



ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

Oct. 2023

President's Message

Fall Attractions

We're off and rolling now with one meeting under our belts. For those of you who walked away from our Show Table Review in September with cash in your pockets, congratulations (Don't spend it all in one place!!). Someday I hope to have a year of successful growing and join you all. Equally, thanks to all who contributed their plants to our Show Tables (Virtual and On-site) and Show Displays and earned plants in the process. Those contributions keep us all interested and striving to do well with our collections.

The action continues as we head into fall with lots of opportunities to learn, be recognized, contribute, and build the MOS community. Shortly we'll be opening our Fall Repotting Workshop to the public for the first time. We'll need helpers and mentors, so please consider joining us. If you have orchid-growing friends who are not MOS members, encourage them to stop by on October 14; we'd love to meet them and help with any questions or problems they might have.

November, of course, is our Auction month with the event scheduled for the 11th at the Knights of Columbus hall in Catonsville. This is definitely an all-hands-on-deck event that needs the assistance of the whole membership to be successful. Plant donations are one obvious way to contribute; helping at the auction itself as a volunteer is the other critical need. We'll be exploring those one last time at the October monthly meeting.



Last on this list, but certainly not least, are the three fall monthly meetings. Look for speakers in October and November and our Holiday Party in December. That last meeting does not feature an outside speaker, but is a wonderful opportunity to mix and mingle and schmooze ... and there is even more and better food than at the other meetings! There are also those three opportunities to show off your plants at the Show Tables! **HEADS UP: The December meeting has been rescheduled to the second Thursday (14th) to allow a bit more separation from the other winter holiday celebrations.**

As usual stay safe and healthy, grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us.

John Heinbokel
September 30, 2023

Our October Speaker is Kim Feddersen— “Growing Seedlings from Flask”

“I am a third generation orchidholic; I am a member of the AOS, and several local orchid societies, currently Deep Cut, NJ, North Jersey and Manhattan, NY.

My grandfather spent 8 years in Malaysia, where he indulged his botanical interests. My dad had a retail orchid nursery (Orkidé Kultur) in Denmark; I started working in his nursery after school when I was 15, and continued 'til I left for the US 9 years later. My dad's first love was Paphiopedilums (Cypripediums to

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MOS Show Table September 2023 by Joel Graham

Novice

1. Masd. Maui Gold - Robin Neukam

Homegrown

1. Gom. Moon Shadow - Robin Neukam
2. Tie Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' - Wanda Kuhn
Bllra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Pot. Nakornchaisri Delight - Danielle Gent
Hab. Flamingo 'Rubenesque' AM/AOS - Bob Travers

Greenhouse

1. *Eria rhynchostyloides* - Jos Venturina
2. *L. anceps* 'Avalon' - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Clty. Chantily Lace 'Twinkle' - Robin Neukam
2. Tie Blc. Binosa 'Key Lime' - Wanda Kuhn
C. leopoldii - Bob Johnston
3. Tie. Enc. *cochleata* - Sarah Spence
Ryn. Tim Chew - Danielle Gent

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Reyoung Prince - Jos Venturina
2. Phal. Gan Lin Denpasar - Robin Neukam
3. Phal. Fuller's E-plus x Liu's Twilight Rainbow -
John Heinbokel

Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Appalachian Sunset - Bob Travers
2. Tie Phrag. Nichole Tower - Chris Zajac
Paph. No-id 'Audrey III' - Danielle Gent
3. Paph. Helen Congleton - Ellie Martin

Dendrobium

1. Den. Hibiki - Bob Travers
2. Tie Den. Enoki 'Purple Splask' - Chris Zajac
Den. *laevifolium aureum* - Kathi Jackson
3. Den. *uniflorum* - Eric Wiles

Oncidium

1. Bllra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Angel' - Wanda Kuhn
Wils. Brennan Scott Barfield 'HOF #1' - Susan Gaertner
Vuyl. Carnivale 'Okika' - Robin Neukam
3. Tie Alcr. Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' HCC/AOS - Maria Zickuhr
Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' CCE/AOS - Bob Travers

Miscellaneous

1. V. Rumrill - Brenda Logan
2. V. Pimsai 'Aztec x Ascda Josh Holmes' - Fay Citerone
3. Zns. Cyanosure 'Blue Birds' - Jill Allen

