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News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

April 2012

president's message

The Orchid Shuffle

Like most people I am happy to have the end of April in sight. As orchid growers, especially ones without a greenhouse, we may have slightly different reasons, but good reasons none the less. Yes the spring flowers are wonderful. Seeing the daffodils and tulips brightening the gardens has to make one smile.

As the end of April finally arrives so do temperatures that will allow us to get our orchids outside and keep them out. Several weeks ago we had the temperature tease, a week where the nighttime temperature stayed above 50. I'm sure I'm not the only one who jumped on that opportunity. I needed to get the 30 some plants out of my kids' bedrooms and bathroom and to the sunny

warm outdoors. That was a bit premature, as I have been doing the orchid shuffle ever since and frankly I'm getting tired of it. Each morning as the temperature reaches 50ish I shuffle the plants outside and again at night shuffle them back in. This gets old very quickly, so I am very much looking forward to the end of April so I can stop doing the orchid shuffle.



There are a few things to keep in mind as you move your plants out. Do not put them directly on the ground. Slugs and snails will find them faster than you'd believe.

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Dr. Ruben Sauleda to Speak on Flasking and Propagation

Our April speaker will be Dr. Ruben Sauleda of Ruben in Orchids (Goulds, FL). Dr. Sauleda specializes in flasking and raising Cattleya and Encyclia species and hybrids; therefore, it seems only fitting that we asked him to deliver a presentation titled Flasking and Propagation of Orchids. He will have plants and perhaps a few flasks for sale at the meeting. You may also preorder plants by visiting his website (<http://rsauleda.tripod.com>) or placing an order directly via eBay



where he sells on-line. (See instructions below.) Orders must be placed by 13 April to be delivered at the meeting.

Note: Your Program Chair would like to acknowledge the initiative and planning undertaken by Lynn Evans-Goldner, Program Chair at National Capital Orchid Society, with whom we are sharing Dr. Sauleda as a speaker this month. Thanks Lynn!

Ruben in Orchids eBay Store

1. Go to www.ebay.com.
2. Scroll to the bottom of page and click on the Stores link under BUY.
3. In the Find a Store box on the left, enter "Ruben in Orchids" in the Search for a Store textbox, enable the By Store name radio button, and click the Search button.
4. Click the Ruben In Orchids link to access the list of plants for sale.

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march 2012 show table

by Tom McBride

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

Novice

No Entries



Home Grown

1. Lept. *bicolor* (above) - Bill Scharf
2. Tie Phrag. *Dominianum* 'Bob Mac' AM/AOS - Val Lowe
Paph. *Johanna Burkhardt* - Clark Riley
3. Tie Psy. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer
Phal. Hybrid - Sandy Bertamini



Greenhouse

1. *C. walkeri* (above) - Jos Venturina
2. Slc. Final Touch 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS - David Smith
3. Tie Paph. *philippinense* - Lou Vadorsky
Den. Red Emperor 'Prince' - Cy Swett

Cattleya

1. *L. jongheana* 'Turnberry' AM/AOS - David Smith
2. Tie Slc. Rosemary Clooney 'Nanae' - Cy Swett
Ctt. Gold Digger 'Fuch's Mandarin' - The Lundys
Ctt. Gold Digger 'Fuch's Mandarin' (top, middle column) - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
3. Tie Pot. Afternoon Delight 'Radiant Orange' - Barbara Buck
C. intermedia var. *orlata* 'Crownfox' - Michael Moran

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - Sandy Bertamini
2. Tie Phal. Akatsuka Splash - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
Phal. Hybrid - Bill Soyke
3. Tie Phal. Nobby's Amy - Barbara Buck
Phal. Blond Beauty - The Dagostins



Oncidium

1. Brs. Hybrid - Chris Zajac
2. Onc. Hawaiian Sunset 'The One' - John Dunning
3. Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy' - Owen Humphrey



Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. *Sedenii* 'Candidulum' (above) - The Lundys
2. Paph. *Iantha Stage* 'Tom Cat' AM/AOS (below) - Mark Robbins
3. Tie Paph. *hirsutissimum* - David Smith
Paph. (Hsinying Inspiration X Sue Franz) - Bill Scharf



Dendrobium

1. Den. *polysema* - David Smith
2. Tie Den. Blue Twinkle - John Dunning
Den. Nora Tokunaga - Cy Swett
3. Den. Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe' HCC/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Ascda. Hybrid - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
2. Zga. Adelaide Meadows 'HOF' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

