



ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

March 2024

President's Message

Spring! (Well, almost)

So, I've about got myself convinced that spring is just around the corner. Perhaps I'm a bit delusional, BUT the grape holly is in bloom, the crocus buds are showing color, the big traditional daffodils are in spike, and I could swear that parts of the lawn are starting to green up (OK, that may be chickweed, but it IS green!). No, I'm not silly enough to be thinking about putting my orchids out for a breath of fresh air yet, but that can't be too far in the future, can it?

Even if the orchids aren't ready for a taste of the outdoors yet, there's still some excitement brewing in our orchid world.

Most significantly, we're now just days away from our Spring Show as part of the Maryland Home and Garden Show at the Timonium Fairgrounds. Hopefully you've marked your calendars and let Marc know your plans, but even if not, your help will be welcome and useful at any point you can join us: Tuesday, March 5 (set-up); Wednesday the 6th (display construction); Thursday, the 7th (judge clerking); Friday – Sunday, 8th - 10th (the show itself). Security is likely to be a bit tighter this year with the new owners, especially during the open show times, but please make the effort and join us.

Besides our show, we've still got one away show (SEPOS, the first weekend of April), our Spring Workshop (April 13), and the next two monthly meetings that will feature home-grown talent. I trust we'll see you all then/there as well!

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

John Heinbokel
March 1, 2024



The Orchid Doctors Are In. The March 2024 presentation will be an old favorite—STUMP THE CHUMP

In our society, we have vast knowledge of orchid growing and its challenges. Among this group we have 'experts' on all types of species and hybrids—Dendrobium, slipper orchids, Phragms., Psychopsis, and hundreds more. Some of our experts grow their orchids in greenhouses and others under lights.

Let's ask them some thought-provoking orchid questions and see if we can stump them. Get your questions ready. Leave your problem plants at home and instead bring us a picture.

**35 door prize tickets
were distributed at this
month's meeting. There
were members joining us
on Zoom.**

MOS Welcomes the following new member...

Richard Lee

Sarah Spence
Membership Chair



Novice

1. Paph. Magic Lantern - Maggie Shochet
2. Phal. Noid - Vincent Russo
3. Phal. Noid - Bobbi Mazer

Homegrown

1. Tol. Tequila Sunrise - Arne Schön
2. Tie Phrag. Yelva Myhre - Maggie Shochet
Phal. Sogo Manager 'Newberry Sunshine' - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Rlc. Hsinying Mini Dancer 'C.H. #1' - Sarah L. Spence
Die. *ophrydis* - Bob Travers

Greenhouse

1. Cym. Lovely Moon - Clark Riley
2. Onc. *splendidum* - Eric Wiles

Cattleya

1. Blc. Maikai 'Mayumi' - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Clty. Ethels Paradise - Robin Neukam
Rlc. Drew Simon Smith 'Krull's Envy' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuch's Mandarin' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
Lc. Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers' - Jill Allen

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Taida Blush 'Taida' - Chris Zajac
2. Phal. Noid - Amanda Gallegos
3. Tie Phal. 'Nola Belle' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
Phal. Ox Queen - Jill Allen

Paphiopedilum

1. Paph. *lowii* - Maggie Shochet
2. Tie Paph. Hawaiian Tea 'Susan J' AM/AOS - Bob Travers
Phrag. Don Wimber - Chris Zajac
3. Paph. King of Sweden - Mai Conaway

Dendrobium

1. Den. Hinappa x Diamond Queen - Chris Zajac
2. Den. Chocolate Chip - Kathi Jackson
3. Den. Princess 'Asai' - Eric Wiles

Oncidium

1. Btcm. Hwuluduen 'Chameleon' - Eric Wiles
2. Onc. Twinkle - David Smith

Miscellaneous Hybrid

1. Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' - Eric Wiles
2. V. Motes Adorbs - Brenda Logan
3. Zygo. Advance Australia x triste - David Smith

