

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

September 2011

president's message

Endless Summer!

It sure felt that way during those relentless 90+ days. That can be a real challenge for those of us that like to grow cool.

We have had our share of odd weather and strange occurrences lately with hurricane Irene and of course the earthquake. I hope that everyone and their plants made it through without too much damage and loss.

Hopefully, that sort of weather is behind us as we head into late September.

Welcome back to current members and welcome to any new members and guests. I am thrilled that you have decided to join our Society or simply pay us a visit. Be sure to introduce yourself to me; I'd like to welcome you to MOS.

This is an exciting time of year for orchid growers. Yes, we're seeing the end of long warm days nights. That's good news for orchid growers as those shorter days and cooler nights encourage orchids to start thinking about putting up flower spikes from the new growths that have developed all summer. With any luck our hard work and persistence through the summer will be rewarded with long-lasting dazzling flowers.

It has been a busy couple of summer months for the MOS Board as you'll read further on in this issue. We already have activities planned and have two away shows just around the corner in October and our Annual Auction coming up quickly in mid November.

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Important Notice!

MOS' October monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, October 19.

Tom McBride is September Meeting's Speaker

Tom McBride, our Show Table Chair, an AOS judge, and one of our local orchid gurus, delivers his traditional and much anticipated summary of last year's show table results and participation winners from 2010-2011 at our September meeting. Tom keeps track of ribbon winners for every class, as well as every member who places 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 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 look for each month and how to improve your chances of winning a ribbon.

<<Tom McBride speaking at the 2008 MOS workshop. Photo by Clark Riley.

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Novice

1. Psy. Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS (above) - Chip Hiebler
2. Paph. Magic Lantern (below) - Janice Mazur
3. Rdc. Orchidom Outstanding X Onc. Tom's Beauty - Linda Hagan



Home Grown

1. Mps. Breathless 'Brilliant' (above) - The Dagostins
2. Odcdm. Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots' (below) - Marilyn Lauffer
3. Phrag. Bel Croute - The Lundys



Greenhouse

1. Stan. *assidensis* - Michael Moran
2. Tie Ren. Nancy Chandler 'Red Dragon' HCC/AOS - The Adamses
Cirr. *robustum* (above) - David Smith
3. Paph. Susan Booth - Lou Vadorsky

Cattleya

1. C. Peckhovensia - The Adamses
2. Blc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst' AM/AOS - Barbara Buck
3. Tie Slc. Pink Doll - Clark Riley
Enc. *tampensis* var. *alba* 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS - Sue Spicer



Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - Sarah Hurdel
2. Dtps. Kenneth Schubert (above) - The Adamses
3. Phal. Hybrid - Suzanne Gaertner



Oncidium

1. Odcdm. Catanante 'Pacific Sun Spots' (above) - David Smith
2. Psy. Mendenhall 'Monarch' AM/AOS - Jamie Riegel & Erin Hunt
3. Brsdm. Longlen 'Bill Switzer' AM/AOS - The Lundys



Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Rose Tapestry 'Catherine' AM/AOS (above) - Mark Robbins
2. Paph. Armeni White (below) - Cy Swett
3. Tie Paph. Pinocchio - The Lundys
Phrag. Grande - Eric Wiles



Dendrobium

1. Den. *glomeratum* - The Adamses
2. Den. *johnsoniae* - David Smith
3. Den. *moscatum* - Eric Wiles

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Prom. Meadow Gold - David Smith
2. Aerth. Grandiose 'Shooting Star' AM/AOS (below) - The Lundys
3. Dctm. Pulcherimin 'Kodama' HCC/AOS - Clark Riley



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Species

1. Prom. *ovatilabia* - David Smith
2. Prad. *lindenii* (above) - Eric Wiles
3. Rstp. *dodsonii* - Bill Scharf



Miniature

1. Prom. Chameleon - Michael Moran
2. Bulb. *nitidum* - David Smith
3. Tie Neof. *falcata* (bottom of column 1)- Bill Scharf
Doc. *wassellii* - The Adamases



First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (Paul Parks X *sanderianum*) (above) - Clark Riley
2. Paph. Jerry Fischer - Mark Robbins
3. Paph. *leucochilum* (top of col. 3)- The Lundys



Fragrance

1. Neof. *falcata* 'Siukaden' - The Adamases
2. Enc. *radiata* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Pot. Cloud's Creek 'Heavenly Scent' - John Dunning

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Stan. *assidensis* (below), exhibited by Michael Moran. The judges were Barbara Buck, Val Lowe, Kevin Hill and Owen Humphrey. There were 128 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month!



local aos news by Valerie Lowe

August 6: National Capital Judging

Jamie Riegel's plant of Paphiopedilum Quasar 'Sparrows Point' (column 2) was awarded a 78 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC).

