



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

June 2022

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## President's Message



### Endings

We've reached June with the likelihood that we'll finish a full year of hybrid monthly meetings, the State Fair and Rawlings exhibitions, all the shows in which we normally participate, and our spring workshop. We missed our Annual Auction again, but, overall, we did pretty well; pat yourselves on the back! But June is a time of endings for us as well. This will be our last meeting of the program year (see Fay Citerone's blurb on that presenter and presentation deeper in this Newsletter), before we relax for a couple months. Last year we followed our June (virtual) meeting with a pair of monthly virtual show tables on our usual (third Thursday) meeting dates in July and August. Attendance did not match our regular meetings, but it was an enthusiastic group of participants who seemed to enjoy the two opportunities to touch base. We'll try that again this year! Mark you calendars!

Also in the category of 'ending' are the terms of several of our Board of Trustees members. Laura Sobelman will be stepping down after two terms as Vice President; John Dunning after two terms as Treasurer; and Ellie Martin after two terms of Secretary. Diane Elam and Brenda Logan aren't so much stepping down as Directors as stepping over to take on new roles. I deeply appreciate their service, their diligence, and the good advice they've provided. I'm assuming we can continue to draw on that good advice along with that of many other of our members. When you see them, however, let them know they're appreciated. MOS could not function without all the volunteer help on which we draw.

And finally, as we end this year, **THANK YOU ALL** for all your contributions that made this odd year, as we learned to live and function with COVID, a gratifying and enjoyable one. WE made it work, with an emphasis on the collective WE. I look forward to an even bigger and better experience next year!

*Stay safe and healthy, grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us.*

*John Heinbokel - President MOS*

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# MOS Show Table Results

## Show Table for May 2022

### Novice

1. No Entries

### Home Grown

1. Phal. Tai Ling Amethyst 'Weeping Cherry' - Bob Travers
2. Vasco. Pine River 'Pink' - Fay Citerone
3. Tie Wils. Golden Afternoon 'Rich Afternoon' - Bob Johnston  
Onc. Hybrid - Ellie Martin

### Greenhouse

No Entries

### Cattleya

1. Enc. Rioclarense - Bob Johnston

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Violet Samba - Bob Travers
2. Phal. Taida Blush 'Taida' - Wanda Kuhn
3. Phal. Nouveau - Brenda Logan

### Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. *caudatum* 'Regal Bearing' AM/AOS -  
Laura Sobelman
2. Paph. *hirsuttissimum* - Marc Kiriou
3. Paph. Jim Asher - Joel Graham

### Dendrobium

No Entries

### Oncidium

1. Onc. *sphacelatum* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Brsdm. Gilded Urchin 'Ontario' - Fay Citerone
3. Tie Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence' - Joel Graham  
Zlm. Midas 'Willow Pond' AM/AOS - Bob Travers

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Zygn. Snow Bird 'Kaila' HCC/AOS - Bob Travers
2. *Holcoglossum flavecens* X *V. coeruleascens* - Arne Schon

### Species

1. Enc. *tampensis* - Dave Smith
2. Tie Max. *tenuifolia* 'Yamada' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson  
Paph. *philippense* 'Khairul Bariah' AM/AOS - Arne Schon
3. Bif. *harrisoniana* - Bob Johnston

### Miniature

1. Asc. Cherry Blossom - Brenda Logan
2. Tie Sed. *japonica* - Laura Sobelman  
Ang. *didieri* - Arne Schon

### First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (William Ambler X *sanderianum*) - John Dunning

### Fragrance

1. Max. *tenuifolia* 'Yamada' AM/AOS - Wanda Kuhn
2. Max. *tenuifolia* - Bob Johnston



**The Judges Choice of the Evening** was  
Phrag. *caudatum* 'Regal Bearing' AM/AOS, exhibited  
by Laura Sobelman.

**Thank You** to our judges who were Nicole Allen, Marc  
Kiriou and Wanda Kuhn.

Our show table had an incredible display of 39 beautiful  
flowering plants.

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

# June Speaker



## Jason Fischer, Orchids Limited

**Presents** (via ZOOM): *Neofinetia falcata* culture —  
A journey through Japan comparing Japanese growers to Western nurserymen

Jason Fischer helps manage Orchids Limited with his father Jerry Fischer. Orchids Ltd. opened in 1978; it is a mid-sized operation of 4 greenhouses with 15,000 square feet of growing space, a shade house, and laboratory located in Plymouth, MN.

Jason has had a life-long education in orchids mainly from being raised in a family orchid business. Jason's educational interests were also strongly influenced by Japan. He studied the Japanese language and culture for 6 years in high school and at the University of Minnesota. Jason lived in Kyoto, Japan, from 2001 to 2003, and upon return decided to import Japanese orchid species and add a new niche to the business.

Having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from the business and hobbyists perspective. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with *Phalaenopsis*, which later lead to paphs, phrags and miscellaneous hybrids.

Jason's first lecture on *Neofinetia falcata* at the Minnesota Orchid Society in 2004 was the kick-off for an amazing journey of lectures across America and Canada. He has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that won't put the audience to sleep.

