



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

June 2017

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## President's Message



Another successful MOS meeting year is coming to a close. Hopefully, you have enjoyed the activities of your Society and have pick up many helpful orchid growing tips from your colleagues. Even though we do not have regular monthly meetings during July and August, we will meet on

July 23 for our annual members and family picnic. We will party again this year at the home of Ken and Suzanne Gaertner. Watch your email for information and directions to their home.

The year-end/year-beginning board meeting is scheduled for July 27th at the home of David and Margaret Smith. Committee Chairs remember this is the meeting where you submit your 2017-2018 budget. Please review your past expenses and consider these in formulating your new budget request. We will vote on the 2017-2018 MOS budget at the July board meeting.

MOS library books must come home for the summer months. Please check you book shelves for any MOS books that you may have forgotten to return, bring them to the June meeting and give them to our librarian, Norma Lynch.

Our long-time and valued member, Lee Lundy and wife Nancy are moving to Scottsdale, Arizona at the end of June. Even though Lee has said he is as close as his cell phone and email, we are going to greatly miss his presence and, I particularly, will miss his "sage" wisdom and advice. Join us at the June meeting in thanking Lee for his support and service to the Maryland Orchid Society, and wishing Lee and Nancy much happiness in Scottsdale.

*Sarah*



**June's Speaker**  
Wayne Roberts  
**Roberts Flower Supply**

**Growing Under Lights**  
Wayne Roberts has been growing orchids for over 44 years, when he and his wife Nancy purchased 3 orchids as a remembrance of their Florida honeymoon, of which two died soon after in their too drafty

windowsill conditions.

Determined to succeed, they built a light cart, then multiple light carts, then a lean-to greenhouse, then a two-story greenhouse, and lastly an additional free-standing model they dismantled from 120 miles away and re-erected over a period of 3 years.

Presently they are expanding the older greenhouse with lighting and vertical growing. They started Roberts Flower Supply over 30 years ago as a family owned business, operated from their home.

It began on a local scale, as a cooperative attempt to reduce costs by combining media purchases with other growersto save money, and gradually grew to the full-time operation it is today.

As Wayne listened to experienced growers and learned about their successes and failures with various potting mixes, he began to develop mixes that were unique to the market and successful with most growers. He enjoys sharing his knowledge with others about many types of orchid media.

Wayne has degrees in Chemistry and Physics. He had a lot of chemical mixing experience in earlier jobs that he

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# May's 2017

## Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

### Novice

1. Paph. Avalon Pearl - The Zickuhrs
2. Phal. Hybrid - Yvette May

### Home Grown

1. Asc. Cherry Blossom - Mark Robbins
2. Tie Gram. scriptum var. leopard 'NN' - John Dunning  
Phal. Tauda Liu's Berry - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Phal. Sogo Manager 'Newberry Sunshine' - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Suzanne Gaertner  
Phal. Cassandra - Bob Travers

### Greenhouse

1. Rhy. retusa - Eric Wiles
2. Oe. schumanniana - Clark Riley

### Cattleya

1. Epc. Tinkertoy - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Pot. Dendi's Dream - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Guar. skinneri - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
3. Tie Lc. Alachua 'Hilry' - Bob Johnston  
Lc. Chain-tzy Guiding - Wanda Kuhn

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Queen Beer 'Mantefon' - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Phal. Taida Golden Girl - John Dunning  
Phal. Hybrid - Diane Elam
3. Tie Phal. Picasso - Mark Robbins  
Phal. Joy Fairytale 'Joy' - Joan Roderick  
Phal. Hybrid - Bob Travers

### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Noirmont - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Paph. (Lyro Blackhawk X Michael Koopowitz) - John Dunning  
Paph. Armeni White - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Paph. Scaming Eagle 'Rose Curls' - Mark Robbins
3. Tie Paph. Vanda M. Pearman - Owen Humphrey  
Paph. bellatulum - David Smith  
Paph. (Hilo Green Tea X Hsinying Citron) - Bob Travers

### Dendrobium

1. Den. sanderae var. luzonicum - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Den. normanbyense - Eric Wiles  
Den. Little Pam - Chris Zajac
3. Den. (aberrans X Little Atro) - John Dunning

