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A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

November 2008



president's message

How hard is it to be an MOS member? You fill out an application form and mail it to our post office box along with a check for \$20. Really the hardest part is showing up for monthly meetings. And once there, you're free to involve yourself in all the activities and take advantage of all the benefits of membership. And those activities and benefits are numerous. Consider the expert speakers, door prizes, educational activities, refreshments, library resources, orchids-buying opportunities, show table, holiday parties ... And don't forget intangibles like community and friendship. In other words, the cost/benefit ratio of being an MOS member is so overwhelmingly favorable that you'd have to have absolutely no interest in orchids or live outside of our geographic region to justify *not* being a member.

So nice story. Certainly compelling, right? But here's the rub: It isn't true. At least not in the one-sided manner that I implied above. There are a couple of truths that shatter that naïve scenario. One is that MOS would pretty quickly fall apart without the dedicated assistance of a relatively small group of members willing to serve as officers and committee chairs. Their hard work ensures that benefits continue to be delivered to our members. I thank them every chance I get and you should too.

As important as delivering the goods is, someone has to pay for them. And that brings us to another myth, namely that membership dues pay for the benefits made available to members. The truth is that membership dues represent just a small fraction

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Ernie Gemeinhart to Speak at November Meeting

At the next meeting Ernie will be speaking about "Growing Orchids The EnLightened Way: Gardening Under Fluorescent Lights." Ernie presents a thorough treatment of growing conditions and considerations and will show the details of his hobby-growing space and give several tips any grower can apply to their growing area.

Ernie, born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa., has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Marine Biology and Aquaculture from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL. He spent three years of graduate study at the George Washington University and National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC investigating the physiology, evolutionary biology, and taxonomy of freshwater, South American catfishes in the genus *Corydoras*. He currently works as a laboratory manager and technician in the Biomedical Polymer Sciences Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago,

Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences, performing research using polymers for targeted, controlled release cancer treatments and directed cell growth for tissue regeneration. Ernie is a probationary, certified AOS judge at the Chicago judging center in his fourth year of training. He has been growing orchids under fluorescent lights since 1997. He grows primarily *Paphiopedilums*, *Phragmipediums*, Moth orchids (*Phalaenopsis/Doritis/Doritaenopsis*, etc.), and mini and compact Corsage orchids (*Cattleya* alliance). In his spare time, he maintains orchids under lights in a dedicated 8'x10' second story room and in a unique garage growing room.



Ernie with *Paphiopedilum* 1AOS, awarded the 92 point CCE in Chicago on May 13, 2006. Plant belongs to Chuck Acker, photo by Lois Cinert.

Ernie will be taking orders for plants. Please check out his web site.

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Novice

1. *Alcra*. Sunday Best 'Muffin' - Suzanne Gaertner
2. *C.* Bow Bells 'July' - Kathi Jackson
3. *Den.* Mini Stripe - Blair Farrand

Home Grown

1. *Colm.* Wildcat 'Rainbow' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. *Hab. rhodochila* 'Nuanna' FCC/AOS - Chris Zajac

Alcra. Sunday Best 'Muffin' - Suzanne Gaertner

3. Tie *Paph.* Sakura Pink 'Precocious' - Clark Riley
Paph. spicerianum 'St. Albans' AM/AOS - Bill Scharf



Colm. Wildcat 'Rainbow' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. *Masd.* Aquarius - Jos Venturina
2. *Pot.* Caesar's Head 'Carolina Autumn' - Michael Moran
3. *Blc.* Rugeley's Mill 'Mendenhall' HCC/AOS - Joe Dockman



Masd. Aquarius - Jos Venturina

Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. *Bulb.* (Elizabeth Anne X *fascinator*) - The Adamses
2. *Milt.* Hybrid - Cy Swett



Pot. Caesar's Head 'Carolina Autumn' - Michael Moran

Cattleya

1. *C.* Angel Bells 'Suzie' - Phung Tran & Rich Kaste
2. *Blc.* Erin Koboyashi X *B. nodosa* - Chris Zajac
3. *Lc.* Astri - Jos Venturina

