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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

February 2007



president's message

This month we are beginning the count-down to our 54th annual Orchid Show and Sale. Members of the Show Committee have been busy arranging for vendors, exhibits from other societies, moss for displays, awards, judges, orchid shirts and the annual Banquet and Preview Party on March 8. Hilda has mailed the invitations to the Banquet and Preview Party so let me know if you have not received one.

If you have not signed up to volunteer at the Show, contact Bill Scharf or Hilda Sukman. We will need lots of help over the six days of show set-up, judging, sales and tear-down!

We also need members who are willing to set up an exhibit at the Show. David Smith will be demonstrating how to set up a small exhibit in the Education Corner this month, so come early and learn from the "pros". Remember, members are welcome to do a group exhibit, borrow plants from other members, buy plants to use in their display and enter multiple classes. Exhibits are always a challenge but lots of fun in the end – and very satisfying when an exhibit or plant wins a ribbon.

See more information on page 5 about volunteering for the show.

Ann

Linda Wilhelm to Speak at Next Meeting

Our speaker this month is Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids in Charlotte, NC. Her talk will be on "The Real *Miltonias*" – the warmer growing *Miltonias* of Brazil and their hybrids.

Linda is an AOS Judge, Chairman of the Carolina Judging Center in Greensboro, NC, a recipient of the AOS Certificate of Education, a member of the AOS Judging Committee and an AOS Trustee.



(She is also an excellent speaker!). She and her husband Rolf, are known for their breeding work with the *Oncidium* alliance and have had many of their crosses awarded. She will be bringing plants to sell so this is an excellent opportunity to acquire some new and unusual orchid species and hybrids as well.

Next General Meeting

February 15, 2007

7:00 p.m. Show table setup
7:15 p.m. Beginners' corner
7:30 p.m. Judging begins
8:00 p.m. Meeting begins
8:15 p.m. Program begins

The Maryland Orchid Society meets at the First Christian Church,
5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore MD.

Next Board Meeting

April 12, 2007 at Anne Minkowski's house. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Novice

1. Mtdm. Hawaiian Sunset 'Yupin' – Laura Sobelman
2. Paph. (*primulinum* X Yosemite Moon) – Don Forester
3. Dtps. (Chian-Huey Red Rose X Taida Pearl) – Edith Goldman



Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS
– Mark Robbins

Home Grown

1. Den. Andree Millar – Lorie Lee-Young
 2. Tie Stenosarcous Vanguard – Val Lowe
 - Den. Candy Stripe – Chris Zajac
 3. Tie Phrag. Don Wimber – Bill Soyke
- Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS – Mark Robbins

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. Vanda Hybrid – Les Kirkegaard
2. Paph. Helgi – Lou Vadorsky
3. Cym. Minuet – James Winner

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. Rhrds. Thai Noi X Rhy. *coelestis* – Barry Woolf
2. Lyc. Shoalhaven – David Smith
3. Cym. Hybrid – Cy Swett

Cattleya Alliance

1. Bl. Yellow Bird – Les Kirkegaard
2. C. Margaret Degenhardt 'Saturn' – Phuong Tran
3. Tie Lc. Nippon 'Livinza' – Barry Woolf
Blc. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation' FCC/AOS – Michael Moran

Phalaenopsis Alliance

1. Phal. Cassandra – Mark Robbins
2. Phal. (Jordan's Pixie X Zuma's Pixie) – Nancy Duggan
3. Tie Phal. Harmony Rose – Dr. Eric Wiles
Phal. Hybrid – Lorie Lee-Young

Oncidium Alliance

1. Wils. Intermezzo 'Passionata' – Barry Woolf
2. Odcdm. Tiger Butter 'Peanut' – Cy Swett
3. Onc. Kukoo – Bill Soyke

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedum

1. Paph. *chamberlainianum* – Dr. Eric Wiles
2. Tie Paph. Gold Dollar – The Lundys
Paph. [(Mem. Allegria Gutierrez X Maudiae) X Maudiae] – Don Forester
3. Paph. Pinocchio – Bill Soyke

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Rhv. Blue Lightning – Les Kirkegaard
2. Tie Cal. Granville – Barry Woolf
Den. Hybrid – Chris Zajac
3. Tie Den. Nora Tokunaga – David Smith
Den. Nora Tokunaga – Dr. Eric Wiles



