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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

November 2007

president's message

This month will be another busy month for the Society with our meeting on Thursday, November 15 and our Auction on Saturday, November 24. We have a new location for our auction this year and need our members to help spread the word about this event. Bill Ellis and Aaron Webb, our auction co-chairs, will also be accepting donations of orchids for the auction at the November meeting.

Come hear a terrific speaker on the 15th and spend a day helping (and shopping!) at the auction on the 24th. There will be plenty

of orchids for sale on both dates and opportunities to learn more about orchids of many different kinds.

Valerie Lowe's report on the Susquehanna Orchid Society show on October 26-28 in Mechanicsburg, PA also appears in this newsletter. Thanks to Valerie and her helpers, and many loaned plants, the display was lovely, again!

Ann Lundy

Roy Tokunaga to Speak at Next Meeting

Roy Tokunaga of H&R Nurseries will be our speaker this month. He will talk about "New Colorful Cattleyas" and as those of you who saw the H&R Nurseries catalog at the October meeting are aware, he has some very colorful Cattleyas!

Roy planned to be a high school biology teacher but was talked into starting an orchid lab as soon as he graduated from the University of Hawaii. In 1981 he joined Harry Akagi, a bromeliad grower, to form H&R Nurseries in beautiful Waimanalo, Hawaii and he has continued hybridizing and growing mainly Dendrobiums and Cattleyas since then. He is an AOS judge who has several thousand hybrids to his credit. In the



Sc. Royal Beau 'H&R'



Cattleya aelandiae

last ten years he has been concentrating on nursery management and orchid nutrition – still seeking a "blossom booster that works"...

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 next meeting.

Thanks.
Anne Minkowski

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Novice

- 1st Don Forester - 15 pts.
- 2nd Laura Sobelman - 6 pts.
- 3rd Mary Chiu, Beng Light, Yong Qian - 5 pts.

Home Grown

- 1st Bill Scharf - 23 pts.
- 2nd Mark Robbins - 11 pts.
- 3rd The Adamses, Bill Ellis, Val Lowe - 6 pts.

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

- 1st Les Kirkegaard - 24 pts.
- 2nd Lou Vadorsky - 16 pts.
- 3rd Craig Taborsky - 7 pts.

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

- 1st Barry Woolf - 25 pts.
- 2nd Cy Swett - 16 pts.
- 3rd David Smith - 8 pts.

Cattleya

- 1st Les Kirkegaard - 18 pts.
- 2nd Cy Swett - 9 pts.
- 3rd Barry Woolf - 8 pts.

Phalaenopsis

- 1st Mark Robbins - 17 pts.
- 2nd The Adamses - 12 pts.
- 3rd Dr. Eric Wiles - 9 pts.

Oncidium

- 1st Barry Woolf - 26 pts.
- 2nd Cy Swett - 11 pts.
- 3rd Barbara Buck, Dr. Eric Wiles - 5 pts.

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

- 1st David Smith - 15 pts.
- 2nd Mark Robbins - 14 pts.
- 3rd Barry Woolf - 10 pts.

Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st Barry Woolf - 23 pts.
- 2nd Les Kirkegaard - 11 pts.
- 3rd Dr. Eric Wiles - 8 pts.

Species

- 1st Bill Scharf - 17 pts.
- 2nd David Smith, Barry Woolf - 16 pts.
- 3rd Cy Swett - 5 pts.

Miniature

- 1st Bill Scharf - 21 pts.
- 2nd David Smith - 15 pts.
- 3rd Barry Woolf - 9 pts.

First Bloom Seedling

- 1st Barry Woolf - 22 pts.
- 2nd The Lundys, Mark Robbins, Dr. Eric Wiles - 5 pts.
- 3rd The Adamses - 4 pts.

Fragrance

- 1st Cy Swett - 10 pts.
- 2nd Barry Woolf - 8 pts.
- 3rd The Lundys - 7 pts.

Congratulations to the following members who had perfect attendance on our show table last year! Les Kirkegaard, Val Lowe, Ann and Lee Lundy, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Dr. Eric Wiles and Barry Woolf.

board meeting minutes

October 2007

In Attendance: Ann & Lee Lundy, David & Margaret Smith, Tom McBride, Lorie Lee-Young, Gary Smith, Anne Minkowski, Valerie Lowe, Marilyn Lauffer, Clark Riley, Aaron Webb, Laura Sobelman, Bill Ellis

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

Minutes from the July board meeting were reviewed, voted on and approved.

Committee Report

Treasurer's Report – David Smith gave the Treasurer's report. He will transfer some of the society's money in checking to a T. Rowe Price investment account.

