Perner)
 Monster Island Orchids and Tropical Plants (Frank Cervera)
 Jeff Morris
 Paph Paradise (Dave Sorokowsky)
 Sunset Valley Orchids (Tim Culbertson)
 Woodstream Orchids (Bill Goldner)

PLANT EXHIBITION INFORMATION

An extraordinary feature of the Paph Forum's is the large variety of blooming slippers on the exhibit table. Attendees are encouraged to bring in blooming slipper orchids for display. Special prizes are drawn for registrants who bring show plants. The Paph Forum is an AOS-sanctioned event, all plants exhibited will be considered for AOS judging.

EVENT REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 1

\$78—NCOS Member, in-person
 \$40—Virtual

In-person registration includes box lunch, snacks, beverages and a door prize ticket. More information will be available as we get closer to open registration. Thank you!

46TH ANNUAL PAPHIOPEDILUM FORUM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY DECEMBER

Location [North Chevy Chase Christian Church](#)

8814 Kensington Parkway

Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Show Season 2026 'Earn a Show Table Point'

You are cordially invited to support/participate/volunteer to help MOS have another successful Show Season. Add the dates to your calendar, maybe plan a vacation day or two to join the fun and learning opportunities. What is different? You do not have to own the plant for 6 months to participate in these events.



Rawlings Conservatory Baltimore, MD

Jan 22 (Th) – Plants received 10am-4pm

Jan 23-25 10am-4pm

Volunteers needed to chat with visitors

Jan 25 (Su)– 4pm Plants retrieval

Activities Chair Contact John Heinbokel activities@marylandorchids.org

Displays of MOS members' Plants., Folks for manning information table needed

Maryland Orchid Society Show & Sale Timonium Fairgrounds

Mar 3 (Tu) 9AM- Staging set-up (volunteers needed)

Mar 4 (Wed) 9AM -4PM – Set-up exhibits

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(clerking volunteers needed)

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(hospitality volunteers needed during Show Hours)

Mar 8 (Su) –Tear Down 6 PM (volunteers needed)

Volunteers and Member Exhibits Needed

Show Chair Contact Marc Kiriou gothiclord01@yahoo.com



Southeastern Pa Orchid Society Show

Oaks Expo Center 100 Station Ave Oaks, PA 19456

Mar 26 (Th) – Set-up 9-4 (Plants Needed)

Mar 29 (Su)– Tear-down Plants retrieval

(Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

Away Show Chair Contact Valerie Lowe vlowe14@comcast.net



MOS Welcomes the following new members.

Anita Bemis-Dougherty

Jade Wong

Jill Allen, Membership Chair



Education Corner Topics

Education Committee,

Chris Zajac, Arne Schon, Larry Desiano

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.

Jan 29 John Heinbokel will present 'Potting Using a Semi-hydroponic Approach and a Demo'

Miscellaneous Meeting Information

Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair



There were 70 in attendance in person and 2 on Zoom at the December Meeting.

Door prizes:

1. *Onc cheirophorum* x Sib
2. 2-10. Mos Calendars
3. 11-12. Misc Auction Orchids



Door Prize winners:

1. Norm Zickhur
2. Marc Kiriou
3. Maria Zickhur
4. John Heinbokel
5. Larry Pando
6. Jill Allen

7. Clark Riley
8. Amanda Gallegos
9. Brant Braunschweig
10. Peter Hill
11. Mini Jackson
12. Helen Ann Schwartz

Auction Plants:

1. Psy Kalihi Alba
2. Lud. Salonsandstone
3. *Habenaria medusa* Halter Top

Auction Winners:

1. Laura Sobelman
2. Fay Citerone
3. Mai Conaway



Clark's Corner 'Invisible and Dead Orchids'

Every year, we get to auction off what appear to be empty pots — just soil and a label. And they may bring \$20–\$30 for the item. These would be dormant orchid tubers, types such as *Cynorkis*, *Habenaria*, or *Eulophias*. These guys go dormant part of the year so it's normal. Given the 30,000+ species of orchids, some are bound to evolve in habitats that go bone-dry part of the year.