Species

1. Ddc. Magnum - David Smith
2. Hab. *rhodocheila* 'Brilliant' - Aaron Webb
3. Tie Spranthes *cernua* - Fay Citerone
Hab. *davidii* - Clark Riley
Cym. *lowianum* - Eric Wiles

Miniature

1. *Acia. sonderiana* 'Turnberry' CCE/AOS - David Smith
2. *Cadetia taylori* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Den. Nagomi Pink - Fay Citerone
Den. *hancockii* - Bob Travers

First Bloom

1. Hab. Canary - Valerie Lowe

Fragrance

1. *B. nodosa* 'Christina' - Nicole Allen
2. *Neo. falcata* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie Phal. *belina* - Robin Neukam
Enc. *cordigera* 'Hinomaru' - Bob Travers

Thank you to all the participants that made this show table a truly spectacular start to the season. We had 77 plants in bloom on the show table and relatively even distribution across categories, truly a delight to behold. Our judges for the evening were Barbara Pralle, Diane Elam, Arne Schön. The judges choice for the evening was awarded to the spectacular specimen of *Acianthera sonderiana* 'Turnberry' CCE/AOS brought in by David Smith.



Above photo: Brenda Logan



Photos: Jill Allen

Ribbon Point Totals -MOS 2022-2023 season

Novice

- Jonathan Coppola – 11 pts
- Barbara Pralle – 7 pts
- Tie: Adrienne Kaspar-3 pts
Sarah Kraushoffer – 3 pts
Mary Li- 3 pts

Homegrown

- Bob Johnston – 19 pts
- Bob and Susan Travers – 12 pts
- Tie: Faye Citerone – 11 pts
Kathi Jackson – 11 pts

Greenhouse

- Clark Riley – 12 pts
- David Smith- 11 pts
- Craig Taborsky – 8 pts

Cattleya

- Bob Johnston – 22 pts
- Eric Wiles -6 pts
- Tie: David Smith – 5 pts
Robert and Susan Travers – 5 pts
Chris Zajac – 5 pts

Phalaenopsis

- Chris Zajac- 11 pts
- Jill Allen – 10 pts
- Laura Sobelman- 7 pts

Paphiopedilum

- Laura Sobelman – 17 pts
- Chris Zajac – 8 pts
- Danielle Gent – 7 pts

Dendrobium

- Chris Zajac – 23 pts
- Eric Wiles – 8 pts
- Faye Citerone – 7 pts

Oncidium

- Laura Sobelman – 11 pts
- Eric Wiles – 10 pts
- Tie: Faye Citerone – 7 pts
Bob Johnston – 7 pts

Miscellaneous

- Robert and Susan Travers – 11 pts
- Tie: Brenda Logan – 8 pts
Joel Graham – 8 pts
- Eric Wiles – 6 pts

Species

- Eric Wiles – 14 pts
- Robert and Susan Travers -11 pts
- Arne Schön – 10 pts

Miniature

- Tie: Robert and Susan Travers – 15 pts
Eric Wiles – 15 pts
- David Smith – 13 pts
- Brenda Logan – 5 pts

First Bloom

- Joel Graham – 11 pts
- John Dunning – 6 pts
- Nicolle Allen – 5 pts

Fragrance

- Bob Johnston – 15 pts
- Wanda Kuhn – 14 pts
- Craig Taborsky – 12 pts

14 firsts

14 seconds

19 thirds

MOS Perfect Show Table Participation 2022-2023 season

Bob Johnston
Sarah Spence
Fay Citerone
John Heinbokel
Wanda Kuhn
Brenda Logan
Monica Sparber
Judith Shapiro Adamson

MOS Perfect Away Show Participation 2022-2023 season

Bob Johnston
Sarah Spence
Kathi Jackson
Robert and Susan Travers

MOS Perfect Score 2022-2023 season

Bob Johnston
Sarah Spence

MOS Meeting Education Session 10-19-2023

How to Make Picture Labels for Practically Free By Bob Travers

This session will cover two areas of interest: a little bit on management of your orchid collection, discussing the advantages of keeping a digital log of the orchids in your collection and then stepping through tools available for making picture labels.

Between these two pictures below, which plant would **you** like to purchase?

Actually they are both the same plant with an informative picture label added to the one on the right. It is Paphiopedilum Harrisianum, a historic cross. It is the first registered Paphiopedilum done in 1869.





