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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

October 2007

vice president's message

Ann Lundy is out of the country this week and asked me to fill in for the President's Message. I wrote this month's column in between volunteer shifts at the National Capital Orchid Society's Show and Sale. It's been a great show with uncommonly warm and sunny weather. And of course Valerie Lowe's Away Show Committee did another spectacular job of installing a beautiful and highly awarded exhibit. I'll leave the impressive tally of results for Valerie. It's a shame if you missed it.

Over this weekend, I've been reminded many times of the importance of member participation in the success of a society. For the MOS, this will be particularly evident for the months of October and November. One of the hardest tasks for any society is making arrangements for good speakers to present at its monthly meetings. And while we mostly rely upon external talent, it's smart to remember that there are untapped local resources within the MOS. So to start things off, long-time and widely respected member Clark Riley has graciously offered to lend his speaking skills to the October program. I look forward to

his talk titled "Top Ten Cultural Mistakes". The meeting is on 18 October. Please remember that show table judging begins at 7:30 pm to ensure a more timely finish for the program.

The other buzz of activity surrounds the planning efforts for our annual auction in November. Our auction is one of the two most important fund-raising events put on by the MOS. (You thought your membership dues covered our expenses? Guess again!) We unexpectedly were informed that the Ellicott City Armory is no longer available to us because of overseas deployments of the National Guard. However, following a quick investigation of other nearby venues, Bill Ellis was able to find and secure a very nice facility at Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department (6680 Sykesville Road, Sykesville, Maryland 21784). The date is the same—the Saturday following Thanksgiving day—or 24 November. Please consider contributing your extra plants, your time, or both. Our success hinges on donations and volunteerism.

Gary

Clark Riley: Top Ten Cultural Mistakes

Our speaker for October 18, 2007 is our own Dr. Clark Riley. Clark has been an active orchid grower since April 1957.

At the age of six, he got his first plant, a (probably collected) *Cypripedium pubescens* from a perennial nursery. The plant died a miserable death in a short time, but not before blooming and cementing a life-long love of orchids. He has labored ever since to make amends by promoting the sound cultivation of *Cypripedia*. On the 18th, he will talk about the mistakes he's made and the plants he's killed like every other orchid grower and — most importantly — how he's changed his culture to be able to overcome these difficulties. This practical talk will feature his "Top Ten Cultural Mistakes (and how to fix 'em)". He will bring



extras from his collection for sale including *Paphiopedilums*, *Phragmipediums*, and a terrestrial or two.

Clark grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species, and three of the five genera of ladyslippers, often from seed in his basement and yard. He was the producer for the book and CD of "Proceeding of the North American Native Terrestrial Orchid

Conference". He is a member of the Maryland Orchid Society, the American Orchid Society, and an occasional contributor to the *Orchid List Digest*. He can be reached at driley@aol.com or visit his web site at <http://cyps.us>.

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September Show Table Results

Maryland Orchid Society Kicks Butt at NCOS

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Cattleya Hybrid - Paul Biederman

Novice

1. Cattleya Hybrid - Paul Biederman
2. Paph. (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - Don Forester

Home Grown

1. *Cyc. herrenhusanum* - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Cycd. Wine Delight 'JEM' FCC/AOS - Val Lowe
Phal. *bellina* 'An Lin' - Bill Scharf
3. *Oncda. Charlesworthii* 'Mishima' - Dan Williamson

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. Vanda Hybrid - Les Kirkegaard
2. Phrag. Sedenii 'Blush' - Lou Vadorsky
3. *C. (bicolor X Brazilian Queen)* - Craig Taborsky

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. Blptm. Midnight Blue - The Adamses
2. Milt. *spectabilis* hybrid - Cy Swett



Phal. *bellinae* 'An Lin' - Bill Scharf



Vanda Hybrid - Les Kirkegaard

Cattleya

1. Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Green Ching Hua' - Les Kirkegaard
2. Tie C. (Muriel Loo X *bicolor*) - The Adamses
Lc. (Summer Wonder X Media Noche) - Craig Taborsky
3. Pot. Hoku Gem - Sheryl Holdridge



Cyc. herrenhusanum - Chris Zajac

Phalaenopsis

1. Dtps. Kenneth Schubert - The Adamses
2. Dtps. Lonnie Morris - Nancy Duggan
3. Tie Phal. *bellina* - Cy Swett
Dtps. Buddha's Treasure - Chris Zajac

Oncidium

1. Alcra. Hilo Ablaze 'HOF' - David Smith



C. (bicolor X Brazilian Queen) - Craig Taborsky

2. Dgmra. Flying High 'Yellow Star' - Cy Swett
3. Milt. Candid Ruby 'Concord Grape' - Clark Riley

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. (*sukhakulii* X Bill Werntz) - The Adamses
2. Paph. (Nightfer X *charlesworthii*) - Cy Swett
3. Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara - Clark Riley



