

# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

# ORCHID

## newsletter

News and information for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

May 2013



## May's Speaker is Tony Silva of Silva Orchids

**T**ony Silva will be speaking this month about the history of the orchid business and its future. He is a second generation orchid grower who, along with his brother Joe, operates Silva Orchids in Neptune, N.J. The brothers sell premium quality flowering orchids and other orchid specimens to the high end flower shops in New York City. Their greenhouses are open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays. They also have an online catalog.

Silva Orchids was founded in 1957 by August Silva. "Gus" started growing orchids in 1934 and became known for his superb orchid culture. In 1977 his sons, Anthony and Joseph took over the

business after Gus' passing and have continued the tradition of producing only quality orchids.

The company has received over 75 AOS awards and they were the winner of the 2006 Ernest Hetherington Award for the best plant grown in the country for that same year and the Robert Dugger Award for the best *Odontoglossum* grown in 2005.

Silva Orchids is the home of the Shore Orchid Festival held annually in June. The festival boasts 20 vendors from around the world with AOS Judging, free lecture and workshops. For more information visit the web site at [silvaorchids.com](http://silvaorchids.com)

## MOS Plans Trip to the Rawlings Conservatory in June!

The MOS is planning a trip to the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park on Saturday, June 22. Please join us as we first tour the conservatory, including its orchid room, and then drive to nearby Cylburn Park to visit the greenhouses. We will meet at the Conservatory, 3100 Swann Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21217, at 10 am. Entrance to Rawlings is \$6 and there is no fee to tour the greenhouses.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, email Laura at [sobelman1@verizon.net](mailto:sobelman1@verizon.net) or sign up at the May meeting, for more information about the Conservatory: [www.rawlingsconservatory.org/](http://www.rawlingsconservatory.org/)



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# april 2013 show table winners

by Tom McBride

Photos by Sarah Hurdel



## Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Hallameyers
2. Epi. Rose Valley (above)- Benjamin Sims
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Ann Bain  
Phal. Hybrid - Amanda Gallegos



## Home Grown

1. *C. skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - The Lundys
2. Tie Phrag. Grande 'Loch Raven' HCC/AOS (above)- Val Lowe  
Paph. Oriental Tapestry - Mark Robbins  
Prom. *colmaniana* - The Soykes
3. Tie Paph. (Sander's Pride X Susan Booth) - John Dunning  
Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' - Janice Mazur

## Greenhouse

1. Sarc. (Sweetheart X Fitzhart) - Jos Venturina
2. Schom. *undulata* - Barbara Buck
3. Ascf. Cherry Blossom - Clark Riley

## Cattleya

1. *C. Irene* Holquin 'Brown Eyes' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. *C. skinneri* var *alba* - The Adamses
3. Tie Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston  
Epi. Prince Valley - Chris Zajac

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Mark Robbins  
Phal. (Wild Delight X Minho Princess) - Steve Schneider  
Phal. *honghenensis* - David Smith
3. Tie Phal. Cordova 'Orchidphile' AM/AOS - The Adamses  
Phal. Hybrid - Jo Ann Russo  
Phal. *hieroglyphica* 'Sarah' AM/AOS - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Julius - The Adamses
2. Tie Paph. Franz Glanz - Mark Robbins  
Paph. *hirsuttissimum* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
3. Phrag. Bel Croute - The Lundys

## Oncidium

1. Odcdm. Wildcat 'Bobcat' - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel
2. Tie Oncda. Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen' - Eric Wiles  
Brsdm. Hybrid - Chris Zajac
3. Mtssa. Hybrid - The Soykes

## Dendrobium

1. Den. Green Lantern - Michael Moran
2. Tie Den. *brymerianum* 'Malvern' AM/AOS - David Smith  
Den. *atroviolaceum* - Eric Wiles
3. Den. (Mingle's Sapphire X *victoria reginae*) - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel



## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. V. Pachara Delight 'Pachara' FCC/JOGA - The Soykes
2. Cym. Hybrid (above)- Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Aerth. Grandiose 'Shooting Star' AM/AOS (below)- The Lundys



## Species

1. *C. skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie Bulb. *falcatum* - The Adamses  
Pths. *stricta* - David Smith
3. Tie L. *purpurata* var. *sanguinea* 'Vermelda de Santa Lidia' - The Lundys  
Den. *denudens* - Gary Smith & Sarah Hurdel

## Miniature

1. Pths. *mathildae* - David Smith
2. Lepadthopsis *astrophora* 'Stalky' - Bill Scharf
3. Tie Scaph. *verrucosum* - The Adamses  
Phal. *braceana* - Eric Wiles



## First Bloom Seedling

1. Ren. *storei* (above)- Jos Venturina
2. Paph. Julius - John Dunning

## Fragrance

1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy' - Laura Sobelman
2. Rl. *digbyana* 'Mrs. Chase' AM/AOS - The Lundys
3. Max. *tenuifolia* - Eric Wiles

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *C. skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS (below), exhibited by Michael Moran. The judges were Mary Chiu, Gregg Custis and Mark Robbins. There were an incredible 142 beautiful plants displayed on our show table.