Controller's Report— Lee Lundy prepared the Society's tax returns on a pro forma basis. Maryland Orchid Society is still a tax exempt non-profit organization with normal annual revenues below the threshold requiring filing of tax returns and therefore is not required to file a federal income tax return. After considering the situation, Lee determined not to file for 2006.

Auction - Bill Ellis has contacted suppliers for the fall auction. An e-mail notifying members of the auction will be sent prior to the auction. Aaron Webb will contact other orchid societies to notify them of our upcoming action. The auction will be held at a new location this year, at the

Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department Social Hall. Color flyers are being distributed.

Away Show – Valerie will not be setting up an MOS exhibit at the SEPOS show in 2008. MOS received multiple awards at the NCOS show including the ODC award for our exhibit. Many thanks to Valerie and the other members for all their hard work. SOS set up is Oct. 25th and the tear down will be the 28th. Anyone willing to help with set up or tear down please contact Valerie Lowe

Library – Anne Minkowski reported that the society has received original photos and documents of the Siegart & Slotter Orchid Nursery from a descendent of the owners.

Membership – Marilyn Lauffer made many suggestions for increasing membership. She will work with Gary Smith to update information on members and she is compiling a new member roster. There is a membership form on the MOS website. The mentor program was suggested and accepted by the board.

Program – Clark Riley will be the speaker at the next monthly meeting and Roy Tokunaga of H&R Nurseries will speak in November. He will have plants for sale at that meeting.

Show – Bill Scharf will schedule a show meeting very soon.

Judging Show - Gary Smith discussed the possibility of registering plants for the show and other possible changes to be implemented.

Newsletter – The board thanks Laura Sobelman for her hard work on our monthly newsletter. It is the best newsletter in the history of the society. Laura asks assistance in adhering to the deadline of her receiving all newsletter content two Sundays before the next meeting.

Show Table- Tom McBride reported that our monthly show table is doing well. There has been a tremendous amount of plants on the show table.

Other Business

Budget – David Smith gave a report on the society's budget. A motion was made to approve the budget. Motion was approved.

MOS Job description project – Gary Smith is gathering information on the various jobs of the society and compiling the descriptions.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008 at the Lundys' house. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

show table > oct. 2007



Blc. Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous' AM/AOS - Don Forester

Novice

1. Onc. Mem. Bill Carter - Laura Sobelman
2. *Blc.* Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous' AM/AOS - Don Forester
3. Milt. Hybrid - Edith Goldman



Den. *laevifolium* - Bill Scharf

Home Grown

1. Paph. Dr. Toot - Mark Robbins
2. *Den.* *laevifolium* - Bill Scharf
3. Tie Milt. *santanaei* - Bill Ellis
Hab. *rhodocheila* 'Nuanna' FCC/AOS - Chris Zajac

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. *Blc.* Mahina Yahiro 'Ulii' AM/AOS - Les Kirkegaard
2. *Blc.* Rugeley's Mill 'Mendenhall' HCC/AOS - Joe Dockman
3. *Blc.* Makaha Gold 'Carmela' AM/AOS - Barbara Buck



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Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS - The Adamses
2. Mok. Waltre Oumae - Cy Swett

Cattleya

1. Lc. Wrigleyii - The Adamses
2. C. Porcia 'Cannizaro' FCC/AOS - Barbara Buck
3. C. Hybrid - Cy Swett



Phal. Bette's Madge - Nancy Duggan

Phalaenopsis

1. *Phal.* Bette's Madge - Nancy Duggan
2. *Phal.* Zuma Camreal - John Dunning
3. Dtps. Talitha Klehm - The Adamses

Oncidium

1. Rdza. Burgundy - Cy Swett
2. Burr. Eurostar - David Smith
3. Odcdm. Lorraine's 14th WOC 'Hawaii' - Dr. Eric Wiles

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Iantha Stage 'TomCat' - Mark Robbins
2. Paph. Hybrid - Cy Swett
3. Paph. Ernest Read - David Smith

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *Coch.* Amazing - John Dunning
2. Rnet. Sunrise 'Prasong' AM/AOS - The Adamses
3. *Den.* Green Elf - Jim Winner



Milt. *santanaei* - Bill Ellis



Coch. Amazing - John Dunning

Species

1. *Liparis condylobulbon* - David Smith
2. *Bulb. medusae* 'Orchidglade II' - The Adamses
3. *Malaxis lowii* - Val Lowe

Miniature

1. *Epi. porpax* - The Adamses
2. *Hab. carnea* - Val Lowe

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (Meadow Green X Incan Treasure) - John Dunning
2. Onc. Butterfly - The Lundys
3. *Phal. violacea* 'Best So Far' - The Adamses

Fragrance

1. *Blc.* Lucky Strike 'Mongol' - Chris Zajac
2. Cym. Chen's Ruby - Dan Williamson
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' - Phuong Tran and Rich Kaste



Blc. Lucky Strike 'Mongol' - Chris Zajac

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *Liparis condylobulbon*, exhibited by David Smith. The judges were Phuong Tran, Jim Winner and Joe Dockman. There were 75 plants on the show table.