Dtps. Kenneth Schubert - The Adamses

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Asvts. Thai Cherry - The Adamses
2. V. Meechai Blue - Phuong Tran
3. Coch. Amazing - The Lundys

Species

1. Pths. *sonderana* - David Smith
2. Den. *phalaenopsis* var. *compactum* - Gene Trump
3. *Dendrochilum glumaceum* - Dr. Eric Wiles

Miniature

1. *Ornithocephalus gladius* - David Smith
2. *Haraella retrocalla* - The Adamses
3. Gom. *crispa* - Craig Taborsky

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (*primulinum* X Doctor Jack) - Gary Smith
2. Dtps. Murray's Quest - Val Lowe
3. Tie Phal. *violacea* - The Adamses
Paph. Hybrid - The Lundys

Fragrance

1. Cym. Chen's Ruby - The Lundys
2. Cattleya Hybrid - Norma Lynch
3. Tie *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Loch Raven' - Don Forester
Z. Syd Monkhouse - Cy Swett

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Pths. *sonderana*, exhibited by David Smith. The judges were Nancy Duggan, Bill Ellis and Dan Williamson. There were 95 plants on the show table.

MORE SHOW TABLE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

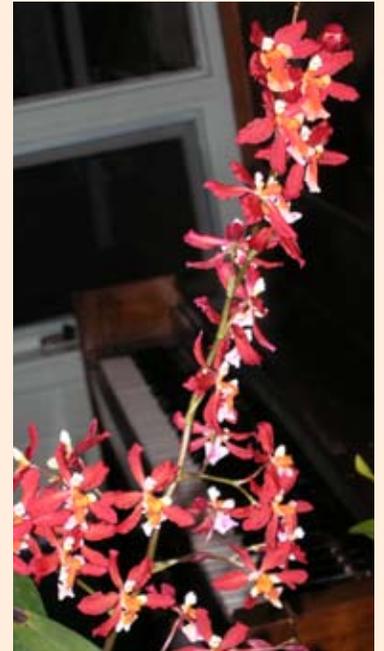
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Maryland Orchid Society Exhibits at the National Capitol Orchid Society Show!

With the help of Sarah Hurdel, David Smith, Gary Smith, Cyrus Swett, and Eric Wiles, Valerie Lowe installed a 50 square foot exhibit at the National Capitol Orchid Society Show. Thanks to the generous loan of plants by Steve and Rachael Adams, Bill Ellis, Edith Goldman, Sheryl Holdridge, Sarah Hurdel, Ann and Lee Lundy, Valerie Lowe, Marilyn Lauffer, David Smith, Gary Smith, Cyrus Swett, Eric Wiles, Daniel Williamson, Barry Woolf, and the Little Greenhouse the exhibit won First Place for 50 square foot Society Exhibits, Best Society Exhibit, and Best Amateur Exhibit (Orchid Digest Award). Of special interest was the *Pleurothallis sonderana* loaned by David Smith; this plant received an 83 point CCM from the American Orchid Society as well as Best in Show ribbons in four categories!



Photo by Sarah Hurdel

Other ribbons/awards received were:

Owner	Plant	Ribbon/Award
Steve and Rachel Adams	Asvts. Thai Cherry	1st Best Amateur Grown Phal.
	Den. Salaya Minisit	3rd
	Dtps. Kenneth Schubert	3rd
	Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puunani', AM/AOS	1st
	Sarco. Bobby-Dazzler 'Pink Parfait'	3rd
Bill Ellis	<i>Lycaste lasioglossa</i>	1st
	<i>Miltoniopsis santanaei</i>	2nd
Edith Goldman	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> hybrid	3rd
Marilyn Lauffer	Phrag. Sedenii hybrid	1st Best Amateur Grown Phrag.
Valerie Lowe	Phrag. <i>longifolium v. gracile</i>	1st
Ann and Lee Lundy	Paph. <i>liemianum</i>	1st
David Smith	<i>Epi. diffusum</i>	Honorable Mention
	<i>Onc. onustum</i>	Honorable Mention
	<i>Pleuro. sonderana</i>	1st, <i>Pleurothallis</i> species Best Amateur <i>Pleurothallis</i> Best Amateur Species 1st, Miniature Best Amateur Miniature Best Miniature in Show
	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i> 'Chadd's Ford'	1st
Gary Smith	<i>Rhyncostylis coelestis</i> x <i>Christensonia vietnamica</i>	Honorable Mention
Cyrus Swett	<i>Onc. onustum</i>	3rd
The Little Greenhouse	<i>Onc. Sum Lai Woh</i> 'Triple Threat', JC/AOS	1st Best <i>Oncidium</i>
	Slc. Mae Hawkins 'Miya', AM/AOS	2nd
Barry Woolf	<i>Cirr. annandalei</i>	3rd
	<i>Dendrochilum magnum</i>	2nd
	<i>Pleuro. alligatorensis</i>	3rd
Chris Zajac	BC hybrid	Honorable Mention
	Phrag. Noirmont	3rd

At the close of the exhibition, David and Margaret Smith and Cyrus Swett helped to dismantle and pack up the exhibit.

