

# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

# ORCHID

## newsletter



News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

October 2011

### president's message

## The Ribbons are Nice...

Hello to everyone. Sorry to be absent for the always spectacular September meeting. It was extremely disappointing to not be able to be there.

As I began to realize, again with much disappointment, that I would not be able to help set up the MOS exhibit for the NCOS Show, in fact would not be able to attend the show at all, I began to think about the commitment that Valerie and her team have made. We have a nice view of the finished product, which is always a beautifully designed and built exhibit, that has the appearance of being so easy. Take into consideration that Valerie

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MOS exhibit for the 2011 NCOS Show. (Photo by Barry Woolf)

### Important Notice!

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

## John Salventi of Parkside Orchids to Speak at Next Meeting

After a decade hiatus, we're pleased to once again host John Salventi of Parkside Orchid Nursery as our program speaker. John's presentation is titled *The Orchids of Wayqecha: The Manu Cloud Forest*. Prior to involvement in the orchid industry John Salventi was a health-care professional with more than 20 years of hospital management experience at the Lehigh Valley Hospital. Orchid growing began as "hobby" with two hundred orchids in a bow-window. The passion (addiction) continued and resulted in the creation of Parkside Orchid Nursery.

Parkside has grown to be one of the largest multi-genera orchid nurseries in the northeastern United States with five greenhouses, spanning over 14,000 square feet of growing space.



John Salventi and Tom Purviance, owners of Parkside Orchids, and their awarded *Cattleya maxima*.

Maintaining an interesting and varied inventory for the serious grower requires both John and Tom to travel extensively to secure plants directly from the growers. These include frequent trips to South America, Central America, Hawaii and Asia.

He has spoken both nationally and internationally at Orchid Societies and Symposiums on orchid and conservation topics. He was recently appointed as a presidential advisor for the Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research. He also serves on the Conservation Committee for the American Orchid Society.

John is bringing plants for sale and is accepting orders for delivery at the meeting until the morning of 19 October. Please visit <http://www.parksideorchids.com> for details on ordering.

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# show table - september 2011 by Tom McBride

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



### Novice

1. Wils. Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'(left) - Chip Hiebler

### Home Grown

1. Den. *phalaenopsis* var. *compactum*

'Loch Raven' (below)- Marilyn Lauffer

2. Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice - Val Lowe
3. Brs. Cheifan 'Kensington' - Kathi Jackson



### Greenhouse

1. Ang. *distichum* -David Smith
2. Css. *rubra* - The Adamses
3. Ddc. *magnum* - Lou Vadorsky



### Cattleya

1. C. Brymeriana (above)- The Adamses
2. Blc. Chia 'New City' AM/AOS (below)- John Dunning
3. Epi. *ciliare* - Eric Wiles



### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. *bellina* 'Chin Yo' (below)- The Adamses
2. Phal. Brother Oconee 'Maria Teresa' - Gary Smith
3. Dtps. Kenneth Schubert 'Blue' (below)- John Dunning



### Oncidium

1. Mtssa. Aztec - Delores Keene
2. Tie Colm. Wild Willie - The Adamses  
Brsdm. Fly Away 'Miami' - Chris Zajac
3. Alcra. Hilo Ablaze 'HOF' (below)- The Dagostins



### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Noirmont 'Clemencia' (above)- Chris Zajac
2. Tie Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara - John Dunning  
Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration X Sue Franz) - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Paph. Transvaal - Valerie Lowe

### Dendrobium

1. Den. Stephen Batchelor (right)- The Adamses
2. Den. White Grace 'Sato' - John Dunning
3. Den. *phalaenopsis* 'White Bota' - Eric Wiles



### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Gram. (*scriptum* X *crinitum*) - John Dunning
2. Hab. (*medusae* X *carnea*) (below)- Clark Riley
3. Cyc. Jean E. Monnier - David Smith



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## Species

1. Pths. *denticulata* (below)-  
David Smith
2. Neof. *falcata* 'Gojyo Fukurin' -  
The Adamses
3. Tie Phal. *belina* 'Montclair' -  
Gary Smith  
Milt. *spectabilis* var. *moreliana*  
'Royalty' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles



## Miniature

1. *Acia. sonderiana* 'Turnberry' -  
David Smith
2. *Dda. simula* - Gary Smith
3. *Orcp. dolobratus* - The Adamses



## First Bloom Seedling

1. Phal. *hieroglyphica* -(middle  
column) Gary Smith
2. Paph. Lynleigh in Pink -  
The Lundys
3. Paph. Jade Dragon - John Dunning

## Fragrance

1. Slc. Jeweler's Art 'Waiomao Plum'  
HCC/AOS - John Dunning
2. Ddc. *cobbianum* 'Loch Raven' -  
Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Ang. *distichum*, exhibited by David Smith. (See page 4 for tips on how David grows his beautiful plant.) The judges were Val Lowe, Pam Shaw and Chris Zajac. There were 85 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month! More show table pix on page 8.