Phalaenopsis

1. *Phal. bellina* 'Montclair' - Gary Smith
2. *Dtps. pulcherrima* 'Yen' - Cy Swett
3. *Phal. bellina* 'Ponkan' AM/AOS - The Adamses



Blc. Erin Koboyashi X *B. nodosa* - Chris Zajac

Oncidium

1. *Alcra.* Hilo Ablaze 'HOF' - Don Forester
2. Tie *Onc.* Twinkle - John Dunning
Zel. onustum - David Smith
3. *Psy.* Butterfly - The Adamses

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. *Phrag.* Cardinale - Cy Swett
2. Tie *Paph.* Charles Sladden 'Corjo' AM/AOS - The Adamses
Paph. (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - The Lundys
3. Tie *Paph.* Claire de Lune 'Edgar van Belle' AM/AOS/RHS - David Smith
Paph. [Revival X (Spotter X Mach I)] - Jos Venturina

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *V.* Robert's Delight 'Blue' - Jos Venturina
2. *Den.* Jacqueline Stocker - The Adamses
3. *Cirr.* Louis Sander - Michael Moran

Species

1. *Ceratostylis rubra* - The Adamses
2. *Rest. cuprea* - Bill Scharf
3. *C. maxima* - Gene Trump



Dtps. pulcherrima 'Yen' - Cy Swett

Miniature

1. *Masd.* Maui Gold - Bill Scharf
2. *Soph.* Arizona - Clark Riley
3. *Aer. luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta* - The Adamses



Alcra. Hilo Ablaze 'HOF' - Don Forester

First Bloom Seedling

1. *Comp. speciosa* - The Adamses
2. *Oerstedella wallisii* - Clark Riley
3. *Paph.* (Pinocchio X Lemon Celebration) - Les Kirkegaard

Fragrance

1. *Zygo.* Syd Monkhouse - Cy Swett
2. *Spiranthes odorata* 'Chadd's Ford' - Clark Riley
3. *Ang.* Lemforde White Beauty - Michael Moran

The Judges' Choice of the Evening was *Bulb.* (Elizabeth Anne X *fascinator*), exhibited by Steve and Rachael Adams. The judges were Nancy Duggan, Craig Sherman and Bill Soyke. There were 109 plants on the show table! See more about the Judges' Choice on page 8.

More show table photos on page 9

NCOS Show Results Are In

The MOS president wants to send out a big **Thank You** to all members who helped to make our exhibit at the NCOS Show October 8-13 a rousing success (see chart at right). We installed a 25-sq.-ft. exhibit and walked away with **The Kensington Orchids Award for Best Society Exhibit**. “We” also received many ribbons and awards for individual plants which are published below.

Name	Plants	Set-Up	Tear-Down
Suzanne Gaertner	X	X	
Marilyn Lauffer	X	X	
Valerie Lowe	X		
Ann Lundy	X	X	X
Norma Lynch	X		
Clark Riley	X		
Bill Scharf	X	X	
David Smith	X	X	X
Gary Smith	X	X	X
Margaret Smith			X
Cyrus Swett	X		
The Little Greenhouse	X		
Jos Ventura	X		
Eric Wiles	X		

