



### April 16, 2026 Program

#### Speaker 'Fungi as Keys to Unlocking Orchid Conservation'

**Dr. Melissa McCormick**

Melissa McCormick is a Senior Ecologist at the

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and is the Director of the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC). She earned her B.S. degree Trinity University (San Antonio, Texas, 1992) and Ph.D. in Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Behavior from Michigan State University (1999). Melissa joined SERC in 1999, first as a postdoctoral researcher, then a research scientist, and now as a senior ecologist. Her main research focus is on associations between plants and mycorrhizal fungi, with a strong focus on orchids.

In 2011, with Dennis Whigham, she co-founded NAOCC at the Smithsonian. The goal of NAOCC is to safeguard the native orchids of the US and Canada, through propagation, preservation, and education.

She has authored over 60 peer reviewed scientific publications about orchids, their mycorrhizal fungi, their pollinators, and other drivers of plant distribution.



### 2026 Spring Workshop Saturday, April 11, 2026 9:30am – 12:30pm

This year's Spring Workshop is primarily an opportunity for MOS members to mentor local novices in the culture of orchids and, most particularly, in repotting an existing plant. We plan to begin promptly

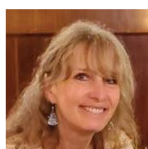
at 9:30 with brief introductions to the MOS and to the diversity of orchids, then move to a demonstration of repotting.

The main part of the program, however, will be to **mentor our participants in repotting one of their orchids**. For that part of the program, **we need as many helpers as possible** to provide individual attention and support.

Please volunteer to provide that assistance and, not trivially, to give these potential new members a taste of our collaborative society.

The Church will be open by 8:30 to get the room set up. Lots of help will go a long way to assuring a successful program.

Please let John Heinbokel ([activities@marylandorchids.org](mailto:activities@marylandorchids.org)), if you'll be able to join us.



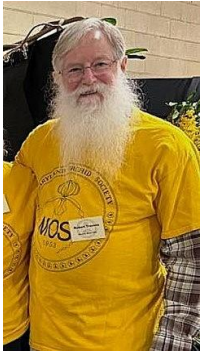
### 2026 MOS ELECTION *submitted by Brenda Logan, Nominating Committee Chair*

The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Todd Jackson, Jill Allen, and Brenda Logan, selected the following nominees for the officer positions for the next 2 year term 2026-2028.

<b>President</b>	<b>Marc Kiriou</b>	As a member since 2017, Marc is the current Vice President, Show Chair and a prior House Chair. He served on the 2025 Bylaws Committee and the 2025 Finance Committee. He has supported several away shows as an exhibit designer, our annual auction as a auctioneer and the repair of our storage shed. Marc has also been a student judge with the National Capital Judging Center (NCJC).
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Jill Allen</b>	As a member since 2020, Jill is the current Membership Chair. She has served the Society by organizing the Arcadia Bark order and the Embroidered Shirt order. Jill is also facilitating interaction with our Zoom attendees. Jill has supported the Rawlings exhibit with plants and meet /greet of visitors. Jill is leading the team for establishment of the Philanthropy Committee. She has served on 2 Nominating Committees.
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Courtney Bounds</b>	As a member since 2024, Courtney is an enthusiastic member who assisted Jill with the Arcadia Bark order, supported away shows and entered her own exhibit at our show as well as participating in the Rawlings exhibit and State Fair. Courtney served on the 2025 Finance Committee. She has worked in the Finance industry for several years.
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Joy Marlowe</b>	As a member since 2023, Joy is a current Director, served on the 2025 Bylaws Committee, participated in the Rawlings exhibit and State Fair activities. Joy assisted our annual show with organization of Ribbon orders. Joy is also facilitating interaction with our Zoom attendees.
<b>Director</b>	<b>Nicole Halperin</b>	As a member since 2025, Nicole has dived in to support the society. She has supported the Rawlings exhibit with plants and meet /greet of visitors, back up support to the Membership Chair, a member of the Philanthropy team, assisted division and potting of orchids for our annual auction.
<b>Director</b>	<b>Todd Jackson</b>	As a member since 2024, Todd entered his own exhibit at our past 2 shows and has won a Best First Time exhibitor award. He volunteered to help at our annual auction and assist on the show table review. Todd has attended board meetings. Todd without hesitation, accepted assignment to the Nominating Committee.
<b>Director</b>	<b>Robin Neukam</b>	As a member since 2022, Robin is nominated to serve a 2 <sup>nd</sup> term as a Director. and is additionally supporting the Activities Committee.

