MOS *Newsletter* September 2026

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

Note Change: Monthly Meeting September 24, 2026 the 4th Thursday



Presidents Message

Dear Members and Friends of the Maryland Orchid Society,

It is my pleasure, as President of the Maryland Orchid Society, to welcome you to the 2026–2027 season.

As we begin another year together, I am excited about the opportunities ahead to learn, grow, and share our passion for these remarkable plants. Our society is built on the enthusiasm, knowledge, generosity, and friendship of our members, and I am grateful for the many ways each of you contributes to making our organization such a vibrant community.

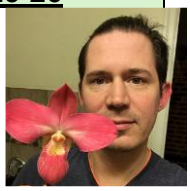
This season promises to be filled with engaging programs, educational opportunities, special events, and, of course, plenty of beautiful orchids. Whether you are a longtime orchid enthusiast or just beginning your journey, I hope you will find inspiration, encouragement, and camaraderie through your involvement with our society.

I encourage everyone to participate, ask questions, share their experiences, and take advantage of all that our society has to offer. The best part of belonging to a community like ours is the opportunity to learn from one another by celebrating our successes, learning from our failures, and embracing the challenges together.

Thank you for your continued support of the Maryland Orchid Society. I look forward to seeing you throughout the coming season and to making 2026–2027 another memorable year for our society.

Wishing you a wonderful season filled with healthy plants, beautiful blooms, and good friends.

September 24, 2026 Meeting Program 25-26 Show Table Results



Joel Graham, our Show Table Chair, will present yast year's Show Table results at September Meeting. Joel will present the Show Table cumulative results from 2025-2026 at our September meeting. If you wondered what Joel does with all of those pieces of paper we fill out when we put a plant on the Show Table, he will tell you at this meeting!

Find out who earned the most points/won the most ribbons in each class over the past year, and pick out seedlings if you earned points by winning ribbons or bringing plants to put on the Show Table – and collect money if you earned lots of points! This meeting always whets our appetite for more, bigger or better plants, and starts off the year with an enthusiastic scramble for new plants to add to our collections.

Zoomers Reminder

The Zoom portion of the monthly hybrid meeting program will end after the last question is answered by the Speaker. In the event of unforeseen circumstances the Zoom portion may end abruptly.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!
Welcome to our 2026-27 year at the Maryland Orchid Society!



We hope we have made membership renewal easier with the option to renew online using this link Maryland Orchid Society Membership Form

This is cell phone, pc and iPad friendly. Once you've completed the form, you will have the opportunity to pay online through PayPal, mail a check or pay in person at the first meeting on September 24th.

The questions are the same as on the paper form or our fillable PDF on the website

If you prefer, you may download our fillable PDF and pay in person.

https://marylandorchids.org/images/MarylandOrchidSocietyMembershipFillable.pdf

Questions!

Call our membership chair, Jill Allen, at 301-704-9401 or email membership@marylandorchids.org

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MOS Meetings
3rd Thursday September to June.
Woodbrook Church
25 Stevenson Lane • Baltimore, MD 21212
MOS Newsletter
Published September to June.
Articles due the 26th of the month.
Comments? newsletter@marylandorchids.org

Link→ **Maryland Orchid Society Showtable Rules**
Monthly Meetings.

1. Exhibitors must own the plant or plants for at least six [6] months in the Competitive Classes [A-M]. All plants should be groomed and free of pests.
2. Each exhibitor must fill out entry forms, listing all plants. Use one entry for all plants shown in each class. A fillable PDF is available on the Maryland Orchid Society website.
Microsoft Word - ShowTableEntryForm.doc
3. Plants to be judged must be on the Show Table by 7:30 p.m. Plants brought in after this time may not be judged.

The Virtual Show Table is intended to provide Show Table participation; it is non-competitive and managed by a Coordinator.