Plant	Exhibitor	Place	Class/Award
<i>Angcm. Longiscott 'OC'</i>	Ann Lundy	3rd	<i>Angraecoid</i> -Type Species & Hybrids
<i>Aergs. mystacidii</i>	Bill Scharf	2nd	<i>Angraecoid</i> -Type Species & Hybrids
<i>Aergs. mystacidii</i>	Bill Scharf	3rd	Miniature Species
<i>Enc. cochleata</i>	Clark Riley	3rd	<i>Encyclia</i> Species & Hybrids
<i>Phrag. Cardinale</i>	Cyrus Swett	3rd	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hybrids – Excluding <i>besseae</i>
<i>Alcra. Hilo Ablaze 'HOF'</i>	David Smith	2nd	<i>Oncidium</i> Intergeneric Hybrids – Yellow/Green Background with or without Spots and/or Bars
<i>Mltnps. warszewiczii x Odm. cirrhosum</i>	David Smith	1st	Best Amateur-grown <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance
<i>Mltnps. warszewiczii x Odm. cirrhosum</i>	David Smith	1st	<i>Oncidium</i> Intergeneric Hybrids – White Background with or without Spots and/or Bars
<i>Platystele halbingeri</i>	David Smith	3rd	All Other <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance Species & Hybrids
<i>Pleuro. sonderana</i>	David Smith	1st	Best Amateur-grown <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance
<i>Pleuro. sonderana</i>	David Smith	1st	Best Amateur-grown Species Plant in Show
<i>Pleuro. sonderana</i>	David Smith	1st	<i>Pleurothallis</i> Species & Hybrids
<i>Pleuro. sonderana</i>	David Smith	2nd	Miniature Species
<i>Ngl. purpurea</i>	Eric Wiles	3rd	Miniature Species
<i>Epi. cilliare</i>	Eric Wiles	2nd	<i>Epidendrum</i> Species & Hybrids
<i>Pot. Buranan Beauty 'Buranan'</i>	Eric Wiles	3rd	<i>Cattleya</i> & Intergeneric Hybrids – Splash/Tricolor
<i>Masd. Aquarius</i>	Jos Venturina	1st	Best Open Competition Miniature Plant
<i>Masd. Aquarius</i>	Jos Venturina	1st	<i>Masdevallia</i> & <i>Dracula</i> – Hybrids
<i>Masd. Aquarius</i>	Jos Venturina	1st	Miniature Hybrids
<i>Mltnps. Bert Field 'Eileen'</i>	Marilyn Lauffer	3rd	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Species & Hybrids
Maryland Orchid Society	Maryland Orchid Society	1st	Kensington Orchids Award - Best Society Exhibit
<i>Blc. Glenn Maidment 'Aranbeem'</i>	The Little Greenhouse	3rd	<i>Cattleya</i> & Intergeneric Hybrids – White/Semi-Alba
<i>Den. laevifolium</i>	The Little Greenhouse	1st	Best Amateur-grown Miniature Plant
<i>Den. laevifolium</i>	The Little Greenhouse	1st	Miniature Species
<i>Onc. Midas 'Willow Pond'</i>	The Little Greenhouse	1st	Equitant <i>Oncidium</i> – Species & Hybrids



MOS Exhibit at the NCOS Show which won the best society exhibit award
Photo by Yong Qian

Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit Results at the SOS Show

With the help of Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Cyrus Swett, and Eric Wiles a 50-sq.-ft. natural exhibit was installed at the 2008 Susquehanna Orchid Society Show held October 24-26, in Mechanicsburg, PA. Thanks to the generous plant donors (Steve and Rachael Adams, Elsie Beng, Barbara Buck, Bill Ellis, Suzanne Gaertner, Sheryl Holdridge, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Ann Lundy, Norma Lynch, Mark Robbins, Joan Roderick, Bill Scharf, David Smith,

Cyrus Swett, Phuong Tran, The Little Greenhouse, Joseph and Maria Venturina, Marty Vittek, Eric Wiles, and Chris Zajac) the Maryland Orchid Society exhibit placed Second in competition with SEPOS, CPOS, and SOS exhibits. In addition, Steve and Rachael Adams received an HCC from the AOS on their *Paph.* (Garnet Fire x *henryanum*). The following is a list of the plants that received ribbons:

Genus	Species/Cross	Owner	Ribbon
<i>Paph</i>	Revival	Jos Venturina	1st
<i>Gptm</i>	Giant	Jos Venturina	1st
<i>Vuyl</i>	Melissa Brianne	Jos Venturina	1st
<i>Onc</i>	Sweet Sugar	Phuong Tran	1st
<i>Eupha</i>	<i>euglossa</i>	Beng Light	2nd
<i>Paph</i>	Garnet Fire x <i>henryanum</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams	2nd, HCC
<i>Den</i>	Jacque Stocker	Steve and Rachael Adams	3rd
<i>Aergs</i>	<i>luteo-alba v rhodosticta</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams	3rd
<i>Den</i>	<i>glomeratum</i>	Steve and Rachael Adams	1st, BEST
<i>Cyc</i>	Jean E. Monnier	Beng Light	3rd
<i>Eupha</i>	<i>euglossa</i>	Beng Light	2nd
<i>Pyp</i>	Mendenhall	Chris Zajac	1st
<i>Mrr</i>	Don Pepe	Chris Zajac	3rd
<i>Dtps</i>	unknown #1	Joan Roderick	3rd
<i>Dtps</i>	Yu Pin Lady	Joan Roderick	2nd
<i>Dtps</i>	Brother Enigma 'DeLeon's Cream Parfait'	Marilyn Lauffer	1st
<i>Milt</i>	Bert Field 'Eileen'	Marilyn Lauffer	2nd
<i>Milt</i>	Andrea West	Bill Scharf	1st, BEST
<i>Paph</i>	Spicerianum 'St. Albans', AM/AOS	Bill Scharf	2nd
<i>Pyp</i>	Mendenhall	Marty Vittek	
<i>Bulb</i>	<i>grandiflora</i> 'Wakuta'	Marty Vittek	2nd
<i>Blc</i>	Glenn Maidment 'Arabeem'	The Little Greenhouse	1st
<i>Paph</i>	<i>lawrenceanum v hyenaum</i> 'Bernice', AM/AOS	The Little Greenhouse	1st
<i>Blc</i>	Toshie Aoki 'Pizazz', AM/AOS	Barbara Buck	1st
<i>C</i>	Porcia 'Cannizaro', FCC/AOS	Barbara Buck	2nd
<i>Den</i>	Green Lantern	Bill Ellis	1st
<i>Onc</i>	<i>onustum</i>	David Smith	1st
<i>Onc</i>	<i>chrysomorphum</i>	David Smith	2nd
<i>Paph</i>	Claire de Lune 'Edgar van Belle'	David Smith	2nd
<i>Pot</i>	Hoku Gem	Sheryl Holdridge	3rd
<i>Pot</i>	Caesar's Head 'Carolina Autumn'	Eric Wiles	2nd
<i>Odcdm</i>	Lorraine's 14th WOC 'Hawaii'	Eric Wiles	1st
<i>Hab</i>	<i>lindleyana</i>	Valerie Lowe	3rd
<i>Dsh</i>	Dreamcatcher	Valerie Lowe	3rd
<i>Phrag</i>	Cardinale	Cyrus Swett	2nd



Photo by Beng Light

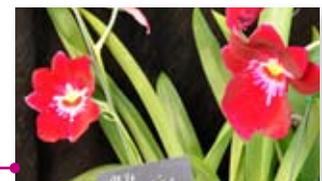


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Thanks to Elsie Beng, Bill Ellis, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, and Cyrus Swett, the exhibit was dismantled within an hour and the fall show season ended.

Valerie Lowe,
Away Shows Chair



Photo by Valerie Lowe

2008 calendar

Date: 16 November
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Meeting
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Time: Show table 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:00 PM
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 20 November
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Meeting
Location: First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Time: Show table 7:30 PM; Meeting at 8:00 PM
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 29 November
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Auction
Location: Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department Social Hall
Time: Preview 11:00 PM; Auction at 12:00 PM
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

Date: 6 December
Event: National Capital Judging Center Judging Session
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Time: 12:30 PM
Details: www.nationalcapitaljc.org

Date: 7 December
Event: National Capital Orchid Society Meeting
Location: U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Time: Show table 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:00 PM; Party at 4:30 PM
Details: www.ncos.us

Date: 18 December
Event: Maryland Orchid Society Meeting
Location: First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210
Time: Show table 7:30 PM; Meeting at 8:00 PM
Details: www.marylandorchids.org

On the Cover

In 2006, when I redesigned the MOS newsletter, I did not give proper credit to the grower of the beautiful *Vanda* I used in the newsletter banner. The orchid belongs to Les Kirkegaard. He says it is an AM/AOS plant he bought from Tom Ritter in Orlando, Fla., and continues to bloom regularly. Unfortunately, he does not remember the name of the plant. Here is the original photo I took of the plant:



Laura
MOS Newsletter Editor

Take a Trip

The MOS activity chair, Eric Wiles, is organizing a trip to the National Capital Judging Center on December 6. The AOS National Capital Judging Center (NCJC) holds a judging session on the first Saturday of each month at the US National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., Washington, DC. 20002. At the December session, there will be a presentation explaining the judging procedure and the judges will take extra time to cover what they look for in award-winning plants. Members can feel free to bring their plants for judging. Judging starts at noon but please arrive by 11:45 a.m. Contact Eric at winvet88@yahoo.com for more information.