Dr. Robert Griesbach's plant of Phalaenopsis *violacea* 'Bold Eagle' (column 3) received an 81 point Award of Merit (AM).



Photo by Jamie Riegel



Photo by James Osen

Show Table Rules

The following rules govern the operation of our Show Table.

1. Exhibitors must own the plant or plants for at least six months. All plants should be groomed and free of pests.

2. Each exhibitor must fill out an entry form listing all plants. Use one entry for all plants shown in each class.

3. Plants to be judged must be on the show table by 7:30 p.m. sharp. Plants brought in after this time will not be judged. This is in fairness to the judges who must start judging promptly so they can finish and enjoy the program with the rest of us.

4. Show Table classes are:

A. Novice – The Novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years. Any type of orchid can be entered in this category. Novice growers may also enter plants in other applicable categories.

B. Homegrown – The Homegrown class is for those who grow orchids in any area that is not considered a greenhouse. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.

C. Greenhouse – The Greenhouse class is for exhibitors who grow their plants in greenhouses of any size. Plants of any genera, species or hybrids, may be entered in this class.

D. Cattleya – The Cattleya class is for the Cattleya alliance plant. Plants such as Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola, and Sophronitis species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.

E. Phalaenopsis – The Phalaenopsis class is intended for Phalaenopsis, Doritaneopsis, and Doritis species and their hybrids. Other types of Phalaenopsis hybrids should be entered in other suitable classes.

F. Oncidium-Odontoglossum Alliance – The Oncidium-Odontoglossum Alliance is intended to be used for this type of species and hybrid plants. This includes Oncidium, Odontoglossum, Miltonia, Brassia, and other related genera.



G. Paphiopedilum – The Paphiopedilum class is intended for Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium and other slipper orchid species and their hybrids only.

H. Dendrobium – The Dendrobium class is for Dendrobium alliance plants. All Dendrobium species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.

I. Species – The Species class is open to plants of any genera. Jungle collected and seed grown plants are both acceptable. The only requirement is that it must be a species.

J. Miscellaneous Hybrids – The Miscellaneous Hybrid class was created to give exhibitors another place to exhibit plants which cannot be entered in classes D, E, F, G and H. Plants which fall into any of these classes must not be entered in the Miscellaneous Hybrid class.

K. Miniatures – Plants entered in the Miniature class may not exceed six inches in any dimension, excluding the inflorescence. The measurements pertain to the plant only. Species and hybrids are both acceptable.

L. First Bloom Seedlings – The First Bloom Seedling class is for plants that are blooming for the first time. Both species and hybrids are acceptable. No meristems may be entered in this class, only seed grown plants should be exhibited in this class.

M. Fragrance – The Fragrance class will be judged for the most pleasing fragrance. Species and hybrid seed grown as well as mericlone plants may be entered.

N. Non-Competitive – The Non Competitive class is intended for educational purposes only. In this class, members are encouraged to exhibit plants that cannot be exhibited in any other class (e.g. owned less than six months, grower not wishing to compete, etc.)

5. The judges will award First, Second and Third place ribbons in each class. First place will receive three points, second place will receive two points, and third place will receive one point. Each exhibitor may not receive more than one ribbon per class. At the end of the year, the awarded points will be tabulated and the top three “point getters” in each category will receive cash prizes. In the case of a tie, prizes will be duplicated. The year for Show Table prizes will be September through June. Awards for previous year’s winners will be made at the September meeting.

6. After judging all plants on the show table, the judges of that evening will consider all the plants that received first place awards in each class. They will award one with a special award called “Judges’ Choice of the Evening.” This special award will earn the exhibitor a bonus plant to be given at the meeting.

7. Special “Exhibitor Points” will be given at each meeting. Each member exhibiting one or more plants will receive one point. Exhibitors may also earn extra “Exhibitor Points” by lending plants to the Society that are used in our Society exhibits. Each member who lends one or more plants for this purpose will receive one point for each show that their plants are used. At the end of the year, the points will be totaled and one seedling plant will be given for each three exhibitor points. Points will not carry over to the next year. Point totals will be used to calculate awards given at our September meeting.

