



MOS Newsletter

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

March 2026



Presidents Message

It's March and it's Show Time, as you read this you are most likely getting ready to come help with our show in Timonium. If you haven't contacted Marc yet to volunteer, please do so. Of course, please come enjoy the show, and add more orchids to your collection. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your society at work as well as our regional society partner exhibits. See more details later in this issue.

Don't miss the **SHOW PREVIEW AND SALE** → Thursday afternoon March 5, 3-6 p.m. See the exhibits in their best presentations and have first choice from our vendors who have traveled from Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania to provide you outstanding Orchid Diversity and Quality. Make the most of this great opportunity. No cover and no crowds.

Spring is almost here, the monthly meeting on March 19, "Ask the Experts" will take on a round table format so all can ask and all can respond.

Read on about our next show, our exhibit in the SEPOS show at Oaks, Pa. **Mar 26—29.** →

Our spring workshop will be held April 11 and we are bringing back the inclusion of mentored potting to the workshop.

See you at the Show!
Bob

March 19, 2026 Program Orchid Questions and Discussion Round Table



Submit Questions for the Round Table to Fay
program@marylandorchids.org

It's Maryland Orchid Society Show Time! Still time to volunteer at the Cow Palace

Contact Marc Kiriou 443-509-0084
gothiclord01@yahoo.com



March 3 Tuesday 9AM-12PM

Staging set-up

March 4 Wednesday 9AM-5PM

Set Up Your Exhibit

March 5 Thursday 9AM to 1PM

Judging Clerks needed

March 5 Thursday 3PM to 6PM

Members Preview & Orchid Sale

Your chance to have 1st choice vendors orchids!

March 6-8 Friday, Saturday, Sunday Hospitality and Boxing Station Volunteers

March 8 Sunday 6PM Tear Down and Pack Up

Call for Plants! Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit Away Show SEPOS



Mar 26 – Set-up
Mar 27- Judging Clerks Wanted!
Contact Bill Keating
keatingwr@aol.com
610-639-2343
Mar 29– Tear-down
Valerie will be pick up plants starting Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Anyone wishing to loan plants to this exhibit can

contact me at ylove14@comcast.net or at 410.599.2923

Anyone interested in coming to help set up the exhibit on Thursday, March 26 or to tear down the exhibit on Sunday March 29 (starting at 4 pm), is more than welcome to join us.

'HALL E' of the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks (100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456).

SEPOS International Show and Sale For more information, [Show & Sale | SEPOS](#)



2026 MOS ELECTION
 Every two years MOS holds elections for the positions of
 President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2-4 Directors.

Please send your Recommendations to your Nominating Committee

- Brenda Logan bllogan8@comcast.net
- Jill Allen catstaff4@verizon.net
- Todd Jackson sweeno_62@yahoo.com

The Nominating Committee has until the April Monthly Meeting to provide a slate of nominees. Please contact your Nominating Committee with your recommendations to assure the best possible candidates. Is there a MOS member with the skills and commitment to serve us well in one of those positions? Would you like to be considered for one of the offices? Consider speaking with the current officer or member of the nominating committee to learn more about the position. Please submit your recommendations to anyone on the Nominating Committee by April 1. The nominating committee must identify a nominee for each position for election or reelection and may at their discretion identify multiple candidates for a position.

After the April meeting through our May meeting, members may petition to have additional names added for consideration. Nominations from the membership at large may be made in writing by a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of the Society and delivered to the President prior to the adjournment of the monthly meeting (if any) of the Society in May. At our June meeting we will elect our officers for the next two years.

Bylaws [2025 MOS Bylaws.pdf](#)

Officers: The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a minimum of two (2) and up to four (4) Directors, and the immediate past President. Each officer shall be a voting member of the Society at all times during such person's term of office and failure to maintain such voting membership shall be cause for removal in accordance with these Bylaws.

Terms of Office: The term of office is 2 years. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms. Return to office is possible after a break in service.