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**Per the bylaws 3.7 c, any MOS member may submit nominees for any of the above Officer positions.** A nomination is to be made in writing by a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of the Society and delivered to our current President, Bob Travers, prior to the end of our **May 21<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting**. No additional nominations will be accepted after the adjournment of the May meeting. The names of all nominees, those submitted by the committee and any additional nominees submitted by the membership, shall be published in the June newsletter. Election of Officers by ballot will be held at our **June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Upon election, the officers will take office at the conclusion of the June meeting. A big thank you and job well done to our current officers! We appreciate their time and efforts for the benefit of our society.



**President's Message**

April is here; MOS has a great month coming. Please read all about it in this issue. Our spring workshop April 11. Still time to sign up to participate or volunteer. A great speaker program April 19, Dr. Melissa McCormick presenting 'Fungi as Keys to Unlocking Orchid Conservation'. The Nominating committee has identified a slate of next generation of leaders to be formally announced at the April Meeting and considered for election at the June meeting.

Read on and reflect on what an amazing month MOS had in March; Our outstanding show with incredible Member exhibits and great volunteerism, followed by our installation of approximately a 100 sq. ft. exhibit at the South Eastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show. Our monthly meeting with another huge show table 110 plants and a wonderful round table session to ask and answer your Orchid Questions.

Time to begin thinking of moving plants outside. Be wary of night temperatures which can still get quite cold, Also gradually acclimate your plants to the natural sunlight, a shady porch is your friend in the early spring. Enjoy!

**Calendar of events**

- April 11 Spring Workshop (page 8)**
- 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 **TBD**
- Aug 20, 2026– Summer ZOOM Show Table #2
- August 27 – 30, 2026 Maryland State Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Flower Show TBD**
- Sept 18-20, 2026 NCOS Show & Sale**
- Sept 24, 2026 Monthly Meeting**
- Oct 15, 2026 Monthly Meeting**
- Nov 14, 2026 Annual Auction**
- Nov 19, 2026 Monthly Meeting**

**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.

Submit form to the President [president@marylandorchids.org](mailto:president@marylandorchids.org) or Secretary [secretary@marylandorchids.org](mailto:secretary@marylandorchids.org) by the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

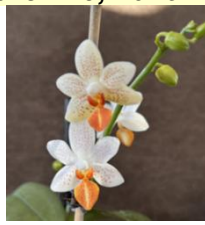
**Maryland Orchid Society, Inc. Nomination Form: Leadership and Service Awards 2026**

<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	Why does this person deserves recognition for Leadership?
Society Member Deserving Recognition within the Society		
<b>Service</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	Why does this person deserves recognition for Service?
Society Member Deserving Recognition within the Society		
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.		
<b>Member submitting Nomination</b>		

**Virtual Show Table March 19, 2026 11 Exhibitors, 24 Plants submitted by Mai Conaway**



**Phalaenopsis NOID**  
Pat Schiavi



**Phal Mini Mark 'Holm'**  
Fay Citerone



**Cl Rebecca Northern**  
Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste



**Paph Shun-Fa Golden**  
Mai Conaway

See the Show & Sale on YouTube

[2026 Maryland Orchid Society Show & Sale | World-Class Orchid Vendors & Gorgeous Displays of Flowers](#)

**Show Chair:** Marc Kiriou  
**Vendor Relations:** Larry Desiano  
**Award Sponsors:** Laura Sobleman  
**Award Donor:** Jason Gebbia  
**Ribbon Orders:** Joy Marlowe  
**Food Catering:** Fay Citerone  
**Registrar:** Gary Smith  
**Volunteers:** Fay Citerone, Mai Conaway, Laurey Cosowsky, Diane Elam, Amanda Gallegos, Hemsley Hamilton, Phyllis Heffner, John Heinbokel, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Sierra Kraushofer, Carolyn Lagomarsino, Marilyn Lauffer, Brenda Logan, Ellie Martin, Robin Neukam, Patricia Schiavi, David Smith, Laura Sobelman, Sarah Spence, Bobby & Susan Travers, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles, Jos Venturina, Michael Lado, Chris Zajac, Todd Jackson, Joy Marlowe, Laura Sobleman, Larry Desiano, Marc Kiriou, Clark Riley, Richard Lee & Ai-Hwa (plus those that were missed acknowledgment)  
**AOS Judges:** Gordon Slaymaker, Robert Greisbach, Hong Ting, Taylor Slaughter, Frank Slaughter, Bryan Ramsey, Clark Riley, Sarah Hurdel, Ken Meier, Ting Wang, Valerie Lowe, William Goldner, Margaret Dunkelberger, Tom McBride  
**AOS Photographer:** Anthony Plasters