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
ELEVENTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKERS' DAY!!  
"WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS"**

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California  
Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the **Ahmanson Classroom**  
FEATURING

All Genera Flower Display – Orchid Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner  
**Remember!! AOS judging at 10:00 AM**  
Open at 11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the flower display  
Prize for best species and best hybrid,

**Lecturers:** Thomas Mirenda (Virginia), Ron Kaufmann (San Diego),  
Paul Tuskes (San Diego), Mario Ferrusi (Toronto)  
Dinner Speaker: Alec Pridgeon (Florida)

**VENDORS:** Cal Orchids; Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids

**Tickets: \$60** (\$75 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Evening Entertainment  
Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740  
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**Limited Space!! Make Your Reservations Now!**

*local aos news*

April 6, 2013: National Capital Judging Center

Steve Schneider presented the judges with one of his own *Phalaenopsis* hybrids, World Class x Double Delight (right). The judges awarded the plant, clonal name 'Sweet Linda', an 81 point Award of Merit (AM). Then Steve had to get the hybrid registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. This hybrid is now officially known as *Phalaenopsis* World Delight.



Photo by James Osen

May 4, 2013: National Capital Judging Center in conjunction with the Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show

Jamie Riegel's plant of *Cochleanthes discolor* 'Sparrows Point' (right) received an 80 point AM from the American Orchid Society.



Photo by Jamie Riegel

**Member  
Update and  
Miscellaneous**

There were 65 members at the April meeting. Please welcome the following new or returning members:

**Dr. Mary Coyne and Fitz  
Goulbourne  
Ronald and Shirley Querns  
Anne Headrick**

The April door prize, a *Bulbophyllum* Crown Point 'A-doribil' 3 Peat, was won by St. John Martin.

# SEPOS Show Results 2013

## Overall Statistics

175 plants lent from 20 members, 150 transported to show  
 105 plants in exhibit, 53 plants awarded ribbons  
 First place awards - 19  
 Second place awards- 19  
 Third place awards- 11  
 Fourth place awards- 4

### Best of the Blues - Amateur

### Standard Cattleya

Michael Moran - C. Irene Holquin 'Brown Eyes'

### Paph species

Gary Smith and Sarah Hurdel - Paph. *hirsutissimum*

### Misc/Species Cattleya

Michael Moran - C. *intermedia* v. *orlata* 'Crownfox'

### Small Flowering Cattleya

Gary Smith and Sarah Hurdel - Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuch's Mandarin'

### Oncidium Species and Hybrids

Gary Smith and Sarah Hurdel - Brsdm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'

### Overall Best:

### Best Exhibit in Show

### AOS Show Trophy

### People's Choice Award - Best Exhibit in Show

**Best Plant in Show**, Michael Moran - C. *intermedia* v. *orlata* 'Crownfox'. (Also won best amateur OR commercial cattleya alliance)

**Sainthood Award:** Sarah Hurdel and Gary Smith



Michael Moran - C. *intermedia* v. *orlata* 'Crownfox'