President	The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Trustees, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, and shall appoint chairs of each committee and supervise their functions. The President shall sign all written contracts and other written obligations of the Society, unless the Board of Trustees authorizes another Trustee to do so.	Bob Travers is the current President and is completing his 1 st term.
Vice President	In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the President's duties. If the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President until a President shall be elected.	Marc Kiriou is the current Vice President and is completing his 1 st term.
Treasurer	The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Society and shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, the following: receive and deposit the Society's funds in such accounts as shall be designated by the Board of Trustees, prepare and file all tax returns required to be filed by the Society, remit any taxes payable by the Society, furnish to the Board of Trustees at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees a written report regarding such accounts, and make available to the special finance committee (reference 5.5 b) appointed by the President, the books and records regarding such accounts for review. In the absence or disability of the President and the Vice President, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of the President. If the office of President and the office of Vice President both become vacant, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of the President until a President shall be elected.	Brenda Logan is the current Treasurer completing her 2 nd term and is now term limited. A new Treasurer must be nominated.
Secretary	The Secretary shall take and maintain minutes of the business transacted at regular and special meetings of the Society and of the Board of Trustees and shall act as the Society Archivist supporting documentation retention policy as determined by the board. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the President. If the office of President, the office of Vice President, and the office of Treasurer all shall become vacant, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the President until a President shall be elected.	Diane Elam is the current Secretary completing her 2 nd term and is now term limited. A new Secretary must be nominated.
Directors	The Directors shall counsel the Board of Trustees and the members and the Chairs of committees on matters pertaining to the business of the Society, the Board of Trustees, and such committees.	Joy Marlowe and Robin Neukam are the current Directors and completing 1 st term. 2-4 Director Positions Available

Calendar of events

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April 11 Spring Workshop

April 16 MOS Monthly Meeting

April 25 NCOS Annual Auction & Sale

May 14 Board Meeting Zoom

May 21 MOS Monthly Meeting

June 18 MOS Monthly Meeting

July 16, 2026– Summer ZOOM Show Table #1

July 23 2026 Board Meeting In Person

July/August, 2026– Picnic, State Fair **TBD**

Aug 20, 2026– Summer ZOOM Show Table #2

Sept 18-20, 2026 NCOS Show & Sale

Sept 24, 2026 Monthly Meeting

Growing Potted Vandas Indoors: From Root Rot to Many Ribbons

Wangqu Liu

Many hobbyists admire the large, vivid blooms of Vandas but believe these orchids are strictly for greenhouses or tropical backyards, requiring the daily labor of misting hanging roots. However, with the right growing techniques, these giants can thrive indoors under grow lights. A perfect example is my Vanda Pachara Delight 'Somsri', which took home the Judge's Choice ribbon at the Maryland Orchid Society's (MOS) February 2026 meeting.

Vanda Pachara Delight is a complex hybrid with a heavy influence from *V. coerulea* and *V. sanderiana*. This specific plant, 'Somsri' GM/JOGA, is a mericlone of the Gold Medal clone awarded by the Japan Orchid Growers Association. I acquired it in May 2024; it arrived in a 4-inch basket with long, unruly bareroots trailing everywhere. After a few months of daily watering, I grew exhausted and decided to experiment with an indoor potting setup. My initial attempt with medium bark led to root rot, so I switched to the ultra-coarse, chunky media detailed below. The Vanda thrived, and I was able to reduce watering to once or twice a week.

It took about a year for the plant to fully adapt to my environment. Since July 2025, it has rewarded me with three spectacular bloom cycles, each improving in size and count. The second bloom won First Place in the Novice group at the MOS October 2025 meeting. The most recent spike featured seven deep blue spotted flower, the largest measuring a massive 16 cm across. This show earned First Place and Judge's Choice at MOS, as well as First Place and People's Choice at the National Capital Orchid Society (NCOS) in February 2026.

Here is how I grow it:

Pot and Media: Stability and Aeration

The biggest hurdle to growing Vandas indoors is balancing moisture with the roots' absolute need for air.