Species

1. C. *walkeriana* 'Khairul Bariah' AM/AOS - Arne Schon
2. Tie Cpd. *commelinifolium* v. *atropurpureum* 'Joel's Gift' CCM/AOS - Bob Travers
Ddc. sp. - David Smith
3. Rhy. *gigantea* - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

Miniature

1. Sns. *micrantha* - Eric Wiles
2. Tie C. *coccinea* 'Jersey Shores' - Clark Riley
C. Scarlet Imp - Arne Schön
3. Rntda. Maui's Mini Freckles - John Heinbokel

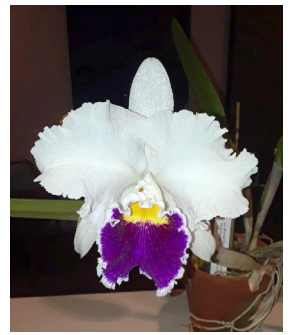
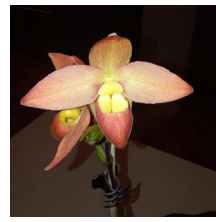
First Bloom

No entry

Fragrance

1. Lc. Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade' FCC/AOS - Clark Riley
2. Clty. Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle' - Robin Neukam

Also exhibiting but not mentioned above were Fay Citerone, Adrienne Kaspar, Aaron Webb, Norm and Maria Zickhur. We had a fantastic show table of 58 blooming plants despite the meeting being held on an off week because of the show schedule. There were no wet entry slips, no one can recall the last time this has happened. This show table was notable for the strong showing from novice and new member growers and we are ecstatic to have new members blossoming with growing talent! We welcome you and we thank you! The judges' choice went to Phalaenopsis Taida Blush 'Taida' grown by Chris Zajac, though it was not an easy decision for the judges, as there were worthy rivals in the home grown, *Dendrobium* and species categories. Our judges for the evening were Clark Riley, Marc Kiriou, and Fay Citerone. Ron Schwartz weighed in as a tie breaker in a category where we were down a judge.



Photos:
Aaron Spence

Maryland Exhibit At The 2024 National Capital Orchid Society Show

I was especially grateful that the following members dropped their plants off at the Show venue: Clark Riley, Kathi Jackson, Jason Gebbia, Ellie Martin, Robert Johnston. Al Kuhn.

Thanks to the physical help of Robert and Susan Travers, Clark Riley, Ellie Martin, Kathi Jackson, John Heinbokel, and the generous donation of plants from Jill Allen, Fay Citerone, Diane Elam, Suzanne Gaertner, Jason Gebbia, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Al and Wanda Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, Brenda Logan, Valerie Lowe, Ellie Martin, Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Arne Schon, David Smith, Laura Sobelman, Sarah Spence, Robert Travers, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf, and Chris Zajac the Maryland Orchid Society installed a 50+ sq. ft. exhibit which received Second place in its class.



Image by Susan Travers



Image by Sarah Hurdel

Other ribbons/awards received were:

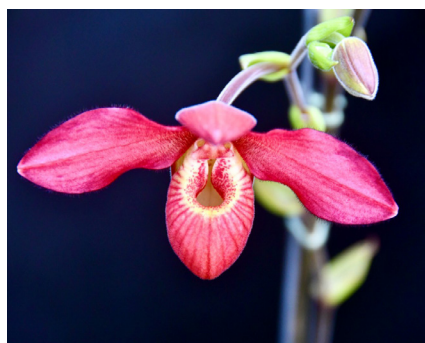
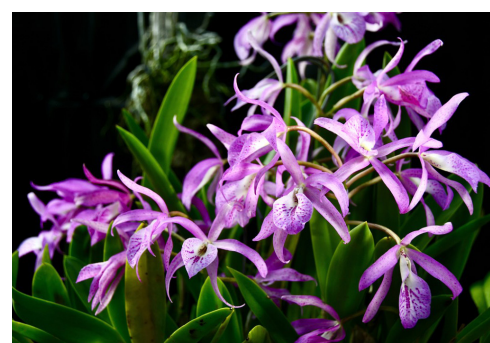
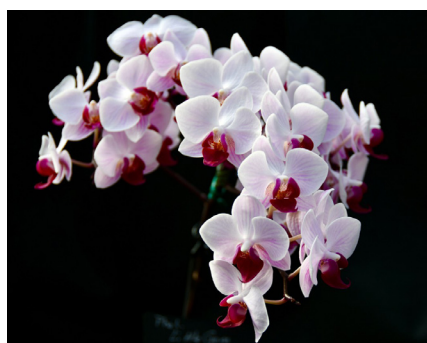
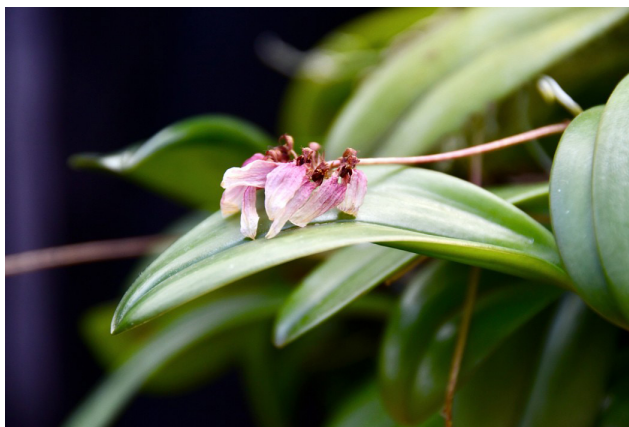
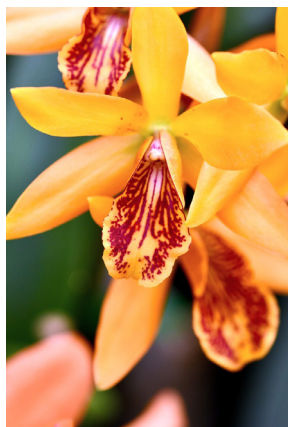
PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope	3 rd	Jill Allen
Phal. Fay C.	1 st	Fay Citerone
Vascostylis Pine Rivers 'Pink'	3 rd	Fay Citerone
Vanda Princess Mikasa 'Blue', AM/AOS	2 nd	Fay Citerone
Anct. roxburghii 'Milky Way'	1 st	Fay Citerone
Anct. (koshunensis x siamensis)	2 nd	Fay Citerone
Ludisia discolor 'Super Venation'	2 nd	Fay Citerone
Oeceoclades spathulifera	3 rd	Fay Citerone
Cattleya loddigesii	3 rd	Jason Gebbia
Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King' #1	3 rd	Jason Gebbia
Phal. Sogo Manager 'Newberry Sunshine'	1 st	Kathi Jackson
Enc. Shinfong Smile	1 st	Robert Johnston
Rlc. (Rubescent Magic x Paradise Rose)	3 rd	Robert Johnston
Phal. Wanda K.	1 st	Wanda Kuhn
Phal. Alex K.	3 rd	Wanda Kuhn
Rhyncholaelia digbyana	2 nd	Brenda Logan
Stenorrhynchos speciosum	1 st	Valerie Lowe
Phal. Blushing Bride	2 nd	Ellie Martin
Caulocattleya Ethel's Paradise	3 rd	Robin Neukam
Dendrochilum glumaceum	3 rd	Robin Neukam
Masdevallia Redwing 'Harford', AM/AOS	1 st	Robin Neukam
Cattleya coccinea 'Jersey Shore'	1 st	Clark Riley
Cattleya Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade', FCC/AOS	1 st	Clark Riley
Paphiopedilum Xanthphyllum	3 rd	Clark Riley
Brassavola Little Stars	2 nd	Arne Schon
C. walkeriana 'Khairul Bariah', AM/AOS	1 st	Arne Schon