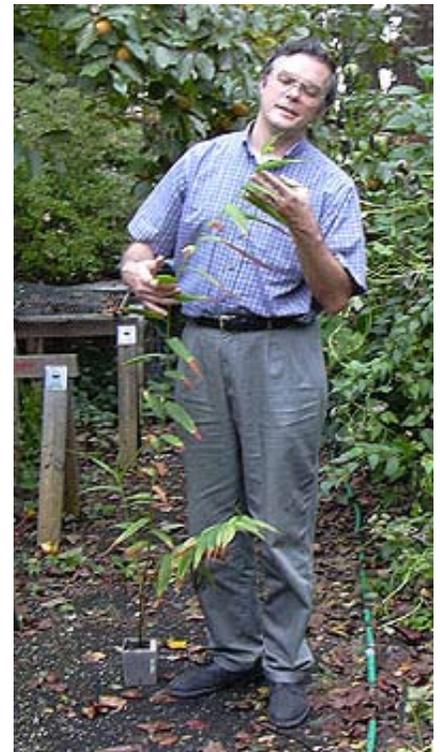
Directions to NCJC Judging Center:

- SOUTH on MD-295.
- RIGHT onto US-50 (New York Ave NE) for 2.5 mi.
- LEFT onto Bladensburg Rd NE for 0.4 mi.
- LEFT onto R St NE for 0.3 mi.
- Visitor Center is straight ahead past the gate. Park in lots on left.

education corner

Water, water, every where, nor any drop to drink.

Maybe just as well; some water used in orchid growing is not potable any way. At the MOS meeting in November, long-time member, MOS webmaster and orchid expert Clark Riley will speak at the education corner about water — the best type, amount, watering frequency — to give orchids to help them thrive. Clark says, “Water quality can be one of the most important factors in your success with sensitive species.” He grows many types of orchids and has several websites with detailed information about *Cypripediums* and *Bletillas* (<http://www.cyps.us/> and <http://drriley.mypcr.com/bletilla/>). Please join him at the next MOS Ed Corner.



Clark Riley with one of his *Selenipediums*.

Come Join Us for the Maryland Orchid Society's Annual Auction

Saturday, November 29, 2008

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
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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

For more information or to help: Bill Ellis: **410.549.1530**
or visit the MOS web site at www.marylandorchids.org

board of trustees meeting minutes

July 10, 2008

Minutes - Amended and Accepted Oct. 30, 2008

Board Members Present -

Gary Smith, President; Bill Scharf, Vice President, Show Chairman; Patti Kelt, Treasurer; Lee Lundy, Controller; Sarah Spence, Secretary; Valerie Lowe, AOS Rep., ODC Rep., Away Show Chair; Eric Wiles, Education Committee, Activities Committee; Anne Minkowski, Library; Don C. Forester, Trustee (Director); Bill Ellis, Auction Chair; Margaret Smith, Hospitality; Clark Riley, Webmaster; Laura Sobelman, Newsletter; Tom McBride, Show Table

Other Members Present -

Cyrus Swett; Sue Spicer; Becky Weiler; David Smith

Meeting was brought to order by Gary Smith at 7:45 PM. A modified agenda was distributed.

Welcome and Announcements - Gary Smith

- Marilyn Lauffer, Membership Committee, is absent due to her husband's bypass surgery.
- Ann Lundy is absent due to her mother's cataract surgery.
- The August issue of the AOS "Orchids" magazine features a cover photo from Tom McBride's "Little Greenhouse" collection.
- The hosts for this meeting, David and Margaret Smith, were introduced and thanked for their hospitality. David offered their home for next years July meeting.
- The new board members were introduced.