2007 Susquehanna Orchid Society Show Results

With the enthusiastic help of David Smith, Cyrus Swett, and Eric Wiles another 50 sq. ft. MOS exhibit was installed at the SOS show this year. Several of the plants in this Second Place exhibit received ribbons:

Genus	species/Grex	Owner	Ribbon
Epidendrum	<i>porpax</i>	Adams	3
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Gastrochilus	<i>dasyogon</i>	Adams	3
Potinara	Kat E-Sun 'Caribbean'	Adams	1
Renanetia	Sunrise 'Prasong', AM/AOS	Adams	1
Oncidium	<i>onustum</i>	D. Smith	1
Blc	Rugeleys Mill 'Mendenhall', HCC/AOS	Dockman	3
Brassocattleya	Cutty Sark 'Four Square'	Francis	2
Brassocattleya	Binosa 'Wabash Valley', AM/AOS	Francis	2
Blc	Keowee 'Mendenhall', AM/AOS	Francis	2
Blc	Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle', FCC/AOS	Francis	1
Cattleya	General Patton	Francis	2
Cattleya	(Valentine x Sir Jeremiah Coleman)	Francis	3
Cattleya	<i>dormaniana</i> 'Miss Aggie', HCC/AOS	Francis	1
Dendrobium	Veruna	Francis	3
Laeliocattleya	Mari's Song 'CTM-217', HCC/AOS	Francis	HM
Goodyera	Daibuzanensis	Lowe	2
Ludisia	Discolor	Lowe	1
Paph.	<i>niveum</i>	Robbins	1
Paph.	Iantha Stage	Robbins	2
Vanda	Walter Oumae	Swett	2
Brassia	<i>arcuigera</i> 'Caruso', AM/AOS	TLG	1
Howeara	Lava Burst 'Puuani', AM/AOS	TLG	1
			Best Oncidium Best Specimen
Phal	Polar Ice	TLG	2
Grcym	Lovely Melody 'Sweet'	Wiles	2
Ascda	Princess Mikasa 'Indigo', AM/AOS	Woolf	3
Ascda	Princess Mikasa 'Pink'	Woolf	2
Barkeria	<i>skinnerii</i>	Woolf	1
Bc	Nakornpathome Silver	Woolf	2
Brsdm	Wild Warrior 'Chieftain', AM/AOS	Woolf	1
Laeliocattleya	Nippon 'Livinza'	Woolf	2
Miltonia	<i>warscewiczii</i>	Woolf	2
Pleurothallis	<i>brighamii</i>	Woolf	1
Vanda	Robert's Delight 'Crownfox Big Red'	Woolf	1
Vanda	<i>tricolor</i>	Woolf	1
Vanda	Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride', FCC/AOS	Woolf	2

I would like to thank Steve and Rachel Adams, Barbara Buck, Joe Dockman, Edith Goldman, Marilyn Lauffer, Ann Lundy, Mark Robbins, David Smith, Cyrus Swett, and Eric Wiles, Dan Williamson, Barry Woolf for lending their plants and Cyrus Swett and Gary Smith for helping me to dismantle the exhibit.

~ Valerie Lowe



A Look Back at Our History By Anne Minkowski

Recently the Maryland Orchid Society library received two notebooks and a CD of reproductions of memorabilia of the Siegart and Slotter wholesale orchid growers who were active in the Baltimore area from the early 1920's until 1960.

Charles Siegart, originally a glassblower from Ems, Switzerland, began propagating orchids in 1918 and established four greenhouses in the Irvington section of Baltimore where he grew more than 10,000 orchids through the 1920's. In 1927 he built larger greenhouses in Jessups where the business expanded until he was raising more than 100,000 orchids for the wholesale orchid trade. His daughter Katherine met John W. Slotter of Chadd's



Edith Marie Wise (foreground, author's mother) and Katherine Siegart in a Siegart orchid greenhouse at 25 Siegart La., Irvington, Baltimore City. Taken about 1920.



Laeiocattleya, John Kuhn, hybridized by Siegart and Slotter 1937.