Photo by Barry Woolf

Plant	Owner	Place
<i>Lyc. campbellii</i>	Riley	4
Phrag. Noirmont	Lundy	4
Paph. Mount Toro #1	Adams	4
Paph. Mount Toro #2	Lundy	4
Sarcochilus Hummingbird	Venturina	3
Slc. Mem. Trudi Marsh	Riley	3
Paph. <i>delenatii</i>	Adams	3
Paph. Iantha Stage 'Tomcat', AM/AOS	Robbins	3
Cattleya Peckhavenensis	Moran	3
Oeceoclades <i>roseovariiegata</i>	Hurdel/Smith	3
Paph. Hsinying Alien (Supersuk x Raisin Pie) #2	Sobelman	3
Paph. Norito Hasegawa	D. Smith	3
Paph. Susan Booth x <i>sanderianum</i>	D. Smith	3
Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos', FCC/AOS	Sobelman	3
Dendrochilum <i>cobbianum</i>	D. Smith	3
Aliceara Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai', AM/AOS	Hiebler	2
Arpophyllum <i>giganteum</i>	Woolf	2
Pholidota <i>chinensis</i>	Woolf	2
Cym. Scallywag	Lowe	2
Paph. Julius	Adams	2
Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer	Robbins	2
Renanetia Sunrise 'Prasong', AM/AOS	Adams	2
Cattleya <i>skinneri</i> 'Casa Luna', AM/AOS	Moran	2
Den. Green Lantern	Moran	2
Den. Roy Tokanaga	D. Smith	2
Den. <i>thyrsiflorum</i>	Moran	2
Goodyera <i>schlectendaliana</i>	Hurdel/Smith	2
Microterangis <i>harriotoniana</i> #1	D. Smith	2
Microterangis <i>harriotoniana</i> #2	D. Smith	2
Paph. (Hsinying Glory x <i>charlesworthii</i> )	Hurdel/Smith	2
Phal. Nola Bel White	Sobelman	2
Phal. Santa Barbara #2	Lowe	2
Pleur. <i>sarricenia</i>	D. Smith	2
Stelis sp.	D. Smith	2
Den. Nestor #2	Venturina	1
Dendrochilum sp. #3	Woolf	1
Max. <i>hennisiana</i>	Woolf	1
Slc. (Patricia Taafe x Fire Lighter)	Riley	1
Den. <i>chrysotoxum</i>	Venturina	1
Phrag. <i>besseae</i>	Riley	1
Paph. Franz Glanz 'Tomcat'	Robbins	1
Paph. Shin-yi William 'Maxa', HCC/AOS	Lowe	1
Phal. Pure Moon 'Green Pixie'	Hiebler	1
Bc. Hippodamia	Hurdel/Smith	1
Brsdm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	Hurdel/Smith	1
C. Gold Digger 'Fuch's Mandarin'	Hurdel/Smith	1
C. <i>intermedia</i> var. <i>orlata</i> 'Crownfox', CCM/AOS	Moran	1
C. Irene Holquin 'Brown Eyes', AM/AOS	Moran	1
C. Toshi Aoki 'Ponkan'	Moran	1
Leptotes bicolor #3	Moran	1
Paph. <i>hirsutissimum</i>	Hurdel/Smith	1
Paph. Hsinying Alien (Supersuk x Raisin Pie) #1	D. Smith	1
Rhyncholaelia <i>digbyana</i>	Moran	1

See page 5 for more photos of winning plants and a special thanks.

# MOS @ SEPOS – A Success! by Sarah Hurdel

Special thanks to:

Valerie Lowe –picking up and caring for plants until I could get them – registration data entry – and years of training

Barry Woolf – Photographing and watering the MOS exhibit during the show.

Ann Lundy – for picking up and caring for plants dropped off at the MOS Workshop

Gary Smith – living with 200 extra plants, a frazzled girlfriend and no home cooked meals for over a week. Most of all – as much as he may have wanted to – for not abandoning me during setup!

Clark Riley – for the enthusiastic write up on the website, and help during setup, and teardown.

Also, thanks to Jos Venturina, Maria Santos, and Eric Wiles for helping to tear down the exhibit.

To Margaret Smith for helping Gary and I load up on setup day.

And most of all thank you (again) to Valerie Lowe – for giving me the knowledge and confidence over the years to step up and volunteer to put in this exhibit in her absence. I am fortunate to have such a great friend and mentor, and the society is fortunate to have her as Away Show Chair!

Thanks to those who were kind enough to lend their plants for the exhibit -

Steve and Rachael Adams  
 Suzanne Gaertner  
 Amanda Gallegos  
 Chip Hiebler  
 Owen Humphrey  
 Marilyn Lauffer  
 Valerie Lowe  
 Ann and Lee Lundy  
 Michael Moran  
 Jamie Riegel  
 Clark Riley  
 Mark Robbins  
 Joan Roderick  
 Bill Scharf  
 David Smith  
 Gary Smith and Sarah Hurdel  
 Laura Sobelman  
 Eric Wiles  
 Jos Venturina and Maria Santos  
 Chris Zajac

## SEPOS Show Photos Photos by Sarah Hurdel



Paph. Jerry Lee Fisher



Dendrobium *brymerianum*



Bc. Hippodamia



C. Peckhaviensis



Paph. *hirsutissimum*



Rhyncholaelia *digbyana*



Paph. Shin Yi Williams 'Maxa'  
 Photo by Barry Woolf



Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer



Arpophyllum *giganteum*  
 Photo by Barry Woolf



# A Night at the Museum (Based on a True Story)

## Starring Sarah Hurdel and Gary Smith by Clark Riley

Winner of The Show Trophy (best exhibit in the SEPOS Show), People's Choice Award (votes of the public), Best Plant in Show (Michael Moran's , AWESOME Cattleya intermedia var. orlata), And a cast of dozens of Blue, Red, Yellow, and White Ribbons and Rosettes.