Minutes from the April 10, 2008 Board Meeting - Sarah Spence

- Minutes submitted by Lee Lundy were reviewed and several modifications were proposed. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made, seconded and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report - David Smith

- Deferred to Controller's Report.

Controller's Report - Lee Lundy

- Lee Lundy discussed monies held by MOS in various accounts, noting that taxes will have to be filed. Lee volunteered to continue filing taxes or to work with Patti Kelt concerning this issue.
- Lee noted that the MOS physical year, September 1 through August 31, and the tax year (calendar year) creates some accounting problems.
- Lee suggested caution with the current economy, stating that auction revenues and show revenues were down.
- The feasibility of special funds for awards was raised.

Treasurer's Report - David Smith, Patti Kelt

- David Smith, Lee Lundy, Patti Kelt, Gary Smith and Bill Scharf will meet prior to the September meeting for the purpose of transferring financial records.

Standing Committees (are perpetual) -

Auction - Bill Ellis

- Proposed budget for 2008 was presented and discussed.
 - o Eric Wiles suggested an increase in appeals for more donations rather than purchasing plants. Efforts to avoid plant duplicates should be made. The appeal for donated plants should be placed in the next newsletter.

- o The Fire Station is reserved for the auction.
- o Gary Smith stated that there is a need to devise a successful means of tracing donors and plants.
- o "Automated" check out is to be investigated.
- o It was suggested that AOS calendars be omitted from the proposed budget.
- o Notification of "going over" budget was discussed. Patti Kelt mentioned the "10% rule" generally meaning anything less than 10% does not require notification.
- o Bill Ellis proposed a revision to the proposed budget. Don Forester moved to accept the revised budget. Seconded by Valerie Lowe and unanimously accepted.

Away Shows - Valerie Lowe

- NCOS October 9 set-up - Valerie is unable to do this show and requested a replacement. Cyrus Swett and David Smith volunteered and possibly Ann and Lee Lundy.
- SOS October 23 set-up. Valerie stated that the "staging" in Lorie Lee-Young's basement and in the "shed" should be consolidated in one place.

Membership - Marilyn Lauffer (absent)

- No report

Show - Bill Scharf

- Reported '08 expenses of \$6800.00. Suggested a 5% increase in '09 budget to approximately \$7100.00/\$7200.00. A motion to approve was made, seconded and unanimously accepted.
- Dates for the 2009 MOS Show and Sale are March 13-15. Staging on March 10. Set-up on March 11 and judging on March 12. Valerie Lowe will be serving as Judging Chair.
- "Automation" for judging and sales is being considered. The AOS Handbook explains automation standards for judging using AQ+ software.
- "NCOS" standards are employed for the sale.
 - Program - Gary Smith
- Ann Lundy has offered to coordinate programs for monthly meetings.
- Discussed the possibility of sharing speakers with NCOS.
- Volunteers for hosting speakers are needed.

Show Table - Tom McBride

- Proposed budget was presented and unanimously accepted.
- Tom will distribute electronic copies of show table rules.
- Tom discussed his thoughts on combining the small and large greenhouse classes, eliminating the fragrance class and introducing a *Dendrobium* class, currently displayed in the miscellaneous class. The non-compete class was also discussed.
- Bill Scharf suggested that the grower of the "Best Plant in Show" should write a description of how the plant was grown for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Education - Eric Wiles

- Eric stated that a change in the dynamics of his profession will make it difficult for him to get to meetings on time for the educational (beginners) corner. He will appoint speakers/instructors to cover.
- Expenses for the orchid clinic were negated by the income from the attendance fees collected.
- Special programs - field trip to AOS "judging center".

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Newsletter - Laura Sobelman

- A July edition of the Newsletter has been initiated.
- Library - Ann Minkowski
- The library has been a success. Ann reported that the cabinet containing the library was found to have been physically moved, mysteriously, to the opposite side of the hall.
- The '06-'07 library budget was approximately \$500.00 as compared to \$56.00 in '07-'08.

Hospitality - Margaret Smith

- Nametags are going to be sorted and organized into "inactive" (old) and "active" (new and current) members.