Microcoelia aphylla	3 rd	David Smith
Epidendrum species	3 rd	David Smith
Barkeria Ericka	1 st	David Smith
Dendrochilum stenophyllum	2 nd	David Smith
Onc. Twinkle 'Yellow Bird'	1 st	David Smith
Zygo. (Advance Australia x Triste)	1 st	David Smith
Phragmipedium Andean Fire	3 rd	Laura Sobelman
Bulbophyllum Daisy Chain	2 nd	Robert Travers
Epi. Little Miss Sunshine 'Maureen Wood', AM/AOS	2 nd	Robert Travers
Paph. Hawaiian Tea 'Susan J.', AM/AOS #1	2 nd	Robert Travers
Phrag. schlimii 'Wilcox', AM/AOS	2 nd	Robert Travers
Macodes petola	3 rd	Robert Travers
Crepidium commelinifolium v. atropurpureum	1 st	Robert Travers
Crepidium commelinifolium v. atropurpureum	Best Misc.	Robert Travers
Crepidium commelinifolium v. atropurpureum	CHM/AOS	Robert Travers
Paphiopedilum Vanguard	2 nd	Aaron Webb
Phragmipedium longifolium	2 nd	Aaron Webb
Bsm. Maikai 'Mayumi', HCC/AOS	3 rd	Eric Wiles
Cattleya Circassian Beauty 'Snowdrop'	1 st	Eric Wiles
Schoenorchis micrantha	2 nd mini	Eric Wiles
Schoenorchis micrantha	3 rd Vanda	Eric Wiles
Zygo. (Advance Australia x Triste)	2 nd	Eric Wiles
Oncostele Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'	1 st	Barry Woolf
Cym. sinense 'Fu Gui Jin Long'	2 nd	Barry Woolf
Enc. Shinfong Smile #1	2 nd	Chris Zajac
Den. (Hinnapa x Diamond Queen)	2 nd	Chris Zajac
Phal. Little Gem Stripes	2 nd	Chris Zajac
Phal. Fancy Freckles	2 nd	Chris Zajac

I would like to thank Eileen Catte, Fay Citerone, John Heinbokel, Kathi Jackson, Ellie Martin, Jill Allen, Robert Johnston, Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Robert and Susan Travers, and Eric Wiles for helping to tear down the exhibit, getting it packed up, and transported home.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Lowe
Away Shows Chair



Above photos: Desmond M. F. Johnson

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



2024 MOS ELECTION

Every two years MOS holds elections for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Directors.

REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS

The MOS Nominating Committee consisting of Jill Allen catstaff4@verizon.net, Clark Riley DrRiley@aol.com, Laura Sobelman lmsobes@gmail.com and Bob Travers subobtrav@zoominternet.net have been appointed to recruit nominees to run for election. They have until the April Monthly Meeting to provide a slate of nominees.

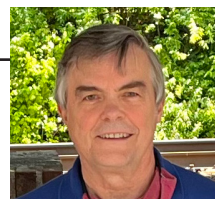
The Nominating Committee requests your recommendations to assure the best possible candidates for ***President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Director***. Are you a MOS Member or do you know of a MOS member who possesses the skills and commitment to serve us well in one of those positions or would you like to become more engaged in the many other committee activities?

Please share your recommendations or speak with anyone on the Nominating Committee by April 1.

After the April meeting through our May meeting, members may petition to have additional names added for consideration. Nominations from the membership at large may be made in writing by a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of the Society and delivered to the President prior to the adjournment of the monthly meeting (if any) of the Society in May. At our June meeting we will elect our officers for the next two years.

