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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

July 2008



president's message

For the last decade or so, I've been an advocate of occasionally doing things that scare the heck out of me. I'm not talking about the kind of thrills available from driving too fast or riding an amusement park attraction. Rather I'm referring to the sobering, cold-sweat, sometimes paralytic process of making a decision to commit to something important but for which there is no guarantee of success. I'm not the kind of person that readily plunges headfirst into things with the blind faith that problems and issues will naturally work their way toward an optimal solution. But I have to admit that of the most recent three or four important decisions I've made in my life, I haven't regretted any of them. And each has ended up enriching my life and career.

Now what I'm leading up to obviously is the start of my most recent adventure—to serve as your next MOS President. Fortunately, most of the scary decision-making occurred two years ago when the Nominating Committee and Ann Lundy advocated for my standing for the Vice President's position. (When considering the VP's job, it's smart to consider the four-year plan; not just the next two years.) I'm indebted to Ann for giving me opportunities to learn about the society and allowing me the

latitude to try a few new ideas. In fact, we all owe Ann hearty congratulations for a successful term as President. MOS is a better, bigger, stronger organization for her devotion and efforts. I'm enthusiastically looking forward to the next two years. I hope to live up to your expectations. Let me know if I don't.

I'm also extremely pleased with the slate of officers and committee chairs who have agreed to serve critical roles in the society. Talk about commitment! The full list of names appears later in this newsletter. Our first milestone together is the Board of Trustees meeting on 10 July, at which budgeting for the coming fiscal year will be a major theme. Board meetings are held quarterly and are open to all members. I don't remember what caused me as newbie member to attend my first Board meeting years ago, but I'm glad I did. (As food and refreshments are an important part of these gatherings, please contact me or David or Margaret Smith to let us know if you plan to attend.) For those of you that I don't see in July, I look forward to seeing you again in September at our first monthly meeting. Have a great summer!

Gary

Tom McBride to Speak at Next Meeting

Tom McBride, our Show Table Chair, an AOS judge, and one of our local orchid gurus, will present the cumulative Show Table results from 2007-2008 at our September meeting. Tom keeps track of ribbon winners for every class, as well as every member who puts a plant on the show table each month, loans plants for MOS or away show exhibits, and/or puts in an exhibit at our annual show. Ribbons count toward monetary awards, while loans and exhibits count toward points for free plants. For every three plant loans or exhibits, members will have the opportunity to pick out a seedling orchid plant of their choice from the many

different species and hybrids Tom provides at the September meeting. Tom will distribute monetary awards for the first, second and third place winners of each class.



This meeting always whets our appetites for growing more, bigger or better plants and starts off our new orchid season with an enthusiastic scramble for new plants to add to our collections. Tom will also talk about what the Show Table judges are looking for each month and how to improve your chances of winning a ribbon.

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2008 Calendar of Orchid-related Events

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Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Golden Medallion' - Don Forester

Novice

1. *Onc.* Sweet Sugar 'Golden Medallion' - Don Forester
2. *Onc.* Sharry Baby - Laura Sobelman
3. *Phal.* Empress X (Pink Festival x Elisa Capitola) - Suzanne Gaertner

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Epi. Hybrid - Margaret Smith

Home Grown

1. *Epi.* Hybrid - Margaret Smith
2. Tie *Paph.* Lynleigh Koopowitz - The Lundys
Milt. Lennart Karl Gottling - Bill Scharf
3. *Den.* Proud Appeal 'Ace' - Chris Zajac

Photo by Beng Light



Milt. Lennart Karl Gottling - Bill Scharf

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. *Phrag.* Demetria - Lou Vadorsky
2. *Phrag.* Grande - Les Kirkegaard

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Den. *eximium* - David Smith

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. *C.* Peckhaviensis - The Adamses
2. *Den.* *eximium* - David Smith
3. *Mok.* Salaya Red - Cy Swett



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Phrag. Grande
- Les Kirkegaard

3. *Phal.* *bellina* - Cy Swett

Oncidium

1. *Onc.* Popcorn - John Dunning
2. *Brsdm.* Shooting Stars 'Miami Meteor' - The Lundys
3. *Psy.* Mem. Bill Carter - Sue Spicer



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C. Peckhaviensis - The Adamses

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. *Paph.* *tigrinum* - David Smith
2. Tie *Paph.* Magic Lantern - The Lundys
Phrag. Grande - John Dunning
3. Tie *Paph.* Honey 'Catherine' - Lou Vadorsky
Paph. Armeni-White - Cy Swett



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Lc. South Esk 'Catherine' - John Dunning

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *Masd.* Sunny Angel 'Cheri' - Craig Sherman
2. *Enc.* Green Hornet - John Dunning
3. *Glipa.* Giant 'Rhein Moonlight' AM/AOS - Cy Swett

Cattleya

1. *Hawk.* (Jamaica Red x Mahalo Jack) 'Carmela' - David Smith
2. Tie *Lc.* Sagarik Wax - Clark Riley
C. Fort Motte - Les Kirkegaard
3. Tie *Enc.* *alata* - Cy Swett
Lc. South Esk 'Catherine' - John Dunning
Lc. Canhamiana 'Azure Skies' - Gene Trump



