

ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information for Maryland Orchid Society members

June 2015

president's message

It is hard to believe that with this month's meeting, the 2014-2015 society year is coming to a close. It has been a good year. We moved into a new meeting location at the Woodbrook Church; Margaret and David Smith hosted the Members Repotting Workshop; we held a successful annual Orchid Auction; had a great Christmas/Holiday Party; pulled off a fine Show and Sale in March; and held a well-attended Workshop in April. Most importantly, we welcomed 31 new members.

Don't forget...there are activities during July and August with the Board Meeting at Margaret and David Smith's, July 23, and our Annual Family Picnic on August 15 at Eric Wiles' farm.

The 2015-2016 Maryland Orchid Society year begins with the monthly meeting on September 17 and the Members Repotting Seminar on September 26 at Margaret and David's.

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upcoming events

MONTHLY MEETING

The next monthly MOS meeting will be held June 18, 2015.

BOARD MEETING

The next board of trustees meeting is July 23 at the home of David and Margaret Smith. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:30. All members are welcome to attend. Please let the Smiths know if you are attending and if you would like to bring a dish or drink.

MOS PICNIC

The annual MOS picnic will be held at Eric Wiles' farm on August 15. Please RSVP and consider bringing a food item or supplies.

MOS REPOTTING WORKSHOP

The annual MOS members-only potting workshop will be held on September 26 at the home of David and Margaret Smith.

ORCHID AUCTION

The annual MOS auction will be November 14 at the Dewey Lowman VFW Hall.

This Month's Speaker is Valerie Lowe

This month, Valerie Lowe's talk, "How Orchids are Judged," explores what judges are looking for when they evaluate orchids.

Valerie has been growing orchids since 1989 on the windowsill and under lights. She has served as president (two terms), vice president, secretary, program chairman, newsletter editor, EOC registrar, ODC representative and away shows chairperson (since 1990) for the Maryland Orchid Society. She has also served as a director of the ODC.

Each fall, Valerie looks forward to putting in the MOS exhibits in the local shows (National Capital, Susquehanna, and the EOC when it still existed). She believes she received most of her exposure to and education of the large variety of orchids



from visiting members' greenhouses and from borrowing their plants for these exhibits. She has attended many international conferences and traveled Costa Rica to see orchids in various environmental conditions.

Valerie Lowe has been an MOS member since 1990, holding numerous offices and committee positions, including back-to-back terms as President from 1996 to 1999. Valerie is perhaps best known as the MOS Away Show Chair, a job that, incredibly, she has served for most of her tenure with MOS. In October 2011, the MOS Board elected Valerie to life membership. Valerie is also an accredited AOS judge and for many years has served as Judging Chair at MOS's annual show. AOS judges serve a critical role in both ribbon and AOS judging.

Member Update

There were 56 members at the May meeting. The door prize, a bottle of KelpMax from First Rays was won by Lou Buck.

MOS is glad to welcome new members Shirley A. Bollinger and Toni Gardner.

Novice

1. Phrag. (Demetria X Twilight) - Wanda Kuhn
2. Paph. *fowlei* - The Zickuhrs
3. Gchls. *bellinus* - Dave Smith

Home Grown

1. Phrag. *ecuadorensis* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Paph. (Sander's Pride X Susan Booth) - John Dunning
Enc. Hybrid - Bob Travers
3. Tie Phal. Hybrid - Marilyn Lauffer
Paph. Avalon Pearl - Janice Mazur

Greenhouse

1. L. (Seagulls Tangerine X *milleri*) - Clark Riley
2. Max. *tenuifolia* - The Adamses
3. Phal. (*deliciosa* X *chibae*) - David Smith

Cattleya

1. C. *aurantiaca* - Ellie Martin
2. Tie C. *schilleriana* var. *coerulea*
'Loch Raven' - The Adamses
L. Zip 'Itty Do Dah' - Clark Riley
3. Tie L. *purpuata* var. *carnea*
'Harford's Parade' HCC/AOS
Lc. Alachua 'Hilry' - Bob Johnston

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes
2. Tie Phal. *lueddemanniana* - The Adamses
Phal. *bastianii* - David Smith
3. Tie Phal. *cornu-cervi* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
Phal. (Golden Buddha X Tiger Butter) - Bob Travers

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. *lowii* - The Adamses
2. Tie Paph. Sue-B-Prae - Deborah Dade
Paph. Jade Dragon 'Hampstead' HCC/AOS - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Paph. (Spotglen X *spicerianum*) - John Dunning
Paph. *villosum* var. *annamense* - Owen Humphrey
Paph. *lowii* 'Purple Swallowtail' - Clark Riley