Asctm. (*garayi* X *ampullaceum*) – Gary Smith

Species

1. Lyc. *skinneri* – David Smith
2. Epi. *veroscriptum* – Barry Woolf
3. *Dendrochilum cobbianum* – Cy Swett

Miniature

1. Asctm. (*garayi* X *ampullaceum*) – Gary Smith
2. Den. *aberrans* – The Adams
3. Onc. *cheirophorum* – Bill Scharf



Onc. Twinkle – Barry Woolf

First Bloom Seedling

1. Coel. (*speciosa* X *fuscescens*) – Barry Woolf
2. C. *trianaei* – The Adams
3. Phal. (*amabilis* X *equestris*) – Dr. Eric Wiles

Fragrance

1. B. *digbyana* 'Mrs. Chase' AM/AOS – Lorie Lee-Young
2. Slc. Hybrid – Bill Soyke
3. Onc. Twinkle – Barry Woolf

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Bl. Yellow Bird, exhibited by Les Kirkegaard. The judges were Lee Lundy, Cy Swett and Bill Ellis. There were 134 plants on the show table!



Blc. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation' FCC/AOS – Michael Moran

orchid expressions

Fiddle with orchids long enough and you're bound to pick up a few interesting "big" words. Books tend to serve up most of these words, but occasionally we find that a big word enters into common spoken conversation. For me, one of my earliest big words was "*resupination*" and its slightly bigger cousin "*nonresupination*". I was always surprised that we use such words to describe an orchid flower as right-side up (lip down) or upside down (lip up). Why not simply use simple words?

Well, the main reason for this is that resupination doesn't mean right-side up, at least not literally. It derives from a Latin word meaning "to bend back". Hmm, that doesn't help much. Let's dig a little deeper. Picture an orchid spike. As a flower bud forms, the lip is oriented on top of the flower next to the *rachis* (main stem of the inflorescence). If nothing else were to happen, the flower would open, and we would consider it to be upside down, because the lip is on the dorsal side of the flower. For most orchids, however, something does happen. As the flower bud matures the *pedicel* (flower stem) twists 180 degrees so that the flower opens with the lip down. (This is easy to see on vandaceous orchids. At the next show table, look closely at a Vanda or Ascocenda and you'll easily see how the pedicel twists.)

Now if it were only this easy. To produce flowers with the lip uppermost, some orchid flowers don't twist at all and others, to overcome a pre-existing evolutionary history of twisting, twist again (360 degrees!). In the case of such orchids, natural selection favored a flower with the lip on top, undoubtedly to take advantage of some special pollination strategy. Other orchids skip the twisting and instead curl past the rachis to produce lip-down flowers. And of course, many orchid inflorescences are pendant, so an orchid that sports lip-down flowers doesn't have to twist or curl at all.

Confused? Let's summarize: A resupinate orchid is one that, regardless of the orientation of the inflorescence, produces a lip-down flower, bending or twisting if necessary to make it happen. A nonresupinate orchid produces a lip-up flower, bending, twisting, and rarely twisting again as required. And finally an orchid that produces both resupinate and nonresupinate flowers is just messing with your mind.

Please provide feedback and suggestions for other articles to Gary Smith.

Q&A

Each month the *MOS Newsletter* team offers a column including answers to any questions you might have about orchids. If you have questions regarding orchid care, culture or just general questions please email Laura Sobelman and she will forward it to our "experts" who will give you suggestions. Even better if you have a photo illustrating the question.

Q. "Any ideas on how to deter ants from taking up residence in orchid pots over the summer months? I placed my plants on a laminate table and had an ant problem on the underside of the table as well as in the pots." Are the ants harmful to the plants? How do I get rid of them so they don't end up inside my home as well?

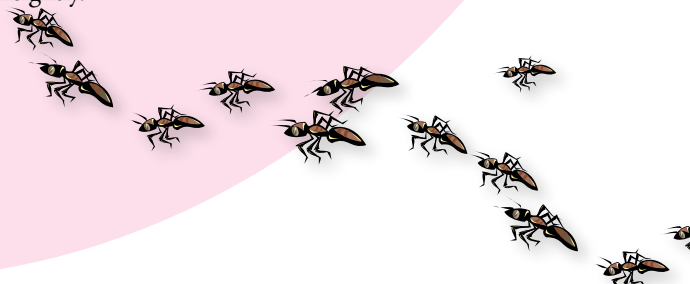
~ Marilyn Lauffer

A. After researching this, we came up with material called "Orange-Gard" which is supposed to be deadly to ants in pots. It should not be difficult once you have the follow the directions for use on the container. Also, I have found that the small ant baits that are sold in many places are effective. There are several kinds by different manufacturers, but the ones that I have found easiest to use and hide are small black plastic containers maybe 1¼" to 1½" on a side and maybe ¼" high. Plus, they are quite inexpensive. However they are effective enough that

the EPA will probably ban them. Do not spray to kill or otherwise disturb the ants as they move about, just place the little black "boxes" in their pathway(s) maybe 2-3 feet apart and leave them. In about 2 weeks the ants should be gone. These can be used for big carpenter ants as well as the little ones, it just takes longer and a few more baits.