## 2010-2011 show table winners by Tom McBride

### Novice

- 1st Janice Mazur - 21 pts.
- 2nd Gregg Custis - 12 pts.
- 3rd The Dagostins - 7 pts.

### Home Grown

- 1st Bill Scharf - 16 pts.
- 2nd Gary Smith - 8 pts.
- 3rd Marilyn Lauffer - 7 pts.

### Greenhouse

- 1st David Smith - 15 pts.
- 2nd Eric Wiles - 13 pts.
- 3rd The Adamses - 12 pts.

### Cattleya

- 1st The Adamses - 14 pts.
- 2nd Eric Wiles - 13 pts.
- 3rd David Smith - 12 pts.

### Phalaenopsis

- 1st The Adamses - 12 pts.
- 2nd Sarah Hurdel - 9 pts.
- 3rd John Dunning, Gary Smith - 7 pts.

### Oncidium

- 1st Eric Wiles - 14 pts.
- 2nd David Smith - 12 pts.
- 3rd Jamie Riegel - 8 pts.

### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

- 1st Mark Robbins - 15 pts.
- 2nd The Adamses, David Smith - 7  
pts.
- 3rd John Dunning - 6 pts.

### Dendrobium

- 1st The Adamses - 9 pts.
- 2nd Eric Wiles - 7 pts
- 3rd Jos Venturina - 6 pts

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st The Adamses, Eric Wiles - 10 pts.
- 2nd John Dunning, Bill Scharf, Gary  
Smith - 4 pts.
- 3rd Michael Moran, David Smith, Cy  
Swett, Aaron Webb - 3 pts.

### Species

- 1st David Smith - 22 pts.
- 2nd Bill Scharf - 11 pts.
- 3rd The Adamses, Michael Moran -  
8 pts.

### Miniature

- 1st The Adamses, Bill Scharf - 14 pts.
- 2nd David Smith - 12 pts.
- 3rd Eric Wiles - 10 pts.

### First Bloom Seedling

- 1st John Dunning - 13 pts.
- 2nd Clark Riley - 9 pts.
- 3rd Bill Soyke - 6 pts.

### Fragrance

- 1st John Dunning - 8 pts.
- 2nd Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste, Chris  
Zajac - 7 pts.
- 3rd David Smith - 6 pts.

Congratulations to the following members that had perfect attendance on our show table last year! Sarah Hurdel, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Lee & Ann Lundy, Norma Lynch, Janice Mazur, Jamie Riegel, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Sarah Spence and Eric Wiles.

## september judges' choice *Angraecum distichum* By David Smith

The plant, *Angraecum distichum*, that was selected as the "Judges' Choice" by the judges at the September meeting is at least 14 years old and was purchased from Kensington Orchids in December, 1997. I have no idea how old it was at that time.

Under my care, it has always received bright light with some direct sun during the winter. I do not allow it to dry out because it is growing in a slat basket which allows perfect drainage. During the winter months, November through February, it is grown at intermediate temperatures, with a minimum nighttime temperature of about 54°F. It hangs about 6 feet above the floor of my greenhouse where it receives good air movement. The plant receives a dilute fertilizer solution about once a month which is about every third or fourth watering. Also, for winter waterings I use slightly warm water because the water

coming out of my well then is quite cold. I try to maintain a relative humidity of over 60% which can and does fluctuate. During the summer I try to maintain a maximum daytime temperature of about 84°F – 86°F through the use of an evaporative cooler, misting, periodic spraying to simulate rainfall, and shading on the glass.

The conditions described here apply to my entire collection. *A. distichum* has not been given any special care above and beyond those general greenhouse conditions. However, it does seem to respond well to the increased water and humidity during the summer.

This plant might prove to be a challenge for growing on a windowsill, but would possibly be worth trying in a more closed-in space where watering and humidity could be more easily controlled.



The genus name, *Angraecum*, is derived from the Malayan word, *angurek*, which refers to epiphytic plants. The second part of the name, *distichum*, comes from the word *distichus* meaning 2-ranked which describes the arrangement of the leaves on the stem.