One strategy for survival is to lose the leaves, which give out plenty of water. Tubers in the ground are shielded from water loss, like potatoes.

On the other hand, I sometimes keep actual DEAD orchids! The body of a very rare orchid can be valuable to orchid scientists. Classic examples would be the world's great herbariums, where dead examples are kept for reference. One of the programs for the 2024 Paph Forum was about *Selenipediums*.

I had once grown a *Selenipedium aequinoctale* for several years before it passed away. I kept the corpse for reference and brought it to the meeting, entering on the Paph Forum show table. It won an honorable mention. It was likely the only time any of the attendees had seen an actual *Selenipedium*, dead or alive.

Clark Riley

Maryland Orchid Society Holiday Party December 2025



Virtual Show Table December 18

6 Exhibitors, 13 Plants, 2 Zoom Attendees submitted by Mai Conaway



Phalaenopsis Sogo Vivien
'Leaf's Edge'
Fay Citerone



Rth. (Natrasiri Starbright x Kauai Starbright) 'STK
Monica Sparber



Bulbophyllum medusae
Robert Travers



Phragmipedium Irina
Ramos
John Heinbokel

Thinking about putting in an exhibit at the Maryland Orchid Society Show?

Earn Show Table Point! Your plants will be AOS Judged. Go for it!

Particularly if it is your first time. The challenge is exciting, and the camaraderie of setup day is wonderful and educational. We will give you lots of help you if you are hesitant!
Face your fears and commit to Exhibit. Reward and Satisfaction come with Participation. We would love nothing more than to be able to give the BEST FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR EXHIBIT AWARD



How is the MOS Show different from the monthly meeting show table?

Show allows inclusion of orchids regardless of length of ownership. Show judging is performed by accredited American Orchid Society (AOS) Judges. MOS Show Judging covers Ribbon Judging of Exhibit and Plant Classes, and then formal AOS Award judging of exceptional Exhibits and Plants.

Reserve Exhibit Space. Reserve Hobbyist Exhibit on the with our Show Chair.

Registration Form. Once you have reserved your space, a Registration Form will be sent to you. (Division 1 is Exhibit size class, Divisions 2 Alliance Plant Classes & Division 3 Special Plant Classes) this information is on your registration form in the Resource Tab.

Can I do it by myself? Once you have studied the show schedule, determine if you can do the exhibit on your own, or you want to partner with someone and/or include borrowed plants. This determines how you register. One or more folks can register the overall Exhibit, then each plant in the Exhibit is registered to the Exhibit and the Plant Owner

Plan your Exhibit. Understand the space you will have to work with. For a Table-Top exhibit MOS Provides a consistent covered backdrop about 36" T, 30 to 36"D, up to 48" L. MOS covers the tabletop with a black base. Floor exhibits, MOS provides grid wall backdrops (uncovered) 6' T, number of panels per size of exhibit. Electric available. It is your responsibility to provide your own auxiliary lighting extension cords within your exhibit and all staging materials.

AOS Tools Available. I would encourage those who have not yet joined the American Orchid Society to do now. Our Show is judged by American Orchid Society Judges guided by the AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY HANDBOOK ON JUDGING. This is available to you online as an AOS member. Also, as AOS members you have free access to their library of Webinars. [The American Orchid Society \(aos.org\)](http://The American Orchid Society (aos.org))

Trial run where possible. It is good to build your exhibit at home so you can determine staging needs and see how you are managing the Principles of Design. Important in design is the Line and Flow of the exhibit accentuated by the **Rhythm** of colors used throughout the exhibit. Subtle softer colors or colors of the same hue can create a more lyrical flow to help the eye pass naturally through the exhibit. Plant foliage, exposed roots and natural inflorescence presentation can help establish visual flow within the Exhibit. Other important aspects are **Balance** and Placement of plants – how they are organized and the scale of the plants in relationship to each other. There should be subtle variety in size and height of adjacent plant but also a broad range of sizes from the smallest to the largest plant. Consider texture of flowers and plants. Good usage of space is key. Plants should be placed evenly throughout, not crowded, or clumped in the middle. You want each plant's flowers to be readily viewable and looking at the judges. The Exhibit should not appear flat, consider appropriate placement in the plane of view for transition of epiphytes grow high to terrestrials grow low. Gradually reduce height as the as you fill from the back to the front. You want your exhibit to have dimension.