**Vendors:**  
[Bredren Orchids — Florida](#)  
[Fair Orchids — New Jersey](#)  
[J and L Orchids — Connecticut](#)  
[Little Brook Orchids — Pennsylvania](#)  
[Taida Orchids — New Jersey](#)  
[Florida Orchid House | Orchid Nursery | Myakka City](#)

As Valerie said: 'Designing and Installing Orchid Exhibits, It's Fun and Rewarding'





**Bob Travers**



**Fay Citerone**



**Sarah Hurdel, Gary Smith**



**Todd Jackson**



**Orchid Allies**

Kathi Jackson, Wanda Kuhn, Mai Conaway, Joy Marlowe,  
Clark Riley, Marilyn Lauffer



**Zajac et al**

Arne Schon, Bob Johnston, Sarah Spence,  
Chris Zajac



**Logan et al**

Brenda Logan, Diane Elam, Jill Allen, Robin Neukam,  
Aaron Webb, Tom McBride, Jos Venturina



**Susquehanna Orchid Society**

Bill Curtin, Bob Huffard, Dan Smith, David Cozzi, Denise  
Conklin, Gus Pollock, Jay Holcomb,  
Jennifer Jung, John Stoner, Pat Collins, Steve Male



**Catoctin Orchid Society**

Bernard Gerrard, Eric Wiles, Jennifer Jones, Kevin Crist,  
Marjorie Lewis, Phyllis Heffner, Rachel Gabriese, Steve Caine



**Southeastern Pa Orchid Society**

Bill Keating, Jan Teitsworth, Maddy St. Pierre,  
Mary Jo Gilsdorf, Michelle St. Pierre, Rich Garrison



**National Capital Orchid Society**

Bill Elbert, Jason Gebbia, Jay Tullos, Joseph Francis,  
Piret Lai-Neubacher, Robin Collins, Zita Winzer

AOS Show Trophy		
Score	Exhibitor	Entry
87	National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibit

Silver Certificate		
Score	Exhibitor	Entry
87	National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibit

Artistic Certificate		
Score	Exhibitor	Entry
83	Robert Travers	Hobbyist Exhibit

Highly Commended Certificate		
Score	Exhibitor	Entry
77	Steve Male	Sarcochilus Kulnura Delight X Kulnura Tight

Certificate of Cultural Excellence		
Score	Exhibitor	Entry
91	John Stoner	Oberonia setigera

Certificate of Cultural Merit		
Score	Exhibitor	Entry
85	Steve Male	Dendrobium Perfume

**Show Comparison**

	2026	2025
Exhibits	11	12
Exhibitors	63	57
Plant Entries	337	335
Classes	71	74
Class Entries	362	371
Ribbons	209	196
AOS Awards	6	8

**Class Comparison**

	2026	2025
Aerides Alliance	82	0
Cattleya Alliance	71	77
Coeloglyne Alliance	7	0
Cymbidium Alliance	7	10
Cypripedium Alliance	62	55
Dendrobium Alliance	22	25
First-Bloom Seedling	4	2
Foliage	19	17
Hobbyist Exhibits	7	8
Miniature Plants	8	18
Miscellaneous Alliances	42	46
Oncidium Alliance	27	25
Phalaenopsis Alliance	0	74
Society Exhibits	4	4
Vanda Alliance	0	10