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Image 1 and 2: Vanda Pachara Delight 'Somsri' GM/JOGA in bloom in Feb 2026. © Wangqu Liu

- **The Container:** I use a **clear, slotted 7-inch plastic pot**. The transparency allows for easy monitoring of root health, while the slots ensure maximum ventilation. Once the roots are established, I place the clear pot into an **opaque, hole-less outer pot**. This extends the time between waterings. **Note:** The clear inner pot should "hang" inside the outer pot, leaving an air pocket at the bottom rather than sitting directly on the floor of the outer pot.
- **Ultra-Coarse, Chunky Media:** My mix consists of **large bark chunks, charcoal, and expanded clay pebbles (LECA)**. I also incorporate **lava rock**. Because Vandas are top-heavy, the weight of the lava rock is critical to prevent the pot from tipping over. Furthermore, lava rock is highly porous, retaining just enough moisture to create a humid micro-climate without suffocating the roots.
- **The Transition:** When moving a Vanda from bareroot to a pot, you should trim very long roots to fit the root ball into the pot. Those excessively long roots are likely to rot once potted anyway.

Water and Fertilizer: Efficiency Over Labor

- **Watering:** When first potting a bareroot Vanda, refrain from over-watering and do not use the outer pot yet. Water only when the media and roots are bone dry. It is normal to see some old roots rot during this phase. Once the plant settles and grows new root tips, you can gently remove the plant to trim away the dead material.
- **Established Care:** Once adapted, you will see many active green root tips. At this stage, treat it like a large Phalaenopsis. Wait until the roots turn from vibrant green to a silvery-grey before watering. This wet-dry cycle ensures hydration while allowing the roots to "breathe." Depending on your humidity, once or twice weekly is sufficient.
- **Travel Tip:** If you are away from home, soak the pot in water for a few hours, then drain it and set the clear pot back into the outer pot. Using this method, I can leave my plant for two weeks without any signs of dehydration.
- **Fertilizing:** Vandas are heavy feeders. I use large-pellet granulated slow-release fertilizer in the pot (small pellets will leak through the coarse media). Additionally, I soak the pot in half-strength balanced orchid fertilizer once a month. When a flower spike is observed, I switch from a balanced formula to a "bloom booster" formula.

Strong Light: Fueling the Bloom

Vandas require significant energy to flower.

- **Lighting:** In my Baltimore apartment, natural light from west-facing windows isn't enough, especially in winter. I utilize high-intensity LED gooseneck grow lights positioned very close to the leaves. My light meter measures **above 20,000 lux** at the leaf surface. The lights are on from sunrise to sunset. If a Vanda is receiving enough light, the leaves should be a bright **apple green** rather than a dark, deep green.
- **Ventilation:** Potting can lead to fungal issues if the air is stagnant. I keep a **tower fan running 24/7** near my grow shelves. However, I place the Vanda where it isn't directly in the "blast" of the fan, as the chunky media already provides excellent internal ventilation.

Transitioning my Vandas to this potted system transformed a demanding daily chore into a rewarding success story. There is nothing quite like seeing those massive, violet blooms lighting up an indoor space during a cold Maryland winter. I hope these tips give you the confidence to bring the majesty of a Vanda into your own home collection. Happy growing!



Image 3: Vanda potted in clear 7" pot using large bark chunks, charcoal, expanded clay pebbles (LECA) and lava rock. © Wangqu Liu

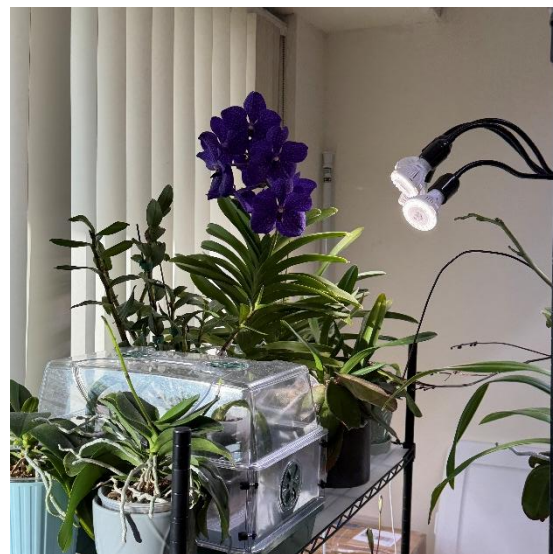


Image 4: The placement of my potted vandas on shelf near to a west facing window, with goose neck LED grow light directly pointing at the vandas. © Wangqu Liu

Nominations for Leadership and Service Awards 2026 Now Being Accepted

Restrictions

- Previous awardees of Leadership or Service are not eligible to receive the same award multiple times.
- Currently elected Officers are not eligible.
- Life Members are not eligible.
- Current Committee Chairs may not be nominated unless for recognition is outside the scope of their committee.

