



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

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The President's Message



At the time of publication of this month's newsletter, our annual show and sale will have taken place. A big **"THANK YOU"** to Bill Scharf, Joan Roderick, Gary Smith, Sarah Hurdel, Valerie Lowe, MOS exhibitors, those who lent plants, and to **all** of the MOS volunteers who helped to make this year's show and sale a success.

Our next big event is the Workshop on April 9th from 10 AM to 4 PM at Woodbrook Church. Please consider volunteering to help with this event. We will need help in setting up tables and chairs at 8:30 AM, setting up and serving lunch around 11 AM, assisting with repotting around 1 PM and clean up around 3:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting.

At the February meeting I announced that a Nominating Committee has been appointed for the task of searching for nominees to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer Secretary and two Directors, all coming vacant as of June, 2016. I neglected to include the position of Controller which has been vacant the last two years. Members of the Nominating Committee are Aaron Webb, our current Treasurer; Valerie Lowe, Chair of Away Shows and AOS/ODC Representative; and Louis Buck, member at large. If you are interested in being a nominee for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Our March meeting just happens to take place on St. Patrick's Day. Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day so wear something green.

Sarah

March's Guest Speaker

March's guest speaker is Aaron Webb. Aaron has been an MOS member since 1999 and has been growing orchids off and on for more than 30 years. He grows indoors under fluorescent and LED lights. In the summer his plants vacation outside under large trees and along a wooden fence. He prefers to grow compact cattleyas and paphs, but will attempt to grow anything at least once. Aaron will talk about his observation of helpfulness and support from MOS members and how we can encourage more membership involvement.

Education Corner

This month, Suzanne Gaertner will share information about her extensive light set-up under which she grows her orchids.



Sarah Hurdel sets up her exhibit at the 2016 MOS Show.

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February's 2016 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - Laurie Nardinelli
2. Cym. Hybrid - Anne Headrick
3. Paph. [(Makuli X curtisii) X Maudiae] X Maudiae - The Zickuhrs

Home Grown

1. Lc. Pixie Gold - Bob Travers
2. Tie Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara - Owen Humphrey
Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Phaius grandiflora - Diane Elam
Lc. Blazing Sun 'NN' - Jenny Hildebrand
Odcdm. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - Marilyn Lauffer

Greenhouse

1. Ddc. wenzelii - The Adamses
2. Chy. bractescens - Eric Wiles
3. C. loddigesii - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler Lenette' HCC/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin' - Norma Lynch
C. Tutankhamen - David Smith
3. Tie C. walkeriana var. semi-alba 'Kenny' - The Adamses
Slc. Wasp Nest X Lc. Tokyo Magic - Eric Wiles

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Tie Phal. Taida Snow 'Wilson' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
Phal. Hybrid - Judi von Mehlem
3. Tie Phal. schilleriana 'La Flora' AM/AOS - The Adamses
Phal. Fairy Snow - Janice Mazur

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara 'Jack' - Michael Moran
2. Tie Paph. Mesquakie - The Adamses
Phrag. Grande 'Upperco' HCC/AOS - Bob Travers
3. Paph. Margie Goward 'Sarah' HCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith

Oncidium

1. Onc. Hybrid - Brenda Logan
2. Tie Odcdm. Wildcat - John Dunning
Billra. Tahoma Glacier - Bob Travers
Mtdm. Issaku Nagata 'Volcano Queen' - Eric Wiles
3. Vuyl. Melissa Brianne 'Dark' - Laurie Nardinelli

Dendrobium

1. Den. capituliflorum - The Adamses
2. Den. Hybrid - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Den. Christmas Chime 'Asuka' - Eric Wiles

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Fdk. After Dark 'SVO' - Michael Moran
2. Cym. Little Black Sambo 'Black Magic' AM/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Cym. Dag - Sarah Spence
Cym. Red Beauty - Eric Wiles

Species

1. Ddc. formosanum - David Smith
2. Tie Rbq. mooreana - The Adamses
Pths. nuda - Bob Johnston
3. Tie Lsa. discolor - Ellie Martin
Den. sulcatum - Eric Wiles

Miniature

1. Aergs. fastuosa - Eric Wiles
2. Gchls. bellinus - The Adamses
3. Tie Soph. mantiqueriae - Clark Riley
Den. normanbyense - Bob Travers

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. Iona - John Dunning

Fragrance

1. Rl. glauca - Kathi Jackson
2. Tie B. Little Stars - The Dagostins
B. Little Stars - Chris Zajac

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Clark's Corner

Orchid shows are one of the best ways to increase your orchid knowledge. They bring together dedicated growers of many persuasions. Judging and helping with judging are very effective ways to hone your critical eye. Vendors from far off bring plants you won't see anywhere else as usually reasonable prices.

The picture below was from my haul at the San Francisco Pacific Orchid Expo where I met dozens of fellow fanatics I've corresponded with over the web for years. And I made many new friends. But you don't have to go to San Francisco. We have two extraordinary events in the next months.

The Maryland Orchid Society Show and sale was March 9-13 for MOS members, with setup on March 9 and judging March 10th.

The Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) Orchid Show and Sale is April 1-3 at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks.

Submitted by
Dr. Clark Riley

Gary's Corner

Sense and Insensitivity

When a name offends

There was an article printed in the September 2011 issue of the *Orchid Nomenclature*. Julian Shaw discusses orchid names that have become offensive, and the regulations that govern changing them.

The Last paragraph of the article explains a lot. Where to Draw the Line?

There are many epithets with the potential to cause offence to someone. The area is very subjective, and one person's villain, may be another's hero: perhaps that could apply to any politician. Examples range from *Paphiopedilum* Ho Chi Minh, *P. Stalingrad* and *Dendrobium* Clara Bundt 'Kimilsungia' on the political left, to *Dendrobium* Margaret Thatcher on the political right. The latter was registered by Singapore Botanic Gardens, who have named several hundred orchids for political figures and Heads of State. Others like to name for popes and saints, equally offensive for some, e.g., Jewish or Muslim orchidists and so it goes on...

With so much nomenclatural instability among orchid genera currently, resulting from the revisionary work of *Genera Orchidacearum*, it may seem untimely to discuss ways of changing grex epithets. But good sense needs to prevail over insensitivity, and this is a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the nomenclaturally innovative thinking of Piers Trehane who died suddenly in March 2011. In these increasingly litigious times the successful proposal Article 31.8 may prove to be a wise addition to the code.

Julian Shaw is a taxonomic botanist who works as International Orchid Registrar for the RHS.

Submitted by Gary Smith



Newsletter Submissions

Content for the MOS newsletter for the 2016 fiscal year is due at the end of the first full week of each month.

Please submit your information to: barbarabuck2015@comcast.net

March 17, 2016 Meeting date

April 21, 2016 Meeting date

May 19, 2016 Meeting date

June 16, 2016 Meeting date

SEPOS

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