**\*Aerides Alliance Now Includes\*  
Phalaenopsis and Vanda Alliances**

## SHOW RESULTS

<b>Best Table-Top Exhibit (The MOS Award; \$50; Sponsored by John Heinbokel)</b>	
Sarah Hurdel	Hobbyist Exhibit
<b>Best Hobbyist Exhibit (The Dr. Alanah Webb Award; \$50; Sponsored by Aaron Webb)</b>	
Logan et al	Hobbyist Exhibit
<b>Best Orchid Society Exhibit (The Kensington Orchids Award; \$100; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)</b>	
National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibit
<b>Runner Up Orchid Society Exhibit (The Kensington Orchids Award; \$50; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)</b>	
Susquehanna Orchid Society	Society Exhibit
<b>Best Non-Commercial Exhibit (The Sobelman Award; \$50; Sponsored by Laura Sobelman)</b>	
National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibit
<b>Best Phalaenopsis in Show (The Mystic Hair Lounge Award; \$50; Sponsored by Marc Kiriou)</b>	
John Stoner	Phalaenopsis OX Black Face
<b>Best Vanda/Aerides in Show (The Benigna A. Venturina Award; \$50; Sponsored by Jos Venturina)</b>	
Steve Male	Sarcochilus Kulnura Delight X Kulnura Tight
<b>Best Cattleya Alliance in Show (The S. L. Spence Award; \$50; Sponsored by Sarah Spence)</b>	
Arne Schon	Rhyncholaelia <i>digbyana</i>
<b>Best Coelogyne Alliance in Show (The Balandry Award; \$50; Sponsored by Joy Marlowe)</b>	
Robin Collins	Coelogyne <i>flaccida</i>
<b>Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show (The Danny Adams Award; \$50; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)</b>	
Robin Collins	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vista', CCE/AOS
<b>Best Paphiopedilum in Show (The Debbie Riley Award; \$50; Sponsored by Clark Riley)</b>	
Jay Holcomb	Paphiopedilum (Berenice 'Catranka' X <i>stonei</i> )
<b>Best Phragmipedium in Show (The Memorial D. Anne Lowe Award; \$50; Sponsored by Valerie Lowe)</b>	
Jason Gebbia	Phragmipedium Noirmont
<b>Best Cyrtopodium Alliance in Show (The Gary D. Krause Memorial Award; Sponsored by Tom McBride)</b>	
Jason Gebbia	Phragmipedium Noirmont
<b>Best Dendrobium Alliance in Show (The Duffield Kline Award; \$50; Sponsored by Brenda Logan and Diane Elam)</b>	
Tom McBride	Dendrobium <i>tetragonum</i> 'Harford', AM/AOS
<b>Best Oncidium Alliance in Show (The Travers Award; \$50; Sponsored by Robert and Susan Travers)</b>	
Eric Wiles	Oncidium <i>altissimum</i>
<b>Best Miscellaneous Alliance in Show (The Wiles Award; \$50; Sponsored by Eric Wiles)</b>	
John Stoner	Oberonia <i>setigera</i>
<b>Best Species in Show (The Ann Lundy Award; \$50; Sponsored by Lee Lundy)</b>	
Arne Schon	Vanda <i>barnesii</i>
<b>Best Specimen Plant in Show (The Smith Award; \$50; Sponsored by David Smith)</b>	
Eric Wiles	Oncidium <i>altissimum</i>
<b>Best Plant in Show (The Merritt Huntington Memorial Award; \$50; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)</b>	
Robin Collins	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vista', CCE/AOS
<b>Best Miniature in Show (The Margaret Smith Award; \$50; Sponsored by David Smith)</b>	
John Stoner	Oberonia <i>setigera</i>



**Bobtraversara Marc Kiriou by Jos Venturina**

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids has dedicated 47 years developing orchid hybrids, a good number of which are sold in orchid shows and online. I am fortunate enough to be one of his regular customers who purchased many of his new orchid hybrids. One of his plants that I purchased two years ago is a cross between *Dialaelia* x *Epicattleya*; it is now blooming. After a thorough research, I found out that this intergeneric (*Nothogenus*) complex hybrid's name was changed to *Caulaelia* x *Guaricyclia*, and was not yet registered with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). I took this opportunity to contact Mr. Clarke to get his permission to name this new orchid hybrid genus in honor of MOS President, Bob Travers, and to name the grex epithet for MOS Annual Show Chairperson, Marc Kiriou. Fred gave me his blessing and approval to do this.

Bob Travers has been a MOS member and officer for many years and is currently serving as President. His unwavering support to the Society is unmatched. And shortly after becoming a member, Marc Kiriou had taken on multiple positions, and is now serving as the Chairperson for the MOS Annual Orchid Show and MOS Vice President, doing an excellent job in a very demanding Society activity. For these reasons, I would like to honor these two great leaders and named this new orchid hybrid of *Caulaelia* Snowflake x *Guaricyclia* Kyoguchi as *Bobtraversara* Marc Kiriou. My deepest gratitude to Mr. Fred Clarke for letting me name many of his orchid hybrids.

