

# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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## newsletter

News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

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## president's message

### Busy Fall

Greetings to everyone.

So, the whirlwind of September, October and November is finally winding down. We've had an open house at Little Brook Orchids, a members-only Repotting Clinic held at David and Margaret Smith's house, put in another beautiful exhibit at the National Capitol Orchid Society Show, and as quickly as we dismantled that display, installed another outstanding exhibit at the Susquehanna Orchid Society Show two weeks later. But, we're not quite finished yet. By the time this newsletter is published we will have held our Annual MOS Auction at a new location and on a new day. Ok, take a deep breath and relax.

The MOS is a well-oiled machine, made possible by its incredible volunteers. Each willing to give time, effort and hard work to make the Society the successful organization it is today.

There are so many of you to thank for making these events happen. Thanking each of you would take up the entire newsletter, but if you helped make any of these events happen in any way, we, the Society, thank you. Your involvement is what keeps the MOS moving forward.

I do want to recognize the Committee Chairs that organize and spend countless hours preparing for these events: Valerie Lowe, Away Show Chair; Eric Wiles, Activities and Education Chair; Bill Ellis, Auction Chair. I want to personally thank them for the work they do and for their commitment to the Society. When you see them, let them know how much you appreciate their effort to make our events so successful.

Happy growing,

*Bill*

## October's Speaker is Geraldine Powell

Geraldine Powell of Signal Mountain, TN has been growing orchids for more than 30 years. She is co-owner of The Orchid Gallery, a small nursery in the Chattanooga area that is beginning to receive national recognition for its AOS award-winning plants.

She currently specializes in cool growing hybrids and species, especially Masdevallias, Draculas and Miltoniopsis, as well as some Pleurothallids.

She is the inventor of the trademarked Cool Pot, specially developed as a miniature evaporative cooler to help people in all climates succeed with orchids that like to be cool and damp, even on hot summer days.

The title of the talk is: Succeeding With Cool Growing Orchids in Warm Climates.



Photo of Masd. *norop* courtesy of Geraldine Powell

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Many Award Winners at SOS  
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Member Plant Swap and Sale  
in December!

Special thanks to Sarah Hurdel for the beautiful photos below of last month's show table plants!



**Novice**

1. Mtssa. Dark Knight (above) - Janice Mazur



**Home Grown**

1. Paph. *gratrixianum* - Bill Scharf
2. Bc. Binosa 'Key Lime' (above) - Aaron Webb
3. Tie Paph. Easter - Marilyn Lauffer  
Phal. Akatsuka Splash (below) - Sarah Hurdel



**Greenhouse**

1. Bulb. Wilbur Chang (center column top)- Eric Wiles
2. Lip. *condylobulbon* - David Smith
3. Ascda. Gou Chia Long - The Adamses



**Cattleya**

1. *C. bowringiana* - The Adamses
2. Pot. Burana Beauty 'Burana' - Eric Wiles
3. C. Bow Bells X Lc. Mary Ellen Carter (below)- Barbara Buck



**Phalaenopsis**

1. Phal. Hybrid (above)- Sarah Spence
2. Phal. Cordova 'OrchidPhile' AM/AOS - Gary Smith
3. Phal. Pico Mulberry X Dtps. Happy UFO - Sarah Hurdel

**Oncidium**

1. Colm. Wildcat 'Yellow Cat' - Eric Wiles
2. Zel. *onustum* (third column top)- David Smith
3. Blira. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS - Wendy Keene



**Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium**

1. Phrag. Bel Croute - John Dunning
2. Paph. New Wine - David Smith
3. Paph. *primulinum* (below)- Janene Gerling - Dunsmore



**Dendrobium**

1. Den. Delecatum (below)- John Dunning
2. Tie Den. Hybrid - Bill Soyke  
Den. Ekapol Dragon - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Den. *phalaenopsis* var. *compactum* - Sue Spicer



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**Miscellaneous Hybrids**

1. Asctm. (*garayi X ampullaceum*) (above) - The Adamses
2. Dar. Charm 'Blue Star' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles
3. V. Sansa Blue - John Dunning