Don't forget your Orchid foliage plants, there are classes in which you may enter them. Visual resting space is also good within and exhibit.

Wrap Pots and original labels should not be visible. Typically, pots should be wrapped and hide labels in weed block fabric. Mulch, Live Moss, logs or stone and a few non-orchid foliage plants can be utilized to add to or soften the natural aspects of an Exhibit

Before you take apart your trial run exhibit Create a map of your plant placement. Take a picture. Build a list of your plant names and owner's name, research to ensure spelling is accurate. **HINT** build your list as a data file in either Word or Excel or equivalent file format. This will make it easy to copy your Plant and Owner names into your Exhibit registration file. Make your Exhibit Plant labels; use what works for you that is consistent within exhibit

You are almost there - Final Prep Prepare plants. Weeks ahead stake them properly, and don't change the orientation toward light. Clean foliage; trim off brown parts of leaves. Clean leaves with a damp cloth or milk. A vinegar and water solution (1 to 10) will help to remove residue. Safer's Insecticidal Soap may also be used. Ensure labels can be pushed into the pots. Water plants well before set-up. If a plant is top-heavy, place it into a larger pot with gravel or a wet clay pot.

Build your supply list as you work. You need to bring everything with you. If you are receiving plants to use on the day of and at the show you need to anticipate staging needs for them.

Black Card Stock for Plant Labels [Amazon.com: BCP 200pcs Kraft Paper Blank Kraft Message Business Gift Card Word Card 3.5 x 2 inches \(Black\) : Office Products](http://Amazon.com: BCP 200pcs Kraft Paper Blank Kraft Message Business Gift Card Word Card 3.5 x 2 inches (Black) : Office Products)

Silver pens [Amazon.com: Sharpie Oil-Based Paint Marker, Fine Point, Pack of 3 \(Silver\) : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](http://Amazon.com: Sharpie Oil-Based Paint Marker, Fine Point, Pack of 3 (Silver) : Arts, Crafts & Sewing).

Ground cover - sheet moss, shredded bark, fabric,

Materials to cover pots, such as sheet moss or fabric

Floral tape various shades of green and brown to wrap stem wire to match your inflorescence

Flower pins. Straight pins (to hold fabric or moss in place, particularly tops of pots) [Amazon.com: Panacea Sharp Greening Pins 1.75" 50/Pkg, 1 Pack, Silver : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](http://Amazon.com: Panacea Sharp Greening Pins 1.75)

Risers - florist stands, buckets, cable spools, extra pots (clay and plastic), all sizes

Green wires - stem and paddle

Tool kit Wire cutters, pliers, Pen, pencil, indelible marker, scissors, scotch tape, Duct tape, fillers

Lights, clips or stands, extension cords

Foliage plants, Props (non-distracting)

Sprayer or water can for misting plants during show

Your computer and thumb drive to complete your exhibit data entry



Speaking of the MOS Show!
Congratulations to National Capital Orchid Society (NCOS) selected to receive the 2024 Walter Off Exhibit Award for its exhibit "Feeling Golden" (GC/AOS) presented at the Maryland Orchid Society Show. The Walter Off Exhibit Award honors the most outstanding AOS Show Trophy, Silver Certificate, Gold Certificate, or Educational Award exhibit presented at any AOS sanctioned orchid show during the previous calendar year. Congratulations to the NCOS Away Shows team—Robin Collins, Zita Winzer, Pete Ma, and Jason Gebbia—for designing and installing the award-winning exhibit.

Award-winning NCOS Exhibit "Feeling Golden" (GC/AOS) presented at the Maryland Orchid Society Show. Photo: Jason Gebbia

AOS Corner Submitted by Valerie Lowe, AOS Representative



LOCAL AOS NEWS

The NCJC meets at the Saint James United Methodist Church, 12470 Old Frederick Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. 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. Judging is open to the public, and we invite anyone to bring their plants in to be judged.

