



# Orchid

*Newsletter extra edition*



News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

August 2024



### **President's Message**

I want to thank **John Heinbokel** my predecessor for his service to the Maryland Orchid Society as a Director, Program Chair, and President for two terms.

John is not done yet; he will continue on the Board as immediate past President and take on the Activities Committee

Chair. It is with great thanks to John and the determination of our Membership we survived the COVID years. During this time instead of folding we adopted Virtual meetings to continue to meet, created the Virtual Show Table to continue to share our blooming successes. With COVID passing we continued the Virtual as Hybrid meetings, so we have a continued reach to folks who are unable to attend in person. We have resumed our Annual Show, Away Shows and record years with our Annual Auction. Our in-person Show Table is rebounding well with incredible plants every month. Thank You, John, and your Boards of trustees, for jobs well done.

**Here we go**, another Maryland Orchid Society program year is in sight, and here I sit writing my first MOS President's message. It seems like only yesterday when 36 years ago I came to my first MOS Meeting when we were in Roland Park. Encouraged to come by Tom McBride from The Little Greenhouse. Bob Pepperney was president then, little did I know I would be following in his footsteps as 36 other MOS Presidents have over our 71 years. I am humbled by the company of those before me and to quote **Dr. Eric Wiles**, "How do you sum up the emotions of gratitude, pride, and wonderment that our group would feel so comfortable with one such as I assuming the reigns of this fine organization and leading us through the next two years?"

My wish is for the members we have now and those who join over the coming years to each also enjoy 36 years of MOS Membership and the ever-expanding appreciation of the simplicity and intricacies of growing orchids.

How to accomplish this elusive goal. It sounds easy-- just meet the needs of Membership. It is not so easy, there is a progression. We tend to gain new members every year and lose a similar count over the course of 2 to 3 years. As a new member I went through the simple presence of attending a meeting, paying dues, awe of the show table, gaining courage to ask a few questions and then timidly putting my first plant on the show table. Encouragement from the first ribbon. Somewhere about this point I suspect we begin to lose newer members. If you find yourself in this position, I ask you to hang on a bit or at least let someone know why you are thinking of leaving, is there a need we could have fulfilled but haven't.

Now is the time to engage in your society. Support our outreach efforts, the MD State Fair, and Rawlings exhibitions, or volunteer to host at a hospitality table. Volunteer to assist in Workshops, Annual Auctions, our Annual Show, lend a plant for one or all of the Away Shows, setup, and cleanup for monthly meetings, bring a snack to share at a meeting, borrow from the library. This is the beginning of the transition from membership to becoming a member of your Maryland Orchid Society.

Next as you become more familiar with who is doing what, remember there is always room for you to join in. Step up, join a committee of your choosing, there is work to do. New ways to do things make those suggestions, don't leave your thoughts or ideas unspoken!

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year is September 19 where we will enjoy the Show Table Review and will receive seedling/ plants/or cash awards for participation in the show table, away shows and outreach.**