Ford, PA at an orchid show. John was a seedling orchid grower and worked with Mrs. Mary House of Chadd's Ford and Pierre DuPont of Longwood Gardens.

John and Katherine were married in 1933, after which the business was renamed Siegart and Slotter and expanded into the 1960's. The couple were lifetime members of the American Orchid Society and founding members of the Maryland Orchid Society. Their granddaughter Kathleen Brown displayed originals of the memorabilia to members of the MOS board at the home of Ann and Lee Lundy on November 1. Included in the collection are engraved medals, engraved silver trophies, and numerous certificates

awarded for prize winning orchid displays in regional shows as well as at the Philadelphia Flower Show in the 1930's through the 1950's. Also on display were

portraits of the couple, photographs and slides of the greenhouses and of prize winning orchids, and original newspaper articles including one in which John Slotter is credited with the first *Phalaenopsis* to be hybridized in Maryland. He named it the Katherine Siegart.

These notebooks of memorabilia are in our MOS library and will be on display at the November and December meetings for



John and Katherine Slotter in their orchid greenhouse in Jessups, MD. Taken in the late 1950s by Dorsey Studios.

you to examine. The MOS library is grateful to Kathleen Brown for preserving this record of the past of our society and for sharing it with our membership.



Above left: John Walter Slotter in his orchid greenhouse in Jessups, Md. Taken in late 1950s by A. Aubrey Bodine.

Above: Katherine Slotter in her orchid greenhouse in Jessups, Md. in the late 1950s.



Display by Charles Siegart, "The Floral Aristocrat", at the Florists Club of Baltimore 1938. Winner of the Gold Medal 1930-31 and 1938. Taken by Lewy Studios, Baltimore Maryland.

education corner

To fertilize or not to fertilize...*that* is the question. At the October meeting, Eric Wiles discussed the pros and cons of fertilizing orchids. Here is a brief outline of his talk.

Fertilizing Orchids

Why — Orchid growth not promoted by fertilizer. Excessive use can be detrimental. Plants do need nutrients from fertilizer to help develop healthy plant structure

What — Fertilizers are labeled using three numbers (e.g. 10-20-30) These number represent the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium contained.
Nitrogen — leaf and stem (green) growth
Potassium — root growth
Phosphorus and Calcium for rigid structure
Magnesium for flowering

When — during active growth

- Dendrobium — start of new cane
- Phalaenopsis — new leaf growth
- Cattleya — New root tip
- New growth over 1" & evidence of leaves

When NOT to —

- After buds are formed
- When in flower
- When dormant

What to use — Liquid — easiest for most - soak plant leaves and roots.
Granular — not best choice for orchids, encourages salt build up in media
Organic — Liquid or granular, low in urea is best

How Much — Liquid — 1/4 strength weekly — best for absorption. Full strength monthly. Flush with water to prevent salt buildup in media
Granular — a pinch every 6 months
Composted organics — may be helpful for Cycnoches, Catasetum, Cymbidium and Spathoglottis

As potting media breaks down, it has some intrinsic fertilizing value (it may provide nutrients, but will tie up nitrogen, making less available to the plant)

Problems — Salt buildup — best prevented by fertilizing "weakly, weekly"

Signs

- Burned leaf tips
- Brown roots above media in Cattleya
- Flower drop

Fertilizer —

Remedies

- Flush plant well
- Soak in distilled water
- Repot and change media (can collect in unglazed clay pots)



Eric Wiles and David Smith talk about how orchids benefit from fertilizers.

Fertilizer labels designed mainly for commercial use under optimal conditions. We generally cannot reproduce those so don't expect to use as much fertilizer

**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

Q&A

The *MOS Newsletter* team offers a column including answers to any questions you might have about orchids. If you have questions regarding orchid care, culture or just general questions please email Laura Sobelman and she will forward it to our "experts" who will give you suggestions. Even better if you have a photo illustrating the question.



Is There a Fungus Among Us?

Q. One of my Phals' flowers has these spots (see attached.) Is it a fungus? What should I do? The flowers have been in bloom for many months and it could be time for them to start fading. Thanks!

A. The spots look like plain ol' senescence. Old flowers will frequently begin to show spots such as these as normal aging (old age). I think that it could be botrytis. If the flowers are young, then it also looks like botrytis spots, brought on by humid, cool conditions with little or no air circulation. You said that the flowers were older, so I think that it is just aging.

calendar

Next General Meeting

November 15, 2007

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

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!

MOS Annual Auction

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007

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Auction: Noon - 4 PM

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

Next MOS Board Meeting

January 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Food will be served at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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