

MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY  
**ORCHID**  
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News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

March 2013

## March's Speakers Will be the Growers Round Table

The MOS is very excited to present a panel of seasoned orchid growers who have selected very useful topics for discussion which are geared towards novice orchid growers. The topic "Your First Orchid (What Now?)," will be covered by panel members John Dunning, Chip Hiebler and Chris Zajac. Each will speak about a specific topic and answer audience questions.

### Chip Hiebler

Chip is a successful windowsill grower who recently added a sun room growing space to his home. He has actively grown orchids for 3 years and has won MOS Show Table Awards. Favorite orchids are epidendrums and miltonias. Chip serves as MOS Treasurer. He will talk about how a first orchid turns into a passion, about a hobby progressing over 3 years into a passion and how to inexpensively and effectively provide humidity for windowsill culture.

### Chris Zajac

Chris transitioned into a skilled orchid grower through experimentation of indoor lighting and outdoor culture. He has been an avid orchid grower for 7 years and has won several MOS Show Table Awards. Chris serves as a Director on the MOS Board. He will discuss Indoor and Outdoor watering techniques, use of 1000 watt full spectrum bulb for indoor growing and the beauty of growing orchids in trees.

### John Dunning

John knew nothing about orchid culture after retiring 8 years ago, but started learning by using books and the wise advice of several MOS members. He has kept alive some orchids for as long as 7 of his 8 years of growing them indoors, using his sun porch and 2 basement plant rooms. He will talk about outdoor survival and protecting plants from hot summer sun and pesky garden pests and adding spice to your growth media.

## ORCHID WORKSHOP YOU'RE INVITED

The Maryland Orchid Society is presenting a workshop on orchid growing, culture and care.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013**

from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. David's Church,  
4700 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210.

There will be demonstrations, discussions, hands-on training in repotting, media, and growing techniques.

Admission is \$15.00 per person, includes lunch and supplies. For more details call 410-456-1794.

Remove and return lower portion with payment.

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# February 2013 show table winners by Tom McBride

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

## Novice

1. Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball' JC/AOS (right)- Wanda Kuhn
2. Den. *nobile* Hybrid - Tammi Staub
3. Paph. Dimension - Amanda Gallegos



## Home Grown

1. Phrag. Sedenii 'Roseum' (below)- Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie Paph. Gael - Robert Johnston  
Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
3. Tie Sederia *japonica* - Deborah Dade  
Paph. Mount Toro - Valerie Lowe



## Greenhouse

1. Den. *aggregatum* var. *majus* - Jos Venturina
2. Tie Ddc. *tenellum* - David Smith  
Paph. *phillippinense* (below)- Lou Vadorsky
3. *V. suavis* - Eric Wiles



## Cattleya

1. *C. deckeri* 'Mem. Fred Fuchs' AM/AOS (column 2, top)- Barbara Buck
2. Tie *C. Horace* X Bc. Deborah Smith - Michael Moran  
*L. gloedeniana* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Slc. Love Castle 'Kurenai' BM/JOGA - Clark Riley  
*C. intermedia* var. *coerulea* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel



## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Janice Mazur  
Phal. Hybrid - Chris Zajac
3. Phal. Hybrid - Barbara Buck



## Oncidium

1. Odcdm. Wildcat - John Dunning
2. Tie Odcdm. Sunlight 'Pacific Punch' - Eric Wiles  
Brstdm. Fly Away 'Miami' - Chris Zajac
3. Bapt. *echinata* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel



## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Michael Koopowitz - Mark Robbins
2. Tie Paph. *lowii* (above)- Clark Riley  
Phrag. Belle Hogue Point - The Soykes
3. Tie Paph. Saint Swithin - Valerie Lowe  
Paph. Sun and Surf - David Smith

## Dendrobium

1. Den. Nida Stripes - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Den. *aberrans* - David Smith  
Den. Upin King 'Serenade' - Jos Venturina
3. Tie Den. Wonder Nishii - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste  
Den. (Princess Assi X *unicum*) - Eric Wiles



## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Lyc. Shoalhaven - David Smith
2. Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' - Eric Wiles
3. Ascda. Kuwaldee 'Fragrance No. 3' - Jos Venturina

## Species

1. Ddc. *bicallosum* - David Smith
2. *C. walkeriana* var. *alba* - Jos Venturina
3. Lsa. *discolor* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste



## Miniature

1. Ddc. *irigense* - David Smith
2. Thecopus *secunda* (above)- Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Aergs. *citrata* - Eric Wiles

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. Lady Isabel - Valerie Lowe
2. Paph. (Doctor Jack X *fairieanum*) - John Dunning
3. Phrag. Pink Panther - Dave Halla

## Fragrance

1. *B. cordata* - Eric Wiles
2. Rhy. *gigantea* var. *alba* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Ddc. *uncatum* - The Riegels

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Den. *aggregatum* var. *majus*, exhibited by Jos Venturina. (See page 3.)The judges were Ernie Drohan, Marilyn Lauffer and Aaron Webb. There were an incredible 147 beautiful plants displayed on our show table this month.