**Robert Travers**



### **MOS Welcomes the Following New Members**

**Nathan Tates**

**Courtney Green (and husband)**

**Membership Chair**

**Jill Allen**

Coming Attractions August	
<b>Thursday</b> <b>August 15, 2024</b>	<b><u>Summer Virtual ONLY Show Table (Zoom)</u></b> Send pictures to Mai Conaway <a href="mailto:conawaymai@yahoo.com">conawaymai@yahoo.com</a> by Wednesday August 14 Please be present to speak about your entries. Show Table Points are <b>NOT</b> awarded in August Look for MOS Orchid Info email Zoom invitation for this meeting
<b>Sunday August 18</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Monday August 19, 2024</b>	<b><u>Maryland State Fair: Earn a Show Table Point!</u></b> MOS sponsors and judges the orchid show at the State Fair. It's a place to show off, recruit members, publicize our Auction to the public. A Maryland Orchid Society Best In Show Ribbon will be awarded to both a novice grower and an Experienced Grower. Best In Show Novice Grower will receive a one-year Maryland Orchid Society membership. This award is sponsored by the MOS. The Maryland State Fair provides cash prizes to recipients. 1st Place \$8.00 2nd Place \$6.00 3rd Place \$4.00. (Pots Not Over 10") Be mindful that Fair shelves are 8" deep and space is limited. <b><u>Registration and set-up: Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 3PM to 8PM; and Monday, August 19, 2024, from 9AM to 7PM. Plant retrieval (TBD) ASK when you drop off when you can pick up.</u></b> <b><u>Novice Grower:</u></b> More than one entry per class permitted, only one premium awarded per class. J84 Orchid, any variety J85 Phalaenopsis J86 Cattleya <b><u>Experienced Grower:</u></b> More than one entry per class permitted, only one premium awarded per class. J88 Orchid, any variety J89 Phalaenopsis J90 Cattleya J91 Lady Slipper J92 Dendrobium J93 Oncidium J94 Most Fragrant <b>You Do NOT have to Preregister.</b> Entry Form Link <a href="https://www.marylandstatefair.com">2024-FG-Entry-Form.pdf (marylandstatefair.com)</a> to complete and bring with your plants.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>September 19, 2024</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting Show Table Review</b> <b>Woodbrook Baptist Church 7-10PM</b> <b>Last year's Participation Plants &amp; Cash Prizes Awarded</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 21, 2024</b> <b><i>[tentative weather dependent]</i></b>	<b><u>Shed Repair: Volunteer Help Wanted</u></b> contact Bob Travers 410-336-3873 <a href="mailto:president@marylandorchids.org">president@marylandorchids.org</a> Shed Located at 12940 Triadelphia Mill Road, Clarksville, Md. 21029. <b><u>Skills needed:</u></b> Basic homeowner maintenance skills, Hammering, Measuring, Sawing, Sanding, Painting, Group Lifting, Clean up after, Enjoy group participation. <b><u>Tools needed:</u></b> There is electricity available. If you have some electric or battery powered tools that may be useful, please include them in your text to Bob. Does anyone have a roofing shingle ripping tool? Personal hand tools are welcome, just label them so they go home with you. Tools: Paint Brushes/Rollers/Pans/Scrapers/ ladders (6')/ Hammers/Screw Drivers/ Sawhorses/nail gun/staple gun/ radial saw/ tape measure/pencils/paper/squares/tarps/ trash haul away/shingle remover tool/ nail clean up magnet/easy up for shade/folding chairs, water, food, Trash Haul Away Plan.
<b>Membership Renewals</b> <b>Due By September 30, 2024</b>	<b>Pay Membership Chair, Jill Allen at Sept 19, 2024, meeting.</b>



# MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

<b>Membership</b>	Annual Membership Dues are <b>\$30.00</b> per <b>Membership Year</b> Sept 1 (current year) through Aug 31 (following year) for all single, joint, or family memberships <b><u>residing at the same address.</u></b>
<b>New Members</b>	Joining after January 1 of the current year will be valid until August 31 of the following year.
<b>Member Benefits</b>	Members are entitled to fully participate in the meetings and events, earn show table points for annual awards and advanced event notifications.
<b>Society Roster</b>	To be included in Roster dues must be received by September 30. MOS Roster and Newsletters are delivered to <b>Members Only</b> email <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check to Publish NAME ONLY in Society Roster</b>
<b>Monthly Meetings</b>	Third Thursday of the month September through June 7PM-10PM Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane • Baltimore, MD 21212

NEW MEMBER       MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL     SINGLE  DUAL  FAMILY

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

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>			
			<b>MM</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>YYYY</b>

**\$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

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Electronic Payment via PayPal [Membership | PayPal](#)

Credit cards accepted (fees apply). Email the fillable completed membership form to:

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**AND**

Treasurer [treasurer@marylandorchids.org](mailto:treasurer@marylandorchids.org)

## Updated Show Table Rules

### General Rules

The following General Rules govern the operation of our Show Table, whether In Person, or Virtual type, or in combination.