Species

1. Den. *pierardii* - David Smith
2. Tie Phal. *pantherina* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
Morm. *hookerae* - Michael Moran
3. Lyc. *skinneri* (below) - Cy Swett



Miniature

1. Sgps. *comberi* - David Smith
2. Hab. *carnea* - Cy Swett
3. Phal. Hybrid - Janice Mazur



First Bloom Seedling

1. Phrag. Fliquet (above) - The Lundys
2. Tie Pot. Rubescense X Sc. Orpetii - Clark Riley
V. VRB DL Blue - Sue Spicer
3. Paph. *venustum* - John Dunning

Fragrance

1. *C. Margaret Degenhardt* 'Saturn' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Onc. Sharry Baby - Anne Minkowski

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *L. jongheana* 'Turnberry' AM/AOS, exhibited by David Smith. See page 3 for David's tips on how he grows this award-winning plant. The judges were Rich Kaste, Sarah Spence and Marilyn Lauffer. There was an incredible 131 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month!

march 2012 judges' choice

Laelia jongheana

By David Smith

The plant selected by the show-table judges as the Judge's Choice for the March, 2012 meeting was *Laelia jongheana* 'Turnberry' AM/AOS. 'Turnberry' was awarded the Award of Merit at the MOS show in March 2010 with 83 points.

This plant was purchased from the Tropical Orchid Farm in January, 2005 for \$20. It is a seed-grown plant rather than tissue-cultured which means that the high quality of the flower was totally unknown at the time of purchase and only became known when it bloomed for the first time in 2009.



Photo by Sarah Hurdel

'Turnberry' is grown in a greenhouse under intermediate conditions, 55°-60° F night temperatures during the winter and a maximum summer daytime temperature of around 85-86° F. The humidity is kept

high at around 50-70% with good air movement and bright light (actually, it gets some full sun during the winter because the greenhouse is not shaded at that time). Fertilization is mild at about ¼ to ½ tsp. per gallon of 20-20-20 chemical fertilizer about 3rd to 4th watering depending on the season, with the lower amount during the winter. It is growing in a 5 inch net pot hanging from the roof of the greenhouse and has proven to be a fairly easily grown plant which does not require any special conditions.

David Smith
4/9/2012

calendar

Note the following events:

- April 14, 2012 MOS Orchid Workshop
- April 19, 2012 MOS Monthly Meeting
- April 30, 2012 MOS Board Meeting

For more events visit: https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ke0gdgeah30i7ovjtb9qfr4r2o@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK

Stay Tuned for These Upcoming Speakers

The following are tentatively scheduled as MOS speakers for 2012:

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| May | Mark Werther Sentinel Orchids (Radnor, PA) |
| June | Erich Michel Michel Orchid Nursery (Mooresville, IN) |
| September | Tom McBride Show Table Results |

2012 MOS Nominating Committee Recommendations

The MOS Nominating Committee would like to recommend the following slate of Officers to the Membership:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| President: | Eric Wiles |
| Vice President: | Sarah Spence |
| Controller: | Mary Chiu |
| Treasurer: | Chip Hiebler |
| Secretary: | Sarah Hurdel |
| Director: | Gregg Custis Chris Zajac |

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Lowe, Nominating Committee Chair
Joan Roderick
Chip Hiebler

Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit at the SEPOS Show in Longwood Gardens

Thanks to the generosity of the membership (Steve and Rachael Adams, Barbara Buck, Frank Dagostin, Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Ann Lundy, Michael Moran, Jamie Riegel, Clark Riley, Mark Robbins, Joan Roderick, William Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, William Soyke, Cyrus Swett, Phuong Tran, Jos Venturina, Eric Wiles, Chris Zajac, and The Little Greenhouse) the Away Shows Team (Steve and Rachael Adams, Gregg Custis, Sarah Hurdel, Valerie Lowe, Jamie Riegel, Gary Smith) put in a stunning

Exhibit. Although we applied for a 50 sq. ft. space, by the time we were finished the exhibit was classified as 100 sq. ft. or greater and took First Place in that class! The exhibit also received a Silver Certificate from the American Orchid Society judges and Michael Moran's very well grown plant of *Cattleya intermedia v. orlata* 'Crownfox', AM/AOS received an AOS award for culture. Tear-down was a snap with the help of Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, David and Margaret Smith, Gary Smith, Eric Wiles. Listed below are the judging results:

First Place

Lyc brevispatha
Paph. Memoria Larry Heuer
Paph. (Susan Booth x *wilhelminiae*)
Phal hybrid #3 'Ashes'
Paph *fairieanum*
Maxillaria *variabilis*
Phal. White Dream 'V-3'
Macodes *petola*
Renanopsis Embers 'Woodland's Best' Am/AOS
Rrm. Fire Glow 'Harford', HCC/AOS
Paph. Deedmanianum
Den. *nobile v alba*
Cattleya *intermedia var orlata* 'Crownfox' HCC/AOS
Miltoniopsis Hajime Ono
Rhyncostylis *gigantea v alba*
Lc. Fire Dance 'Patricia', AM/AOS
Den. Yellow Chinsai 'Little Joe' HCC/AOS
Phrag. Dominanum 'Bob Mac', AM/AOS
Epi. *radicans* 'Al's Gift'

Cyrus Swett
Sarah Hurdel/Gary Smith
Valerie Lowe
Eric Wiles
Eric Wiles
Steve and Rachael Adams
Steve and Rachael Adams
Sarah Hurdel/Gary Smith
Steve and Rachael Adams
The Little Greenhouse
Owen Humphrey
Cyrus Swett
Michael Moran
William Soyke
Phuong Tran
Jos Venturina
The Little Greenhouse
Valerie Lowe
Steve and Rachael Adams

Second Place

Max. *coccinea*
Bulb. Dragon's Breath
Ludisia *discolor* 'Ambrosia', JC/AOS
Ctt. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'
Ascocentrum *ampullaceum v. moulmeinense*
Paph. *hirsutissimum var. esquirelei* 'Goodwood'
AM/AOS
Goodyera *schlectendaliana*
Den. Red Emperor "Prince", AM/AOS
Slc. Jillian Lee (red/orange)
Rfdra. Jerry 'Pacific Empire'
Den. *pentapterum*
Leptotes *bicolor*
Paph. (Sue Franz x Night Shadow)
Restrepia Tiny Tot
Paph. Lathamianum
Slc Rosemary Clooney 'Nanae', AM/AOS
Phrag. Sedenii 'Candidulum'
Paraphalaenopsis *labukensis*
Phal *stuartiana*
Phrag. Grande 'Loch Raven', HCC/AOS

Jos Venturina
Steve and Rachael Adams
Valerie Lowe
Sarah Hurdel/Gary Smith
Steve and Rachael Adams

Ann Lundy
Sarah Hurdel/Gary Smith
Cyrus Swett
Steve and Rachael Adams
Valerie Lowe
Steve and Rachael Adams
William Scharf
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William Scharf
Jamie Riegel
Cyrus Swett
Ann Lundy
Steve and Rachael Adams
Owen Humphrey
Valerie Lowe

Third Place

Paph. *chamberlainianum v latifolium*
Paph. William Ambler
Den Roy Tokunaga
Den Nora Tokunaga
Den. *amethystoglossum*
Hwra Lava Burst 'Puananii' AM/AOS
Phal hybrid #2 'Chimo'
Paph. Fairly Stoned
Miltoniopsis Hajime Ono 'Maui Falls' AM/AOS
Phal. Akatsuka Splash
Maxillaria *tenuifolia*
Lud. Lacewing
Den. Nestor

Valerie Lowe
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David Smith
Cyrus Swett
Steve and Rachael Adams
Michael Moran
Eric Wiles
Ann Lundy
Eric Wiles
Sarah Hurdel/Gary Smith
Michael Moran
Valerie Lowe
Ann Lundy

Honorable Mention

Den. *mohlianum*
Den. Green Lantern
Schoenorchis *gemmata*
Sarcogyphis *comberi*

Steve and Rachael Adams
Michael Moran
David Smith
David Smith

Best of Blues

Den. *eximium*

Steve and Rachael Adams



Den. *eximium*
Photo by Barry Woolf



MOS Display Photo by Valerie Lowe

An Update from Headquarters – AOS on the move

The sale of the property to the Slomin Foundation, a foundation supporting those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, was completed on November 20, 2011. The AOS orchid collection was moved to temporary growing space in mid-December managed by a major donor to the Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Fairchild is now in the process of cataloging these plants and will in the next month or so begin their move and permanent installation within the Gardens. On Monday March 26, the furniture was moved from the old location to our new offices at the Fairchild and we will then begin the process of settling in. Due to the commuting distance, a number of AOS employees will not be going with us which will require us to manage the day-to-day business to the best of our abilities. During this interim transition, members may experience a delay with regard to requests of the staff and it is recommended that contact be through the general email address TheAOS@aos.org or through the appropriate committee email addresses. We will do our best to keep



these to a minimum. More information about the move and transition will be forthcoming in future issues of *Orchids* or from time to time on the AOS website.

