

# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

# ORCHID

## newsletter

News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

November 2011



## president's message

### What a Fun Month!

Greetings to everyone.

What a fun and busy month November is for the Maryland Orchid Society.

By the time this month's newsletter is released we will be bidding on the plants we most desire at the annual Maryland Orchid Society auction. Not only is this a great deal of fun, it's one of two fundraising opportunities where you, our membership can step up to the plate and help us hit another home run. The funds we raise are critical and go a long way in helping us cover the expenses of having such an active Society. You also have the opportunity to purchase plants you can hold and admire from well known, trusted orchid vendors, instead of buying sight unseen plants online.

I'll take this opportunity to thank Bill Ellis and his Auction Committee for another outstanding job.

The fun continues at our monthly meeting as well. We will be treated to MOS Night at the Movies another first for us. We purchased the PBS documentary film *Obsession with Orchids* on VHS and Clark Riley has graciously converted this VHS to DVD so we can all enjoy it. Bring your favorite date, dig in to the popcorn and candy goodies, grab a seat and enjoy the show. Gary gives us more details below in the program message.

We have one more treat. Since we have no speaker this month we will be having another MOS Member orchid swap and sale. Bring your *out of bloom*, disease- and pest-free plants to give away, swap or sell to other MOS Members or guests. This is a great opportunity to expand your collection with quality plants from good growers that you know and can talk to.

Happy Growing,

Bill

### MOS Movie Night: Obsession with Orchids

Our theme for November is MOS Night at the Movies. We'll present the PBS Nature show *Obsession with Orchids*. This acclaimed program examines the many creatures—including of course humans—that are obsessed with orchids. It was filmed in numerous locations around the world and benefited from contributions of such notables in the field of orchids as Philip Cribb, Robert Dressler, Ratcliffe Orchids, and Cordelia Head (J&L Orchids). This program has been in the works since our July Board Meeting, when several members expressed an interest in this show, and Clark Riley bought it on the spot via the Internet. To complete the experience we'll have popcorn, movie theater candy, and sodas for all attendees.



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**Novice**

1. Dor. *pulcherrima* var. *champorensis* (left) - Cindy Smith

**Home Grown**

1. Stan. *graveolens* 'Harford' - The Lundys
2. Tie Cycd. Wine Delight 'JEM' FCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Cirr. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckelberry' FCC/AOS - Mark Robbins
3. Tie C. Portia 'Cannizaro' FCC/AOS - Marilyn Lauffer  
Bulb. *fascinator* - Bill Scharf



**Greenhouse**

1. Neost. Lou Sneary 'Colorful Blue' (above) - The Adamses
2. Cse. *sulphurea* - David Smith
3. Stan. *graveolens* - Eric Wiles

**Cattleya**

1. C. Lucky Gem 'Sarah' AM/AOS - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
2. C. Nigritian X Blc. Bryce Canyon (below) - John Dunning
3. Epi. Cal Orchids Fireball - Clark Riley



**Phalaenopsis**

1. Phal. *bellina* 'Chin Yo' - The Adamses
2. Phal. Spring Silk 'Wishful' - John Dunning
3. Phal. Brother Oconee 'Maria Theresa' Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith



**Oncidium**

1. Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Mtssa. Dark Star 'The Orchid Works' - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Odcdm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' (above)- Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste  
Onc. Sweet Ears 'The Orchid Works' - The Lundys

**Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium**

1. Paph. Pinocchio - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara (below) - Owen Humphrey  
Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration X Sue Franz) - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Paph. S. Gratrix - Mark Robbins



**Dendrobium**

1. Den. *phalaenopsis* 'White Bota' - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Den. Hybrid - Bill Soyke  
Den. Norma Jackson 'Red Velvet' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Den. Lim Chong Min - John Dunning



**Miscellaneous Hybrids**

1. Cym. Chen's Ruby 'Mem. Lonnie Riegel' AM/AOS (above) - The Riegels
2. Tie Cym. Golden Elf - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste  
Coel. (*lawrenciana* X *usitana*) - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. V. (Manuvadee X *coerulea*) - John Dunning



**Species**

1. Anci. *rothschildianus* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Hab. *rhodochila* 'Nuanu' FCC/AOS - Chris Zajac  
Hab. *oligochista* - Bill Soyke
3. Tie Bulb. *rothschildianum* - The Lundys  
Gram. *scriptum* (above) - John Dunning  
Gchls. *dasypogon* - The Adamses

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**Miniature**

- 1. Ang. *distichum* - The Adamses
- 2. Tie Den. *lomyaiae* (below) - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
- Ob. *toppingi* - David Smith
- 3. Neost. Lou Sneary - Chris Zajac



**First Bloom Seedling**

- 1. Phrag. (Lynn Evans Goldner X Pink Panther) (above) - David Smith
- 2. L. *pumila* - The Adamses
- 3. Phal. (*Jamelligera* X *bellina*) - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel

**Fragrance**

- 1. Blc. Cornerstone 'Fine Circle' - John Dunning
- 2. Blc. Hawaiian Beauty 'Pearl' - Marilyn Lauffer
- 3. Spir. *cernua* var. *odorata* - The Lundys

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy', exhibited by Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith. (See below for how they grow this wonderful plant.) The judges were Sara Spence, Laura Sobelman and Judi von Mehlem. There were 102 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month!