# Orchids of Latin America

Want to stroll through a tropical rainforest on a cold winter's day? Drink in a fragrant orchid? The 2013 orchid exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History, Orchids of Latin America, explores the rich crossroads where orchid botany, horticulture, and Latin American cultures meet. Featuring orchids from the Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection and the United States Botanic Garden Orchid Collection, the exhibit looks at the importance of orchids in Latin American folklore and cultural traditions, explores how that region is a hotbed for scientific research on orchid biology and evolution, and highlights conservation efforts to preserve orchids and their habitats for future generations. On March 19th, 21st and 27th, 8:30 - 10 am, Tom Mirenda, Orchid Expert, will offer The Smithsonian Associates Tour. This exhibit is well worth the trip to brighten up a bleak winter day. It runs until April 24.

For more details, visit <http://gardens.si.edu/whats-happening/orchid-exhibition.html>



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## What's going on at AOS Headquarters?

If you have had an occasion to speak with anyone at AOS Headquarters, you may find some new additions (or changes of duties) for the staff. With the addition of Gladys Garcia-Greenberg last summer, a realignment of some of the duties over the past few months has occurred. As a way of introduction, the current staffing at AOS is:

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If you have any questions that do not fit into any category listed above, you may always send them to theaos@aos.org. The main phone number at headquarters is 305-740-2010. Each Committee also has its own email address. The various committees and contact information may be found in the front of Orchids, as well as on the AOS website.

Hopefully by now you have checked out the digital version of our monthly magazine, Orchids. It can be downloaded and read on your computer, tablet or whatever portable device you may have. It has been very well received, especially for those recipients outside the United States. It is usually available before the first of each month.

Time is running out for the purchase of the 2013 Conservation Calendar. I understand that supplies are becoming limited. Contact headquarters for special bulk ordering or to just order one! Remember \$2 of each purchase price funds the AOS conservation initiatives.

## Don't Miss These Exciting Speakers!

**Deborah Dade has a thrilling speaker line-up planned for MOS' 2013 monthly meetings. Tentatively scheduled are the following presenters:**

**March: Expert Growers Round Table. Ask questions and get expert advice from some of our more experienced growers.**

**April: Bill Thoms, A-Doribil. Bill will be sending a list of plants for pre-orders. He is an excellent speaker and renowned for his expertise on bulbophyllum culture.**

**May: Joe Silva, Silva Orchids, Neptune, NJ**

**June: Robert Griesbach, "A Guide to Phalaenopsis Species"**

**September: Tom McBride, The Little Greenhouse, Baltimore, MD**

**October: Tom Mirenda, Smithsonian Institution Orchid Collection Specialist, Washington, D.C.**

**To be announced: Linda Thorne, Seagrove Orchids, Seagrove, NC**

## Other Planned Events

**MOS is planning several events in the near future. For more information, please contact Eric Wiles so we can determine if we have enough members interested in attending these events.**

**Field trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, Washington, D.C.**

**Field trip to Rawlings Conservatory Orchid room**

**Second annual MOS summer party**

## Member Update

**There were 62 members at the February meeting.**

**Please welcome the following new or returning members:**

**David and Amanda Halla, Dr. Joel Edward Graham, Frederick McLean, Jr. and Sharon Everette**



## education corner

### Calling All Critics

The March Education Corner topic will be a brief critique of the show. There will be an emphasis on the small exhibits, member participation, experience input by various members and an overview of the judging and clerking.

## local aos news

David Smith's plant of *Dendrobium woodsii* 'Turnberry' received a provisional CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit) of 82 points at the 2013 Maryland Orchid Society Show. Once the identification of this species is confirmed by the Species Identification Task Force of the American Orchid Society, the award will be official.