- **January 3 – NCJC – St. James United Methodist Church**
- **January 31– Paph Forum, North Chevy Chase Christian Church**
- **February 1– SOS Outreach Judging, Bethany Village**
- **February 7 – NCJC – St. James United Methodist Church**
- **February 27 – VOS show, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**
- **March 5 – MOS Show in the Cow Palace of the Timonium Fairgrounds**
- **March 7 – NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church**



Prerecorded Seminars to watch now.

- [Growing Specimen Plants with Sandra Svoboda - American Orchid Society](#)
- [Pest Management Techniques for Indoor Orchids with Ron McHatton - American Orchid Society](#)

Webinars - Coming Attractions!
 REGISTRATION IS EASY www.aos.org/webinars
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry. Register now and view on your time schedule.
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.

When	Jan. 08, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Jan. 14, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 10, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 12, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 05	The World of Phragmipediums Part 2— Following decades of hands on research find out what nature can teach us about growing Phragms.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 07	Happy Roots Happy Orchids Get to the root of the matter to help you grow healthy orchids. How to create the ideal orchid root ecosystem.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Frank Cervara Biologist, well established in the Phrag community	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Orchid grower with success in many different environments

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

Save The Date
 Join Us for this Online Event

**Orchid Culture Day
 Sunday, January 25, 2026**

This Event is Recorded for all Registrants to View at their Leisure

Step Into the World of Slippers

4 Guest Speakers
 4 Great Topics

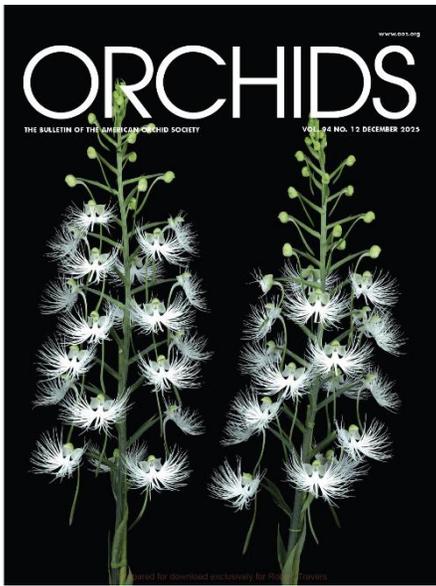
Door Prizes!
 Must be online day of event to be eligible

Only \$40 USD

11 a.m.—4 p.m. EST

24thWOC

Germany 2026
 24th World Orchid Conference
 26-29 March 2026 Dresden



Congratulations to Sarah Hurdel for her beautifully grown plant gracing the front cover of the December 2025 issue of AOS Orchids Magazine.

Joel Graham our Show Table Chair received this award for his cross.

[J. Graham - Orchidex](#)

Award No. 20224562 **Date:** Sept. 10, 2022 **Exhibitor:** Joel Graham

Event: Mid-Atlantic Center Monthly Judging (Wynnewood, Pennsylvania)

Habenaria Memoria Ruth Bader Ginsburg 'Stare Decisis'

AM |AOS | (80 points) [Habenaria medusa](#) x [Habenaria Pegasus](#)

FRONT COVER

*Habenaria Memoria Ruth Bader Ginsburg 'Stare Decisis' AM/AOS (medusa x Pegasus) grown by Sarah Hurdel and photographed by Bayard Saraduke. The genus *Habenaria* currently includes 898 recognized species and has 43 synonyms. When *Bonatea*, *Centrostigma*, *Platycoryne* and *Roeperocharis* are included, this megagenus will have 938 species and 47 synonyms.*

December 2025 issue of AOS Orchids Magazine also features MOS members 2024 Awards.