<https://orchidex.org/bobtraversara/marc-kiriou/1075610>

<https://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchiddetails.asp?ID=1075610>

**NCOS Annual Orchid Auction & Sale**

**Bid on unique orchids, shop beautiful blooming plants and connect with fellow orchid lovers at this special one-day event.**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

[North Chevy Chase Christian Church](#)

8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, Maryland

Join the National Capital Orchid Society for our **Annual Orchid Auction & Sale—our biggest and most exciting fundraiser of the year!**

Discover an incredible selection of orchids for every collector, from **award-winning specimens and rare finds** grown by our members to **beautiful blooming plants perfect for everyone**.

Browse a variety of orchid plants, divisions and growing supplies and take home something special for your collection.

**Event Highlights**

- Unique and Award-Winning Orchids
- Member-Grown Plants and Divisions
- Blooming Orchids Ready for Your Home
- Orchid Growing Supplies
- Friendly Orchid Experts and Community

**Event Schedule**

**Doors Open: 10:00 AM**

**Auction Preview: 10:30 AM**

**Live Orchid Auction\*: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Orchid Sale: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Free Admission | All Are Welcome**

**Lord Fairfax Orchid Society**

**Annual Orchid Show and Sale — April 3rd & 4th 2026**

**Museum of the Shenandoah Valley**

901 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601

April 3rd & 4th, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Free admission | Free lectures



**MOS Welcomes the following new members.**

**Joan and Steve Geckle**  
**Lydia A. P. Martin**  
*Jill Allen, Membership Chair*



**Education Corner Schedule & Topics**

**Education Chair, 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.**

**April 16** Are We There Yet? Preparing Orchids For Outdoors Vacation by Sarah Spence

**May 21:** 'Orchid Infections: Dots, Splotches, and Rots' by Chris Zajac



**Miscellaneous Meeting Information** *Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair*

There were 43 in attendance in person and 5 on Zoom at the March Meeting

**Door prizes:**

1. Epc. Kyoguchi 'M Sauno Mutation' 4N x L. Gold Star SVO 4N
2. XL T-Shirt

**Door Prize winners:**

1. Bert Graham
2. Laura Sobelman

**Auction Prizes:**

1. C. Orlades Grand 'Yow Chang Beauty'
2. Phrag Ruby Slippers
3. Slc. Jillian Lee
4. Phal Mini Monk
5. Blc. Yasuji Takasaki Hawaii
6. Phrag Perufflora's Spirit Kovachii
7. 2 SEPOS Tickets
8. Spray Bottle
9. Hab Memi Ruth Bader Ginsburg 'Stare Decisis'
10. Voysl. Celtic Sun 'Maya'
11. Encyclia Fragrans
12. Leilia Cattleya Sergio Araujo

13. Taylors Guide to Orchids Book

**Auction Winners:**

1. Adrian Kasper
2. Larry Desiano
3. Jill Allen
4. Todd Jackson
5. Josie Hamilton
6. Carolyn Blanford
7. Chris Zajac
8. Susan Travers
9. Jill Allen
10. Courtney Bounds
11. Mai Conaway
12. Carolyn Lagomarsino



**AOS Corner Submitted by Valerie Lowe, AOS Representative**

**LOCAL AOS NEWS**

**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.

- **April 4– NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00 – 4:30**
- **April 11 – OSWP show, Crowne Plaza Hotel(164 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241)**
- **May 2 – NCJC – St. James United Methodist Church – 10:30 – 4:30**
- **June 6 – NCJC - Business meeting and Judging - St. James United Methodist Church – 8:30 – 4:30**
- **July 11 – NCJC – St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00 – 4:30**
- **August 1 – NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00 – 4:30**

**Webinars - Coming Attractions!**

REGISTRATION IS FREE! [www.aos.org/webinars](http://www.aos.org/webinars)

Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry. Register yourself on your time schedule. Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org). Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and available for future viewing.