MOS Inducts Life Members

Congratulations!

It is my privilege and pleasure to introduce the latest MOS members to be inducted as Maryland Orchid Society Life Members. This is an honor bestowed upon very few and I cannot think of more deserving members. I'm sure you'll agree with the Board's unanimous decision to approve **David and Margaret Smith**, and **Tom McBride** as Maryland Orchid Society Life Members.

David and Margaret have been members since 1982 and continue to wow us with their impeccably grown orchids while consistently opening their home for Board meetings, potting workshops and other MOS activities.

Tom McBride joined the Society in 1979. There is no other member that has had a more positive impact on the MOS membership. He and his partner Gary Krause are responsible for sending

countless new members to MOS as they visit The Little Greenhouse. Tom begins his 27th year as Show Table Chair this year and continues to educate and inspire all of us as orchid growers.

Congratulations to David, Margaret and Tom on this achievement and thank you for being such a positive influence on the Maryland Orchid Society.

Bill Scharf

William Scharf,
President, Maryland Orchid Society

I wish to nominate **Thomas McBride** for a Life Membership to the Maryland Orchid Society.

Mr. McBride has been an active member of the Maryland Orchid Society since 1979. In partnership with Gary Krause as co-owners of The Little Greenhouse, Mr. McBride has been supporting the Maryland Orchid Society by installing 100+ square foot orchid exhibits in the Annual Shows.

In 1985, Mr. McBride took over running the Show Table from Robert Benson and has made this an educational experience for all concerned. Mr. McBride has also assisted in educating the membership by holding the first Maryland Orchid Society orchid workshop in the 80's under the oak tree at The Little Greenhouse. Since then, Mr. McBride has given many talks at the Workshops as well as the monthly meetings. Mr. McBride has also hosted many educational tours and talks at The Little Greenhouse.

As co-proprietor of The Little Greenhouse, Mr. McBride has been responsible for sending many new members to the Maryland Orchid Society. The Little Greenhouse has also won seven Gold Certificates for their amazing exhibits at the annual Maryland Orchid Society Shows as well over 200 flower quality and cultural awards from the American Orchid Society.

Respectfully,
Jamie Riegel

William Scharf,
President, Maryland Orchid Society

I am writing to you to nominate **David and Margaret Smith** for Life Membership to the Maryland Orchid Society.

David and Margaret joined the Maryland Orchid Society in 1982. David quickly became part of the MOS Board being elected to a Director's position. David's growing skills earned him a reputation as an outstanding grower, a reputation he continues to have today.

David has served several other elected positions with the society as well. He was elected Treasurer in 1986, a position he held for an astonishing 14 years, stepping down only to be elected to the Vice President's position in 2004. Even though David isn't currently a Board member he consistently attends the meetings and offers his guidance and ideas freely, many of which the Society has greatly benefited from. David has also served on the Nominating Committee, Auction Committee and for many, many years on the Show Committee. It should be noted here that David has exhibited in every Maryland Orchid Society Show since 1983 and has garnered countless blue ribbons, and numerous AOS Awards as well.

Margaret Smith is a current Board member, serving since 2008 as Hospitality Chair, a position that fits her naturally. Margaret consistently engages new members and guests at the monthly meetings making them feel relaxed and part of the Society. The Smith's hospitality doesn't stop there. They have opened their home and David's greenhouse to so many July Board meetings, Show meetings and repotting events that I have lost count.

David and Margaret Smith have been, and continue to be, two of the most active members of the Maryland Orchid Society. Their support, guidance, knowledge and hospitality have immensely helped to shape the Maryland Orchid Society into the successful Society it is today.

Sincerely,
Barbara Buck

Success in Small Numbers



Photos by Beng and Dale Light



Last minute cancellations reduced the number of attendants to this past June's MOS Members only repotting clinic. However, the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn was in full swing. Educational talks and demonstrations by Eric Wiles and other MOS mentors helped encourage the members to just dive in and do it. A little hands-on instruction goes a long way when it comes to building confidence in repotting orchid plants.



Thanks again to David and Margaret Smith for opening their home and greenhouse to MOS.

Everyone left with dirty hands and happy, repotted orchids. It was a great way to spend an early summer afternoon.

Bill Scharf

Please Return Your Books!