Maryland Orchid Society **Fall Potting Workshop**

Open to the Public
Saturday, October 14, 2023
10AM to 1PM

WOODBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH
25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212

Presentations on Repotting, Dividing, Mounting.
Hands on assisted opportunities to practice those skills.

Admission is \$10 per person at door (cash or check only).

Maximum repotting of 2 plants per person, bring your own pot(s), \$5 per plant materials charge (potting medium). No mounting material provided.

Please RSVP by October 10 with your Name, Email, Phone Number, how many plants and type so we can plan for sufficient mentors and materials to:
John Heinbokel (marylandorchid.pres@gmail.com)

Attention Aroid Lovers!

Ever wonder what was in the upper greenhouse at The Little Greenhouse? Here is your chance to find out! On October 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., we are opening the upper greenhouse for your shopping pleasure. Lots of beautiful plants to choose from, some one of a kind! Philodendrons, anthuriums, Staghorn and other rare ferns, just to name a few. Shop early for the best selection!



Our October Speaker is Kim Feddersen continued from page 1

him), and that bug turned out to be infectious. Those were the days of wild collected plants, but my dad did some hybridizing also, including in Vandas, which kindled my second orchid passion.

I have grown orchids as a hobby grower for about 25 years, starting in windows, moving to lights in the basement, and finally into a shared greenhouse, where my collection numbered some 1500+ plants, mostly Paphiopedilum and Vandaceous, but also ranging into Cattleyas, Aussie Dendrobiums, pendulous Cymbidiums and Lycastes. I have done a little breeding in Paphs, miniature Vandaceous and more recently Cymbidium & Cattleyas.

In December 2017, a freeze at the old Tewkesbury Orchids wiped out my entire intermediate/warm collection. Due to space constraints, I had moved my cool growing plants to a different location, so my Cymbidiums, *Laelia anceps* and Aussie Dendrobiums were not affected. I now

have a full 2500-sq. ft. greenhouse at my disposal at Flemington Orchids, so my collection has somehow grown accordingly – with heavy emphasis on Cattleyas (especially *L. anceps* and *B. nodosa* hybrids).

I started to exhibit at NJ shows in 2013. Following the end of my corporate career, I have expanded my orchid activities significantly. I am now participating in regional shows in NJ, PA, NY, CT, MA, MD & NH under the Fair Orchids identity, and I have so far collected 16 AOS awards (mix of flower quality and cultural).

I live in Maplewood, NJ, with my wife and two felines who can't keep teeth and paws out of the orchids, some 100+ daylilies, a couple of hardy orchids and an assortment of other botanical oddities. I do speaking engagements for garden clubs, master gardeners and orchid societies on a variety of subjects related to orchids."



A Message from Aaron Webb: Annual Auction Chair



The MOS auction is just around the corner. The Auction is a major source of revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society to support our Operating Expenses (Speakers, Awards, Door Prizes, Shows, and more).

[MOS Annual Auction November 11, 2023.](#)
[Knights of Columbus Hall, 1010 Frederick Road,](#)
[Catonsville, MD 21228.](#)

The Annual Auction is a wonderful opportunity to add to your collection at a reasonable price! Your plant donations are key to our success! Have a plant you can't bloom or not thrilled with it, donate it! Healthy and pest-free plants only please. Your plant donations are tax deductible! *Plants that perform well: Species plants, particularly rare ones, in bloom Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Catasetinae, Habenaria, Blooming Cattleya alliance plants.* Please see September MOS Newsletter for full plant donation check list.

Please bring your donation plants to the hall on Nov 11 between **9 AM and 10:30 AM**. Please remain with your donated plants to help assign your Lot Numbers and help to value them for 'Instant Auction Pricing' or to determine if they should be on the 'Live Auction Tables'.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: Volunteer Sign Up Sheet at October 19 Meeting