1. Plants must have been photographed in bloom since the last meeting.
2. Exhibitors must email a picture along with the typed name of each plant to the Virtual Show Table Coordinator. The name of the orchid must be typed in the email or be part of the photo file name. No photos of plant labels will be allowed.
3. Entries are encouraged by the evening before the scheduled monthly meeting. Photos included in the presentation are at the discretion of the coordinator.
4. No Exhibitor Points will be awarded at the July or August Virtual Meetings. Members exhibiting in these meetings are encouraged to participate and speak about their plants in the presentation.

Link→ **Microsoft Word - ShowTableEntryForm.doc**
*If your plant is wet, bring a saucer to prevent entry forms from getting wet.
The Show Table Entry Form is located on the Website and can be downloaded and typed in.
Please Print: Class, Date, Plant Names, Your Name on your Entry Form

Show Table Etiquette
Please be considerate and thoughtful. Every member should be able to return home with their plants in the same condition they were brought in. If you can't see, smell a plant well enough as it sits, look at the entry form for the owner's name and seek them out.
When adding plants to a class, place taller plants in the background with shorter plants in the front – don't hide someone else's plant. You may need to seek out other owners to help you make space for your plant. Do not handle plants that are not your own. Do not bend flower spikes for any reason

Calendar of events

Sept 18-20, 2026 Set Up Sept 17 NCOS Away Show

Sept 24, 2026 Monthly Meeting

Oct 15, 2026 Monthly Meeting

October 22 Board Meeting Zoom

November 14, 2026 Annual Auction

Nov 19, 2026 Monthly Meeting

Dec 17, 2026 Monthly Meeting Holiday Party

January 14-17, 2027 Rawlings Conservatory Exhibit (tentative)

January 21, 2027 Monthly Meeting

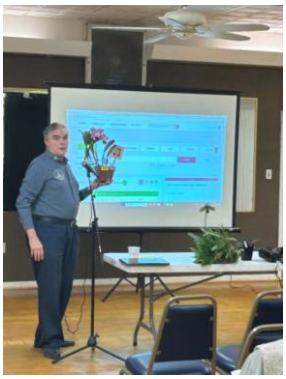
Jan 29-30, 2027 Set Up Jan 27 SOS Away Show

www.marylandorchids.org **Maryland Orchid Society | Facebook**

NCOS Away Show 'Call for Plants'



Sept 18-20, 2026
Help for our first Away Show of the season.
Earn a Show Table Point!
NCOS – National Capitol Orchid Society
National Capital Orchid Society (ncos.us)
Montgomery County Fairgrounds
Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Sept 15 Submit Plant Names to Valerie for registration
Sept 17 Setup 9 AM Deliver plants, designer, staging, exhibit setup help
Sept 20 Teardown 3-4 PM



Preparing Your Plant Donations' for the MOS Annual Auction

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Catonsville Presbyterian Church
1400 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

The MOS auction will be here before you know it. The Auction is the major source of revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society for the year, and your donations are key to its success. Please let us know if you are planning to donate Plants so we may communicate directly with you ahead of the Auction.

Contact Aaron Webb or Bob Travers

*** This Year New Location Catonsville Presbyterian Church ***

Due to space constraints and table availability, **please** limit non-orchid plants, potting mix and supplies.

1. Start now deciding which of your plants you are willing to donate. You have probably been repotting and dividing your plants and need to make room for new acquisitions.
2. Plants that perform well: Species plants, particularly rare ones, in bloom Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Catasetinae, Habenaria, Blooming Cattleya alliance plants- small catts, brassocatts, mini catts.
3. Large specimen plants tend to be undervalued at our auction, particularly if not in bloom.

Check List for your Donation Plants	
Healthy and Pest free plants only Please	This is not the time to unload underperforming weak plants.
A plant that is healthy, but you have established will not bloom in your growing conditions can be donated.	Are your labels legible and accurate - you may need to remake the label
Plants with no label need a label indicating NOID and to the best of your knowledge the plant type and color	Groom your plants where necessary, clean leaves, stake inflorescences. Etc. Does your plant look like something you would want to purchase?
Plants in Bud or Bloom will bring more money for the Society	Take and keep digital pictures of your plants in bloom
Bare root healthy divisions are acceptable and must be labeled.	If your plant will not be in bloom at the auction, please make a picture label.