Oncidium

1. Brs. *caudata* f. *alba* - Clark Riley
2. Tie Brs. Rex 'Waiomao Spottles' FCC/AOS - John Dunning
Odcdm. Lorraines 14th WOC - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Brsda. Orange Delight 'Starbecks Orange' HCC/AOS - Owen Humphrey
Vuyl. Carnivale 'O Kiku' - Chris Zajac

Dendrobium

1. Den. *pulchellum* - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Den. Hybrid - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
Den. Little Green Apples - The Soykes
3. Den. *lawesii* - The Adamses

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Ascda. Su Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle' AM/AOS - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Zygo. Rhine Moonlight - The Soykes

Species

1. Den. *laevifolium* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Lept. *bicolor* - The Adamses
Epi. *capricorni* - Clark Riley
3. Tie Paph. *barbatum* - John Dunning
C. *maxima* - Sarah Spence
Mal. *latifolia* - Bob Travers

Miniature

1. Lths. *telipoganiflora* - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Tie Neof. *falcata* 'Katsuwamushi' - The Adamses
Bulb. *frostii* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Pths. *tribuloides* - Val Lowe
Bulb. *lemniscatoides* - Dave Smith
Ascf. Cherry Blossom - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

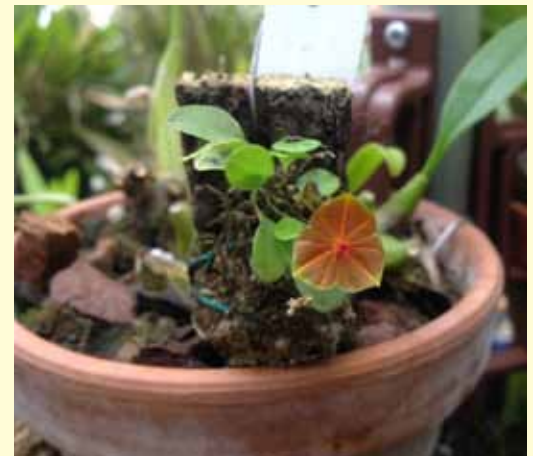
First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. Toni Semple - John Dunning
2. Onc. *calochilum* - Clark Riley
3. Phrag. (St. Ouen X Pink Panther) - Joel Graham

Fragrance

1. Blc. George King 'Southern Cross' - Sarah Spence
2. Tie Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - John Dunning
Lc. Llory Ann 'Paradise' - Suzanne Gaertner
3. Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lenette' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston

The Judges Choice of the Evening was Lths. *telipoganiflora*, exhibited by Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith . Thank You to our judges who were, Suzanne Gaertner, Bob Johnston and Eric Wiles. Our show table had an incredible display of 124 beautiful flowering plants. A special THANKS to all that make our show table such a great success!



education corner

For the June education corner, Sarah Hurdel is going to talk about "Overwaterers Anonymous." If you feel you fall into this dreaded category, please check out her talk. Bring in plants you think you might have overwatered to have her examine them.

UPCOMING WEBINARS :

(hint – go to www.aos.org and click on the lower Webinar tab for current webinars, and on the upper Webinar tab for more information about future and available previously recorded webinars)

TRENDING PHALAEONOPSIS

NOVELTY HYBRIDIZING, presented by Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids. Wednesday, June 24, 2015 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. EDT. MEMBERS ONLY

Novelty Phalaenopsis are rewarding for their compact size, frequent flowering, brilliant color and fragrance. Join Peter as he showcases the best novelty Phalaenopsis available today, and reviews the breeding attributes that create more colorful novelty Phalaenopsis for tomorrow. Peter has been growing orchids for over 25 years and frequently travels from his Texas home to Taiwan to see the latest Phalaenopsis development, and to learn from Taiwanese hybridizers. Online registration available at www.AOS.org by mid-June.

PRERECORDED WEBINARS
AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE
(INCLUDING NONMEMBERS) AT
WWW.AOS.ORG

(click on the upper Webinar tab to access these):
Introduction: Orchids and Their Culture -Greg Allikas
Orchids Plus: AOS' Digital Orchid Awards Program -Greg Filter
Greenhouse Chat, July -Ron McHatton
Greenhouse Chat, August -Ron McHatton
It's All About the Roots -John Salventi
Visiting a Rainbow: A Slice of Life from the Reed- Stemmed Epidendrum -Cheryl Erins
Greenhouse Chat, February -Ron McHatton
Demystifying AOS Judging -Harry Gallis
Please enjoy these wonderful free classes about orchids. There are even more pre-recorded webinars available to AOS members online at the AOS website at any time.