**NEW
LOCATION!**

Come Join us for the Maryland Orchid Society's Annual Auction

Saturday, November 24, 2007

Preview: 11 AM - Noon

Auction: Noon – 4 PM

**Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department Social Hall
6680 Sykesville Road (at Freedom Ave.), Sykesville, MD 21784**

Quality orchids from:

- * The Little Greenhouse
- * Carmela Orchids
- * Parkside Orchid Nursery
- * Tropical Orchid Farm
- * Member plant divisions and donations

Orchid Supplies from Quarter Acre Orchids:

- * Potting Media
- * Pots
- * Humidity Trays
- * AOS calendars

Instant Auction Table:

- * Plants priced and ready to sell

Directions:

From Baltimore

West on I#70

Right at Exit #80 (MD#32 North)

About 8 miles to Freedom Ave.

Left, then right into parking lot

From Washington

North on I#95

Left on MD#32 West

About 24 miles to Freedom Ave.

Left, then right into parking lot



Photos by Barry Woolf

For more information or to help:

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or visit the MOS web site at www.marylandorchids.org

Third Annual Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium

Presented by an alliance of his orchid friends in Virginia

November 9 & 10, 2007

Ramada 1776, 725 Bypass Road, Williamsburg, Va. 23185

Preview Party: Friday, November 9, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Linda Thorne: "A Tribute to Merritt"

Jeff Bradley: "The Early Orchid Legends of America"

Symposium: Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Plants to be entered for AOS Judging by 8:30 AM

8:50 AM Welcome: Rob Griesbach, Moderator
9:00 – 10:45 AM Carrie Raven-Riemann: "Mini – but Mighty – Multi-floral *Phalaenopsis*"
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM Yin-Tung Wang, Ph.D.: "The Nobile *Dendrobiums*, from Hawaii to the East Coast"

12:15-1:45 PM Buffet Lunch (included in registration) and plant sales. Speakers and additional
& 4:30-5:30 PM vendors featuring various genera will participate in the sales area.*

1:45 – 3:15 PM National Capital Judging Presentation
3:15 – 4:30 PM Dr. Norito Hasegawa: "What's in the Future of *Paphs*?"

Symposium Registration (includes buffet lunch): \$35.00

Preview Party (heavy hors d'oeuvres): \$25.00

Ramada Hotel: \$69.00 room rate for Huntington Symposium

Early Registration suggested Due to Limited Space

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Additional Registrant(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email _____

Preview Party Only Symposium Only Combination

** We prefer to forward confirmation and additional symposium information by Email

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Visa or Mastercard# _____ Exp: _____

Please make checks payable to Huntington Memorial Symposium

Return to: Dot Pierce, 917 Beryl Avenue, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

Symposium: pierce.db@verizon.net

Ramada Hotel – For \$69.00 room rate ask for Huntington Symposium. Phone: 800-446-2848 or 757-220-1776

*For additional information go to: www.mycommunityis.com/tos/

No November National Capitol/AOS Judging

Because of the Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium on November 10, there will be no NCJC/AOS judging on Nov. 3 at the USNA. Please visit <http://www.mycommunityis.com/tos/2007symposium.htm> for more information about the symposium.

reminder

Recently a membership package with questionnaire was sent to members. If you have not done so already, now is the time to renew your MOS membership. Fees are \$20 per household and should be made out to the **Maryland Orchid Society**. Please mail your forms and check to the Maryland Orchid Society, P.O. Box 5651, Baltimore, Maryland 21210, or bring your payment to the next meeting. Thank you for supporting the MOS!

calendar

Next General Meeting

7:00 p.m. Show table set up
7:15 p.m. Education Corner
7:30 p.m. Judging begins

October 18, 2007

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. Please bring in your flowering orchids for the show table!

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from the librarian

The policy of the Maryland Orchid Society is that books borrowed from the MOS library are to be returned in one month. If you have had any MOS library books over the summer, please remember to bring them with you to return them when you come to the September meeting.

Thanks.

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