1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the Maryland Orchid Society.
2. Each membership, whether single, dual or family, will be considered one exhibitor.
3. Exhibitor Points will be given at each of the 10 Monthly Program Meetings, for In Person, and Virtual Show Table, or in combination. Each member exhibiting one or more plants will receive one point [1] per event.
4. Exhibitors may also earn Exhibitor Points by exhibiting one or more plants at the Maryland Orchid Society Show or by lending plants to the Society to be used in our away shows or exhibits, one point [1] per participation. Plants loaned for shows or exhibits do not have to be owned for six [6] months.
5. At the end of the year, the Exhibitor Points will be totaled, and one [1] seedling/plant will be awarded for each three [3] Exhibitor Points at the September meeting.
6. Exhibitor Points will not carry over to next year.

### *In Person Show Table*

Bring your blooming orchids in for display on our Show Table at the 10 Monthly Program Meetings. This display of orchids is a real morale builder, and we can also benefit from the experience of other growers.

### *Rules*

1. Exhibitors must own the plant or plants for at least six [6] months in the Competitive Classes [A-M]. All plants should be groomed and free of pests.
2. Each exhibitor must fill out entry forms, listing all plants. Use one entry for all plants shown in each class. A fillable PDF is available on the Maryland Orchid Society website.
3. Plants to be judged must be on the Show Table by 7:30 p.m. Plants brought in after this time may not be judged. This is in fairness to the judges who must start judging promptly so they can finish and enjoy the program with the rest of us.
4. Show Table classes are:
  - A. Novice — The Novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years. Any type of orchid can be entered in this category. Novice growers may also enter plants in other applicable categories.
  - B. Homegrown — The Homegrown class is for those who grow orchids in any area that is not considered a greenhouse. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
  - C. Greenhouse — The Greenhouse class is for exhibitors who grow their plants in greenhouses of any size. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
  - D. Cattleya — The Cattleya class is for Cattleya alliance plants, such as Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola, and Sophronitis species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.
  - E. Phalaenopsis — The Phalaenopsis class is for the Phalaenopsis alliance plants, such as Phalaenopsis species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.
  - F. Oncidium Alliance — The Oncidium Alliance is intended to be used for this type of species and hybrid plants. This alliance includes Oncidium, Odontoglossum, Miltonia, Brassia, and other related genera.
  - G. Paphiopedilum — The Paphiopedilum class is intended for Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium and other slipper orchid species and their hybrids.
  - H. Dendrobium — The Dendrobium class is for the Dendrobium alliance plants. All Dendrobium species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.
  - I. Species — The Species class is open to plants of any genera. Jungle-collected and seed-grown plants are both acceptable. The only requirement is that it must be a species, not hybrids.
  - J. Miscellaneous Hybrids — The Miscellaneous Hybrid class was created to provide exhibitors another place to exhibit plants which cannot be entered in classes D, E, F, G and H. Plants of these classes must not be entered in the Miscellaneous Hybrid class.
  - K. Miniatures — Plants entered in the Miniature class may not exceed six inches in any dimension, excluding the inflorescence. Species and hybrids are both acceptable.
  - L. First Bloom Seedlings — The First Bloom Seedling class is for plants that are blooming for the first time. Both species and hybrids are acceptable. No mericlones may be entered in this class, only seed grown plants should be exhibited in this class.
  - M. Fragrance — The Fragrance class will be judged for the most pleasing fragrance. This is an open class.
  - N. Non-Competitive— For education, jewel (foliage) and an opportunity to display plants that arrive too late for other classes. In this class, members are encouraged to exhibit plants that cannot be exhibited in any other class (e.g., owned less than six [6] months, grower not wishing to compete, etc.)
5. The judges will award First, Second and Third place ribbons in each competitive class. First place will receive three [3] Ribbon Points, second place will receive two [2] Ribbon Points, and third place will receive one [1] Ribbon Point. Each exhibitor may not receive more than one [1] ribbon per class. Only one [1] First Place Ribbon per class will be awarded. At the end of the program year, the awarded Ribbon points will be tabulated and the top three "point getters" in each class will receive cash prizes. In the case of a tie, prizes will be duplicated. The year for Show Table prizes will be September through June.
6. After judging all plants on the Show Table, the judges of that evening will consider all the plants that received first place awards in each class. They will award one with a special award called "Judges' Choice of the Evening." This special award will earn the exhibitor a bonus plant to be given at the conclusion of the Show Table review.