The June issue of *Orchids* magazine will be a Phal-tastic spectacular, including the following great articles about focusing on this very popular groups of orchids:

An introduction to the genus Phalaenopsis
Overview and culture of twenty popular Phalaenopsis species
Blue Phalaenopsis, for real
Orchids illustrated: Phalaenopsis amabilis
There will also be a Spotlight article on *Tuberolabium woodii* and a Collectors' Item article about Lc. Puppy Love.

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS:

San Jose Orchid Exposition

June 5-7 Winchester Mystery Houe, 525 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA

Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale

June 13-14 Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, 2206 Johnson St., Lafayette, LA

WHATS NEW WITH AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AND THE AOS:

We are almost ready to launch our newest membership campaign. Every society will earn a one month extension of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that you get. The IT department has almost put the finishing touches on an automated program, but in the meantime, your society is still eligible to earn these free months by making sure that your society is listed on the membership applications that you hand out, under home society. Be sure to have membership forms with your society's name filled in and available at your club meetings!

The AOS has new AOS tablecloths and vertical, self-supporting banners available, to be used to set up an AOS booth at orchid shows. Just contact the Judging Chair of your region to arrange shipping of this eye-catching display for your show! We greatly appreciate your help introducing the American Orchid Society to your show visitors.

I want to thank Laura Newton profusely for her hard work and terrific contributions during her tenure as Chair of the Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee. I look forward to serving as Vice-Chair and working with Chair George Hatfield to continue growing with the AOS!

I really welcome your feedback, comments and suggestions! You can reach me at gbrodiaosmembership@gmail.com.

Let's grow together,

Gayle Brodie
Vice-Chair AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee

NEW MOS Newsletter Designer/Editor!

After 10 years producing the *MOS Newsletter*, I am stepping down. Although they are mammoth-sized shoes to fill (I will try not to break my arm patting myself on the back), Barbara Buck has graciously offered to take over the mantle of this esteemed position where I hope she will put her own signature to a new look.

Barbara Buck and her husband Lou have been members of the MOS since 1997. Barbara has been a cornerstone of the society, volunteering for shows, auctions and other MOS events to promote the society throughout the years. She is currently responsible for providing refreshments for our meetings. Her favorite orchids are Cattleyas, which she grows in a greenhouse with various other orchids and plants. She is also an extremely talented wildlife painter; I have one of her wonderful Cattleya paintings.

Barbara's first newsletter issue will be at the beginning of the MOS fiscal year in September. Please support her by helping or contributing to the newsletter. There are many things you can do—write a column, assist in helping the regular contributors keep to deadline, research articles and upcoming events, take photos. Contact Barbara at barbarabuck2015@comcast.net.

I wish Barbara the best and great success in this new endeavor!

Laura Sobelman

Orchids on Summer Vacation



Please share with us how your orchids relax and enjoy the summer months outside. Take pictures of how you have them placed, hung or lounging on a summer porch. Try to use pictures in jpeg format so we can organize them to show at our March 2016 Round Table Exchange. It

will be fun to see the various ways our orchids are enjoying vacation. The photo at left shows as an example of a portion of Eric Wiles' collection enjoying outdoors; you can see how he hung some and placed others on a bench.

Use close-up shots to show any details. Send 2-5 shots of any of the following to show:

- Plants hanging out
- How you shade the plants from hot sun
- How you secure from high winds
- Type of shelving or hanging equipment you use
- How you keep the bugs from setting up house in your pots
- Slug prevention

- Which plants to take outside, which you leave in the house.
- How you prepare them to return back inside.
- Or anything else you would like to share

I will remind you in September and will start to collect the pictures in October.

Thank you,
Deborah Dade,
MOS Program Chair

local aos news

June 6, 2015: National Capital Judging Center
The National Capital Judging Center has nominated the following plant for AOS National Awards:

David Smith's plant of *Diodonopsis erinacea* 'Margaret' for the Carlyle A. Luer Award

clark's corner

by Clark Riley

Laelia Zip has long been one of my favorite hybrids in the *Cattleya* alliance since seeing pictures a decade or so ago. I had a chance to acquire 5 seedlings from Peter T. Lin, probably from the breeding program of Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids. 4 of the 5 plants bloomed out typically fabulous. However, one was larger by a factor of three or four, endowed with rich, deep colors. I christened it *Laelia Zip* 'Itty Do Dah'. The parentage is *L. milleri* 'Dr. Harold Koopowitz' x *L. tenebrosa* 'Kathleen'. It is a warm grower and gets full sun. Grow in a very loose media, mostly inorganic, in a terracotta (clay) pot.