Please submit form to the President president@marylandorchids.org or Secretary secretary@marylandorchids.org by the close of the May Monthly meeting.

Maryland Orchid Society, Inc. Nomination Form: Leadership and Service Awards 2026		
Leadership Society Member Deserving Recognition within the Society	Nominee	Why does this person deserves recognition for Leadership?
Service Society Member Deserving Recognition within the Society	Nominee	Why does this person deserves recognition for Service?
Return your Nomination to the Secretary or President by the May Monthly Meeting or before so that recognition can be considered before and awarded at the September Monthly Meeting.		
Member submitting Nomination		

MOS Logo Shirt Embroidery

Please Contact **Jill Allen, Membership 301-704-9401** membership@marylandorchids.org by **March 19th**
Provide your own shirt and place a order as we need a minimum of 10 shirts for the price break.



For those of you interested, we have a plan in place to work with an embroidery company called The Royal Stitch to fill individual orders of MOS logo shirts. As long as we have 10 shirts, they will give us a group rate of \$25 per shirt (**cash or check to Royal Stitch**). To participate, purchase or use a button-down denim or chambray shirt you already have of any color and bring it to the March 19th meeting.

Important: Your shirt should have **NO POCKET** on at least one side of the front.

Bring your shirt to the March 19th meeting with cash or check payable to Royal Stitch only \$25 per shirt.

Please mark the shirt with tape or safety pin the label below to each shirt.

We will then take the shirts to the Royal Stitch in Aspen Hill, MD (Montgomery County). Delivery should be at the MOS meeting on **April 16th** or by arrangement.

If you miss this group order, you may contact Jill for the next potential order or you may order individually directly from the Royal Stitch 240-621-0429 or info@royalstitchembroidery.com (mention MOS logo).

I have searched and found good quality and reasonably priced denim shirts at Macy's (Gloria Vanderbilt Women's Larissa), Target (Universal Thread women's relaxed fit) and online from Port authority. Please share if you find a good shirt! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about shirt choices.

Mark your shirt with your name with tape or safety pin to the collar of each shirt

Name	Phone #	Number of Shirts \$25 per Shirt	Paid



MOS Members are invited to join the Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS) for a presentation on Native Orchids by our own Clark Riley! March 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Hybrid in person or on Zoom. The Old Line State Native Orchids by Dr. Clark Riley

Most people think of orchids as exotic tropical beauties. But our state hosts over 40 species of orchids ranging from tiny beauties to eye-catching blooms. We may walk past them (or on them!) in a walk in natural areas from the coastal plains to our western mountains. A typical walk in any state forest you may see 4 to 10 species, some common and some rare. Among this diverse and incredibly prolific native orchid population, one of the showiest species is the slipper orchid genus *Cypripedium*, which Dr. Riley has successfully propagated over many years of growing experience. Dr. Riley's expertise and curiosity have led him on many native orchid adventures, a few of which he will share with us tonight. Join us for an entertaining and inspiring peek at Maryland's native orchids.

Dr. Clark Riley has been an active orchid grower since 1957. At the age of six, he got his first plant, a probably-collected Yellow Lady Slipper (*Cypripedium pubescens*) from a perennial nursery. The plant died a miserable death in a short time, but not before blooming and cementing a love of orchids that has lasted over half a century. He has labored ever since to make amends by promoting the sound cultivation of Lady Slippers. He grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species, and Lady Slippers, Brazilian *Laelias*, and specialty *Phalaenopsis*, often from seed. He was the producer for the book and CD of Proceedings of the North American Native Terrestrial Orchid Conference. He is a life member and past president of the Maryland Orchid Society. He is a member of the American Orchid Society, where he is on the speaker's bureau. He can be reached at DrRiley@aol.com or visit his website <https://cyps.us>

Links

[Cypripediums in the House and Garden](#)
[North American Orchid Conservation Center](#)

Orchids of Calvert County YouTube November 2025:
[Bing Videos](#)

Hybrid meeting instructions:

In person at the University of Maryland Extension Building, 4240 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City (Howard County), Maryland 21042
 By Zoom: go to www.mdflora.org Look at "Monthly Programs". Click on "MNPS Monthly Program: The Old Line State Native Orchids by Clark Riley, PhD". Click "Register". Complete the registration form. No cost, donations are welcome. Click "Next". Click "Confirm". The meeting link will be sent to the email provided. Questions? ask Jill Allen at membership@marylandorchids.org

**Nomination of Dr. Clark Riley
 "Certificate for Meritorious Achievement in Orchid Education"
 Approved by AOS Board of Trustees
 Presentation to Clark at the AOS Spring Conference Meeting April 11, 2026**



I have had the privilege of knowing and learning from Dr. Clark Riley for 37 years, we both joined The Maryland Orchid Society (MOS) in 1988. Clark is truly one of the rare gems in today's Orchid world, and as such is multi-faceted. He is a superb orchid grower, hardy orchid grower, a hybridizer and species breeder, an author, orchid traveler, a techie, avid learner, encouraging teacher and speaker, an auctioneer, and always an active participating society member.

Clark is a perennial presenter at MOS workshops and at many MOS monthly meetings over the years. Clark is ever-present at regional orchid shows installing, and more importantly supporting the clerking and judging activities. Clark also routinely speaks at regional orchid societies and garden clubs.

Clark has also achieved listing on the American Orchid Society Speakers Center a resource for affiliated societies. As an educator these talks are based on Clark's life journey of growing Orchids and a pure desire to further encourage others to share the journey, understand potential problems, opportunities to improve and achieve successes along the way.

On behalf of all who have benefitted from Clark's tutelage, I would like to nominate Dr. Clark Riley for the "Certificate for Meritorious Achievement in Orchid Education"

Best regards, Robert C. Travers, AOS Member, President, Maryland Orchid Society



Would you like to be a part of the National Aquarium Amazon River Exhibit?

The exhibit is interested in any Amazon basin or South American tropical rainforest orchid donations: non-variegated *Vanilla planifolia*, species and naturally occurring hybrids. The Amazon River exhibit has no birds, only fish, turtles, and caimans. The orchids there will be cared for by the curator of the exhibit. Plants need not be in bloom. Immature plants also welcomed. Robert Marino is a volunteer for the National Aquarium. He will pick up your orchid donations and deliver to the Aquarium robertonly@hotmail.com



MOS Welcomes the following new members

Carolyn Lagomarsino

Jill Allen, Membership Chair

Miscellaneous Meeting Information

Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair



There were 47 in attendance in person and 6 on Zoom at the February Meeting.

Door Prize

Onc. Wildcat "Garfield"

Door Prize Winner

Amelia

Auction Plants:

1. Sl. Orpetis x L. *speciosa*
2. Pot Tutankamen 'Pop' x Pot. Choco Berry

Auction Winners:

1. Aaron Webb
2. Kathleen Spicer



Education Corner Schedule & Topics

Education Committee,
Chris Zajac or Arne Schon

'The Education Committee is looking to add one or more novice members to share their thoughts on what information they would like from us, and how this should be communicated to you.'

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.

March 19

presenter Larry Desiano. All About Orchid Media.

OR

presenter Chris Zajac. Diseased Orchids: Dots, Spots, Splotches, Rots, and Chlorosis. Members can bring their problem orchid in for hopefully helpful advice.

April 16 presenter Sarah Spence. Are We There Yet?

Preparing Orchids For Outdoors Vacation

Virtual Show Table February 19, 2026 5 Exhibitors, 18 Plants submitted by Mai Conaway



**Slc Hazel Boyd
'Apricot Glow'
Nancy Hensler**



**Ludisia discolor
Ellie Martin**



**Paphiopedilum Rogue
Vogue
Monica Sparber**



**Paphiopedilum
delenatii x sib
Bruce Cohen**



The National Capital Judging Center

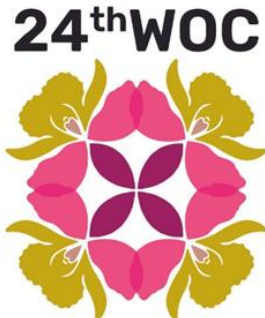
The NCJC meets at the Saint James United Methodist Church, 12470 Old Frederick Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. AOS Judging will start at noon. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not. Judging is open to the public, and we invite anyone to bring their plants in to be judged.