### *Virtual Show Table*

The Virtual Show Table is intended to provide Show Table participation for virtual viewing. It is non-competitive and managed by a Coordinator.

### *Rules*

1. Plants must have been photographed in bloom since the last meeting.
2. Exhibitors must email a picture along with the typed name of each plant to the Virtual Show Table Coordinator. The name of the orchid must be typed in the email or be part of the photo file name. No photos of plant labels will be allowed.
3. Entries are encouraged by the evening before the scheduled monthly meeting. Photos included in the presentation are at the discretion of the coordinator.
4. No Exhibitor Points will be awarded at the July or August Virtual Meetings. Members exhibiting in these meetings are encouraged to participate and speak about their plants in the presentation.

### *Virtual Show Table Coordinator*

1. The Coordinator Contact Information will be in the Monthly Meeting notice.
2. Prepares a Presentation with the pictures of the plants, plant names and their owners' names.
3. Records monthly participation (except July and August) and reports to the Show Table Chair at the end of the Program year the names of individuals who earned Exhibitor Points.
4. Provides a presentation for each of the 10 Program Meetings and the July and August Virtual Meetings.
5. Provides the presentation to the Social Media Coordinator

***Thank You: Monica Sparber, Fay Citerone, Mai Conaway, Clark Riley, John Heinbokel, Joel Graham, Bob & Susan Travers for diligent work on updating the Show Table Rules. Approved at the July 25,2024 Board Meeting.***

# MOS Show Table June 2024 *Joel Graham*

## Novice

1. Phal. Noid - Barbara Pralle

## Homegrown

1. Mo. Regine Viard - Bob Travers
2. Tie: Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy - John Dunning  
Mtps. Andrea West - Amanda Gallegos
3. Tie: *Sarc. sceptoides* - Fay Citrone  
*Phal. violacea* - Kathi Jackson  
Phal. Chia E. Yenlin - Jill Allen

## Greenhouse

1. Mtps. Jolene Carlson 'Ravishing' - Jos Venturina

## Cattleya

1. Epy. Serena O'Neil - Bob Travers
2. Bc. Makai - Chris Zajac
3. Lc. Pink Treasure - Bob Johnston

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Home Depot - Amanda Gallegos
2. Tie Phal. Green Noid - Joy Marlowe  
Phal. Noid - Barbara Pralle
3. Tie: Phal. Taida Smile 'Little Gold' - Laura Sobelman  
Phal. Noid 'Pale Blush' - John Heinbokel

## Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice - John Dunning
2. Phrag. Majestic Tresses x warszewiczianum - Mark Kiriou
3. Phrag. Rio Miro - Aaron Webb

## Dendrobium

1. Den. *farmeri* x *thyrsiflorum* - Jos Venturina

## Oncidium

1. Bnfb. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' - Bob Travers
2. Tie: Psy. Butterfly - Laura Sobelman  
Mtps. Hajime Ono - Jos Venturina
3. Mtps. Andrea West 'HOF' - Fay Citrone

## Miscellaneous Hybrid

1. Bulb. Fascinator - Brenda Logan
2. Zns. Cynosure 'Blue Bird' - Bob Travers
3. Masd. Marguerite - Diane Elam

## Species

1. *Bulb. phalaenopsis* - Jos Venturina
2. Tie: *Paph. philippinense* - John Dunning  
*Mac. petola* - Amanda Gallegos
3. *Paph. esquirolei* - Bob Travers