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 e-mail 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.

MOS Activities Summer 2026 *Submitted by John Heinbokel*



MOS Summer Picnic (July ~~18~~ 19)

Last summer's picnic report included a 'cute' crack about making a thunderstorm an annual part of the festivities. NOT so cute in hindsight! For once we needed a rain date between the heavy downpours and the dangerous air quality. And, thanks to the forethought and flexibility of our hosts, Suzanne and Ken Gaertner, we were able to slide back to an absolutely beautiful day. As we've become accustomed, everything came together to allow us to visit with our MOS friends in the fellowship that has developed over the years. Besides the two bocce courts (pitches? lawns?), we (roughly 30 members!) enjoyed the conversations and company, the abundant food provided by MOS and grilled by Aaron Spence, and the wonderful and varied pot-luck contributions everyone provided. We owe thanks especially for the Gaertner's' hospitality, as well as to the members who adjusted their schedules to join us a day late and contributed both food and time/effort in setting up and tearing down.













Maryland State Fair

MOS participates in the First Flower Show at the Maryland State Fair as part of outreach to the public.
36 orchids were presented by 10 Experienced members and 3 Novice non-members. Members earn a show table point for exhibiting. Fay brought several terrestrial orchids for the public to experience a range orchids.



Judges









Nice goes a long way. *by Laura Sobelman*

I have had the honor of being an MOS member for more than 20 years. Before I joined, I attended a few of the shows— at the Kenilworth Bazaar, the Timonium Fairgrounds 4H building, Owings Mills Mall. My husband always tells me, "Sales is the transfer of enthusiasm," and at the Timonium show, I remember Gary Smith enthusiastically telling me about a Den. *spectable* that I was enthralled with. Another member spent 45 minutes explaining each of the roughly 30 spectacular exhibits members and other societies, and the Little Greenhouse had installed. Enthusiasm is contagious. I became an MOS member shortly after that.

When I came to my first meeting, people were welcoming. I know it's extremely hard to believe, but I was very shy, and it took me 3 years to bring a plant for the show table! My idea of an orchid grower was a stereotypical snooty rich lady with expensive pearls (not that there's anything wrong with that). But quickly I was proven wrong, and I was embraced. There are way too many to name, but now I consider them teachers, mentors. Loving friends and family. Best of all you all tolerate my dumb jokes. And even if I had to leave, I will always think of you as family and keep you in my heart. (Photo of Ernie and me)

Library Message*, by Wanda Kuhn*

The Library kindly requests that you please return all your borrowed books, journals or materials at the September meeting. We would like to revisit our baseline inventory. MOS is very fortunate to have such an extensive, well versed library. Thank you Wanda for your years of service as our Librarian. Welcome Robin Neukam our new Librarian.





Education Corner *Education Committee,* **Chris Zajac** *, Arne Schon, Larry Desiano*

***Orchid Clinic* 6:45 to 7:10 pm**

- Any member may present a distressed orchid suspected to have an infection, pest, or improper culture issue. So if you are not sure why your orchid looks unhappy, this is your chance to find out why.
- If unable to bring the orchid in for examination, the less desirable option is presenting several photos.
- A member of the Education Committee or other knowledgeable member will assess the orchid for a likely cause for distress, suggesting possible remediation.
- Any plant to be examined must be packaged to ensure isolation of any pathogen. The isolation will need to be continued until transport home. The Education Committee will be responsible for cleanup of contaminated surfaces.
- Any conclusion regarding the reason for an orchid's distress is based on the personal experience or knowledge of the examiner. There may be no discernible or agreed upon reason for the distressed orchid.

