

# ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

April 2015

## *president's message*

### Shhhhhhhhhhh!

Shhhhhhhhhhh!...Just maybe spring has decided to emerge and the “s” word is gone until next winter. We can only hope.

Mother Nature has been rather fickle this year. We will have to keep an eye on the nighttime temperatures. Once the danger of frost has passed and the night temperatures stay above 45-50°, we can consider moving our orchids to the outside. Mine are telling me they are eager to get out of the house.

The spring Workshop is this Saturday. We are expecting at least 46 attendees plus MOS volunteers. We are excited about our expert speakers—Eric Wiles, Bob Travers, Sarah Hurdel and Clark Riley—who will present valuable information, and David Smith who will lead the “hands-on” repotting portion of the program. A big “thank you” to all who are helping make this event a success.

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## *upcoming events*

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

The next monthly MOS meeting will be held April 16, 2015.

### **BOARD MEETING**

The next board of trustees meeting is April 23 at the home of Lou and Barbara Buck. All members are welcome to attend. Please let them know if you are attending and if you would like to bring a dish or drink.

### **Program**

The MOS May speaker is Ray Barkalow of First Rays Orchids.

## *education corner*

This month, Dr. Eric Wiles will give a presentation about Oncidiums for the education corner. He will talk about general care, repotting and getting them to bloom. Please feel free to bring in plants about which you have questions.

## This Month's Speaker is David Off

David Off is trying to bring back some of those old-time, pre-virus favorites with his Classic Cattleya program. Scouring the country for these antique species, he's chosen 36 to clone and hopes to eventually clone as many as 100. Waldor will clone 1,000 of each, making available plants that were once “almost endangered,” Walter says. It's preservation, but it's also lucrative.



typically, orchids like Phalaenopsis sell for \$25 to \$30 a plant.)

Dave has been surrounded by orchids almost since birth. He has a deep knowledge of the Cattleya and their care that he will share with us. The exhibits he has composed and constructed have won many, many awards over the years. He has an extensive collection of ‘legacy plants’, many of which his family had a hand in creating or popularizing. Now married with keikis, Dave still manages to find time to travel and talk with societies, as well as monthly orchid judging sessions in Philadelphia, where he often brings in ‘show and tell’ plants to appease the judges’ appetites. Dave will have plants available for sale. Please check out his website ([www.waldor.com](http://www.waldor.com)) and email him directly with your requests.

One of Waldor's crosses, the Laeliocattleya Elizabeth Off, was awarded the highest honor from the American Orchid Society, the First Class Certificate, in 1961. The orchid was named for George's wife, who at age 86 still works at Waldor almost every day. Another cross, the Sophrolaeliocattleya Hazel Boyd, once sold as a single plant for \$3,000. (More

## Member Update

There were 55 members at the January meeting. The door prize, a Blc. Tsiki Lily ‘NN’ was won by Norm Zickuhr.

Please welcome Francis and Sandra Vojik as new MOS members.

### Novice

1. Paph. (Peter Pernar X Kayday) - Wanda Kuhn
2. Stsc. Vanguard - Anne Headrick
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Jen Goessling  
Paph. Star Dreaming - The Zickuhrs

### Home Grown

1. Paph. Bel Royal - John Dunning
2. Tie Phrag. *ecuadorensis* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Onc. Bancheti - Marilyn Lauffer  
Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Suzanne Gaertner  
Slc. Final Touch 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson  
Paph. (*primulinum* X Acapulco Gold) - Aaron Webb

### Greenhouse

1. Den. *eximium* - The Adamses
2. Slc. Deborah Off 'Caruso' - Clark Riley

### Cattleya

1. Ctt. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie B. *digbyana* var. *fimbrepetela* - The Adamses  
C. *skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Marilyn Lauffer  
Slc. Ann Komine 'Breathless' - Bob Travers
3. Tie Blc. Hsiang Yu Red Pearl 'Red Dragonfly' - Clark Riley  
B. (David Sander X Jimminey Cricket) - Eric Wiles