### Oncidium

1. Psy. Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS - Joel Graham
2. Tie Wils. Carmel Confections '#15' - John Dunning  
Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'Morning Joy' - Wanda Kuhn
3. Tie Odcdm. Wildcat - Clark Riley  
Odcdm. Sunlight - Chris Zajac

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Masd. Elvin Magic 'Cub Hill' - Brenda Logan
2. Cym. Paraket Adventure '#12' - John Dunning

### Species

1. Lept. bicolor - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Gram. scriptum var. leopard 'NN' - John Dunning  
Coel. incrassata - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Phal. japonica - Bob Johnston

### Miniature

1. Bulb. lassiochilum 'Fx's Red Lip' - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Pls. misera - David Smith
3. Tie Phal. (equestris X bellina) - Aaron Webb  
Neof. falcata 'Momohimo' - Eric Wiles

### First Bloom Seedling

1. Hab. Bird of Paradise - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Paph. rothschildianum - John Dunning
3. Tie Asc. Cherry Blossom - Janice Mazur  
Den. Frank Thull - Mark Robbins

### Fragrance

1. Epi. parkinsonianum - Eric Wiles
2. Mtssa. Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance' - John Dunning

### May's Judges Choice of the Evening

The Judges Choice of the evening was Phrag. Noirmont exhibited by Chris Zajac.

Thank You to our judges who were Bob Johnston, Janice Mazur and Phuong Tran.

Our Show Table had an incredible display of 119 beautiful flowering plants.

A special **THANKS** to all that make our show table such a great success. It is truly breathtaking!



Judges  
Choice  
of the  
Evening

Phrag. Noirmont  
by Chris Zajac

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uses in making his own orchid mixes. He is a member of the Native Orchid Society and is passionate about conserving and propagating endangered native plants of all kinds, especially orchids. His collection includes all the American cyps plus 15 other natives and over 30 hardy Asian orchids.

Check out Wayne's website at [www.orchidmix.com](http://www.orchidmix.com) to find out details of what he sells.

**Pre-orders** may be sent to him by mail, phone or to [rfs@orchidmix.com](mailto:rfs@orchidmix.com) and need to be received by June 12th to make sure he can bring them

### Clark's Corner

Just in time for the Summer heat.  
Rodriguezia secund 'Tom Fennell'.

The late Tom Fennell is one of my orchid heroes. We visited his Orchid Jungle nursery back in 1967 and he spent a lot of time showing a 16-year-old around. One of his projects was to line-breed *Rodriguezia secunda* for deep watermelon red. This plant may well have derived from that program. Grow this *Oncidium* relative in a very open container, misting frequently.



Submitted by  
Dr. Clark Riley

### Marilyn's Corner



#### Our New Members

Cindy and Charles Smith  
Lynn Marcin  
Mary Pascoe  
Darren and Nichole Mepstead

Submitted by  
Marilyn Lauffer - Membership Chair

### Maryland Orchid Society

**June 15, 2017** – Last Monthly Meeting. See you in September!!!

Contents for the MOS Newsletter for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is due at the end of the first week of each month.



The following dates are the deadlines for submitting content to the newsletter editor. Please submit your information to [barbarabuck2015@comcast.net](mailto:barbarabuck2015@comcast.net).

- Info for Newsletter submission date- Sept. 2, 2017;  
Monthly meeting- Sept. 21, 2017

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## News and Surrounding Events

### Orchis in Sanguineum

by

Rob Nicholson

from Botanic Garden News

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BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

SPRING 2017

## Orchis in Sanguineum

Rob Nicholson

There is an ailment, quite contagious and self-reinforcing, which can afflict those prone to a particular type of botanical collecting. It involves neither prints nor books, but living plants. *Orchis in Sanguineum*, *Orchids in the Blood*, is usually diagnosed as a highly refined respect of beauty coupled with an obsessive collecting impulsiveness. It can infect people suddenly, with their first glimpse of an orchid, or may take years to finally infiltrate a person's psyche, to the point where all other plants are excluded from consideration. Those afflicted band together in self-help groups, otherwise known as orchid societies, where they display their plants, discuss the minutiae of cultivation, and reinforce each other's collecting manias. It is a worldwide phenomenon.