The MOS library contains an extensive collection of books and periodicals that have been acquired over many years of thoughtful planning. It represents a unique and valuable benefit to all members, and we strongly encourage its use. As published in our annual Membership Roster, members may check out items during our monthly meetings and are expected to return them at the following meeting. (Please review the Roster for additional relevant procedures.) This ensures that availability of material is maximized for all interested readers. Arrangements may be made for exceptions to this rule by contacting our librarian Norma Lynch.



During the summer, Norma took inventory and identified missing items. **If you have library items currently checked out, please bring them to the September meeting, so that they may be counted.** If you can't attend the next meeting, please contact Norma to confirm that you are still in possession of these items.

Following is a list of the missing publications.

Thank you for your cooperation.

1. "The Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species" by Bechtel, Cribb, and Launert
2. "The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Oncidium" by Mark Chase.
3. "The Orchid Advocate" by Cymbidium Society.
4. "The Biology Of Orchids" by Dodson
5. "Orchids Natural History and Classification" by Robert Dressler
6. "Genus Cymbidium" by David DuPay
7. "Bromeliads, A Cultural Handbook" by Foster
8. "Beautiful Indian Orchids and How to Grow them" by Ghose
9. "Beautiful Indian Orchids" by Ghose
10. "Cultivated Angraecoid Orchids of Madagascar" by Hillerman and Horst
11. "The International Book of Orchids" by Frances Hurt
12. "Plants Under Lights" by Jack Kramer
13. "Growing Orchids at Your Windows" by Jack Kramer
14. "Orchids are Easy to Grow" by Logan
15. "A History of the Orchid" by Reinikka
16. "Specialist Orchid Grower" by Rentoul
17. "Masdevallia Culture guide" by Rhodehamel
18. "Drawings of British Plants" by Ross and Craig
19. "Orchid Education Course" by So. FL Orchid Society
20. "Orchids of Tropical Africa" by Stewart
21. "Native Orchids of Taiwan" by Hong-Jye Su
22. "Genus Phalaenopsis" by Sweet
23. "How to Grow Orchids" by Sweet
24. "Orchids, Color Nature Library" by Taylor
25. "Orchids for Everyone" by Williams
26. "The Orchids of South Central Africa" by Williamson
27. "Cattleyas and Their Relatives" by Withner
28. "Growing Windowsill Orchids" by Seaton
29. "Understanding Orchids" by Cullina
30. "Tropical Slipper Orchids" by Koopowitz

Delaware Valley Orchid Council
23rd Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers Forum
September 24, 2011
Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ

Featured Speakers:

Roy Tokunaga H&R Orchids
Waimanalo, HI
Latouria & Nigrohirsutae Dendros
and Roy's Newly Discovered Blossom Booster

Peter Lin Big Leaf Orchids
Southlake, TX
Cutting Edge Phal Breeding

Fred Clarke
Sunset Valley Orchids Vista, CA
New hybrids using Catasetum,
Cycnoches, and Mormodes &
The Fredclarkeara "Black Orchid"

8:30 am- 10:00 am:
Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open)
Sunset Valley Orchids

10:00 am - 11:00 am:
Guest Lecture Big Leaf Orchids

11:00 am - 12:00 noon:
Guest Lecture H&R Orchids

12:00 noon - 1:15 pm:
Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch Lois
Duffin Orchids

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm:
Guest Lecture Main Street Orchids

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm:
Panel Discussion and Plant Raffle
Stony Brook Orchids

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm:
Sales Open J&L Orchids

Advance Registration Required
Tickets are \$44.00 per person.
For more information:
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Susquehanna Orchid Society Annual Show

The 2011 Susquehanna Orchid Society 28th Annual Show & Sale will be held Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23 at Stauffers Of Kissel Hill on Rohrerstown Road in Lancaster, PA.
Friday from noon - 8 pm, Saturday 9 am - 6 pm, and 9 am - 4 pm on Sunday.

This show will include a wide variety of exotic plant exhibitors, making it larger than any SOS show ever.



Tentative schedule:

Thursday, October 20 Exhibitor and Vendor setup - 8am - 7pm
Friday, October 21 9 am to noon Ribbon followed by AOS judging
Friday, October 21 noon to 8 pm..... Exhibits open to the public, Sales as appropriate
Saturday, October 22 9 am to 6 pm Exhibits open to the public, Sales open
Sunday, October 23 9 am to 4 pm..... Exhibits open to the public, Sales open
Sunday, October 23 4 pm Tear down at 4 pm.