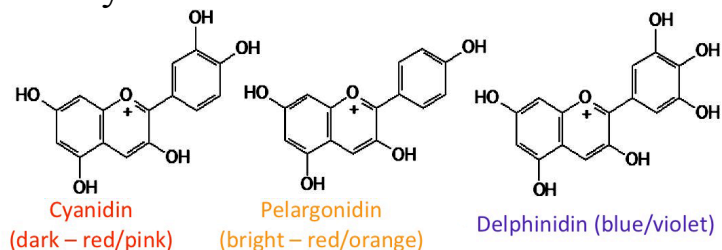
Role	Bylaws	Current
President	The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Trustees, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, and shall appoint Chairs of each standing committee and supervise their function. The President shall sign all written contracts and other written obligations of the Society. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms as President.	John Heinbokel, who is the current President, is term-limited, completing his two successive full terms. (It is not a requirement to serve 2 consecutive terms.)
Vice President	In the absence or disability of the President, the President's duties shall be performed by the Vice President. If the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President until a President shall be elected. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms as Vice President. <i>Although not defined in the Bylaws it is suggested that the VP participate with committees, help establish working committee structure, back up and succession plans and support activities.</i>	Bob Travers is the current Vice President completing his first term. (He completed two successive terms as VP from 1996-1999). Bob has chosen not to continue as VP or be considered for the next President.
Treasurer	The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Society and will receive and deposit the Society's funds, prepare, and file and tax returns required to be filed by the Society, remit any taxes payable by the Society, and furnish a financial report at each regular Board of Trustees meeting. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms as Treasurer.	Brenda Logan is the current Treasurer completing her first term. Brenda is willing to continue in her position however is looking for an assistant backup/alternate and successor.
Secretary	The Secretary shall take and maintain minutes of the business transacted at regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees. No person shall serve more than five (5) successive full terms as Secretary.	Diane Elam is the current Secretary completing her first term. Diane is willing to continue in her position.
Directors	The Directors shall counsel the Board of Trustees and the members and Chairs of standing and special committees on the matters pertaining to the Society, the Board of Trustees, and such committees. <i>Although not defined in the Bylaws it is suggested that the Directors participate with committees, help establish working committee structure, back up and succession plans and support activities.</i>	Chris Zajac and Kathi Jackson are both serving their first terms as Directors. There is no term limit for Directors.

Bylaws: [MOSBylawsOctober2019.pdf \(marylandorchids.org\)](#)

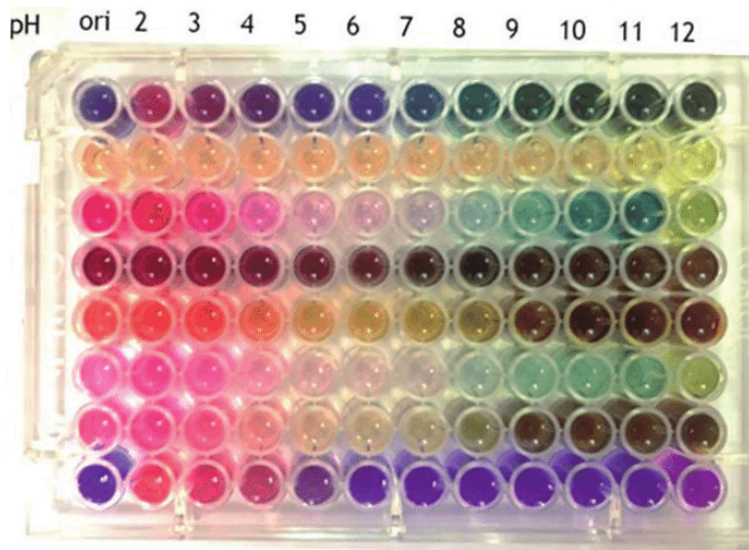


Roses are red, violets are blue. This is why orchids are too!

As with almost everything in life, the colors of our favorite flower are due to chemicals. One of the main classes of flower colors is anthocyanin. The core three anthocyanins are:



You can see that they are the same other than the –OH groups on the right side. Every clone — species or hybrids — will have one or more of these three pigments. Their presence will define the *possible* range of colors. Hybridizers have chosen parents for their colors, unconsciously picking plants with genes to produce these three. There is more to it, of course. There always is. The acidity of the flower, the pH where more than 7 is alkaline and less than 7 is acidic, will also affect the color of these three plant dyes.



Breeders have likewise chosen parents with genetic controls over the acidity of the flowers. Like a conductor of a big orchestra, we have harnessed the symphony of chemistry to delight our eyes and our souls.

Clark Riley

ORCHID



WORKSHOP

Registration Form

The Maryland Orchid Society is presenting a workshop on orchid repotting, growing, culture, and care.