**Species**

1. Bulb. *fascinator* (above) - Bill Scharf
2. Tie Pths. *stricta* - David Smith  
Hab. *myriostriata* - John Dunning
3. Tie Gchls. *dasyogon* - The Adamses  
Psh. *cochleatum* (center column top)- Kathi Jackson

**Miniature**

1. Doc. *rigida* - The Adamses
2. Pths. *niveoglobula* - David Smith
3. Pths. *nyptero-phyla* - Bill Scharf



**First Bloom Seedling**

1. Paph. Ho Chi Minh (above) - John Dunning



**Fragrance**

1. Brsa. Mem. Bert Field 'Little Marie Sellon' AM/AOS (above)- Chris Zajac
2. Mtdm. Ruffles 'Scent of a Woman' - John Dunning

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Den. Delacatum, exhibited by John Dunning. The judges were Joe Dockman, Aaron Webb and Don Forester. There were 81 beautiful plants on the show table!

October 22: National Capital Judging Center in conjunction with the Susquehanna Orchid Society's Annual Show

Chryss Mavrides' plant of *Cycnoches Jean Monnier* 'Miya' received an 83 point Award of Merit (AM).



Photo by Jim Osen

Gary Smith's plant of *Cattleya* (synonymous with *Sophrholaeliocattleya*) Lucky Gem 'Sarah' received an 80 point AM.



Photo by Jim Osen

November 6: National Capital Judging Center

Jamie Riegel's plant of *Paphiopedilum gratixianum* 'Cedarcrest' received a 78 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC).



Photo by Jamie Riegel

Valerie Lowe,  
Society AOS Representative

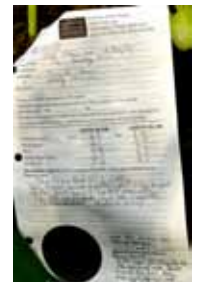
# Award Winning MOS Exhibit at the Susquehanna Orchid Society Show!

Thanks to the gracious loan of plants from Frank Dagostin, Suzanne Gaertner, Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Kathy Jackson, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Anne Lundy, Janice Mazur, Norma Lynch, Jamie Riegel, Clark Riley, William Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Cyrus Swett, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf, Chris Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society was awarded the Orchid Digest Award for Best Amateur Exhibit in Show. Many thanks to Sarah Hurdel, Beng Light, Jamie Riegel, and Cyrus Swett for helping me to install the exhibit and Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Beng Light, Gary Smith, and Cyrus Swett to take down the exhibit. A special thanks to Sarah Hurdel for her design contribution.



Photo by Valerie Lowe

Valerie Lowe, Away Shows Chair



Remaining photos by Beng Light

## First Place Ribbons

Oncidium Memoria Harold Starkey  
 Dtps. (Phal. Taisuco Fireball x Dtps. Leopard Prince)  
 Phragmipedium Conchiferum  
 Maxillaria pseudoreichenheimiana  
 Paphiopedilum (Hilo Jewel x fairrie anum)  
 Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Monarch', AM/AOS  
 Paphiopedilum spicerianum  
 Miltonia Candid Ruby  
 Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern  
 Lockhartia lunifera  
 Pleurothallis tarantula  
 Condylago rodrigo  
 Slc. Lucky Gem  
 Phalaenopsis White Moon  
 Bl. Memoria Bernice Foster  
 Stelis crescenticola  
 Blc. Lucky Strike 'Mungskorn'  
 Schom. splendida  
 Phragmipedium Bel Croute  
 Phragmipedium Noirmont 'Clemencia'  
 Epidendrum difforme

## Owner

F. Dagostin  
 K. Jackson  
 M. Lauffer  
 V. Lowe  
 A. Lundy  
 A. Lundy  
 J. Riegel  
 C. Riley  
 W. Scharf  
 D. Smith  
 D. Smith  
 D. Smith  
 G. Smith  
 C. Swett  
 E. Wiles  
 E. Wiles  
 B. Woolf  
 B. Woolf  
 C. Zajac  
 C. Zajac  
 The Little Greenhouse