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Tie Phal. K V Beauty - The Dagostins  
Phal. Cassandra 'Harford' HCC/AOS - Owen Humphrey  
Phal. Sogo Vicker 'Little Monkey' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Phal. Golden Pecker 'BL' HCC/AOS - John Dunning  
Phal. (Okay Seven X Little Steve) - Kathi Jackson

### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Julius - The Adamses
2. Tie Paph. Bel Royal - John Dunning  
Paph. *liemianum* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Paph. Dreaming Green - Bob Johnston  
Paph. *hirsutissimum* - David Smith  
Paph. (Van Ness X Duncan York) - Eric Wiles

### Oncidium

1. Odcdm. Wildcat - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada - The Soykes  
Burr. Living Fire - Bob Travers
3. Tie Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Maillot Jaune' - Kathi Jackson  
Odcdm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' - Chris Zajac

### Dendrobium

1. Den. *sanderæ* - David Smith
2. Tie Den. Dream 'Ace' - The Adamses  
Den. Aussie Chip - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Den. Micro Chip - Charlotte Grahe  
Den. Red Emperor - Eric Wiles

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Cym. Hybrid - Brenda Logan
2. Stsc. Vanguard 'Fireball' JC/AOS - Wanda Kuhn
3. V. Fuchs Delight 'Blue Sapphire' - John Dunning

### Species

1. Pps. *labukensis* - The Adamses
2. Tie Den. *canaliculatum* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Lsa. *discolor* - Ellie Martin  
C. *skinneri* - Bob Travers
3. Max. *ubatubana* - David Smith

### Miniature

1. Masd. *livingstonei* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Soph. *coccinea* - Clark Riley  
Bulb. *falcatum* 'Standing Tall' - Eric Wiles
3. Aergs. *citrata* - Ron Querns

### First Bloom Seedling

1. Slc. Circle of Life X S. *coccinea* - Clark Riley
2. Paph. Iona - John Dunning

### Fragrance

1. B. *glauca* - Kathi Jackson
2. Oeniella *polystachis* - The Adamses
3. Mtssa. Kauai's Choice - Chris Zajac

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Ctt. Golddigger 'Fuchs Mandarin' (below), exhibited by Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith. Thank you to our judges who were Joel Graham, Anne Headrick and Marilyn Lauffer. Our show table had an incredible display of 121 beautiful flowering plants.



Photo by Sarah Hurdel



Photo by Rachael Adams

### rachael's corner

This month, instead of Clark's Corner, Rachael Adams is sharing with us how she grows this beautiful *Renanetia*.

This is an interesting novelty hybrid—*Renanetia Sunrise 'Prasong'* AM/AOS. This is a cross of *Renanthera imschootiana* and *Neofinetia falcata*. It is easy to grow and a very prolific bloomer and also compact in size. What it lacks in flower size it makes up for in sheer quantity and frequency of bloom. Mine is rarely out of bloom and if it is, then it is in spike. The flowers are also long lasting. Mine is grown in a basket with no media and hangs in one of the brighter areas in the greenhouse.

One more piece of info—this is an older hybrid, registered in 1967 by Takagi. It looks like a synonym (per the RHS) is *Renantanda Sunrise*. Leaves are about 4" long. My plant is 2 growths and 10" tall if you were to straighten it.

From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Societies Chair

The Webinar for this month: This month we have a double-header! Greg Allikas will present- *Cattleya lueddemanniana* on April 14, 2015 at 8:30 EDT/5:30PDT. (This webinar is for members only.) and a week later... Ron McHatton- AOS Greenhouse Chat on April 21, 2015 at 8:30pm EDT (This webinar is open to everyone.)

The April issue of *Orchids* typically concentrates on judging and the 2015 issue is a must read:

Judging *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*- The New Standard, by James Fang, this article outlines what makes this species awardable.