Time	Actions
8:30-9:15 AM	Arrange Tables, Chairs, Gridwall, Sound System, Screen, Computer Workstations Set up plant donation receipt, bidder registration, box, and checkout stations Please bring boxes and newspaper Rope off instant auction area Place Purchased Plants for Live Auction on Round Tables Snacks for volunteers (coffee, donuts)
9:15 -11:15 AM	Check In Donated Plants and Lot Number Sticker Price for Instant Auction (donor should come with anticipated price) *Donors with more than 5 plants: Please send a list of your plants to Bob Travers by Nov. 5th and we will try to pre-allocate lot numbers* Segregate Donated Plants for Live Auction Plant donors should stay with plants until they are assigned lot number and priced Instant Auction Preview is closed until 11:30 AM
11:00 on	Bidder Registration Begins
11:30 AM	Full Auction Preview Begins, Man Computer Stations, Boxing Station, Checkout and Pay Station
Noon	Live Auction Begins, Auctioneers, Pictures on Screen
4 PM	Auction Close: Cleanup completed by 4:30 PM which includes removal of all leftover boxes and newspaper

Ruffles and Fringes

Part of the charm of our favorite plant family is the wide variety of edges of their flowers. The majority of orchids have straight edges on their petals, sepals, and lips. But, some species and hybrids are noted for fancy edges, ruffled or fringed. Some extreme examples might be the super-ruffled Bc. Harlequin 'Act I' and the super-fringed *Habenaria medusa* 'Owen'. Given the consistency and breeding behavior of these traits, they are obviously under genetic control.

Ruffles result when the edge cells of the flower part continue to grow after the interior cells have stopped, or the edge cells grow faster, resulting in a pileup at the edge. The pressure of the pileup is relieved by systematically folding, giving us ruffles.

Fringes result when the edge cells are much slower, the tension relieved by splitting the edges. The edge cells may continue to grow outward as in the fabulous *Habenarias*.

Breeders select for the most even and attractive edges, including selecting for edges of different colors than the interiors, picotees. Check out this month's show table for great examples of ruffles and fringes.



Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence (2023) presented to Clark T. Riley

(better late than never to acknowledge!)

This came to our attention late last spring (Thanks, Monica!) and then, in the hub-bub of finishing one year and beginning the next, it got overlooked (Sorry, Clark!). That's close to unforgivable, but hopefully we can begin to correct that *faux pas* here.

The tribute was published in the April – June 2023 issue of *Orchid Digest* (Vol. 87-2) and reads:



The Maryland Orchid Society is honored to present the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence to Dr. Clark T. Riley for his 32 years of dedicated service to our society. Clark has served as a Board member, speaker, mentor, and webmaster and is our “go-to” orchid encyclopedia. He writes informative articles for our monthly newsletter and is a member of the Orchids Forum. Clark is an exceptional orchid grower who started growing at six years of age. For 50 years, he grew in his basement under lights and, in the last six years, in his pride and joy greenhouse. Clark was instrumental in locating our new meeting place. Clark has been and continues to be a valued member of the Maryland Orchid Society, deserving of recognition for his unwavering dedication, outstanding service, and many, many contributions.

Here's a link to the citation: <https://www.orchiddigest.org/orchid-digest-diamond-award-winners/>. You don't have to scroll too far to find Clark's award.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Submitted by John Heinbokel, September 30, 2023, after an alert by Monica Sparber.



NATIONAL CAPITAL
ORCHID SOCIETY

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

ORCHID AUCTION AND SALE

A wide variety of species and hybrid orchids will be available at Auction, including award-winning and best-of plants, all cultivated and grown with great care by NCOS members. Orchid plants and supplies will also be available for sale. Auctioneers are American Orchid Society judges.

TIMETABLE

Doors open at 11am. From 11am to 1pm sales table items are available for purchase and Auction items are available for preview. Auction starts at 1pm and runs until 3:30pm.

LOCATION

Chevy Chase Christian Church, Large Meeting Room,
8841 Kensington Branch Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

AUCTION DETAILS

The Auction is open to the public and admission is free. Cash, personal check, or major credit cards are accepted.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This Auction is our biggest and most important fundraising event of the year. All proceeds support ongoing NCOS activities, events and member services. Your participation is vital to the growth of our orchid community!

MOS 2023-2024 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

October 14, 2023 – MOS Fall Potting & Dividing Workshop;
10am – 1pm (9 – 2 to include set-up & clean up)

October 19 – Monthly Meeting

November 11, 2023 – Annual Auction

November 16 – Monthly Meeting

December 14, 2023 – Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party (NOTE: SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

January 2024 – Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

11 – SET-UP (Plants Needed)

12 - 14 – On Display (Volunteer Attendants Needed)

January 18 – Monthly Meeting

January 20 – NCOS Paph Forum

January 25 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD ??? ZOOM???)