In the final stage of my horticultural career, I have finally succumbed and admit cheerfully we can never have too many orchids at the Smith College Botanic Garden. If I had to do it all again, I would be an orchid biologist, studying orchids exclusively. With 20,000 species and thousands of artificial hybrids, the orchid family is a deep and unending well of stunning beauty, boggling diversity, ecological wonders, replete with a colorful history of wild collecting and cultivation.

Our orchid conservatories have benefitted in the past from past collectors, particularly Wilford Neptune, Joan Throckmorton '53, and Pamela Dupont Copeland, who have passed their collections along when they could no longer care for them.

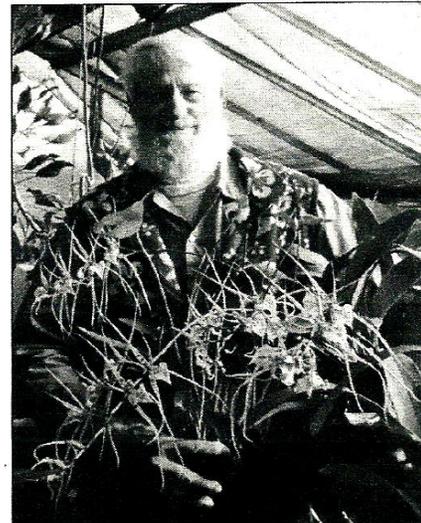
In 2016 we were contacted by Lucybell Roessiger of Castine, Maine, with an astounding offer. She was offering us a

portion of her late husband Denis' orchid collection. This was probably the finest orchid collection in private hands in New England and at one point numbered 3500 specimens. She related that she had given the orchid curator at the Smithsonian Institution, Tom Miranda, first dibs on it and the Smithsonian rented a climate-controlled semitruck, trundled up to Maine, and selected a mere 2000 specimens. Sigh....

Would we like to be second in line? We of course said yes and after a number of emails making arrangements, I drove to Maine, along with my counterpart from the University of Connecticut, Clint Morse. After spending the night in Camden, we continued along Route 1, then down the east coast of Penobscot Bay. We drove off, as directed, into the woods, and finally got to make Lucybell's acquaintance after so many emails. As her corgis herded us around, we were escorted into the greenhouses. It didn't seem as though 2000 plants had been removed; the three houses were still stuffed with hundreds of orchids. Lucybell was a retired librarian, and her level of organization made the selection and documentation of what we were packing a surprisingly rapid process.

I was concentrating on species orchids, those that are like what is found in the wild, rather than artificial hybrids created by human hands. There was a full range of sizes from huge vandas with cascading roots to tiny epiphytic bulbophyllums and masdevallias: The Smithsonian had left some large packing boxes behind and we set to work filling them and carrying them to our rented truck. Both Clint and I, who run conservatories with large and established collections, had to be judicious in our selections as we had limited space to fill back home. By early afternoon, I had crated 200 orchids for the Smith Botanic Garden, the majority being taxa we had never grown before. That Denis' collection was being transported to another scientific institution, where students and scholars might use the plants as research tools someday, clearly made Lucybell happy. We left Maine, not only with plants, but with a new friendship.

Denis Roessiger clearly had *Orchis in Sanguineum* and his passionate love and curiosity about this exceptional plant family gave him and his family many years of joy and wonder. That the Roessigers were so kind as to donate this legacy collection to Smith College is a tremendous addition, bringing even more quality to our diverse holdings. Every time one of the orchids from Maine shows me its bloom for the first time, I smile, remembering a very good day, collecting tropical orchids in the woods of Maine. ☘



Denis Roessiger with a *Brassia* and *Masdevallia*



*Stanhopea wardii*, Ward's stanhopea



*Bulbophyllum longiflorum*

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Nancy Lundy

# *Maryland Orchid Society*

## *News and Surrounding Events*

### MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY EXHIBIT AT THE SUSQUEHANNA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Thanks to the help of Sarah Hurdel, Al and Wanda Kuhn, Clark Riley, and Robert Travers and the generous donation of plants from Jason Gebbia, Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Kathi Jackson, Wendy Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, **Norma Lynch**, Valerie Lowe, Janice Mazur, Clark Riley, David Smith, Gary Smith, Robert Travers, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf and The Little Greenhouse, the Maryland Orchid Society installed a 50 sq. ft. exhibit which won first place in its class. Other ribbons/awards received are:

PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Phragmipedium April Fool 'Surprise'	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jason Gebbia
Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow', AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathi Jackson
Phal. Queen Beer 'FANGtastic Picotee', AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Hurdel
Paph. Black Diamond	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Liparis formosana 'Sesshu'	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Cattleya Coral Gold 'Pacific Rainbow'	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Den. Aussie's Chip	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Den. Victoria's Pinky	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Phal. Orchid World 'Breckenridge', AM	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Phal. Queen Beer 'FANGtastic Picotee', AM	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Beal. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream AM	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Masd. livingstoneana	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Paph. glaucophyllum	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Al and Wanda Kuhn
Phal. Taida King's Caroline 'Taida's Little Zebra', AM/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Paph. Yang-Ji Diamond	1 <sup>st</sup>	Valerie Lowe
Paph. glaucophyllum	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Paph. (Anhinga Magic x Hilo Ruby)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Phal. Taida Pink Vivienne	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janice Mazur
C. loddigesii	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clark Riley
Rlc. (Paradise Rose x Lebenkries)	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Sc. Chester	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Dendrochilum glumaceum	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Smith
Epi. hugomedinae	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Dendrobium sanderae v major	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Phrag. Anthony Omeis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Phrag Spot On	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Lyc. Leo 'Riopelle', AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Little Greenhouse
Masd. Copper Angel 'Orange Sunset', AM/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Paph. gratixianum 'Harford', AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Trichopilia suavis 'Harford', HCC	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
	Best	
Laelia Rubin 'Loch Raven'	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Phal. amabilis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Travers

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### MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY EXHIBIT AT THE SUSQUEHANNA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Prosthechea cochleata	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Paph. (Makuli-curtissi x Maudiae)	HM	"
Lyc. Leo 'Knob Creek'	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Wiles
C. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Shining Moment'	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Paph. Hampshire White Oak	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Oncidioda Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
How. Lava Burst 'Puanai', AM	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Cym. sinense 'He Zhi Hua'	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Max. sanguinea	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Vanda Petite Bouquet	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Paph. Mount Avalon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"
Odont. Star of Holland	1 <sup>st</sup>	"
Odontobrassia Kenneth Biven 'Santa Fe', HCC	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"
Lyc. Shonan Beat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"

I would like to thank Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Clark Riley, and Gary Smith for helping to tear down the exhibit, getting it packed up, and transported home.



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### MARYLAND EXHIBIT AT THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Thanks to the help of Joel Graham, Sarah Hurdel, Clark Riley, Gary Smith, Susan and Bob Travers and the generous donation of plants from Frank Dagostin, John Dunning, Susanne Gaertner, Jason Gebbia, Jean Headrick, Owen Humphrey, Sarah Hurdel, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Wanda Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Norma Lynch, Ellie Martin, Janice Mazur, Laurie Nardinelli, Clark Riley, Joan Roderick, David Smith, Gary Smith, Sarah Spence, Phoung Tran, Bob Travers, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf, Norm and Maria Zickuhr. The Maryland Orchid Society exhibit received second place . Other ribbons/ awards received were:

PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Epidendrum stamfordianum	BEST	Eric Wiles
Potinara Star Fire	BEST	Clark Riley
Paphiopedilum delenatii #1	BEST	Barry Woolf
Phalaenopsis David Lim 'Stars'	BEST	Joan Roderick
Max. hennisiana	BEST	Barry Woolf
Acineta superba	First	Barry Woolf
Ludisia discolor	First	Ellie Martin
Liparis formosana 'Sesshu'	First	Sarah Hurdel
Brassolaeliocattleya Monilani Rainbow 'Marge'	First	Robert Johnston
Epidendrum stamfordianum	First	Eric Wiles
Sophrolaeliocattleya (Mem. Trudi Marsh x Angel's Fantasy)	First	Clark Riley
Comparettia macroplectron	First	Clark Riley
Banfieldara Gilded Tower 'Mistic Maze'	First	Sarah Spence
Phalaenopsis David Lim 'Stars'	First	Joan Roderick
Paphiopedilum Samantha Lowry	First	David Smith
Cattleya Green Emerald 'Orchid Queen'	First	Kathi Jackson
Miltonia flavescens	First	David Smith
Cattleya Astraea 'Ginny'	First	Clark Riley
Potinara Peter Lin	First	Clark Riley