Dtps. Murray's Quest 'Harford' HCC/AOS
- Lorie Lee-Young

Species

1. *Aer.* *odorata* - The Adamses
2. Tie *Prom.* *xanthina* - David Smith
Den. *parishii* - Cy Swett
Cisweinfia dasyandra - Bill Scharf
3. *Paph.* *niveum* - The Lundys

Miniature

1. *Den.* *laevifolium* - Bill Scharf
2. *Pths.* *flexuosa* - David Smith
3. *Bulb.* *tingabarinum* - The Adamses

First Bloom Seedling

1. *Bro.* *sanguinea* (Splash) - The Adamses
2. Tie *Paph.* Oberhausen Diamant 'Noyo Sunbeam' - Clark Riley
Paph. *dayanum* - The Lundys
3. *Paph.* Magic Lantern - Les Kirkegaard



Brsdm. Shooting Stars 'Miami Meteor' - The Lundys



Masd. Sunny Angel 'Cheri' - Craig Sherman



Enc. Green Hornet - John Dunning

Fragrance

1. *Phal.* Ember 'Carmela' - The Lundys
2. *Aer.* Florida - Eric Wiles
3. *Pths.* *pterophora* - David Smith

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *Hawk.* (Jamaica Red x Mahalo Jack) 'Carmela', exhibited by David Smith. The judges were Lorie Lee-Young, Patti Kelt and Chris Zajac. There were 127 plants on the show table!

Smithsonian Greenhouses Tour Fascinating for MOS Members

Wow, what a treat! Thanks to Tom Miranda and the Smithsonian Institution, we of the Maryland Orchid Society were privileged to be allowed behind the scenes of one of the country's premier institutions.

The Smithsonian's greenhouses were built in the 1960s on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. They were used to aid in the rehabilitation of soldiers and airmen and run by nuns until the 1970s. At that time, they were turned over to the Smithsonian Institution and used to support the Smithsonian Institution and other projects around Washington, D.C. They collect and grow many diverse and unusual plants as well as everyday varieties you may see in your own collection.

Tom Miranda, an AOS judge and orchid collection specialist for the Smithsonian, as well as author of the AOS *Orchids Magazine* columns "Orchid Checklist" and "Orchid of the Month", guided us through their many greenhouses and revealed to us the workings of several of the projects they are involved with today.

For we orchidphiles, the real treat was their very diverse collection of orchids. Miniature, species, and hybrids, most of which were specimen sized, not to mention some very large plants which we would rarely, if ever, see. In some portions, the greenhouses appeared more like an indoor jungle than an organized, working greenhouse, but organized it was with the plants labeled and carefully set to thrive in their preferred microclimates.

Fortunately for the twenty of us, the weather on June 14th did not become oppressively hot and the shelter of the greenhouses protected us from some brief rain. Likewise, the ride in was not as difficult as Washington, D.C. traffic can be.

This was a pleasant day and a fascinating tour for all to be a part of. We hope to see you again for our next activity. A special thanks to all of those who helped organize this tour.

Eric Wiles, D.V.M.

More photos on next page





MOS Non- compete Category

Each month, MOS members bring in plants to the meeting for the show table to be judged in 13 different categories. The MOS also has a category called "Non-compete" in which members may enter plants just to show them off. If you have an interesting, fancy shmancy orchid you would like to bring in to share with other members, maybe one you haven't owned for the requisite 6 months, feel free to place it in this category.

Coelogyne [Se-LODGE-in-ee or Koy-lo-GYN-e, I didn't know how to pronounce it, either] South Carolina 'Elizabeth Carey' — a *Coelogyne pandurata* hybrid
-The Lundys

MOS Officers and Committee Chairs

I'm very pleased to announce the following roster of new officers and standing committee chairs for the coming 2008-2010 term. Please congratulate these outstanding members the next time you see them and consider supporting their work however you can.

Gary Smith

OFFICERS

President	Gary Smith
Vice President	Bill Scharf
Past President	Ann Lundy
Controller	Lee Lundy
Treasurer	Patti Kelt
Secretary	Sarah Spence
Directors	Don Forester
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities	Eric Wiles
AOS Rep	Valerie Lowe
Auction	Bill Ellis
Away Show	Valerie Lowe
Education	Eric Wiles
Hospitality	Margaret Smith
House	Bill Soyke
Library	Anne Minkowski
Membership	Marilyn Lauffer
Newsletter	Laura Sobelman
ODC Rep	Valerie Lowe
Program	currently open
Refreshments	Barbara Buck
Show	Bill Scharf
Show Table	Tom McBride
Sunshine	Hilda Sukman
Website	Clark Riley

FOURTH ANNUAL MERRITT HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM

Presented by an alliance of his orchid friends in Virginia in conjunction with the American Orchid Society

November 7 & 8, 2008

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
4453 Bonney Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Preview Party: Friday, November 7, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**7:00 PM - Ron McHatton, PhD, "Sex in the Greenhouse"
8:00 PM - David Mellard - "Terrestrial Orchids"**