January - February 2024: Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

January 31 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

February 4 – Tear-down

February 2024 – NCOS Annual Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

15 (Th) – Set-up (NOTE: MOS Feb monthly meeting rescheduled to February 22)

18 or 19 (Su or M) - Tear-down

February 22 – Monthly Meeting (NOTE: **FOURTH THURSDAY TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH NCOS SHOW**)

March 2024: MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

5 (Tu) - Staging set-up

6 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits

7 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM

8 – 10 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public

March 21 – Monthly Meeting

Miscellany

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

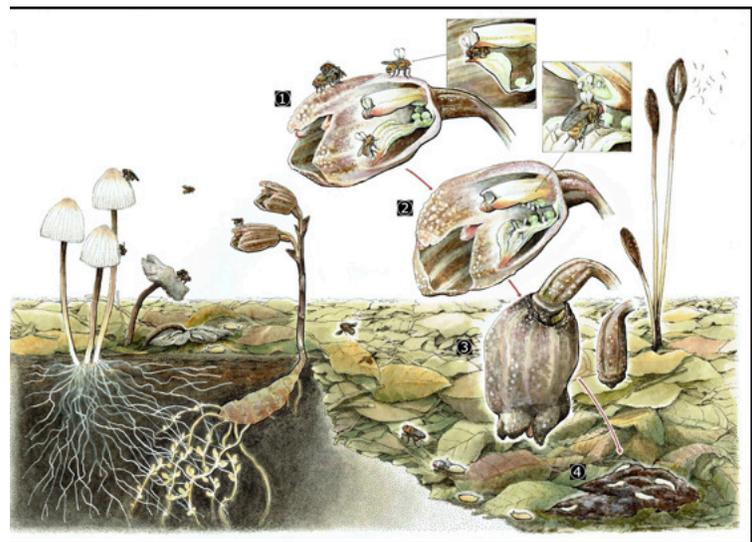
Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel (jheinbokel@hotmail.com), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

Nursery Symbiosis between Non-photosynthetic Orchids and Fungi-eating Fruit Flies

The pollination strategies of wild orchids are incredibly diverse and fascinating. A Japanese scientist has recently added a new chapter to those stories. *Gastrodia*, a non-photosynthetic orchid that obtains its nutrition from fungi, has been long known to depend on fruit flies (*Drosophila* spp.) for pollination. Now it's been discovered that at least one of these orchid species is apparently doing more than deceiving the fruit flies to obtain that pollination service. The flowers of *Gastrodia foetida* are particularly fleshy and fall off within a couple days of being fertilized. If fruit fly eggs are laid in those flowers, those decomposing flowers can provide a suitable habitat and food source for the developing fruit fly larvae – essentially providing a nursery for the flies. That 'nursery symbiosis' is an unusually mutualistic one in orchids, which are more likely to engage in deceptive relationships.

For the complete story, refer to the link <https://phys.org/news/2023-08-fungi-eating-flies-team-reproduction.html>.

Submitted by John Heinbokel, September 30, 2023..





MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership: Annual Membership Dues are **\$30.00** per **Membership Year** [Sept 1 (current year) through Aug 31 (following year)] for all single, joint, or family memberships **residing at the same address**. **New members** joining after January 1 of the current year will be valid until August 31 of the following year. To be included in the **Society Roster** dues must be received by September 30. Please advise the Membership Chair if you do not want your information published in the Roster. **Members** are entitled to fully participate in the meetings and events, earn show table points for annual awards and advanced event notifications. MOS Roster and Newsletters are delivered to **Members Only** email.

Monthly Meetings are held on the Third Thursday of the month, September through June 7PM-10PM at Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane • Baltimore, MD 21212.

NEW MEMBER **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** **SINGLE** **DUAL** **FAMILY**

Name (Primary Member)	
Names (Associate) residing at the same address	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

Signature		Date			
			MM	DD	YYYY

\$30 Due **Cash** **Check**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Maryland Orchid Society (MOS). Please return this form to the Membership Chair in person or mail to

MOS Membership Chair • 4506 Keswick Road • Baltimore, Maryland 21210

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Credit cards accepted (fees apply). Email the fillable completed membership form to: Membership Chair marylandorchid.membership@gmail.com **and**

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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.

We invite articles, notices, etc., for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the first day 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, 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 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 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m. Members may also attend via Zoom.