Saturday, April 13, 2023

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212

Lectures, demonstrations, and discussions in orchid growing and repotting.

Admission is \$10 per person and includes refreshments. The workshop is open to the public.

Please RSVP by **April 10, 2023**. For questions email **MarylandOrchid.VP@gmail.com**.

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Please make checks payable to **Maryland Orchid Society** and mail with your registration form to:
Travers, 5338 Norrisville Road, White Hall MD 21161

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

MOS 2023-2024 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

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

5 (Tu) - Staging set-up

6 (Wed) - Set-up exhibits (Plants Welcome)

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

8 - 10 (Fr-Su) - Show open to public (Staffing Needed)

10 (Su; 6 pm) - Tear Down

March 21 - Monthly Meeting

April 2024 - SEPOS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

April 4 - Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

April 7 - Tear-Down

April 13 - MOS Spring Workshop - Morning, Woodbrook Church

April 18 - Monthly Meeting

May 16, 2024 - Monthly Meeting

June 20, 2024 - Monthly Meeting (Election of Officers for 2024 -26)

July 18, 2024 - Virtual Show Table (ZOOM)

July 25, 2024 - Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD???)

July or August 2024 (TBD ???) - MOS Picnic

August 15, 2024 - Virtual Show Table (ZOOM)

August - September 2024: Maryland State Fair - Show Table Points (First of 2024-25) Awarded to Participants

February 3, 2024: National Capital Judging Center

Dr. Griesbach's plant of *Phalaenopsis* Screech Owl 'Lightning Bolt' received a 78 point Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) from the American Orchid Society.

Arne Schon's plant of *Cattleya walkeriana* 'Khairul Bariah' received an 80 point Award of Merit (AM) from the American Orchid Society.

South Eastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS) Show

The Maryland Orchid Society will be installing a 50 sq. ft. exhibit at the 2024 SEPOS Show. The venue will be the 'HALL E' of the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks (100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456). Set-up is Thursday, April 4, 2024 starting at 9 am and continuing until 8 pm (this includes all plant registration). I will be picking up borrowed plants starting on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Anyone wishing to donate plants to this exhibit can contact me at vlowe14@comcast.net or at 410.599.2923. Robert and Susan Travers (subobtrav@zoominternet.net or 410.336.3873) will be picking up plants from northern Baltimore and Harford county. Tear-



Images by Michael Summers.

down of the exhibit will be on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the exhibit installation or help to tear it down.

National Capital Judging Center (NCJC)

The NCJC will be meeting on April 6, 2024 at the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Rd., Marriottsville, MD 21104. Judging starts at noon. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not.

Invitation to Another Away Show and MOS Home Show Season 2024 By Bob Travers

January began a four-month whirlwind of activity in support of MOS participation in four away shows as well as our own show. You are cordially invited to support/participate/volunteer MOS have another successful Away Show Season. Add the dates to your calendar, maybe plan a vacation day or two to join the fun and learning opportunities.

MOS Show Participation Calendar			
Dates	Show	Location	Notes
March 8- 10	MOS – Maryland Orchid Society Maryland Orchid Society Home Page	Timonium Fairgrounds MD.	Need MOS Exhibitors March 5 Help for Staging Set Up March 6 Exhibit Setup March 7 Clerks for judging March 8, 9, 10 Manning for information and sales check out March 10 Show teardown Week before our monthly meeting Contact Marc Kiriou
April 5-7	SEPOS – Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid society. Home SEPOS	Oaks Expo Center, 100 Station Ave, Oaks, PA 19456	April 4 Need plants, help staging and exhibit setup, start 8-9 AM April 7 teardown 4-5 PM Week before our monthly meeting Vendors not participating at other regional shows. Contact Valerie Lowe



MARCH
16 & 17
2024

Orchid **SPRING SHOW**

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTS

Orchid Obsession

SATURDAY MARCH 16
EXHIBITS 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

SUNDAY MARCH 17
EXHIBITS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

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PITTSBURGH SOUTH
164 FORT COUCH RD.
PITTSBURGH PA 15241
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SALES

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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.