The new AOS mailing address is: The American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156.

Announcing the 2012 Magazine Supplement

AOS has an excellent thesis on the genus *Cycnoches*, written by George Carr which will be published as the third AOS magazine supplement. It is a thorough and well-researched paper written by an expert on this genus of orchids that are becoming increasingly popular. We know it will be a valued addition to this volume of *Orchids*. It will mail with the August issue of *Orchids* and once again we appeal to the membership to make a small donation to help underwrite the cost of production.

If each member of the AOS donates merely \$2.00, we will have enough to publish this special 32-page supplement and cover the increased cost of mailing with the regularly scheduled magazine. Please go to the AOS website and click the 2012 Magazine Supplement link for a painless payment of \$2.00 through PayPal.® Of course you may also donate more than \$2.00.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

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They love to hang out under your pots, so hang plants if at all possible. Also check them regularly for other pests such as aphids and even scale and mealy bugs as they get airborne and find your orchids to be a tasty treat. Be aware of the sun. Never put your plant in direct sunlight right away, ease them into it and only for a little while. Orchid leaves can burn very easily and those burns never go away.

Even with the possible problems of putting your plants outside, it's well worth it. Every

year I see a big improvement once they are outside—better light and air movement really help. Temperature differential is a plus as well. So get those plants out soon and keep them there, they'll thank you for it.

Happy Growing,

Bill

New Members

The MOS would like to welcome new members:

Barbara Wise, Jennifer Hildebrand and John Overholser

Members Count

There were 58 members at the February meeting.

March 8 in Conjunction with the Maryland Orchid Society Show:

David Smith's plant of *Dendrochilum curranii* 'Ron Wood' received a 93 point Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE). His plant of *Epidendrum* Little Miss Sunshine 'Maureen Wood' received an 80 point Award of Merit (AM).



Photo by James Osen



Photo by James Osen

March 23 in Conjunction with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show:

Michael Moran's plant of *Cattleya intermedia* v. *orlata* 'Crownfox', AM/AOS received an 83 point Certificate of Culture Merit (CCM).

The Maryland Orchid Society exhibit received an 86 point Silver Certificate for 'outstanding diversity of genera and overall excellence in flower quality and culture'.



Photo by Barry Wolff

April 7 National Capital Judging Center:

The Little Greenhouse plant of *Phalaenopsis* Krull's Red Hot 'Harford's Sunrise' received an 80 point AM.



Photo by Ken Meier

Valerie Lowe's *Paphiopedilum* hybrid of Susan Booth x *wilhelminiae* 'Maxa's Easter Surprise' received an 80 point AM. Since the registration is in question at this time, the award is a provisional one until further information is received from the Royal Horticultural Society International Orchid Registrar.



Photo by Ken Meier

(NOTE: As of April 13, 2012, this hybrid is now registered as Paph. Robert Wylie Lowe, after Valerie's father.)

Dr. Ruben Sauleda to Speak on Flasking and Propagation

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Dr. Sauleda's Bio

Dr. Ruben P. Sauleda began growing orchids at the age of 12. At the age of 16, he established Ruben In Orchids. Almost half a century later, Ruben In Orchids is recognized internationally and is one of the oldest orchid business in the United States.

After graduating from Miami Senior High School, he attended Miami-Dade Junior College where he received an Associate of Arts. He was the first biology student in the first graduating class to receive a Bachelor of Science at Florida International University. He was then accepted to Florida Atlantic University where he received a Master of Science in biology

working on the orchids of the Bahama Islands. During this time, he was asked by Dr. Donovan S. Correll to collaborate on the Flora of the Bahamas by contributing the treatment of the orchids. After graduating from FAU, he was accepted to the University of South Florida, where he received his Ph.D. in Orchid Taxonomy. He has held positions as a Research Associate at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Florida Atlantic University, the University of South Florida, and several other research institutions. He has taught classes at Florida International University and Miami-Dade Junior College.

Dr. Sauleda has written several books on orchid culture and has written over a hundred articles in scientific journals. He was Chairman of Education for the 2008 World Orchid Conference in Miami. His was responsible for arranging all the lectures, overseeing all the photography and was the editor of the proceedings. His specialty is flasking and is presently the leader in reproducing *Encyclia*, *Cattleya*, *Schomburgia*, and *Tolumnia* species and hybrids.

Gary Smith,
Program Chair

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Held at Silva Orchids



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

Contributors: Sarah Hurdel, Valerie Lowe, Tom McBride, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Laura Sobelman. If I missed anyone, I truly apologize.

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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