When	April 02, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	April 23, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	May 05, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Future Webinars
Topic	<b>Webinar: Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> Answer to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your photos and questions by May 31.	<b>Webinar: Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> An introduction to growing primary, complex and intermediate orchids with this deaf & blind speaker. Send in your photos and questions by May 31.	<b>Webinar: Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> Answer to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your photos and questions by May 31.	<b>In Search Of Webinar Presenters</b> You are invited to share your orchid knowledge with an audience of orchid lovers of all ages. Contact webinar organizers for details: <a href="mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org">greenhousechat@aos.org</a>
Presenter	<b>Ron Holman</b> AOS Club Education and Science Officer	<b>Japp Beaudoin</b> Deaf and blind grower of this exotic orchid species	<b>Ron Holman</b> AOS Club Education and Science Officer	<b>Ron Holman</b> AOS Club Education and Science Officer

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

<https://www.aos.org/community/events/affiliated-societies>

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars>

The American Orchid Society  
2026 Spring Conference  
In conjunction with the Apopka Spring International Orchid Festival  
Apopka, FL  
April 8th -11th

Featuring:

- Expert Orchid Speakers
- Hands-On Workshops
- Meeting of the Members
- Award Presentations
- AOS Elections
- Top Quality Speakers
- AOS Judging
- Welcome Reception
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Stunning Gold Dinner

For more information visit <https://aos.org/members/meetings> or email [TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org)

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 OPEN!**



**Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society | Facebook**

**MOS is a AOS Affiliated Society: AOS Affiliated Societies Newsletter April 2026**

Q. What is an Affiliated Orchid Society?

A. Orchid societies around the world who have associated themselves with the American Orchid Society are the AOS Affiliated Societies.

Q. What is the requirement to be an affiliated society?

A. Complete the application and send it to the Affiliated Society committee at [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org). Other requirements are that the society must keep an AOS membership and the AOS Representative (who is appointed by the society) must also be an AOS member. The application for affiliation is presented at the next AOS Member's Meeting to the AOS Board.

Q. Who serves on the Affiliated Society Committee?

A. AOS has a paid staff but many, if not most, of the mission is fulfilled by volunteers and committees. In the front of the Orchids magazine you'll see the listing of all AOS committees and their members. The Affiliated Society Committee and its members have been a part of the AOS since 1946.

Q. So what does the Affiliated Society Committee do?

A. We have several duties assigned to us by the AOS Board of Trustees. We are the interface between affiliated orchid societies, AOS Reps and the AOS. We assist societies by sending them information for their board, their membership and their newsletters. We receive information, concerns and suggestions, and forward it to the appropriate staff person or committee. If your society does not have contact with the AOS please let us know and we will set up the necessary communications.

Q. What do the AOS Reps do?

A. AOS Reps are typically appointed by their society president or board. The AOS Rep communicates with the Affiliated Society Committee. If the rep receives communications they pass them on to the board, newsletter editor or the membership. They also send information to the Affiliated Society Committee. We suggest they say something about the AOS to the entire membership at each meeting, and make sure there are AOS applications available to their members.

Q. What are the benefits of being an affiliated society?

1. A print copy of Orchids Magazine (Gold memberships) to keep or give to your society members.
2. Affiliation with your local orchid judging center
3. AOS Certificates of Appreciation for the society to recognize their outstanding members (2 per year)
4. Distinguished Affiliated Society Service Award
5. Access to our Speakers Center and educational presentations
6. Downloadable webinars for future society meeting
7. Newsletter Editors assistance

Q. Can Affiliated Societies share login credentials with their members?

A. Affiliates and their representatives may not share ID logons and passwords or share any AOS digital material beyond what is allowed as an affiliate benefit and listed on the AOS website ([aos.org](http://aos.org)). To avoid affiliation being revoked if a violation occurs, please ask before sharing AOS owned digital material if you are unsure.

Q. What is the Newsletter Editors assistance?

A. The Committee collects and then distributes information to newsletter editors. This information includes the "AOS Corner" and other articles which newsletter editors can put into their newsletters. Contact the Committee at [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org) to be added to the distribution list.

Q. How do I reach the Affiliated Societies Committee?

A. Write to [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org) or [arod@aos.org](mailto:arod@aos.org) What is the DASSA award?

A. The acronym stands for the Distinguished Affiliated Society Service Award and it is an award given to affiliated societies in recognition of sustained, outstanding contributions in areas of service and support.