**Symposium: Saturday, November 8, 8:45 AM – 5:30 PM
Plants to be entered for AOS Judging by 10:00 AM**

**Welcome: 8:45 AM – Rob Griesbach, Moderator
9:00 - 10:30 AM - John Odom, Odom's Orchids, "43 Years of Growing Cattleyas"
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Frank Smith, Krull Smith Orchids, "Appreciating Modern
Paphiopedilum Hybrids"**

**Buffet Lunch (included in registration) and plant sales 12:00- 1:30 PM & 4:30 - 5:30 PM.
Speakers & additional vendors featuring various genera will participate in the sales area.**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM - Stephen Champlin, Floralia Orchids, "Overview of Brazilian Species"
3:00 – 4:30 PM - Panel Discussion and Judging Results
4:30 - 5:30 PM - Plant Sales**

**Symposium Registration (includes buffet lunch): \$40.00
Preview Party (heavy hors d'oeuvres): \$30.00
Combination Symposium & Preview Party: \$65.00**

Crowne Plaza: \$89.00 room rate for Huntington Symposium

Early Registration suggested Due to Limited Space

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Additional Registrant(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email _____

Preview Party Only **Symposium Only** **Both Preview Party and Symposium**

**** We prefer to forward confirmation and additional symposium information by Email**

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Visa or Mastercard# _____ Exp. Date _____

**Please make checks payable to Huntington Memorial Symposium
Return to: Dot Pierce, 917 Beryl Avenue, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464
Symposium: pierce.db@verizon.net
Crowne Plaza – For \$89.00 room rate ask for Huntington Symposium. Phone: 757-473-1700
For additional information go to: www.mycommunityis.com/tos/**

2008 calendar

Date: 10 July
Time: Food at 6:30 PM; Meeting at 7:00 PM
Event: MOS Board of Trustees Meeting
Location: David and Margaret Smith's home

Date: 17 - 21 July
Event: Native Orchid Conference
Location: West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Details: marylandorchids.org/2008NativeOrchidConference/NativeOrchidConference2008-Colo.pdf
tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/nativeorchidconference/

Date: 26 - 27 July
Event: Summer Orchid Fest
Location: Parkside Orchid Nursery, 2503 Mountainview Drive, Ottsville, PA 18942
Details: www.parksideorchids.com/fest.htm

Date: 2 August
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: National Capital Judging Center Judging Session
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 10 August
Time: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Event: Central Pennsylvania Annual Orchid Seminar
Location: Somewhere in Harrisburg, PA
Details: See latest MOS newsletter.

Date: 6 September
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: National Capital Judging Center Judging Session
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 13 September
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Event: International Phalaenopsis Alliance Joint Regional Meeting
Location: Parkside Orchid Nursery, 2503 Mountainview Drive, Ottsville, PA 18942
Details: None available yet.

Date: 18 September
Time: Show table 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:00 PM
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Meeting
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 21 September
Time: Show table 7:30 PM; Meeting at 8:00 PM
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Meeting
Location: First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 8 - 13 October
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Show
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 10 October
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: National Capital Judging Center Judging Session
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 16 October
Time: Show table 7:30 PM; Meeting at 8:00 PM
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Meeting
Location: First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 17 - 19 October
Event: American Orchid Society Fall Members Meeting
Location: Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, DE and Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA
Details: http://www.aos.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Members_Meetings&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=4485

Date: 19 October
Time: Show table 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:00 PM
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Meeting
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 24 - 26 October
Event: Susquehanna Orchid Society Show
Location: Stauffers of Kissel Hill, 51 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Details: www.susquehanna-orchid.org

Date: 1 November
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: National Capital Judging Center Judging Session
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 7 - 8 November
Event: Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4453 Boney Rd, Virginia Beach, VA
Details: www.mycommunityis.com/tos/

Date: 16 November
Time: Show table 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:00 PM
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Meeting
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 20 November
Time: Show table 7:30 PM; Meeting at 8:00 PM
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Meeting
Location: First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 29 November
Time: Preview 11:00 PM; Auction at 12:00 PM
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Auction
Location: Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department Social Hall
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 6 December
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: National Capital Judging Center Judging Session
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 7 December
Time: Show table 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:00 PM; Party at 4:30 PM
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Meeting
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 18 December
Time: Show table 7:30 PM; Meeting at 8:00 PM
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Meeting
Location: First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Central PA Annual Orchid Seminar

AUGUST 10, 2008 • 7:30 am – conclusion • Harrisburg, PA

SPEAKERS:

- Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will speak on *Catasetinae* culture and the current Awards standards
- Steve Shiflett from Floradise Orchids will give us some tips on *Vanda* culture both in the home and in the greenhouse.
- John Dunkleberger, an accredited AOS judge will give us an update on Miniature *Cymbidiums*, their breeding and culture as well as recent awards
- Leon Glicenstein of Hoosier Orchids will delight us with jewel orchids

VENDORS:

- Sunset Valley Orchids
- John Dunkleberger
- Floradise Orchids
- New Earth Orchids
- Hoosier Orchids

AOS JUDGING

Registration including lunch, is \$35 until July 31 and \$40 until meeting day. Please remit check to:
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