Also, you could try these little ant baits around the pots while they are outdoors in the summer.

Ants are not generally harmful to orchids except by being there. They will (and, do) carry scale insects from one place to another if there are enough of them (both, ants and scale). All in all, however, ants do not normally harm orchids directly other than being pestfully unsightly.



board meeting minutes

January 11, 2007

In Attendance: Ann and Lee Lundy, David Smith, Laura Sobelman, Tom McBride, Bill Scharf, Lorie Lee-Young, Gary Smith, Anne Minkowski, Eric Wiles, Bill Ellis, Aaron Webb, Barry Woolf



Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from October board meeting were voted on and approved.

Committee Report
Treasurer's Report
– Sept. 1, 2006 through Jan. 9, 2007
Transaction list was distributed to board. A motion was made and the treasurer's report was approved.

The Controller discussed the credit card machine processing fees and usability of existing machines. A motion was made to authorize buying a new credit card machine or machines and switching processors, if determined by the Controller to be appropriate. The motion was approved.

New Business

MOS mailing list to NCOS.

NCOS would like a list of MOS members for advertising their auction. The Board is concerned about releasing the contact information of our members. Barry will discuss with NCOS about the date of their auction and our concern with releasing member information. The board approved including NCOS auction notice in our February newsletter.

Library

The board and society thanks Bill Ellis and Hilda Sukman for helping Anne Minkowski organize the library. New books have been purchased.

New Membership chairman

After many years of service, Joe Dockman is stepping down from this position. A volunteer is needed to take over, anyone interested should speak to Joe or Ann Lundy. Members of the society have agreed to become Mentors to greet and help new members feel welcome.

There are lots of tentative plans for new member involvement such as workshops and open house tours and greenhouse tours.

Newsletter

Information to be published in the February newsletter is needed by January 30th. Please send information/articles/pictures to Laura Sobelman.

The Spring Show was discussed and the next Show Committee meeting will be called by Bill Scharf and Ann Lundy.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 12th at Anne Minkowski's house at 7 p.m., 6:30 p.m. food will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Lamps May Have Caused Fire To \$670K House

Wed., Jan 10, 2007 5:34 p.m.

Officials believe lamps used for an orchid-growing operation might be to blame for the fire that destroyed a south Titusville, FL home.

The \$670,000 riverfront home, owned by Laura Ward, a Titusville community activist, went up in flames Tuesday, Jan. 9. It took an hour for Brevard County and Titusville firefighters to get the fire under control at 5717 Riveredge Drive, and the blaze gutted the back half of the house.

Nobody was injured in the fire, and no other structures were affected.

Firefighters spent Wednesday morning sifting through the remains of the house, trying to salvage antiques, furniture and art.

Investigators were also on scene, determining the cause of the blaze.

In your homes and greenhouses please make sure your electrical circuits are not overloaded and that flammables are far away from lights.

Orchids Around the World

2007 Maryland Orchid Society Show

March 9-11, 2007

The show is just a few short weeks away. We have a great theme for all the exhibitors to work with – Orchids Around the World – so start planning your exhibit now.

We will need lots of help to make the show another success. Please sign up at the February meeting to help whenever you can. Some of the areas to volunteer include, boxing plants, checking plants in the Plant Check area, helping in the sales area and answering questions from the many orchid shoppers.

We also need help in setting up the staging for the show as well as clerking the day of judging. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Society members and have some fun. Every volunteer working the Show will receive a gift from the Society. If you have any questions about working at the show, ask Ann Lundy, Gary Smith or Bill Scharf.

We also have several Awards that are not sponsored at this point. These include:

- Best Plant in *Oncidium* Alliance-Commercial
- Best *Epidendrum* in Show - Commercial
- Best Education Exhibit - Division III
- Best Plant in *Pleurothallid* Alliance - Hobbyist
- Best Plant in *Pleurothallid* Alliance - Commercial



The Little Greenhouse display from the 2006 show. Photo courtesy of Barry Woolf.

Please see Bill Scharf, Lorie Lee Young or David Smith about sponsoring these awards.

Be sure to RSVP for the annual banquet which takes place on Thursday, March 8th. Enjoy delicious food, great conversation, and be the first to buy the orchid you most want before the show opens to the public. Hilda Sukman has sent out invitations to the banquet. See her at the next meeting if you haven't received an invite or would like to purchase tickets; or email her at hrks1931@msn.com.

Look for the volunteer sign up sheets at the February meeting and plan on helping; you'll be glad you did.