Education Corner 7:15 to 7:45 pm

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! Sept 24 Topic 'Bringing Orchids Inside after a Summer Outside' by Chris Zajac

Miscellaneous Meeting Information: June 2026 Meeting *Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair*

Congratulations Vincent, accepted into a 9-month Maryland Conservation Corp Program. Thank you Vincent for your service as our Hospitality Chair!

OPEN, Hospitality Chair



There were 41 in attendance in person and 7 on Zoom at the June Meeting.

Door prizes:
1. Hura. (LSZ.) Lava Burst 'Puanani AM/AOS

Door Prize winners:
1. Samantha Bowes

Auction Plants:
1. Phrag. Dick Clements x Klotzscheanum
2. Phragmipedium Irina Ramos
3. Diena Ophrydis
4. Phal NOID
5. 40 Watt LED Light
6. 40 Watt LED Light
7. 40 Watt LED Light
8. Hab. Flame Bowerbird x Vermillon Flycatcher
9. Habenaria Xanthocheila Hybrid

Auction Winners:
1. Wangqu Liu
2. Carol Allen
3. Carol Allen
4. Brenda Logan
5. Joy Marlowe
6. Brenda Logan
7. Mai Conaway
8. Brenda Logan
9. Clark Riley



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.

- **September 5 – NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00 – 4:30**
- **September 18- NCOS Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds(501 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877)**
- **October 3 – NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00 – 4:30**
- **November 7 - NCJC Business Meeting and Judging– 8:30 – 4:30**
- **December 5 - NCJC - St. James United Methodist Church – 11:00– 4:30**

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- **January 29 - Susquehanna Orchid Society Show 9:00 AM Milton and Catherine Hershey Conservatory at Hershey Gardens, 170 Hotel Road, Hershey, PA 17033**
- **March 5th - Virginia Orchid Society Show 8:30 Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave. Henrico, VA 22228**



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Rlc. Laura Sobelman 'Watermelon Spectacular'
Registered by Jos Venturina in 2024
The International Orchid Register / RHS Gardening
07-2026 - National Capital Judging Center
AM/AOS 82 Points Exhibited by: Wade Hollenbach





Clark's Corner '*Why Our Show Table Works*'



I have enjoyed the privilege of visiting orchid societies all across the eastern United States, even once by Zoom in Kansas. One of the treats of these encounters is realized just how vibrant and special the Maryland Orchid Society is. In conversations with members of these other societies, I've learned some of the reasons why we sparkle. Members of those other societies often ask what they can do to keep up an active group. Some of the not-so-secret secrets of our longevity include:

1. A high percentage of eager workers who take on the tasks of running our organization.
2. A large number of skilled growers who are willing to share their knowledge with each other, especially hobbyists new to orchids.
3. A spectacular parade of speakers who make our programs real game-changers.
and one particularly important foundation stone —
4. Our Show Tables, both Live and Virtual.

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The Live Show Table involves a LOT of work, for years shepherded by Tom McBride and since Tom's retirement by Joel Graham. The job requires superior organization, attention to detail, and tracking of THOUSANDS of entry slips and recruitment of Show Table judges. The Virtual Show Table requires the patient input by e-mail of hundreds of picture files, organized into a coherent PowerPoint presentation by Mai Conaway. Next time you see these three heroes, thank them for their critical service to us all.

The polished work they do supports a system of psychic rewards that helps us all bond to the hobby and the society and was crafted over many decades largely by Tom McBride. The two pillars of reward are 1) *participation* and 2) *competition*. Both are critical. For participation, every member has an equal opportunity to earn guaranteed points that translate into show table plants in the September meeting when we review the previous orchid year's Show Tables. Everyone from novice to seasoned veteran earns a point, no matter how sad they may consider their plant. One point per Show Table. We even have a category for non-competitive plants that would not qualify for any of the other 13 categories. Opportunities include the 10 regular meetings, 3 away shows, MOS Show, Rawlings Conservatory, and the Maryland State Fair. *Everyone wins IF they participate.* For competition, you have additional incentive to really up your cultural and grooming skills and be rewarded with cash at the September meeting. This really cements the long-term commitment to the hobby and the Society.