Q. What are AOS Member's Meetings?

A. The AOS holds twice-yearly AOS Member's Meetings. Sometimes they are held virtually, but they are usually in conjunction with a local orchid society show. You can find the information on this web site under "Events". If your society would like to host a meeting, send us an email and we'll be happy to work with you: [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.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!](#)



**The New York Botanical Garden's 2026 Orchid Show, running until April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
[The Orchid Show: Mr. Flower Fantastic's Concrete Jungle | New York Botanical Garden](#)

**Novice**

1. Den. QF Hawaiian Magic - Kathleen Spicer

**Homegrown**

1. Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie: Phal. Brother Vanessa Hannay - Jill Allen  
Aslla. *africana* 'Garden Party' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston  
Phal. Noid - Luis Molina
3. Phal. Ben Yu 'Fresh Highlights' - Kathi Jackson

**Greenhouse**

1. Blc. Booth Lee 'Venice' AM/AOS - Clark Riley

**Cattleya**

1. Bc. Morning Glory - Chris Zajac
2. Tie: Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lynette' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston  
Grc. Black Comet 'Norman's Indigo' - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie: Rth. (Shining Little sun x Hawaiian Discovery) - Michael Lado  
Lc. Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers' - Jill Allen

**Phalaenopsis**

1. Phal. Mituo Purple Dragon 'Phalanx' AM/AOS - Wangqu Liu
2. Tie: Phal. Taida Blush 'Taida' - Chris Zajac  
Phal. Noid - Marylyn Lauffer
3. Tie: Phal. Birdie - Diane Elam  
Phal. Variegated Purple - Maria and Norm Zickhur  
Phal. Cadiz Rock 'Coral' - Michael Lado

**Paphiopedilum**

1. Phrag. caudatum 'Regal Bearing' - Joel Graham
2. Tie: Phrag. Ruby Slippers - Laura Sobelman  
Paph. Freedom Flyer 'Pink Nebula' - Wangqu Liu  
Paph. Shin-Yi Prince - Chris Zajac
3. Tie: Paph. *lowii* fm. *aureum* - Clark Riley
4. Phrag. Cardinale - Jill Allen

**Dendrobium**

1. Den. Mini Snowflake x Nida - Luis Molina
2. Den. *tangerinum* x Tiny Twisters - Chris Zajac
3. Tie: Den. Liberty Bell 'Passion' SBM/JOGA - Wangqu Liu  
Den. *kingianum* - David Smith

**Oncidium**

1. Mtdm. Issaka Nagata 'Volcano Queen' - Eric Wiles
2. Tie: Ons. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - Joel Graham  
Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King' - Fay Citerone
3. Tie: Psy. Kalihi 'Big' - Wanda Kuhn  
Blra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' - Luis Molina

**Miscellaneous Hybrids**

1. Rntda. Maui's Mini Freckles - John Heinbokel
2. Cym. Enzan Delight 'Flourish' - Clark Riley
3. Masd. Chelsonii 'Harford' - Eric Wiles

**Species**

1. L. *jongheana* 'Turnberry' AM/AOS - David Smith
2. Tie: Lpt. *pohlitinocoi* - Brenda Logan  
Phal. *amabilis* 'Pink' - Michael Lado
3. Tie: Coel. *cristata* - Clark Riley  
L. *sincorana* 'Loch Raven' - Bob Travers  
Cyn. *angustipetala* - Eric Wiles

**Miniature**

1. Dok. *linguiforme* - David Smith
2. Tie: Slc. Seagull's Apricot - Chris Zajac  
Lpt. Pat Tuttle - Eric Wiles
3. Tie: Cmg. *hariotiana* - Brenda Logan  
C. Orbiter - Wangqu Liu

**First Bloom**

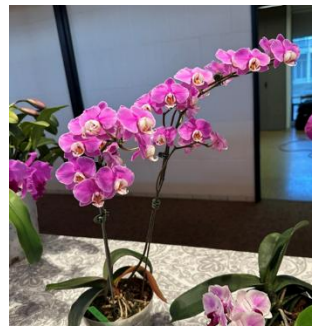
1. Paph. (Friendly Spirits x Apapa) - Wangqu Liu

**Fragrance**

1. Zygo. (Arthur Ellie x Blue Plate Special) - Mai Conaway
2. Cym. *sinense* 'Si Gang Shui' - Bob Travers
3. Phal. Lyndon Mix Zebra '707' - Wangqu Liu

Wow! Another heavily loaded show table with diverse and well grown plants! Be proud MOS! There were 110 blooming plants on the show table from 32 exhibitors. It's inspiring to see such enthusiasm even on the heels of show exhaustion. **The judges' choice went to a specimen of *Dockrilla linguiforme* brought in by David Smith.** Our judges were Carolyn Lagomarsino, Wanda Kuhn and Donna Oehm, and I thank them for being decisive and amiable. Exhibitors not mentioned in the placings above were Courtney Bounds, Suzanne Gaertner, Todd Jackson, Adrienne Kaspar, Michael Keller, Carolyn Lagomarsino, Joy Marlowe, Jason Overgard, Sarah Spence and Aaron Webb.