## Miniature

1. Epi. Little Miss Sunshine 'Maureen Wood' - Bob Travers

## First Bloom

1. Phrag. Darlene Thompson - Joel Graham
2. Phrag. Tate Oson - John Dunning
3. Phal. Purple Spots - Vincent Russo

## Fragrance

1. Blc. Hawaiian Ruby 'Paradise' - Bob Johnston
2. Zygo. Jumping Jack - Robin Neukam
3. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' - Bob Travers

For our final show table of the season we had 70 blooming plants on display representing a nice range of hybrids and species and including a number of specimen plants. The judges' choice for the evening went to ***Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*** grown by Jos Venturina. The judges were Mai Conaway, Diane Elam and Bob Johnston. Additional exhibitors not mentioned in the placings above were Diane Elam, Phoung Tran and Rich Kaste, Ellie Martin, Sarah Hurdel and Gary Smith, and Norm and Maria Zickuhr.



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Photo Credit: Maria Zickuhr  
Susan Travers

## July 18 Zoom Virtual Show Table (Photo by Owner)

Lc. Red Empress 'Orchid Heights' X Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'Lahaina Gold'

**Bob Johnston**

Paphiopedilum Hsinying Alien **Monica Sparber**

Vanda (neofinetia) falcata **Judith Adamson**

35 blooming plants, 10 exhibitors



American Orchid Society AOS NEWS Submitted by Valerie Lowe



Research Grants Awarded

On the recommendation of the AOS Research Committee, the American Orchid Society Board has voted to approve the funding of the following orchid research projects:

"Vanillomics: Towards a phylogenomic monograph of Neotropical Vanilla." This research project involves DNA sequencing to determine the taxonomic relationships between the various *Vanilla* species. University of Wisconsin "Ghost orchids of Hispaniola: will sequence data reveal patterns of evolutionary diversification and new species?" This research will generate a *Dendrophylax* species tree that should help to determine what are the genetically distinct species, hybrids, or variable individuals among populations of broader species



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Local AOS News at NCJC: MOS Member's Awards Submitted by: Valerie Lowe



March 2, 2024 National Capital Judging Center at the Annual Maryland Orchid Society Show

Sarah Hurdel's exhibit received an 88-point Educational Certificate (EC) from the American Orchid Society.

Jason Gebbia's plant of *Phragmipedium Evening Blaze 'Acadia'* received an 82-point Award of Merit (AM) from the American Orchid Society



April 6, 2024: National Capital Judging Center

Dr. Robert Griesbach's plant of *Phragmipedium Stairway to Heaven 'Whiskers'* received an 80-point AM. His plant of *Paphiopedilum Fluttering Fred 'Surprise'* also received an 80-point AM.

May 20, 2024: National Capital Orchid Society Judging Outreach: Jason Gebbia's plant of *Phragmipedium Titan Tails 'Everglades'* received an 82-point AM (no picture)

June 1, 2024: National Capital Judging Center Jos Venturina's plant of *Dendrobium Gatton Sunray 'Bob Travers'* received an 86-point Certificate of Cultural Merit



National Capital Judging Center (NCJC)

The NCJC will be meeting on August 3 and September 7, 2024 at the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. In August, there will be an Education Session on the New AOS Score Sheet, led by Bryan Ramsay, starting at 11 am. In September, there will be an Education Session on Chinese Cymbidiums presented by Hong Zhang also starting at 11 am. Judging starts at noon on both days. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not.

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<p>The <i>MOS Newsletter</i>, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community.</p> <p>We invite articles, notices, etc., for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the first day of each month.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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. Visit us on the Web at <a href="http://www.marylandorchids.org">www.marylandorchids.org</a></p>	<b>HOUSE</b> Clark Riley 410-591-9201 <a href="mailto:DrRiley@aol.com">DrRiley@aol.com</a> Bob Johnston	<b>SUNSHINE</b> Pat Schiavi 410-456-7399 <a href="mailto:sunshine@marylandorchids.org">sunshine@marylandorchids.org</a>
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