So, grow a lot, grow it well, and enjoy the psychic and fiscal rewards of your efforts. *Clark Riley*

And yet there is more: watch our own Dr Clark Riley's March, 2026 talk about native orchids in Maryland to the Maryland Native Plant Society on YouTube! "The Old Line Native Orchids" https://youtu.be/ECAzeeTbyO4?is=e5TJbbcbCxKbLZ25

Show Table June 18, 2026 *Joel Graham*

Novice
1. Zns. Cyanosure 'Blue Birds' - Kathleen Spicer

Homegrown
1. Lyc. Lemon Twist - Mai Conaway
2. Tie: Phal. Nois Idis 'Autie Junda' - Nicolle Allen
   V. *teres f. area* - Robert Travers
3. Bllra. Capitola Sunrise 'Pacific Starlite' - Barbara Pralle

Greenhouse
1. Mcp. (*thomsonianum x humboltii*) - Eric Wiles
2. L. *tenebrosa* - Clark Riley

Cattleya
1. L. *pulcherrima v. alba* 'Snow White' - Bob Johnson
2. Tie: L. *purpurata* 'Rosa Cereja' - David Smith
   L. *purpurata* 'Harford's Parade' HCC/AOS - Eric Wiles
3. Tie: Slc. Candy Sparks 'Fall Candy' - Chris Zajac
   Enc. *fragrans* - Robert Travers
   Epc. Serena O'Niel - John Heinbokel

Phalaenopsis
1. Phal. Tzu Chiang Sapphire 'Sikibu' - Wangqu Liu
2. Tie: Phal. Art Nouveau - Amanda Gallagos
   Phal. Noid - Robin Neukam
   Phal. Violet Samba - Robert Travers
3. Phal. Noid 'Chicken Man' - Eric Wiles

Paphiopedilum
1. Mxdm. Xerophyticum 'Needmore' - Sarah Hurdel
2. Tie: Mxdm. *xerophyticum* 'April Fool' - Brenda Logan
   Phrag. Bubblegum 'Windy Hill' AM/AOS - Wangqu Liu
   Paph. Spectacular Peacock - Mai Conaway
3. Phrag. Irina Ramos - Chris Zajac

Dendrobium
1. Den. Baby Hibiki - Debora Basil
2. Den. *pulchellum* - Chris Zajac

Oncidium
1. Bllra. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' - Eric Wiles
2. Tie: Rst. ehrenbergii - Clark Riley
   Zel. Midas 'Willowpond' AM/AOS - Robert Travers
3. Psy. Kalihi 'Big' - John Heinbokel

Miscellaneous Hybrids
1. V. Dragon's Fire - Arne Schon
2. Tie: Stan. (*triclara x mexican sp.*) - Eric Wiles
   Hab. Bright Finch - Sarah Hurdel
3. V. Lou Sneary - John Heinbokel

Species
1. C. *leopoldii v. coerulea* - David Smith
2. Tie: Enc. *prismatocarpa* - Eric Wiles
   Disa *uniflora* - Wangqu Liu
3. Hab. *carnea f. nivosa* - Sarah Hurdel

Miniature
1. Bulb. *contortisepalum* - Sarah Hurdel
2. Tie: Bulb. *frostii* - Arne Schon
   Pnr. *graminifolia* - Clark Riley
3. Rrm. (OD Moonbeam x OD Valentine) - Chris Zajac

First Bloom
1. Hab. l*indleyanum* - Sarah Hurdel
2. Paph. (*rothschildianum* x Cascade Creek) - Mai Conaway
3. Tie: Enc. Lee Ward - Clark Riley
   Phrag. Ouaisne - Wangqu Liu

Fragrance
1. Gom. *crispa* - Eric Wiles
2. Phal. LD's Bear King - Wanda Kuhn
3. C. Volcano Pride x B. *nodosa* - Sherrie Rashid