- March 5 – MOS Show in the Cow Palace of the Timonium Fairgrounds
- March 7 – NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church
- March 21– CPOS show, State College, PA
(State College Friends School, 1900 University Drive, State College, PA 16801)
- April 4– NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- April 11 – OSWP show, Crowne Plaza Hotel(164 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241)



Looking to visit a garden?

AOS Members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. See a list of [participating gardens near you](#)



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

[24th World Orchid Conference 2026](#)



The 2026 AOS Spring Conference is coming up! Join us in Apopka, Florida April 8th -11th. The Conference will be held in conjunction with the Apopka Spring International Orchid Festival **REGISTRATION IS NOW**

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	Mar. 03, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Mar. 18, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	April 02, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Orchid Culture Days Per View of Your Lecture
Topic	Greenhouse Chat FREE Live Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 28	Vanda Cultivation FREE Live Make Caring for Your Vanda Orchids Easier. Tips from a Passionate Orchid Grower.	Greenhouse Chat FREE Live Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31	Recorded Webinars Choose from Eight Popular Full Day Presentations. Gain insight into the Culture of Orchids. Select Virtual from the Full Index to Sign up for the Culture Day Presentations.
Presenter	Ran McHatten AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Serena Roman AOS Chief Grower Known as Lady Vanda	Ran McHatten AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and More

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

Use the QR code to register!

[Webinars - American Orchid Society](#)

MOS Members 2024 Awards Featured in AOS February Issue of 'Orchids'



Cymbidium ensifolium 'Bi Xing Chen'
CCM-AM/AOS 81 pts. Exhibitor: Jos Venturina
National Capital Judging



Pectabeneria Angelitas 'Needmore Grace'
(*Pecteilis hawkesiana* x *Habenaria crinifera*) HCC/AOS 79 pts.
Exhibitor: Sarah Hurdel National Capital Judging



***Pectabeneria Ptarmigan* 'Needmore Plumes'**
 (Snow Bird x *Habenariamedusa*) AM/AOS 84 pts.
 Exhibitor: Sarah Hurdel National Capital Judging



***Dendrolirium ornatum* 'Laura Sobelman'**
 CCM/AOS 84 pts.
 Exhibitor: Jos Venturina National Capital Judging

Upcoming Shows

New Hampshire Orchid Society presents
ORCHIDS GOKE WILD
 33rd Annual Show & Sale
 March 6, 7 & 8 2026
 Join us at the Courtyard by Marriott Southwood Drive Nashua, NH
 For more information visit our facebook page or go to www.nhorchids.org

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

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY'S 57TH ANNUAL SHOW
 Saturday, March 21st
 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Sunday, March 22nd
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 State College Friends School
 1900 University Drive
 State College, PA
 Photographer's Hour
 9:00 am - 10:00 am Sun. Ly
 Reporting Demonstrations
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Satur. Ly
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Sun. Ly
 ENTRY: \$5 DONATION ENCOURAGED

SEPOS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE
 MARCH 27 - MARCH 29, 2026
 Thousands of Orchids on Display
 Free Guided Tours
 AOS Judging
 EXPANDED SEPOS MARKETPLACE
 Wine Tastings & Sales
 Gourmet Cheeses
 Fine Chocolates
 Handcrafted Jewelry
 Unique Pottery
 Unusual House Plants
 16TH SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY | SEPOS.ORG
 JOIN US: MARCH 27 12-6 PM
 MARCH 28 9 AM - 6 PM
 MARCH 29 10 AM - 4 PM
 AT THE EXPO CENTER
 SAVE 20% PURCHASE TICKETS AT SEPOS.ORG



Smithsonian Gardens and the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG)

will present the 30th annual orchid exhibition this year in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), exploring the many ways orchids connect individuals, communities and nature. "[More than a Flower: The Connective Power of Orchids](#)," open Jan. 30–[April 26](#) on the second floor of the museum, will feature hundreds of live orchids from the Smithsonian Gardens and USBG collections, marking 30 years of partnership between the two organizations. And for the first time, the orchid exhibition will open at NMAAHC, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. To get your free timed entry passes to the museum, please [click this link!](#)