## calendar

### 26 January thru 21 April – Orchids of Latin America

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1 February thru 24 March – Orchid Extravaganza, Longwood Gardens  
Visit <http://www.longwoodgardens.org/orchidextravaganza.html> for more information.

6 April MOS Workshops and lectures

12-14 April SEPOS Show

25 April MOS Board Meeting

For additional information on these and other orchid-related events, visit the on-line MOS Calendar. Bookmark the address. Please report missing events, so we can add them for everyone's benefit.

[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ke0gdgeah30i7ovjtb9qfr4r2o@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ke0gdgeah30i7ovjtb9qfr4r2o@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York)

### The SEPOS Show is April 12- 14

Below is a list of attending exhibitors and vendors. See page 8 for more information.

#### Society & Amateur Exhibits – 2013

##### American Orchid Society Affiliates:

Delaware O.S.  
Bucks County O.S.  
Deep Cut O.S.  
Greater Philadelphia O.S.  
Maryland O.S.  
National Capital O.S.  
North Jersey O.S.  
Pinelands O.S.  
Southeastern Pennsylvania O.S.  
South Jersey O.S.  
Susquehanna O.S. Amateur:  
Ballantyne and Doran  
Stuart Hughes

##### Other:

Mt Cuba Center  
Native Orchid Conference  
International Phalaenopsis Alliance  
American Fukiran Society

#### 2013 SHOW CONFIRMED VENDOR

Andy's Orchids  
Black Jungle Terrarium Supply  
Creative Hydroponics  
Ecuagenera  
Fishing Creek Orchids  
Gold Country Orchids  
Hang-A-Pot  
J & L Orchids  
JustPat Orchids  
Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies  
Little Brook Orchids  
Lois Duffin Orchids  
Marlow Orchids  
Michel Orchid Nursery  
Miranda Orchids  
Mt. Prospect Orchids  
Ooi Leng Sun Orchids  
The orchidPhile  
Parkside Orchids  
Piping Rock Orchids  
Seed Engei  
Stony Brook Orchids  
Sunisa's Clay Flowers  
Ten Shin Gardens  
Waldor Orchids

NEW VENUE!

SEPOS

# International Orchid Show & Sale

at the Academy of Natural Sciences  
of Drexel University

April 12–14, 2013

Free with Academy general admission

See the Academy transformed  
into a magical world of orchids.

- ▶ Both popular and rare orchids from around the world for sale
- ▶ Thousands of exquisite orchids on display
- ▶ Talks, activities, special displays, and behind-the-scenes tours of the Academy's botany collection
- ▶ Judging by American Orchid Society

#### PARTICIPATING VENDORS

Andy's Orchids | Black Jungle | Cal-Orchid  
Creative Hydroponics | Ecuagenera  
Fishing Creek | Gold Country | J&L Orchids | Just Pat  
Kelly's Korner | Little Brook | Lois Duffin Orchids  
Ooi Leng Sun | orchidPhile | Parkside Orchids  
Piping Rock | Seed Engei | Silva Orchids | Stony Brook  
Ten Shin Gardens | The Five Senses | Waldor Orchids

In collaboration with Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society

[sepos.org](http://sepos.org)

For more information call 215-299-1000 or visit [ansp.org/orchidshow](http://ansp.org/orchidshow)

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# February judges' choice

## Dendrobium aggregatum variety majus

I bought this plant from Waldor Orchids several years ago. At that time, it had approximately 20 mature canes, and was planted in sphagnum moss in a 5-inch plastic pot. Since I have not had much success growing in sphagnum moss, I transplanted it into a plastic basket using fast-draining bark mix.

This type of dendrobium is not easy to bloom. It requires bright light (similar to cattleyas), and daily watering and fertilizing during the growing season from April to October. I take it out of the greenhouse and keep it under 50% shade during summer. Once the temperature goes down in the fall it returns to the greenhouse, hung close to the roof, and watering and fertilizing ceases completely.

At about 55-degree winter temperatures, this plant initiates multiple flower spikes. This is when I groom the plant; I apply Neem oil to deter pests. Getting the flowers to open all at the same time is tricky (and out of my control). And the blooms only last for two or three weeks at most. Once in full bloom, though, it is a bright, cheerful sight to behold (Maria refers to it as the "happiness plant"). The sweet, honey-scented fragrance during the day just completes this beautiful package.

Jos Venturina,  
February Judges' Choice Award winner

(This is the fifth consecutive month Jos has won the Judges' Choice Award. He has become a regular MOS News columnist.)



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

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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