If any of you have an interest in growing a variety of orchids, by all means give this plant a try. With even some success, it is a rewarding plant.

## aos corner

Now that Summer is behind us, let's hope the weather calms down so we can all enjoy the upcoming orchid show season. Some of you are starting to hold their meetings again after a summer hiatus. The AOS has had a busy summer as well. There are new novice culture sheets for most of the more popular orchids. If you are a member of AOS and have not already registered for access to the new website Members' Only, I hope you do it soon.

One major difference in the new website is that it may be translated into a multitude of foreign languages. The translation is done with a drop down menu on the left hand top portion of the site. Also, the site is continually being populated with up-to-date orchid information. In addition, there is a new member's profile where you can renew your membership, change your mailing address or email information and manage your AQ+ subscription. Plus, each month, Ron McHatton produces a fabulous elec-

tronic newsletter filled with all kinds of orchid culture information. If you are already an AOS member and not receiving notifications of these monthly newsletters, AOS does not have your email address. To be added to the distribution list, send your email address along with your full name to Terri Rivera at [trivera@aos.org](mailto:trivera@aos.org). Please note: if you are having difficulties signing into the 'Members Only' section, it may be that your prior registration is no longer valid. With the new website, each member must renew their registration. Instructions for doing so are on the home page of AOS.

You will also find a tab on the home page about the Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Committee project. It is up and running and donations are being made. You can read more about this joint project with Nature Conservancy in the August Orchids as well as the website. If you or your society has funds for conservation, please consider this worthwhile project. It certainly deserves all our support and it

would be great if AOS could reach its monetary goal soon. If you are unable to make an online donation on the AOS webpage, you may send a contribution by check to AOS. Just make sure to note on the check that it is for the Myrtle Head Savanna Project so you receive proper recognition.

All my arrangements for attending the AOS Fall Members' meeting in San Antonio are made. The Alamo Orchid Society has put together a wonderful meeting and I look forward to being there. It runs from October 25 – 30 and has a great line up of speakers and vendors. In addition to Trustee and Committee meetings, the traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast will be held and I hope to see some of you there. Check out the Alamo Orchid Society website at [www.alamoorchidsociety.com](http://www.alamoorchidsociety.com) for registration or more information.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

# 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  
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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](mailto:BarbaraBuck@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.

## *education corner*

At the October meeting, Barbara Buck, Cattleya connoisseur, will be sharing the secrets to her success in growing these orchids. Don't miss it!

# 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  
42<sup>nd</sup> & 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](http://www.cavalierhotel.com)

Contact information: [mhsymposium.org](http://mhsymposium.org)

# MOS Annual Orchid Auction Same Venue as Last Year

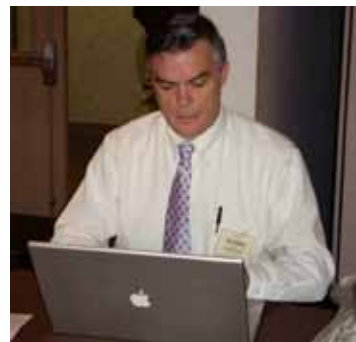
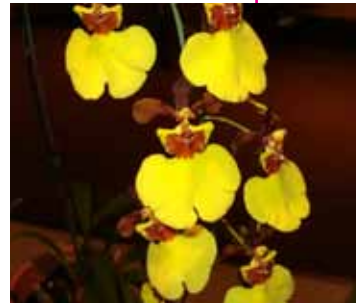
**Saturday, November 12, 2011**  
American Legion Dewey Lowman  
Post 109  
610 Old Sulphur Spring Road  
Halethorpe, MD

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](mailto:billellis@ellislist.com)



# The Ribbons are Nice...

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and her team essentially have little or no idea of what types of orchids they're getting, how many plants they'll be working with, or the sizes and the colors of the orchids with which they'll be building the exhibit. Yet out of this chaos and unknown develops this beautiful, well designed and executed exhibit. No doubt the exhibit will be again filled with ribbons and glass awards. But what I'd like you to consider, is look past the ribbons and see the commitment, dedication and hard work that has gone into building this exhibit. Many thanks to all the members that contributed their beautiful plants to exhibit. We couldn't do it without you.

These exhibits represent all of us as a Society. Valerie and her team continue to make us very proud to be part of the Maryland Orchid Society.

Happy Growing,

*Bill*

## Members Count

In September, 47 members attended the MOS meeting.

## More Show Table Photos



**Oncidium**—Colm. Wild Willie - The Adamases



**Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium**—Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration X Sue Franz) - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

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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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