The public is welcome to visit and enjoy the show, free of charge, as well as purchase orchids & other exotic plants from our vendors.

We will have door prizes, free demonstrations & seminars. for more information: <http://www.susquehanna-orchid.org/>



Vendors

Fishing Creek Orchids
Little Brook Orchids
Stony Brook Orchids
First Rays Orchids
Orchid Enterprise
Just Pat Orchids
Carnivorous Plant Nursery
Bonsai Collections
Peonys Envy
SOS Member Sales



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Membership Renewal

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 to:

Maryland Orchid Society
P.O. Box 5651
Baltimore, MD 21210

or give them to Marilyn at the September meeting.

MOS Board of Trustees Meeting

Lou and Barbara Buck are hosting our next Board of Trustees Meeting on October 27. Arrive at 6:30 pm to get a head start on light food and refreshments. (Please consider bringing a dish to share.) The meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Board meetings are open to the general membership, but please RSVP at BarbaraBuck@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Seventh Annual Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium

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

October 28 & 29 , 2011

Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel
42nd & Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Preview Party: Friday, October 28, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Welcome: 7:30 PM - Rob Griesbach

7:45 PM -David Off, Waldor Orchids, Basic Cattleya Culture

Symposium: Saturday, October 29, 8:45 AM – 5:30 PM

Plants to be entered for AOS Judging by 10:00 AM

Welcome: 8:45 AM – Rob Griesbach

9:00 - 10:30 AM - Paul Storm - Schomburgkia, Myrmecophila

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Roy Tokunaga Species - Monster Plants and
Flower Boosters

Buffet Lunch (included in registration) and plant sales 12:00- 1:00 PM

1:00 PM- Peter Lin- Phalaenopsis

2:30 PM - Tom Kuligowski - Angrecoids

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Plant sales

VENDORS: Waldor Orchids, H & R Nurseries , Marriott Orchids & Others (to be
announced)

Symposium Registration (includes buffet lunch): \$60.00

Preview Party (includes full dinner buffet): \$60.00

Combination Symposium & Preview Party: \$100.00

Cavalier Room Rate for Huntington Symposium: \$99.00

Cavalier Hotel website: www.cavalierhotel.com

Contact information: mhsymposium.org

MOS Annual Orchid Auction Same Venue as Last Year

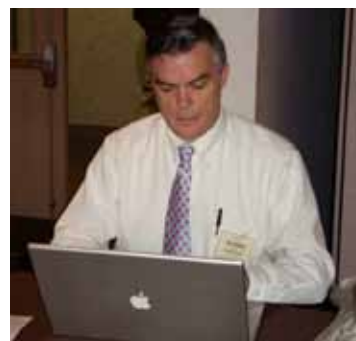
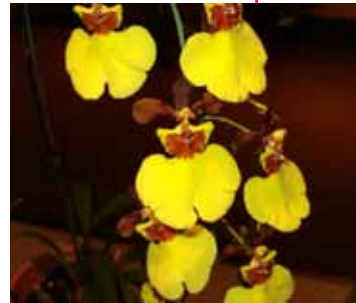
Saturday, November 12, 2011
American Legion Dewey Lowman
Post 109
610 Old Sulphur Spring Road
Halethorpe, MD

Due the huge success of last year's auction, we've reserved the same location for this year. Post 109 is near the intersection of Interstate #95 and the Baltimore Beltway (Interstate #695), providing ready access for our Baltimore area members and our Washington, D.C. area orchid customers.

The Dewey Lowman Post's Web site is:
<http://www.americanlegionpost109.org/>

For directions go to:
<http://www.americanlegionpost109.org/directions.htm>

We are hoping that everyone will support this year's Auction as volunteers and bidders and with donations. For more information or to help with the auction, e-mail Bill Ellis at billellis@ellislist.com



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There are many opportunities for our members to take part in activities and shows. If you are interested please ask me and I'd be happy to point you in the right direction.

I'm looking forward to another fun year with MOS and hope that you are too.

Happy Growing,

Bill

Save the Date!

The MOS October 19 guest speaker is John Salventi of Parkside Orchids. He will have plants for sale! Stay tuned!
<http://www.parksideorchids.com>



This beautiful Phrag. *caricinum* is a division given to me by David Smith. It has four spikes and is a successive bloomer. Dividing plants and sharing them with friends ensures that your favorite plants live on. Photo by Laura Sobelman

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The *MOS Newsletter*, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community. Please submit your comments to sobelman1@verizon.net

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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