Jason enjoys photographing orchids *in situ*, and has photographed orchids in Japan, North America, Singapore, Malaysia, and Western Australia. His main interests include hybridizing *Vanda falcata* varieties and *Phragmipedium*. He also has interests in overall culture and finding ways to perfect growing all genera of orchids.

### **Experience:**

- Lecturer for over 50 different orchid societies in the US, Japan, Canada, Australia & New Zealand;
- Speaker for the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conferences in Miami & Singapore;
- Speaker for the 19<sup>th</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference 2012, Perth;
- Speaker for the 7<sup>th</sup> New Zealand National Orchid Expo 2013;
- Coordinated the Orchids Limited laboratory from 1998 to 2000;
- Currently in management, breeding, and marketing for Orchids Limited.

# Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

## SPAM ALERT!

I know we all experience various forms of spam and malicious communications on a depressingly regular basis. MOS is not immune, since we provide some names and email addresses on our website, as we should to enhance outreach and interchange. Unfortunately that leaves us open to various flavors of trolls who seem to pop up every year or so. Members of the MOS Board of Trustees just experienced the most recent such attack, with requests to provide gift cards to some spurious organization.

Please be assured that no one on our Board will ever ask any member for such a contribution. Also, while our e-security is not bullet-proof, our Roster, which contains members' contact information, is not posted openly. Members who don't (yet) serve on our BoT should rarely (never?) be exposed to such spam. If you get something suspicious, I'd like to know about it, but after that ... well, you know how to use your 'delete' key.

John Heinbokel  
June 1, 2022



Clark's Corner

## Wintergreen Orchids Revisited

Back in the December 2020 Newsletter, I talked about our two native winter-green orchids, including the Puttyroot Orchid, *Aplectrum hymale*. I mentioned that the flower spike emerges after the leaves die down in the spring. Here is the flower spike of my Puttyroot, blooming with the warm weather, no visible leaf!



Sarah L. Spence - Membership Chair

## MOS Welcomes new members Brandt and Susanne Brunschweig

# Miscellany

*An Every-Once-in-a-While (Monthly?) Item of Potential Interest to the MOS Membership*

*Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel ([jheinbokel@hotmail.com](mailto:jheinbokel@hotmail.com)), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.*

## An Aussie 2-fer

As we wind up the Newsletter for the 2021-22 program year, I found a pair of articles about endangered Australian orchids. If I were being sensible, I'd hold one of them back for a time when the story line is running slowly; but what the heck!

We've seen accounts of underground orchids before, but this is from down under. You can find it at the following url: <https://phys.org/news/2020-12-life-mars-underground-orchid-australia.html>. Who knew bandicoots were important to orchid propagation?



*Rhizanthella speciosa* from Barrington Tops. Credit: Mark Clements

Linked to that story is another Australian orchid account, this one focused on the endangered 'Leek' orchids. Check out: <https://phys.org/news/2018-10-leek-orchids-beautiful-endangered-idea.html>. The article's reference to the conservation program of The Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria suggests a future 'Miscellany' piece ripe for researching.



Credit: Marc Freestone/The Conversation

Submitted by John Heinbokel, May 31, 2022.

# *American Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events*



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## **Orchid Ailments**

### **The AOS's Pests and Disease Series**

The AOS website provides information and images to help identify orchid ailments and grow healthier plants. From Aphids to Virus, you will find information on insect pests, rots, disease and cultural challenges, to name a few, and advice on prevention and treatment for the problems.

Click below for articles to learn about specific orchid problems.



<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

# Upcoming Webinars

Enjoy our online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch the recorded webinars any time at your convenience. We add multiple webinars each month, so check back often..

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!





<b>When</b>	June 07, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>RECORDED WEBINAR</b>	June 28, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>RECORDED WEBINAR</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Bulbophyllums of the Philippines</b> A Survey of Endemic Species	<b>Judging Bulbophyllums</b> The Finer Points of Judging this Diverse Genus	<b>Greenhouse Focus</b> Mounting Orchids Made Easy	<b>Mounting Orchids</b> Prepping, Care, and Best Practices
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Jim Cootes</b> Australia-based Botanist, Author, Lecturer and Orchidologist	<b>Charles Wilson</b> Use Webinar Filter JUDGING	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Michael Coronado</b> Use Webinar Filter CULTURE

**REGISTRATION IS EASY** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.  
Register now and view on your time schedule.

**Check out the timeless collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS website.**

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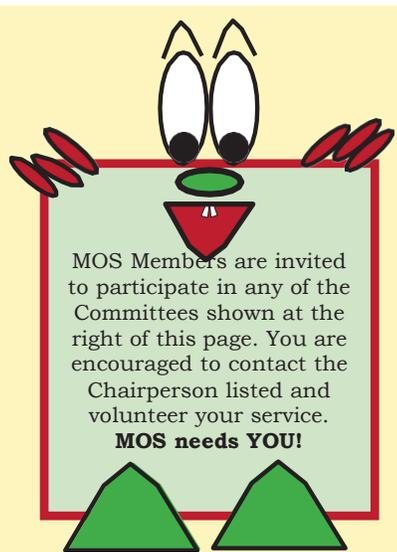
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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open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

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