Refreshments - Barbara Buck (absent)

- Gary Smith reported that expenses for refreshments average around \$25.00 - \$29.00 per month.
- Sunshine - Hilda Sukman (absent)
- No report.

House - Bill Soyke (absent)

- No report.

Website - Clark Riley

- Clark Riley requests a copy of the January 10, 2008 Board Minutes from anyone who may have a copy.
- Website is now powered by FIOS which is 40X faster.
- AOS/ODC - Valerie Lowe
- No information on October meeting.

Special Committees

Finance - Gary Smith

- By appointment. Gary Smith asks for suggestions. Possible "review committee" of books.

Mentoring - Bill Ellis

- Bill Ellis presented a proposal for a MOS Mentor-Protégé Program, designed to "encourage new and existing members, and ensure their long-term enjoyment of orchid growing".
- Bill suggested the possibility of identifying "novice" members on name badges. Will work with Ann Lundy and David Smith.

Meeting Venue - Gary Smith

- The possibility of acquiring a different building location to hold monthly meetings is being investigated.

Shed - Gary Smith

- The current shed used to store "staging" materials needs maintenance (doors, paint, and roof). Gary is asking for recommendation for repairs.
- It was suggested that the purchase of a "new" shed be considered.

Old Business -

None.

New Business -

Inclement Weather Policy - Gary Smith

- A restatement of the inclement weather policy was proposed to include "as of noon or later".
- A motion was made by Bill Ellis to place the newly revised policy on the MOS website. Lee Lundy seconded the motion and all agreed.

Idea List - Gary Smith

- Gary presented and reviewed an extensive "idea list" of goals and activities that he has compiled over the last several years for consideration by the MOS.
- Gary also proposed that the "Website", monitored by Clark Riley, be officially established as a "standing" committee. A motion was made by Eric Wiles, seconded by Lee Lundy and it was unanimously accepted.

Other - All

None.

Next Meeting - Gary Smith

October 30, 2008 at the home of Ann Minkowski. Light dinner at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30

A motion was made for adjournment, seconded and unanimously accepted. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

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of the income necessary to realize that long list of benefits. Before we started emailing our newsletter a couple of years ago, membership dues didn't even pay for the printing and mailing expenses. Now that we email, we can produce a larger, more colorful, more frequent newsletter for essentially nothing, freeing up precious funds for other needs. So what might membership dues alone buy nowadays? How about

- Rent for ten monthly meetings and door prizes for four (and *nothing* else),
- Or two-thirds the number of end-of-season plants and monetary awards for the show table (and *nothing* else),
- Or just five program speakers (with maybe enough left for refreshments but *nothing* else).

The by now belabored point is that every year MOS needs to raise significant funds in addition to membership dues to pay for the activities and programs that benefit its members. We do this in two principal ways—the fall auction and the spring show. It's critically important that these events are successful. That public interest in orchids will remain sufficiently high during these dismal economic conditions is no longer a foregone conclusion. This year, arguably more than most, it's important that a majority of MOS members do their part to help ensure the success of these events. Each one offers countless ways to pitch in. With our annual auction just around the corner on 29 November, I hope you'll consider the importance of your help.

Gary

now, you know it all!

This new column features the MOS' Judges' Choice plant for the previous month. In October, Steve and Rachael Adams were awarded the honor for their *Bulb.* (Elizabeth Anne x *fascinator*). Following is Rachael's description of how the Adamases grow their plant:



I did a bit of research and found out that it has now been registered, and is officially *Bulb.* Santa Claus (Elizabeth Ann x *fascinator*).