***Dendrobium auriculatum* 'Memoria Gary D. Krause'**

AM |AOS | (80 points) Exhibitor: Jos Venturina

May 04, 2024 National Capital Center Monthly Judging



Guaricattonia Sadie Rainn 'North Cascades'

AM |AOS | (85 points) Exhibitor: Jason Gebbia

May 04, 2024 National Capital Center Monthly Judging

***Phragmipedium Titan Tails* 'Everglades'**

AM |AOS | (82 points) Exhibitor: Jason Gebbia

May 20, 2024 National Capital Orchid Society Outreach





Cymbidium Mountain Snow
'Blizzard', AM/AOS 80 Points
Exhibited by: Robert Griesbach



Habeneria roebelenii
'Paisley 1', AM/AOS 80 Points
Exhibited by: Sarah Hurdel



Habeneria Kakaeri X marginata
'Orange Peel', AM/AOS 80 Points
Exhibited by: Sarah Hurdel

**The Huntington and Orchid Digest Present
The Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026 and the 70th Paphiopedilum Guild**

Saturday, January 17, 2026
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Featuring lectures by experts, orchid sales, with an auction and lunch.
Announcing the Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026!
We are delighted to invite orchid enthusiasts, horticulturists, researchers, and plant lovers from around the world to the Slipper Orchid Symposium 2026, a premier gathering dedicated to the beauty, science, and conservation of slipper orchids.

<https://www.orchiddigest.org/slipper-orchid-symposium-2026>

Location: The Huntington
Address: 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108
Can't attend in person? You can also participate live via Zoom, and a recording link will be provided to all registrants a few days after the event for future viewing.



Members must register by January 10, 2026, to receive the discounted member rate!

[In-Person Registration](#)

[Virtual Registration](#)

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Speakers



"The History of Paphiopedilum rothschildianum"
Tim Culbertson.



"The Genetics of Flower Color and Breeding in Paphiopedilums"
Rob Griesbach, Ph.D.



"Phragmipedium caricinum: 150 years of Errors & Mistakes"
Frank Cervera



"The Intriguing Story of Paphiopedilum sanderianum"
Deborah Boersma's

Show Table December 18, 2025 Joel Graham

Novice

1. Onc. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - Michael Keller

Home Grown

1. C. Portia Cannazaro - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie: Lys. 'Red Jewel' - Luis Molina
Ctsm. Orchidglade - Bob Travers
3. Rlc. Portoviejo - Bob Johnston

Greenhouse

1. C. Caudebec x Ctt. Trick or Treat - Eric Wiles
2. Onc. Pacific Perspective - Sierra Kraushofer
3. Ctt. Why Not - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. C. *trianaei* 'Hennington' - Mai Conaway
2. Tie: Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Mikkabi' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac
Blc. Anna Balmores 'Lakeview' - Eric Wiles
Rlc. Mem. Harry and Kay Oda 'Volcano Queen' - Luis Molina
3. Tie: C. Sparkling Burgandy 'Heather Smith Johnston' AM/AOS - David Smith
Bc. Star Fire x Rth. Georgia Peach - Bob Johnston
Rth. Fu Shu Glory 'Happy Holidays' - Robin Neukam



Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Gan Lin Denpasar - Robin Neukam
2. Tie: Phal. Noid - Joy Marlowe
Phal. Noid - Amanda Gallegos
Phal. White and Purple - Maria and Norm Zickhur
3. Tie: Phal. Noid - Todd Jackson
Phal. Fancy Freckles - Chris Zajac

Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Estelle Getty x Sorcerer's Apprentice - Joel Graham
2. Tie: Paph. Yang-ji Hawk - Clark Riley
Paph. Rita Chambers - Eric Wiles
3. Tie: Paph. *rothschildianum* - Bob Travers
Paph. Greyi x *kolokopingii* v. *topperi* - Aaron Webb
Paph. Iona - Robin Neukam

Dendrobium

1. Den. Somkiat Blue - Luis Molina
2. Tie: Den. Rainbow Dance - Sarah Hurdel
Den. Blue Twinkle - Chris Zajac
3. Den. Green Flash - Joy Marlowe