**Our Judges' Choice for the evening was a spectacular specimen of *Dockrillia linguiforme* brought in by David Smith.**

*submitted by David Smith (reprinted from the April 2025 Newsletter)*

*Dockrillia linguiforme*, the official botanical name of the plant that was selected as the most outstanding plant on the March Show Table, is just that, "most outstanding". I have owned this plant since October 9, 2007 at a cost of \$25, being bought from the original owners of J&L Orchids. It was remounted onto a more substantial mount, cork, on April 12, 2009, where it is still growing. The plant is attached to the cork slab for hanging in a brightly lighted location in my greenhouse. This year it bloomed spectacularly, the best ever, mostly because it was grown in full sun for the entire winter. It was not watered as much as in the other parts of the year, being kept only moist for the winter period. Also, it was fertilized very slightly for the same period.

As I stated in the beginning, this plant has been firmly mounted on its cork slab for sixteen years and grown in a greenhouse for the entire period. Looking at the mount, it can be seen that the plant is prostrate as it grows due to roots from the nodes attaching to the cork along with plant branches growing in sort of random directions so that it covers nearly the entire

slab front, plus the plant is beginning to grow over onto the back of the mount. It has never been disturbed by being trimmed to make it grow more neatly which is the way in which it will continue to be grown.

My culture of *Dockrillia linguiforme*, coincidentally, has followed practically all of its general cultural requirements which led to its current spectacular growth and blooming. Those conditions are:

- 1) full sun, as much as possible
  - 2) strong air movement, breeze, not hurricane
  - 3) temps. Summer-Day. 69.8 degrees F Night. 53.6-37.4 degrees F Winter-Day. 55.4-59 degrees F Night. 30.2-32 degrees F
- My winter night temperatures were set by a thermostat, but the winter day temperatures were determined by the outdoor temperatures, be they "high" or not so high, with no thermostat control. These are average temps, but should not vary too widely, up or down. The temps are converted from Celsius temperatures, hence the fractional numbers.
- 4) mounted
  - 5) constantly wet to somewhat moist with drier winter conditions: touching or close visual is a valuable helpmeet.
  - 6) relative humidity generally about 75%-80% and in winter about 70%

All of the number conditions can be allowed to vary somewhat in either direction, higher or lower.

The (current) official botanical name for this plant is *Dockrillia linguiforme*. This name was assigned in 1981, but it has had several different genus names, due to being assigned to several different genera since its original naming in 1851. Those obsolete names were assigned by various taxonomists as more specific knowledge was determined. It's most recent name before the current name was *Dendrobium linguiforme*. There are several plants of the genus *Dockrillia* which continue to be named *Dendrobium* due to resistance from several well-known taxonomists to accept *Dockrillia*. This is not a real problem in taxonomic circles because both names will be included in the written taxon.

In conclusion, this plant, *D. linguiforme*, has had a fairly varied history dating from its original naming in 1851. If interested in further investigation into this plant's history and identity simply key its name into GOOGLE, spelled correctly, of course. You will be rewarded with numerous links, including IOSPE. You are most welcome to decipher the abbreviation IOSPE!

Going beyond *D. linguiforme*, I have found that carrying out some research about a new plant adds extra interest to each of the plants in your collection as you acquire them. Adding a brief written statement for each plant will (can) add even more interest over the years as your collection grows. For instance, the name, name changes over the years, date of your acquisition, source, conditions surrounding that acquisition, price, one or two close relatives, ease of growth, its possible death, plus the brief botanical description all collected into a permanent binder or folder for each plant can add an extra level of interest to your collection by providing a history of it. A history for the serious or casual reader be they relatives, other collectors, children, neighbors, and especially for yourself. Going even further with this history, you might even include events of display, possible awards, exhibit at AOS judging, AOS awards, MOS show exhibits, ad infinitum.

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Show Table setup begins at 7 p.m., judging at 7:30 p.m.

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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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