Bulbophyllum has been a favorite genus of ours for quite some time. As one of the largest genera, there is a tremendous variety among the species within it. From delicate and gorgeous, to downright bizarre (and malodorous), it can be found in the genus *Bulbophyllum*. The hybrid we brought to the last meeting is one that we've had for a few years now. I'm not sure exactly how many, but I'm thinking around four or five, as we had it for a while before we moved and built the

greenhouse. It was a purchase originally from Parkside orchids. I had wanted *Bulb. (cirr.)* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', but I had not managed to find it. When we saw this one with 'Elizabeth Ann' as a parent, we made sure to grab it. It bloomed well for us at first, but it was not thrilled with the move and the year of living in less than perfect conditions in the garage. Many *bulbophyllums* are warm, moist growers. The long, cold winter (with little water) was hard on it. It survived, though many leaves were lost and the pseudobulbs were shriveled. Once it was placed in the greenhouse, the recovery began. For a bit, it just sat there, desiccated and disheveled. However, after a few months, new growths began to appear. Then more new growths, and new roots. It skipped blooming that year, but it continued to recover and grow. It quickly surpassed its previous size and this fall, rewarded us with many blooms. Even now, there are still flushes of buds appearing, though I imagine the show will end soon.

The conditions it favors are: moderate light (it hangs on a pole about 3' above our *phalaenopsis*), high humidity and temperatures in the 80's in the daytime. It is fertilized regularly, heavier during the main growing seasons in spring and summer, and then very little during the winter. We rotate fertilizers, so the plants hopefully obtain all the necessary nutrients. Our current lineup includes MSU, Cal Mag, a basic 20-20-20, Fish Emulsion & Kelp, and a bloom booster. It has been very successful, so we will continue to use these fertilizers, and continue to experiment with others. The fish emulsions have quite a potent fragrance, but they are effective. Pests have not been an issue at all with this particular plant, and overall, it has been a tough, fast, and easy-growing plant. If you are considering trying out the genus *bulbophyllum*, this hybrid, or one of its parents (both of which are easy-growing) would be a great plant to start with.

Think Spring!

Yes, I realize we have not even enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner yet and I'm already thinking about spring... MOS Spring Show that is. We have to deal with the cold dark nights of winter, but the Spring Show is only a few short months away.

The Show Planning Committee has had our first meeting with good discussion on how to improve the Show experience for orchid growers and shoppers alike. One of the first pieces of the puzzle is a Show Theme. Please email me your thoughts and suggestions to willworks@hughes.net

The Show will take place at the Timonium Fairgrounds again this year. Here are the dates to keep on your calendar. Vendor and member exhibit set-up, Wednesday, March 11th, AOS Judging, Thursday, March 12th, MOS Banquet/Preview and Sale on the evening of March 12th, Show opens to the public Friday March 13 and runs through the weekend closing Sunday, March 15.



Another early piece of the puzzle is Member Sponsored Awards. This is an opportunity for you to support the Society in its efforts to recognize a beautifully grown plant at the Show. A glass award is then placed with that plant and the sponsor is recognized for sponsoring the award. Remember you can come up with your own as well, as long as it is not already being sponsored. Please contact Bill Scharf or Lorie Lee Young scuubadive@verizon.net with any questions or to sponsor an award. Here is a list of Awards currently available:

Best Educational Exhibit, Best *Dendrobium* Alliance in Show, Best *Dendrochilum* in Show, Best Commercial *Epidendrum* Alliance, Best Hobbyist *Epidendrum* Alliance, Best Lycaste Alliance in Show, Best Commercial Miniature, Best Commercial Miscellaneous Genera, Best Hobbyist Miscellaneous Genera, Best Miscellaneous Genera in Show, Best *Oncidium* Alliance in Show, Best Commercial *Phalaenopsis* Alliance, Best Commercial *Pleurothallid* Alliance, Best Species in Show.

I plan to regularly update the membership on our progress and as always send me your thoughts or suggestions. The committee will consider these at our next meeting.

Thanks,
Bill Scharf
MOS Vice President & Show Chairman

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C. Bow Bells 'July' - Kathi Jackson



Zel. onustum - David Smith



Rest. cuprea - Bill Scharf



Paph. (Pinocchio X Lemon Celebration) - Les Kirkegaard



Paph. (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - The Lundy's



C. maxima - Gene Trump



Oerstedella wallisii - Clark Riley



Phal. bellina 'Montclair' - Gary Smith



Onc. Twinkle - John Dunning



Phrag. Cardinale - Cy Swett

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The MOS would like to welcome the following new members. Please introduce yourself, show them around, and help them feel comfortable.

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