July 11 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

July 16 @ 7PM – Summer ZOOM Virtual Show Table #1

Please submit your VST pictures by July 15 to Mai Conaway conawaymai@yahoo.com

July 18, 2026 MOS Summer Picnic! (or Rain Date)**3 pm -- ???**
July 10 RSVP to John Heinbokel activities@marylandorchids.org 802.922.8686,
with number attending, what you will bring, and whether you can help pre- or post-picnic. The RSVP is important, both so we can best plan logistics (although we can always accommodate last minute additions!) and so we know who to contact should the rain date need to be activated.

Please mark your calendars for the annual MOS Picnic, scheduled for 3 pm on Saturday, July 18, 2026. Suzanne Gaertner will be hosting this year (THANK YOU!) and can accommodate a rain date of the following day (same time), if necessary. All MOS members and families are welcome! As in recent years, responsibility for picnic logistics is shared. Suzanne will provide the space to set up, a grill, and a lawn (for seating, bocce, and perhaps other amusements). **MOS will provide** (cheese)burgers, hot dogs, accoutrements, water, and a skilled grill master. **MOS members** should please plan to bring a pot-luck contribution (appetizer, salad, side, dessert, more interesting beverage) and sufficient lawn chairs for your family. We also depend on a few members to show up a bit early to help set up and to stay late to help clean up.

Suzanne's Address: 12885 Folly Quarter Road Ellicott City Suzanne elaborates: We are in a neighborhood called Glenelg Manor Estates, right next to the Glenelg Country School. There are 7 or 8 courts in here. Each one is Folly Quarter Road. When you come in to the neighborhood stay to the right. Make the first right, make the next right, we are at the end on the right. GPS usually comes right to us. Trouble starts when the driver says "This can't be right. We can't still be on Folly Quarter Road." Listen to your GPS!

July 23 MOS Board of Trustees Meeting



The Board Meeting will be held at Woodbrook Church, the hall will open at 6:00 pm and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00. All Board members and Committee Chairs are expected to attend in person. This is a working session but as always, all members are welcome to attend, contact Joy Marlowe secretary@marylandorchids.org if you plan to attend. Lite fare and water will be provided for the board members. Key deliverables for this Board Meeting will be the Budget for Fiscal year September 2026 to August 2027 and establish initial calendar for the Fiscal year.

Free MOS T-shirt for Any Member, *Jos Venturina*



- I am giving free MOS t-shirt (color black) any member who has not received one.
- All you need to do is email Jos Venturina (itoy@peoplepc.com) your name and t-shirt size.
- The free t-shirt is made by H&M Clothing Company, and the logos are printed using heat transfer paper method.
- If you wish to buy your own t-shirt to be printed, please do the following: your shirt needs to be 100% cotton & color black. Non-stretch fabric (no spandex/no elastane). Wash & dry 2 times. Then give your shirt with your name to Aaron Webb. Please keep in mind that cotton fabric will shrink when washed, so it is a good idea to size-up your shirt.

Membership

Good News! Coming in August: On Line Membership Renewal! Details to follow.