*october judges' choice*

*Degarmoara Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'* By Sarah Hurdel

This plant has proven to be a reliable bloomer and very easy to grow. Interestingly, this plant had not sold from the member sales table at the end of the 2009 MOS show (despite the fact that it was a large, healthy plant) and was offered up to the volunteers. Of course, I was unable to resist the temptation of a free plant, even if I had no idea what a Degarmoara was. Thanks, Mark!

I assumed by its pseudobulbs and leaves it was probably an Oncidium relative of some sort, and I was correct. I grow this plant outdoors in the summer, and under lights during the colder months. It doesn't skip a beat when actively growing through the hot humid weather — and like clockwork it begins forming spikes just after I bring it indoors. It also doesn't seem to mind when the spikes quickly outgrow the space

under the lights, and is forced to sit for 3 months on the floor in very low light. I did learn to keep the 'front' of the plant facing in the same direction (toward a light source) while the spikes develop and the blooms open — it makes staking and presentation much easier. Last year, I didn't do this and wrestled with the spikes until I broke one. I was left with several wonky blooms facing in different directions, all held together with a tangle of floral tape and wire.

This has been such a fun plant to grow, even with little room to spare — I'd highly recommend it to anyone looking for an easy, yet impressive plant for the fall shows or the show table. Now, if only I could bloom a Stanhopea....



# MOS Inducts Valerie Lowe as Life Member

Congratulations!

Once again I have the honor and privilege to introduce the latest MOS member to be inducted as a Maryland Orchid Society Life Member. The nomination, by Barbara Buck, was put forth to me in July and I'm sure you'll agree with the Board's unanimous decision to approve Valerie Lowe as a Maryland Orchid Society Life Member.

Valerie joined the Society in 1990. She almost immediately became Away Show Chair, a position she still holds today, along with being the MOS representative to the American Orchid Society and Orchid Digest. Valerie has served in a number of other positions, including MOS president from 1996-1999, and continues to play a major role in supporting and

improving the Maryland Orchid Society. Congratulations to Valerie on this achievement and thank you for your continued efforts and hard work for the Maryland Orchid Society.

Bill Scharf  
President, Maryland Orchid Society

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President, Maryland Orchid Society

I propose Valerie Lowe for Life Membership, because she is worthy of our recognition.

She has been an outstanding member of our society since 1990, and during that time she has been President from 1996-1999.

During her Vice Presidency she performed the following duties:

- Away Show Chairman since 1990, which at times takes her out of state.
- Secretary
- Editor of the Newsletter
- ODC representative
- Lectured at many MOS and AOS functions in and out of state.

Valerie continues to serve the MOS as Away Show Chair, ODC representative and AOS representative.

Valerie and her husband were registered for the 1996 Eastern Orchid Congress in Baltimore that MOS co-hosted with NCOS. She is one of the faithful members that are the backbone of the Society. This is one way we can show our appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Buck

## 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 November meeting.

The MOS roster comes out at the December party. Make sure you are on the list of Who's Who.

## *education corner*

At the November education corner, **Bill Soyke** will answer questions about how to grow award-winning Phalaenopsis.

## Don't Forget the December Holiday Party

Dust off your favorite dreidel or Rudolf costume, it's time for the annual MOS holiday party. Winner of the best costume award gets to take all the plants on the show table home. Also consider bringing a covered dish (of food) or some other food-related consumable to the party. If you'd like to contribute to the holiday party, contact Barbara Buck at 410-551-9374 or [barbarabuck@comcast.net](mailto:barbarabuck@comcast.net). Also, don't forget to pick up your 2011 - 2012 Member Roster at the meeting.



## David's Angraecum Continues to Wow Him

My *Angraecum distichum* that received the Judge's Choice award for September is blooming again, just as prolifically. I did not even realize that it was in bud when I saw the flowers. What a surprise!

David Smith



## New Members

The MOS would like to welcome new members John Trescott, Frederick McLean, Jr., and Sharon Everette

### *aos corner*

At the Trustees' Meeting in San Antonio last month, it was announced that the sale of headquarters of the American Orchid Society was approved and closing on the sale will be the end of November 2011. The Sandra C. Slomin Foundation and Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is purchasing the site to use as a day care facility and eventually a private elementary school to serve children with autism and related disabilities. The Board of Trustees also approved the process to enter into negotiations for a strategic partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. The move, if an acceptable partnership is approved, should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2012.