Judging *Masdevallias* by Mario Ferrusi, an in depth look at this genus that has many shapes and colors.

The Best of the Best, by Lois Posey describes the AOS Special Judging awards for 2013, with wonderful insights about the award winning plants and their owners.

Paragons- The 2014 First Class Certificate, by Kathy Barrett, is a photo essay of the fabulous flowers that scored over 90 points in 2014.

For those of you that are not really into judging, there are other great articles: on repotting, *Bletia*, *Ornithidium* and *Camaridium*, and an article on the Redland International Orchid Festival which is coming up this year May 15th-17th.

It is not too late to plan to attend the AOS Spring Members Meeting at the end of this month that will be held in Portland, Oregon and hosted by the Portland and Cherry City Orchid Societies, April 29th thru May 3rd at the Lloyd Center Doubletree.

You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity! Check out all the details at the website below: <http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/calendar/2015AOS.php>

The Members Meeting in conjunction with the Slipper Orchid Alliance, The

*Phalaenopsis* Alliance, and the *Pleurothallid* Alliance have an awesome array of fabulous speakers, which include: Frank Smith- Keynote Speaker, Graham Wood, George Hatfield- *Cymbidiums*, Alan Koch, Wally Orchard- *Disas*, Carlos Fighetti- *Phalaenopsis*, Norman Fang, Kristen Uthus- *Neofinetia* Culture, and Alfonso Doucette- Coolers for Cold Growers.

Something that I found just recently in the conservation area of the website that I think is great an Orchid emergency care card that can be found at the link below [http://aos.org/images/img\\_content/carecard.gif](http://aos.org/images/img_content/carecard.gif)

Let's grow together,

Laura Newton

### local aos news

April 4, 2015: National Capital Judging Center



Sarah Hurdel's plant of *Paphiopedilum Jade Dragon* (above) received a 76 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC). Her plant of *Paphiopedilum (Bellatrix x armeniacum)* (below) received a 79 point HCC. Now all she has to do is get it registered with the Royal Horticultural Society to make it official!





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**Delaware Orchid Society**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**



# Orchid Auction

Delaware Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction will have over 100 orchid plants, blooming and not blooming, as well as some other 'orchid' related items.



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
1006 Wilson Road  
Wilmington, Delaware

**Preview 11:00 a.m.  
Auction Starts 12:00 Noon**



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Another big “thank you” to our VP Joan Roderick for procuring the Orchiatia mix and inviting buyers to pick up their purchases from her home the day before Easter; and to Clark Riley who shopped for, ordered and accepted delivery of our new, humongous projection screen. If you still have difficulty seeing presentations now, better move up to the front or get your eyes checked!

Sometime ago, the MOS Board agreed on guidelines concerning our monthly auction and asked that the following be adhered to:

- The number of plants placed for each monthly auction is limited to 3 plants per member.
- Plants must be in bloom, groomed, and free of pests and disease.
- The total number of plants for the monthly auction is limited to 10 and is at the discretion of the Auction Chair, Aaron Webb.
- Buyers are asked to quietly come to the auction table as soon as possible to pay for their purchases.
- Sellers are asked to wait until the auction is concluded and all monies are collected before they ask to receive their pay-out.

At the discretion of Aaron Webb, pay-out checks to sellers may be sent by mail.

Following these guidelines will ensure that our monthly auction runs smoothly, for everyone’s benefit.

Happy spring to all,  
Sarah

## Newsletter Submissions

Content for the MOS Newsletter for the 2015 fiscal year is due at the end of the first full week of each month. The following dates are the deadlines for submitting content to the newsletter editor. Please submit your information to [sobelman1@verizon.net](mailto:sobelman1@verizon.net).

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June 6, 2015; Meeting date 6/18

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We invite articles, notices, etc. for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the end of the first full week of each 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, Valerieuable door prizes, and much, much, more!

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