Oncidium

1. Onc. Guann Shin Sweetheart 'Guann Shin' - Chris Zajac
2. Brsdm. Gilded Urchin 'Ontario' - Fay Citerone
3. Tie: Wils. Brennan Scott Barfield 'HOF #1' - Eric Wiles
Blra. Marfitch 'Howards Dream' AM/AOS - Sarah Spence
Tol. Jairak Flyer 'Red Spread' - Brenda Logan

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Hab. Regnieri 'Rubenesque' - Bob Travers
2. Tie: Fdk. After Dark - Brenda Logan
Czl. Tsiku Chuchango - Joel Graham
3. Tie: Pda. Kyra Green 'Minghus' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles
Masd. Maui Gold 'Harford' - Robin Neukam
Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange' - Jill Allen

Species

1. V. *nana* - Brenda Logan
2. Tie: Hab. *rhodocheila* 'Yellow' - Bob Travers
Enc. *vitellina* - Arne Schon
3. Tie: Den. *venustum* - Sarah Hurdel
Masd. *decumana* - David Smith

Miniature

1. Masd. Copper Angel 'Orange Sunset' - Eric Wiles
2. Pleurothallis *picta* - David Smith
3. Tie: C. Tiny Toshie 'Sweetie' HCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel
C. Scarlet Imp - Arne Schon

First Bloom

1. Hab. Sweet Dream - Sarah Hurdel

Fragrance

1. Blc. Merrily Murison 'Larry' - Bob Johnston
2. Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'HOF' - Wanda Kuhn
3. C. Volcana Pride x B. nodosa - Sherry Rashid

What a great showing of great plants! This show table was a veritable oasis of paradise in the face of these darker and colder months! We had a spectacularly diverse show table coming just shy of a hundred plants in bloom (97) from 36 exhibitors! You should be proud! **Our judges' choice for the evening was a spectacular specimen of Cattleya trianaei 'Hennington' grown by Mai Conaway.** Our judges for the evening were Diane Elam, Marc Kiriou, and Rob Moreno. Other exhibitors not mentioned above were Courtney Bounds, Brandt Braunschweig, Diane Elam, Suzanne Gaertner, Kathi Jackson, Bobbi Mazer, Jason Overgard, Laura Sobelman, Kathleen Spicer, and Phuong Tran and Rich Kaste. Keep up the great growing as the main show season approaches and please plan to lend your plants to the exhibits to take public credit for your hard work.



I feel grateful, privileged, and honored to win the December MOS Judge's Choice for my Cattleya *trianaei* .

Judges Choice: Cattleya trianaei flamea (Henington x Radiance) (sib cross) *Commentary by Mai Conaway*

I could not ask for a better Christmas present, and I am even happier that I had the opportunity to share my blooms.

On 10/15/2023 I acquired this plant from an eBay auction for \$60. I was excited to obtain a modestly priced cattleya from the Christoffersen Collection. It was a three-piece division in a 4" clay pot. It grew that summer and needed to be re-potted in the fall when new roots were about an inch. Thereafter, it provided me with 6 blooms in 2024 and a 2nd place ribbon out of the Home-Grown class.

On 12/18/2025 this cattleya provided me with 13 blooms and 2 buds to win 1st place Cattleya and my first Judge's Choice.

This cattleya is a faithful bloomer and vigorous grower.

It grows under Spider Farmer LED lights in the winter and outside on my porch under shade cloth with southeast morning sun at approximately 5,000-foot candles. It is potted in Orchiata Power Plus bark in a clear plastic pot. I use MSU fertilizer and Cal Mag to feed this plant. It is heavily watered every 10 days and then allowed to dry out during the outdoor growing season and less water during winter.

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MOS MEETINGS 3rd Thursday of the Month

Woodbrook Church 25 Stevenson Lane Baltimore, MD 21212
 Show Table setup begins at 7 p.m., 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

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PROGRAM → Arrange for speakers, fees and terms (speaker files available). Obtain monthly door prize. Provide speaker topics, bio and picture to Newsletter and Website. Attend Board Meetings and budget for programs. **Time Required:** About 10 hours per month/9 months.