Paphiopedilum armeniacum	Second	David Smith
Maxillaria picta	Second	Barry Woolf
Laeliocatanthe Hot Sauce 'Stella' BM/JOGA	Second	Barry Woolf
Oeceoclades Chameleon	Second	Sarah Hurdel
Microterangis harriotianna	Second	Eric Wiles
Phragmipedium Fireworks 'April Fool', AM/AOS	Second	John Dunning
Paphiopedilum Puppentanz	Second	Barry Woolf
Laeliocatanthe Newberry Lava Burst	Second	Barry Woolf
Phalaenopsis KV Charmer	Second	Janice Mazur
Dendrobium Royal Wings	Second	Barry Woolf
Phalaenopsis Sogo Vieker 'Taida Little Monkey'	Second	Sarah Hurdel
Paphiopedilum sukhakulii	Second	David Smith
Phalaenopsis sumatrana	Second	Sarah Hurdel
Dendrobium Ding Dang Blue	Second	Sarah Hurdel
Phalaenopsis Harlequin	Second	Barry Woolf
Epidendrum Little Miss Sunshine	Second	David Smith
Oncidium splendidum	Second	Clark Riley
Paphiopedilum Spice Islands	Second	David Smith
Arpophyllum giganteum	Second	Eric Wiles
Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball'	Third	Valerie Lowe
Wilsonara Firecat 'Harmony'	Third	Clark Riley
Laeliocatanthe Memoria Doug Lace 'Orange Crush'	Third	Owen Humphrey
Paphiopedilum Deperle	Third	Owen Humohrey
Paphiopedilum Lou Vidorski	Third	Clark Riley
Phalaenopsis White Fantasy	Third	Susan Gaertner
Cattleya intermedia var. orlata 'Crownfox' HCC/AOS	Third	David Smith
Phalaenopsis Red Dragon	Third	Eric Wiles
Pleurothallis racemiflora	Third	Barry Woolf

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*Respectfully submitted Valerie Lowe,  
MOS Away Show Chair*





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## LOCAL AOS NEWS

National Capital Judging Center in Conjunction with the Maryland Orchid Society Show

March 9, 2017

**Sarah Hurdel and Valerie Lowe's exhibit**  
was awarded the  
**AOS Show Trophy**  
and an  
**84 point Silver Certificate**  
from the  
American Orchid Society (AOS)

**Mark Robbin's** plant of Paphiopedilum Jerry Lee Fischer 'Dorothy'  
received an  
**86 point AM**  
from the AOS

Mid-Atlantic Judging Center in Conjunction with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show

March 24, 2017

**David Smith's** plant of Paphiopedilum Samantha Lowry  
received a  
**76 point Highly Commented Certificate (HCC)**  
from the AOS

*Respectfully submitted Valerie Lowe  
AOS/ODC Representative*





Maryland Orchid Society  
Members Monthly Meeting  
June 15, 2017  
End of Year Assessment

**Please fill out this assessment, print and bring with you to the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting or email to [slspence@live.com](mailto:slspence@live.com)**

1.
  - a) Did you find the information presented this year, in the various monthly programs and/or speakers, helpful to you in your particular growing environment?
  - b) Any suggestions as to how we can improve our programs? Please be specific.
  - c) Any specific topics you would like to hear about?
  
2.
  - a) Overall, how can we improve our monthly meeting?
  - b) What would you like to be done differently? Please be specific.
  - c) What would you keep the same? Please be specific.
  
3. Any suggestions as to how we can improve the Maryland Orchid Society overall?

Thank you for taking time to answer the questions in this “end-of-year” assessment. Your input is important and will assist in improving monthly meetings and our Society in general. Please bring your completed form to the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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