Sl. Carole Cowan is (*Sl. Orpetii* x *Laelia rupestris*, Santa Barbara 2004). This is variety 'Pink Poppet' from Santa Barbara Orchid Estates. It takes some of the best from both parents. Flower count and stem are excellent. Petal width is better than the *rupicolous* parent. It is a good grower and reliable bloomer in the cool section of the greenhouse.



president's message

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For most of us "windowsill" growers, our hardy plants are breathing a sigh of relief now that they are outside, enjoying the warm, humid days and evening thunder showers. Please remember to take some photos of your outdoor orchid set up. Deborah Dade has something up her sleeve for those photos next year.

I received an invitation to represent MOS at the Reisterstown Farmers Market and have agreed to do so from 10 am to 1 pm on June 28, August 16 and September 13, with a table display and information about the Society. If anyone would like to help out please get in contact with me.

My best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Sarah



5th Annual *Cattleya Symposium*

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Keith Davis/North Carolina
Makoto Hanajima/Japan
Armando Mantellini/Florida
Dr. Aaron Palmateer, Ph.D/Florida
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Friday August 7th and Saturday August 8th

Indian River Research and Education Center
2199 South Rock Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34945

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites 772-464-5000

Participating Hotels: Fairfield Inn & Suites 772-462-2900
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Register online at www.odoms.com or email odomsorchids@comcast.net

Six new orchid expeditions organised for 2016: New Guinea, Sulawesi, Malaysian Borneo, the Philippines and China

The 2016 trips are:

Jewels of New Guinea:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/jewels-new-guinea-2016/>

This is a 16 day expedition to explore the incredible diversity of orchids and carnivorous plants of New Guinea, and along the way, encounter many of New Guinea's incredible animal life, with visits to remote tribes to explore the island's diverse cultural heritage.



Sulawesi Orchids and Tribes:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/sulawesis-orchids-tribes-2016/>

A 16 day trip to explore the orchid highlights of Sulawesi. On a previous Redfern Sulawesi expedition, tour leader Alastair Robinson discovered a new *Paphiopedilum*, which was recently named after him (*Paphiopedilum robinsonianum*). We explore many of the best orchid hotspots on this incredible island, along with many wildlife and cultural visits along the way.

Philippines Orchids and Nepenthes:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/philippine-orchids-nepenthes-2016/>

A 15 day trip to explore the orchids of Sibuan, Mindanao and Palawan. This exceptionally diverse trip encompasses a wide range of orchids and carnivorous pitcher plants, including many species of *Paphiopedilum*, as well as *Nepenthes robcantleyi*, *N. leonardoii*, *N. sibuyanensis*, *N. argentea* and many more.



Borneo Orchid Expedition:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/borneo-orchids-expedition-2016/>

This is our most popular orchid expedition, and it showcases simply the best orchid sites in Sabah and Sarawak. The itinerary includes climbing Mt. Kinabalu, and the incredible Mt. Murud, both of which are orchid meccas! See our new promo-video for this expedition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM_NCq1r2zg

Sulawesi Mystery Mountains:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/sulawesis-mystery-mountains-2016/>

This expedition is totally unique. We are visiting three peaks which have not been explored by orchid or nepenthes enthusiasts before. All three peaks are very interesting, and could hold new species. This trip is real exploration.

Orchids and Alpine Flowers of Yunnan and Sichuan:

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/wild-flowers-yunnan-sichuan-2016/>

This expedition explores one of China's most spectacular and most bio-diverse regions, globally famed for displays of spring wildflowers and orchids.

All of the expeditions have their itineraries, text overviews, images and downloadable PDF itinerary documents online now (please see <http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/>).

A full PDF about us, as a company, and our experience organising specialist botanical expeditions can be found here: <http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/> (please click on the red "download" button under "2015 Redfern book and expedition catalogue")

Thanks and wishing you a very nice weekend.

Kind regards

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The *MOS Newsletter*, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community. Please submit your comments to sobelman1@verizon.net

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!

If you are interested in orchid culture and would like to meet others with similar interests, we cordially invite you to join the ranks of Marylanders already enjoying the benefits of membership in the Maryland Orchid Society.

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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program commences at 8:00 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m.