What a great show table season it has been! We had a strong showing for our June show table with 87 blooming plants from 25 exhibitors. There was a very nice range of interesting species and hybrids, but the most notable thing about this show table was the large number of categories with consistently well grown plants, great job MOS! The **Judges' Choice for the evening went to a large specimen of L. *pulcherrima v. alba* 'Snow White' brought in by Bob Johnson**. Our Judges for the evening were Nicolle Allen, Bob Johnston and David Smith. Exhibitors not mentioned in the placings above were: Diane Elam, Kathi Jackson, Marilyn Lauffer, Laura Sobelman, Phuong Tran and Rich Kaste.



Judges' Choice
L. *pulcherrima v. alba* 'Snow White'



Disa *uniflora*



Lyc. Lemon Twist



V. Dragon's Fire



Mxdm. *xerophyticum* 'Needmore'



Mxdm. *xerophyticum* 'April Fool'

Virtual Show Table June 18, 2026 *submitted by Mai Conaway* 6 Exhibitors 15 Plants



Cattleya Harmill 'Orange Glow' x Ctna. Why Not
Jill Allen



Blc. Wheeler's Grandson
Bruce Cohen



Blc. Mem. Vida Lea 'Lime Light'
Monica Sparber



Brassidium Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'
Fay Citerone

Virtual Show Table July 16, 2026 *submitted by Mai Conaway* 8 Exhibitors 22 Plants



Phal GC Reyoung Lava
Amanda Gallegos



Maxillaria *richii*
Bob Travers



Osp. Brazilian ' Sun Samba'
Joy Marlowe



Cattleya Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty'
Mai Conaway

Virtual Show Table August 20, 2026 *submitted by Mai Conaway* 7 Exhibitors 30 Plants



Lc Sagarik Waxy
Clark Riley



Ctsm. Dark Tale 'Black Surprise' x Ryan Harrington 'Best of the Best'
Amanda Gallegos



Habenaria Michigan
Fay Citerone



Dimeranda stenopetala
Bob Travers

25-26 Annual Report to Members from the Board of Trustees Meeting July 23, 2026
1st Board Meeting of the Newly Elected Officers

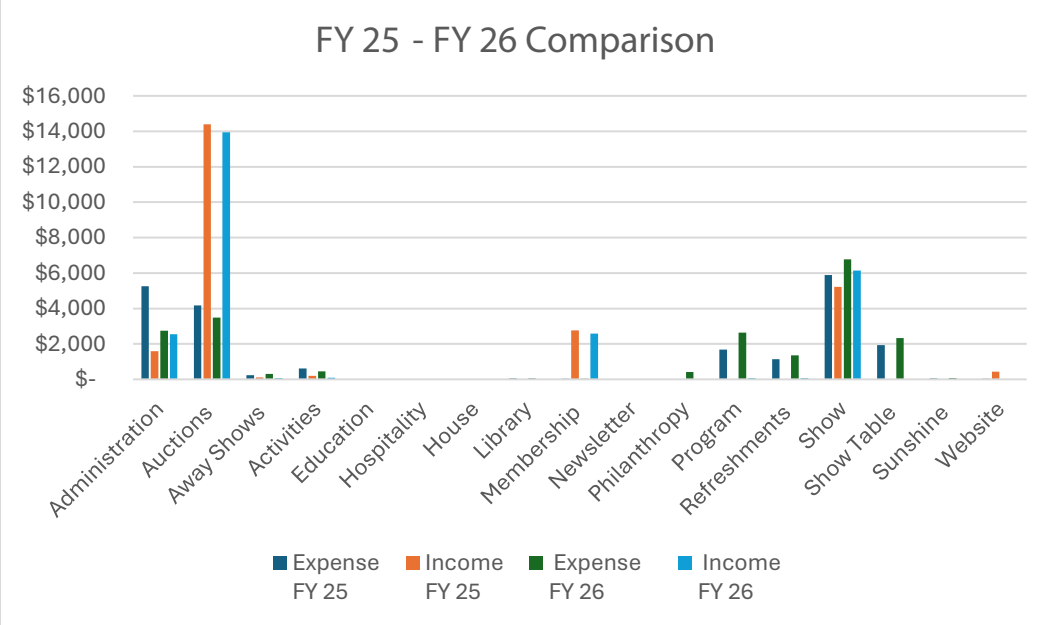
Completed Business
2026 Elections
2026 Show & Sale
2026 Spring Workshop
Membership Renewal Online launch Sept 1 2026
Established Executive Committee
Library Chair Change
Service & Leadership Recipients Awards Determined
26-27 Budgets Established & Approved