The Trustees also approved the Library Committee's report which gave the Committee the direction to thoroughly

inventory the extensive art collection, rare books and manuscripts and archives of the American Orchid Society in anticipation of its headquarter change. The Library Committee has the authority to determine which items will remain property of AOS and the disposition of those items that will not be retained. If any member wishes to inquire about a specific item's disposition, they may contact the Library Committee through their email [library\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:library_committee@aos.org).

What's new at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)?

- The 2012 Calendars are available for sale – a 14 month calendar loaded with beautiful orchid photographs, free shipping for AOS members. You may purchase it on line.
- Do you enjoy writing? The Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest has been announced. The topic is: The Greatest Influence On My Orchid Passion. It's your opportunity to tell the world what

person, place, event, book, magazine article, orchid or thing changed your orchid growing hobby forever. The deadline is November 30. The website has the rules and regulations as well as past winners.

- Call for Nominations. If you have ever had any interest in 'getting involved' with the AOS, or know of a shining star to recommend for consideration of the Nominating Committee, this is your opportunity. You may send an email to [nominating\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:nominating_committee@aos.org).

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

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

Thanks to the gracious loan of plants from S. & R. Adams, F. Dagostin, J. Dunning, S. Gaertner, O. Humphrey, S. Hurdel, M. Lauffer, B. Light, V. Lowe, A. Lundy, J. Mazur, N. Lynch, J. Riegel, C. Riley, M. Robbins, J. Roderick, W. Scharf, D. Smith, G. Smith, W. Soyke, C. Swett, P. Tran, E. Wiles, C. Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society was awarded the Orchid Digest Award for Best Amateur Exhibit in

Show. Many thanks to S. Hurdel, B. Light, J. Riegel, G. Smith, and C. Swett for helping me to install the exhibit and O. Humphrey, S. Hurdel, B. Light, G. Smith, and C. Swett to take down the exhibit. A special thanks to Sarah Hurdel for her design contribution.

Valerie Lowe

## First Place Ribbons

Angcm. *distichum* 'Harford'  
Phal. Spring Silk 'Wishful'  
Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara  
Den. *lanyaiaie*  
Dgrma. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'  
Doritis hybrid  
Giptm. Giant 'Rhein Harlequin'  
Ludisia *discolor*  
Paph. (Magic Leopard x Hsinying Rubyweb)  
Onc. Twinkle  
Chdrh. (Moliere x *albicans*)  
Den. *laevifolium*  
Dockrilla *rigida*  
Masd. Swallow  
Paph. *gratrixianum* 'Cedarcrest', HCC/AOS  
Bulb. *fascinator*  
Paph. Key Lime  
Chelonistele *sulphurea*  
Phrag. Noirmont

## Owner

S & R Adams  
J. Dunning  
O. Humphrey  
S. Hurdel  
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M. Lauffer  
B. Light  
V. Lowe  
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J. Mazur  
The Little Greenhouse  
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W. Scharf  
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D. Smith  
C. Zajac

## Second Place Ribbons

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue'  
Gram. *scriptum*  
Phal. Wedding Promenade  
Amsiella *monticola*  
Cycd. Wine Delight 'JEM', FCC/AOS  
Den. *lanyaiaie*  
Paph. (Hsinying Glory x *charlesworthii*)  
Ceratostylis *rubra*  
Epidendrum hybrid  
Bulb. *vitiense*  
Stenoglottis *longifolia*  
Den. hybrid  
Mkra. Salaya Gold  
Coch. *amazonica*  
Paph. *charlesworthii*  
Den. Norma Jackson  
Mtssa. Dark Star 'The Orchid Works'

S & R Adams  
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S. Gaertner  
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C. Riley  
D. Smith  
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W. Soyke  
C. Swett  
The Little Greenhouse  
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P. Tran  
C. Zajac

## Third Place Ribbons

Coel. Bird in Flight  
Paph. Magical Venus  
Paph. Pinocchio  
Paph. (Hsinying Glory x *charlesworthii*)  
Oberonia *oligotricha*  
Cym. Osborn  
Den. *laevifolium*  
Colm. Wildcat 'Rainbow'

## Owner

S. Hurdel  
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"  
A. Lundy  
D. Smith  
C. Swett  
The Little Greenhouse  
P. Tran

## Best Miniature in Show

Angcm. *distichum* 'Harford'

S & R Adams

## Best Species in Show

Angcm. *distichum* 'Harford'

S & R Adams



Photo by Valerie Lowe



Photo by Beng Light



Photo by Beng Light



Photo by Beng Light

# The Little Greenhouse is Holding an Open House

**When:** Saturday, December 17, 2011

**Time:** 9 am - 5 pm

**Where:** 9845 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

The Little Greenhouse is holding an open house for MOS members.

Come take a tour of the facilities, get answers to orchid-related questions and see spectacular plants.

Shop for the holidays! Members receive a 20% discount and there will be other specials offered, too.

If you are not an MOS member but would like to become one, membership applications will available as well.

The Little Greenhouse is also giving away a \$50 gift certificate,

but you must attend the open house and be a member to win.

For more information:

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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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