David Smith's table top display won the Best Table Top Display Award last year. Photo courtesy of Barry Woolf.



Rachael and Steve Adams' display from the 2006 show. Photo courtesy of the Adamases.



This display from the 2006 show was constructed by Ann Lundy, Bill Soyke and Barry Woolf. It was created with plants from them, Mark Robbins, Barbara Buck, Lorie Lee-Young and many others. Photo courtesy of Barry Woolf.

2007 Longwood Gardens International Orchid Show

March 30, 31 & April 1

Spectacular orchids fill Longwood Gardens during the International Orchid Show. Sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS), the judged show features 25 exhibits by regional orchid societies and popular national and international vendors.

Visitors can enjoy a number of informative talks, lectures and special events throughout the weekend spotlighting orchids from around the world.

Find out what it takes to grow prize-winning orchids with free guided show tours, given by Orchid Society members. A photo exhibit of orchids native to North America depicts the unique form, texture and amazing color of these special varieties.

Thursday, March 29

'An Evening in the Orchid Room' Dinner, Lecture & Show Preview: 6:30 pm. Call 610-388-1000 ext. 559 for reservations.

Friday, March 30

Orchid Show: Noon to 6:00 pm
Orchid Expert on Duty: Noon to 6:00 pm
Native Orchid Photo Exhibit: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Talk and Lunch Buffet, Orchids, Whales and Polar Bears—Orchids of Canada, presented by Lorne Heshka: 11:30 am (Reservations accepted beginning January 25)
Guided Orchid Show Tours: Noon, 2:00 & 4:00 pm
Public Talk, The Ocean's on the Left—Orchids of the West Coast, presented by Ron Coleman: 1:00 pm
Public Talk, Advanced Orchid Culture—Oncidium, presented by Dr. Jules Ellison: 2:15 pm
Public Talk, Advanced Orchid Culture—Cypripedioidea, presented by Dr. Steven Fearheller: 3:30 pm

Saturday, March 31

Orchid Show: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Orchid Expert on Duty: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Native Orchid Photo Exhibit: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Guided Orchid Show Tours: 10:00 am, noon, 2:00 & 4:00 pm
Public Talk, An Introduction to Orchid Culture, presented by Robert Muschler: 11:00 am
Talk and Lunch Buffet, The Ocean's on the Left—Orchids of the West Coast, presented by Dr. Ron Coleman: 11:30 am (Reservations accepted beginning January 25)
Public Talk, Orchids, Whales and Polar Bears—Orchids of Canada, presented by Lorne Heshka: 1:00 pm
Public Talk, In Praise of Native Orchids, presented by Hal Horwitz: 2:30 pm
Public Talk, Unusual Species for Experienced Growers, presented by Howard Gunn: 4:00 pm



Orchid Society Gala, featuring buffet dinner, dancing, tours and presentations (Reservations accepted beginning January 25): 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 1

Orchid Show: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Orchid Expert on Duty: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Native Orchid Photo Exhibit: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Guided Orchid Show Tours: 10:00 am, noon, 2:00 & 4:00 pm
Public Talk, An Introduction to Orchid Culture, presented by John Salventi: 11:00 am
Public Talk, Orchids, Snakes and Gators—Orchids of the Deep South, presented by Jim Fowler: 1:00 pm
Public Talk, Backyard Surprises—Orchids of Pennsylvania, presented by Mark Larocque: 3:00 pm

For more information about SEPOS, visit www.sepos.org.

The weekend show is the first event in Longwood's new expanded Orchid Extravaganza, running through Mother's Day, May 13. Featuring thousands of blooms throughout the conservatory, Longwood showcases the revered orchid with innovative displays, interesting talks and tours, and memorable exhibits.



Photos from the Longwood Gardens website

19th Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council

Speakers' Forum

April 28, 2007

Featured Speakers

Norito Hasegawa Paphanatics unLimited Anaheim, CA
Paph species and the role they play in modern hybrids

Alfredo Manrique Centro De Jardineria Manrique Lima, Peru
Peruvian species

Glen Barfield The OrchidWorks Hakalau, HI
Oncidium hybrids for the future

Schedule of Events

8:30 am– 10:00 am	Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open)
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Guest Lecture
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Guest Lecture
12:00 noon – 1:15 pm	Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Guest Lecture
2:15pm – 3:15 pm	Panel Discussion and Plant Raffle
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Sales Open

Vendors

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The OrchidWorks
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J&L Orchids

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Register for our early-bird raffle by March 31, 2007 and you may win one of three exceptional plants provided by our speakers.

☆☆☆☆☆ **Advance Registration Required** ☆☆☆☆☆

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