Ongoing & New Business
Email Spoofing Phishing continues
Hospitality Chair Open
Members Accessible Drive established, testing continues
2% Allotment of Investment Accounts Balance to Philanthropy Budget

Financial Report 25-26 Fiscal 26
Revenue $25,528 Expenses $20,667
Investment Account Gains in line with Market Performance

Expenses
$2749 Administration Meeting Hall Rental, Supply and Library Cabinet Space Rental, Liability Insurance, QuickBooks, Printing, AOS & NCJC Donations, AOS & ODC Affiliations, Stamps, Office Supplies, Repairs, Consultants
$3489 Auction: Annual & Meeting Plant Purchase, Advertising. Hall Rental, Printing, Refreshments, Supplies, PayPal fees, Seller Proceeds
$301 Away Shows Moss, Mulch, Supplies
$458 Activities Workshops, Refreshments, Picnic, Rawlings, State Fair, Hall Rental
$0 Education supplies
$0 Hospitality Door prize tickets
$0 House lightbulbs, trash bags, wireless mic
$50 Library book purchase
$34 Membership PayPal fees, printing supplies
$0 Newsletter
$418 Philanthropy
$2636 Program Speaker Fees, Travel & Dinner, Door Prize
$1361 Refreshments Monthly snacks, Holiday Party fare
$6773 Show Space Rental, AOS Show & Photographer Fees, Breakfast & Lunches, Ribbon & Glass Awards, Table & Chair Rental, Supplies
$2334 Show Table Ribbons, Plant & Cash Awards for Show Table Participation, Judges Choice Awards
$64 Sunshine cards, stamps
$0 Website MarylandOrchids.org email, Website Services, Cloudflare 2 Domains Registration, Workspace Consultant, Zoom Pro License

Revenue
$2546 Administration Member Donations
$13,947 Auction: Annual & Meeting Plant Sales
$75 Away Shows Cash Award
$90 Activities Workshop fees
$2590 Membership Dues
$70 Program Donation
$75 Refreshments Donation
$6137 Show Vendor fees, member award sponsors



Committee Reports

Activities Fall Potting Workshop: Utilized Education Corner to provide appropriate guidance for members instead of a Saturday session. Rawlings Exhibition. Spring Introductory Workshop, Summer Picnic was hosted by Suzanne Gaertner, State Fair (2026) I anticipate no unusual issues we will be in a new venue. 2026-27 Most will be a repeat of 2025-26 . A field trip would be a wonderful addition. Suggestions are welcome.
Auction Saturday visit to Catonsville Presbyterian church so key function leaders can see space and help determine appropriate layout and work flow. Need to determine if we need to purchase boxes and tables. Will work with budget consistent with last year
Away Shows Away Shows: $500/year. This amount has been sufficient to cover expenses for the moss and mulch used in the three shows (SOS, NCOS, SEPOS)/year that MOS exhibits in. AOS Rep: $168/2 years membership. ODC Rep: $46/year membership dues. NCJC: $500/year.
Education The Education Corner continued its tradition of providing monthly pre-meeting presentations. Thanks to the dedicated support of MOS members, each month was successfully covered by a presentation commencing at 7:15 pm. The Orchid Clinic will be conducted 30 minutes prior to the Education Corner. Members may present distressed orchids for diagnosis and suggested remedies. Future Consideration The Education Committee is proposing to forward selected orchid emailed questions to all 3 of the Education Committee members for a response.
Hospitality Continued to perform duties such as handing out door prize tickets and collecting meeting data. Going into the 2026-2027 year I will be unable to continue my role as Hospitality Committee Chair due to relocating for work. 2026-2027 budget includes $30 for door prize tickets.