Novice

1. Epc. Magic Wand - Kathleen Spicer
2. Phal. *schilleriana* - Mike Keller

Homegrown

1. Cym. Peggy Foo Prolifae - Luis Molina
2. Tie: Ct. Varut Startrack 'Golden Tiger' - Robin Neukam
Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' - Marilyn Lauffer
3. Tie: Phal. GW Green World 'Yaphon' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson
Rlc. (Rubescent Magic x Paradise Rose) - Bob Johnston
Paph. Gisella Utz - Todd Jackson

Greenhouse

1. Lc. Ingers Sweet Revenge 'Hawaii' - Eric Wiles
2. Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Debbie' - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler - Eric Wiles
2. Rly. TLDC Divine Phoenix 'Pterodactyl' - Robin Neukam
3. Tie: C. Air Dream 'Pretty Girl' - Jason Overgard
C. *trianaei coerulea* - Bob Johnston

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Ox Luna - Todd Jackson
2. Tie: Phal. Birdie - Diane Elam
Phal. Mituo Purple Dragon 'First Show' - Wangqu Liu
3. Tie: Phal. Noid small white - Fay Citerone
Phal. Chia E Yenlin - Jill Allen

Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Cardinale - Jill Allen
2. Tie: Phrag. Irina Ramos - Bob Travers
Phrag. Boulder River 'Zelda Graham' HCC/AOS - Joel Graham
Paph. Mary's Butterfly 'Moonlight Speckles' Wangqu Liu
3. Paph. *primulinum album* - Mai Conaway

Dendrobium

1. Den. Mini Snowflake x Nida - Luis Molina
2. Tie: Den. Hibiki - Sarah Hurdel
Den. Sa-Nook 'Snow Jade' - Fay Citerone
Den. Austalian Artist 'Aussi Parade' - Eric Wiles
3. Tie: Den. *pseudolamellatum* - Bob Travers
Den. Noid - John Heinbokel

Oncidium

1. Blira. Marfitch 'Howards Dream' - Luis Molina
2. Tie: Onc. Tsiku Marguerite - Brenda Logan
Oncda. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea' - Mai Conaway
3. Tie: Psy. Butterfly - Laura Sobelman
Ons. Firecat 'Kingsnake' - John Heinbokel

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. V. Pachara Delight 'Somsri' GM/JOGA - Wangqu Liu
2. Masd. Elvin Magic 'Loch Raven' - Eric Wiles
3. Tie: Zygo. Arthur Elle - Luis Molina
Czlla. Tsiku Chuchango - Joel Graham
Cym. Enzan Delight 'Fluorish' - Clark Riley

Species

1. Ddc. *sp* - David Smith
2. Strs. *albidomaculatum* - Fay Citerone
Hab. *carnea alba* - Sarah Hurdel
3. Cyn. *angustipetala* - Eric Wiles
Bulb. *sp.* - Hemsley Hamilton

Miniature

1. Ddc. *smithianum* - David Smith
2. C. Bright Spark - Sarah Hurdel
3. Max. *variabilis* - Eric Wiles

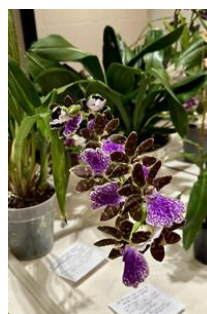
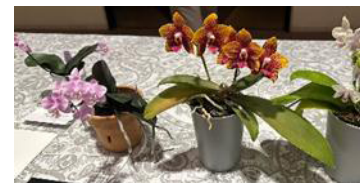
First Bloom

1. Paph. (Friendly Spirits x Apapa) - Wangqu Liu
2. Phrag. Estelle Getty - Joel Graham
3. Hab. *lindleyana* - Sarah Hurdel

Fragrance

1. Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'Elizabeth Off' - Wanda Kuhn

A joy to behold! Another hefty show table with 105 blooming plants from 30 different exhibitors. **The judges' choice went to Vanda Pachara Delight 'Somsri' GM/JOGA brought in by Wangqu Liu (see pages 3-4).** Our judges for the evening were Karen Blandford, Diane Elam and Marc Kiriou. Other exhibitors not mentioned in the placings above were: Adrienne Kaspar, Brenda Logan, Ellie Martin, Barbara Pralle, Sarah Spence and Maria and Norm Zickhur.



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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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