## Second Place Ribbons

Aerangis luteo-alba v. rhodosticta  
 Epidendrum nanum  
 Psychopsis Memoria Bill Carter  
 Aliceara Pacific Nova  
 Phalaenopsis hybrid  
 Paphiopedilum Henrietta Fujiwara  
 Phragmipedium schlimii 'Wilcox', AM/AOS  
 Paphiopedilum Ken Ward  
 Blc. Lois McNeil 'Ace'

O. Humphrey  
 S. Hurdel  
 B. Light  
 B. Light  
 B. Light  
 V. Lowe  
 A. Lundy  
 A. Lundy  
 J. Riegel

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**Second Place Ribbons (continued)**

Chondrorhyncha (Moliere x albicans)	D. Smith
Condylago rodrigo	D. Smith
Masdevallia Angel Tang	D. Smith
Phalaenopsis fasciata	D. Smith
Mokara Moonlight	E. Wiles
Blc. Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome', AM/AOS	B. Woolf
Epidendrum Miracle Valley	B. Woolf
Odontoglossum wyattianum	B. Woolf
Pleurothallis powellii	B. Woolf
C. Porcia 'Cannizaro', FCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Cochleanthes amazonica 'Loch Raven', HCC/AOS	The Little Greenhouse
Dendrobium laevifolium v. albescens 'Loch Raven', CHM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse

**Third Place Ribbons**

Paphiopedilum Henrietta Fujiwara	O. Humphrey
Odontobrossia FANGtastic Bob Henley	B. Light
Paphiopedilum Memoria D. Anne Lowe	J. Mazur
Paphiopedilum (Maudiae x Hsinying Citron)	W. Scharf
Ascocenda Suksamran Sunshine	C. Swett
Zootrophion schenkii	D. Smith
Platystele stenostachya	D. Smith
Ascovandoritis Prapin	D. Smith
Paphiopedilum Fair Pulse	G. Smith
Gastrochilus dasypogon	E. Wiles
Chondrorhyncha (Moliere x albicans)	The Little Greenhouse

**Best Amateur First Bloom Seedling**

Odontoglossum wyattianum	B. Woolf
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**Best Society Exhibit**

Maryland Orchid Society



Photos by Beng Light

# A Season of Giving... and Getting

It occurred to me that since I have been a member of MOS there has not been an organized opportunity to have members exchange plants. That started me thinking and as we approach the Holiday Season I thought this would be the perfect time.

At the December meeting, our traditional Holiday Party, we will be having a member Plant Swap and Sale. Each member can bring up to five plants to sell, trade or simply give away to other members or guests. The plants for the Swap and Sale are NOT to be in bloom as blooming plants are still part of the (expanded) December monthly auction (see below for details). We plan to use the kitchen space to hold the plants since the Hall will be filled with delicious treats for the party. Please clearly identify your plants with your name to avoid confusion, and as always, be sure your plants are healthy, clean and free of any disease or pests. MOS is simply supplying a forum for this activity and is not responsible for, or

involved in any of the transactions. It's purely a member to member or guest activity.

As part of the new Holiday Plant Swap and Sale we will expand the monthly auction as well. We are removing, only for this December meeting, the limit on the number of blooming plants one can bring to the monthly auction. It's a good time of year for plants to be coming in bloom, so hopefully you'll have a division or two to sell at the auction. This is a great opportunity to sell those blooming divisions and just as great an opportunity to add to your collection. This is a test, so please let me know your thoughts.

I hope you enjoy this new opportunity and happy shopping!

*Bill*

## Membership Renewal—Renew your membership today!

In August, Marilyn Lauffer, the MOS Membership Chair, snail mailed membership renewal reminders. If you have not done so already, please make checks payable to the Maryland Orchid Society and send back your renewal forms the address below or give them to Marilyn at the next meeting.

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We invite articles, notices, etc. for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is first Sunday of the month.

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The MOS brings together people interested in orchids to promote and encourage orchid culture, preservation, education, propagation, hybridization, and all other orchid-related activities of interest to its members. Benefits of membership include a subscription to the Newsletter (e-mail and web), voting rights, borrowing privileges from the MOS Library, monthly guest speakers, local judging, valuable door prizes, and much, much, more!

If you are interested in orchid culture and would like to meet others with similar interests, we cordially invite you to join the ranks of Marylanders already enjoying the benefits of membership in the Maryland Orchid Society.

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