This is the story of an innocent young couple [Sarah Hurdel (What's Eating Your Orchids?) and Gary Smith (The E-Mail Master of MOS)] who travel from a Mid-Atlantic seaport [Baltimore] in the early Spring to the legendary Birthplace of Liberty [Philadelphia] for a simple afternoon setting up an orchid show [SEPOS]. Little did they know, they would wind up TRAPPED IN THE MUSEUM in the dead of night.

The first sign of trouble was the burgeoning number of plants multiplying in two vans. In ominous foreshadowing, their departure was delayed by several hours. By the time the youngsters arrive in Philadelphia, the mysterious foot print of the orchids had doubled and re-doubled. They were alive! Sunset arrived and a wall of orchids rose where once had been a simple sheet of black plastic. The couple exchanged "cheerful" banter as computer glitches and identity crises slowed theirs



task. Their loyal label and lunch lackey [Clark Riley] abandoned them and fled back to Baltimore, passing the intrepid exhibitors into the care of THE MUSEUM SECURITY STAFF after sunset. They were nearly alone with the pandas, extinct mammals, and DINOSAURS! Evening came and went as the plants expanded across the floor. Only with sunrise the following day did the

torrent of orchids settle into a manageable mass. They left, tired but alive, as judges flooded the finished space.

When the young couple returned in the safety of daylight, they found the exhibit awash in ribbons and trophies. They had vanquished the mighty SEPOS and NCOS warriors! The terrifying night had been worth it.

## Don't Miss These Exciting MOS Speakers!

**Deborah Dade has a thrilling speaker line-up planned for MOS' 2013-2014 monthly meetings. Tentatively scheduled are the following presenters:**

**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**

**January, 2014: Stephen Male, Fishing Creek Orchids**

# Welcome to Silva Orchids

Dedicated to Quality Since 1957

Join Us for the 4th Annual

# Shore Orchid Festival

Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9, 2013 10am - 5pm

## New at this year's festival:

AOS Judging & Daily Walk Through Tours with an Experienced Orchidist as your guide.

We are pleased to announce the addition of both ribbon and American Orchid Society judging. If you have a plant or plants that you wish to be judged, please refer to the schedule below.

## Schedule for Registration:

### RIBBON JUDGING REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, June 4th & Wednesday, June 5th, 10:00am - 12:00pm (2hrs.), Friday, June 7th, 8:00am - 9:30am

### AOS JUDGING REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, June 4th & Wednesday, June 5th - 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Friday, June 7th, 8:00am - 9:30am & Saturday, June 8th, 8:00am - 9:00am

## SCHEDULE FOR JUDGING:

Friday, June 7th, 10:00am - Ribbon Judging Only, Saturday, June 8th, 10:00am - AOS Judging Only

**NO PLANTS ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH**

## Vendors:

Andy's Orchids, Black Jungle Terrarium Supply, Brennan's Orchids, Cal-Orchid, Inc., Canaima Orchids, Dragon Agro Products, Fishing Creek Orchids, J&L Orchids, Main Street Orchids, Michel Orchid Nursery, OrchidPhile, Paul Donohoe Photography, Piping Rock Orchids, Seed Engle, Ten Shin Gardens, Waldor Orchids

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## Retail Store Hours:

Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm Proprietors: Joseph and Anthony Silva

## Updates from AOS Headquarters

### Save the date – November 14-16, 2013

-- for the Fall Members and Trustees meetings to be held at the new AOS home at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. Plans are underway for speakers and a show and as information becomes available, I'll pass it along. Having the fall meeting there provides us all perfect opportunity to visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - one of the top two tropical gardens in the world.

### Changes to Orchids production.

Jim Watson, the long-time editor of Orchids, has left due to budgetary constraints of the AOS. Ron McHatton will be taking over Jim's editorial roles in conjunction with the Publications Committee.

### The Veitch Memorial Medal Recipients.

Peter R. Furniss and Dr. Alec Pridgeon, Ph.D. were among six individuals honored with the The Veitch Memorial Medal by the Royal Horticulture Society. The Veitch Memorial Medal may be awarded annually to persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art, science or practice of horticulture. For more information on the recipients and the award, see the AOS website.

### 13th Supplemental Issue for 2013.

The 2013 supplemental issue will be distributed with a fall issue of *Orchids* magazine and the topic is the genus *Cattleya*. Donations (however small - \$2.00 minimum) are now being accepted on the AOS website. The publication of

these supplemental issues is underwritten entirely by membership donations.

Throughout the remainder of the spring and summer, I hope you all will support your local societies' events and shows.



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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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