Library Request that people return all borrowed items, so that a baseline inventory can be established in the Newsletter. Mention again how lucky MOS is to have such an extensive library. Sell or door prize duplicate books and AOS/ODC journals.
Membership We currently have 138 members (98 memberships). This includes 15 members added since October 2025,17 life memberships (22 members)
Newsletter My goal is to have the newsletter to Laura for proofreading in enough time to submit to Clark for publication to members by the 1st of the month. $0 Budget
Program In the 2026-2027 MOS program season, MOS will have two orchid growers bring plants and present to us: Bill Goldner from Woodstream Orchids and Tim Culbertson. Bill Bodei will start off in October. Four programs will be from MOS members and free to MOS. We will hopefully have Rachel from the Catoctin Orchid Society as one of our speakers.
Philanthropy we donated orchids from Hengduan Biotechnology in China to the Rawlings Conservatory. Fay Citerone also worked with her son, a professional blacksmith, to replace some of the plant hangers at the Rawlings gratis.
Refreshments 25 - 26 fiscal year: Refreshments: Total Budget $1,390.00 Gifted $75.00 Actual ($1,300.61) Monthly average spend $100.47 with average monthly attendance of about 50. Negligible leftovers. December Holiday Party Budget $400.00 Actual ($396.36). In 2024, Holiday party attendance was 57, but this year, attendance jumped to 70. 26 - 27 fiscal year Budget request. Maintain monthly budget amount of $110.00, and increase the December Holiday Party budget (back) to $500.00. Total budget request is $1,490.00
Show Mar 9-14, 2027 Maryland Orchid Society Show.
Show Table 62 members exhibited on the show table, 30 at every meeting. Exceeded 100 plants on show table on several occasions.
Sunshine Sent: Get Well Notes (4), Sympathy Cards (4), Thank You Notes (42) Miscellaneous (1). We are requesting a budget of $60 for 2026-2027 which includes Digital Greeting Card Subscription.
Website/Technology/Communication MOS Orchid Info Emails, Zoom support, website updates.



Congratulations to MOS 2026 Awardees for Leadership and Service Certificates and $25 presented to awardees at the September meeting.

2026 Leadership Awardees	
Jill Allen	Initiating member of the Philanthropy committee. Zoom monitor at monthly meetings. Away Shows: Picks up and delivers members plants and returns, helps install and tear down exhibits. Arranged for Embroidery Shirts. Arranged for Acadian bark order, placed order, housed delivery and arranged for pick up
Larry Desiano	Show: Secured new Vendors and conducted negotiations. Education: Initiated Orchid Clinic at meetings. Orchid Questions management in process. Membership: Member Survey with multiple future applications
Jos Venturina	Consistent support of the society. Away Shows: transport and set up of staging, installation and teardown. Show: set up of staging, teardown and hospitality. Annual Auction: provides lunch for volunteers, assists in boxing and clean up.Generosity: Calendars, T-shirts and RHS registration of Plants in members names. Jos is always there when you need him with a charming smile. He has helped with so many table shows, both home and away shows and auctions. He designed our beautiful logo. He shares his amazing orchids and is a constant friendly presence in our community.
2026 Service Awardees	
Mai Conaway	Manages Virtual Show Table. Program: assists with Speaker negotiations, obtains biography and picture, picks up door prize plant. Obtained orchid donations from the Maui Orchid Whisperer and set up Silent Auction that earned close to $300 for the Society
Todd Jackson	Annual Auction: auction data entry clerk, very helpful to me as a new member of the society.

Several other nominations were considered, however, excluded because life members and current elected officers are not eligible or the reason given was within the scope of their position.