



# ORCHID newsletter



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

March 2025

## President's message



It's March and it's Show Time. As you read this you are most likely getting ready to come help with our show in Timonium. If you haven't contacted

Marc yet to volunteer, please do so. Of course, please come enjoy the show, and add to your collection. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your society at work as well as our regional society partner exhibits. See more details later in this issue.

Spring is coming following the monthly meeting "Ask the Experts" on March 20. Our spring workshop — a sure sign of spring coming—will be held March 29, and we are bringing back the inclusion of mentored potting to the workshop. Additional details later in this issue. As the workshop is being held, other members will be collecting plants for our exhibit in the SEPOS show at Oaks, Pa., the beginning of April. Potting you say, yes, we will be collecting pre-orders this month for potting supplies, look to a special email blast with full details and order form, and a few details below in this issue.

Looking back on February, MOS had a good month. The board met for its semi-annual meeting; some highlights are posted here. Winter tested our fortitude with snow showers for January, and threat of heavy snow and frigid cold temperatures on meeting night in February. We rose to the challenge, with great in-person and Zoom attendance and remarkable show tables. David Smith, how can you grow such amazing *Dendrochilum* which was Judges' choice of the evening?

See you at the Show,  
Bob



The March 20th, 2025  
Program is a favorite of the  
Maryland Orchid Society

**ASK THE EXPERTS**

Think of a question for our panel.

It could be about culture, care, or how to troubleshoot a problem.

If our panel is stumped, we can turn to our audience for input. Leave your problem plant at home.

But if it would help explain your issue, send a clear picture to Mai Conway.

Mai will put the problem plant pictures into a PowerPoint for viewing during the discussion.

## It's Show Time

### Have Fun-BE A VOLUNTEER!



**Staging Set Up**  
March 4 9AM-12PM



**Set Up Your Exhibit**  
March 5 9AM-4PM



**Ribbon Judging Clerk**  
March 6 9AM-1PM



**Make Boxes**  
March 7-9 SHOW HOURS



**Man Hospitality**  
March 7-9 SHOW HOURS

## **Semi-Annual Report to Members from the February 6, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Meeting was called to order with the majority of the Officers and Committee Chairs present. Voting Quorum achieved.

### **Accomplishments**

Bank account change, Post Office Box closed, Shed repaired, Fall Potting workshop, Participation in the Maryland State Fair, Field trip to the Smithsonian, Successful Annual Auction, Revised Show Table Rules published, Annual Picnic, Rawlings Conservatory exhibit, 1<sup>st</sup> Away Show Exhibit at the Susquehanna Orchid Society in Hershey, \*1<sup>st</sup> Place Society Exhibit, AOS Show Trophy and Cash Award, Monthly meetings contract with Woodbrook Baptist Church renewed, Annual Auction Nov. 8, 2025 deposit paid to reserve the Knights of Columbus Hall.

### **Future Plans Coming Soon**

Marc is well underway with plans for our Show & Sale at the Fairgrounds, Activities team assembled to reimagine our Spring and Fall Potting Workshops, Team assembled to work on consistent branding of the Society, Bark Acadian Order delivery target in early May, Embroidered denim shirts, Bylaws under review, Consideration to donate funds to an Orchid Conservation Program.

### **New Change**

The Zoom portion of the monthly hybrid meeting will end after the last question is answered by the Speaker. Approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees.

### **Open**

Succession planning, Committee chair backups

### **Concerns**

Email, Text Message phishing, spoofing. You will never receive a request from an Officer or anyone else to assist and send money on behalf of the Treasurer.

### **Financial Position Feb. 6, 2025**

Cash balance is sufficient to support our obligations for the operation of the Society. The balance of the investment portfolio has increased in alignment with market trends

### **Next Board of Trustees Meeting**

July 24, 2025 6-10 PM Woodbrook Baptist Church

## **Education Corner Schedule and Topics 2025**

Any MOS member may volunteer to present a topic with basic, practical content for the novice grower: a 15-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute Q and A session. Topic suggestions welcome! Your Education Committee: Chris Zajac or Arne Schon.

**The education corner runs 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.**  
**March 20** 'How to Grow Cattleyas'. Bob Johnston  
**April 17** 'Growing Phragmipediums' Aaron Web

### **MOS Welcomes the following new member...**

**Pollv Irons**



**Jill Allen**

**Membership Chair**



**Miscellaneous Meeting Information**  
**Vincent Russo**  
**Hospitality Chair**

There were 49 in attendance in person and 9 on Zoom.

#### **Door prize:**

Pot. Akawel 'Waiakea' x Slc.  
Virginia Dicky 'Diamond Orchids'  
AM/AOS

#### **Door Prize Winners:**

Arne Schon

#### **Auction Plants:**

Cattleya Lobata SE Brazil  
Phal NOID  
Phal Jiuhbao 'Pink Lady'

#### **Auction Winners:**

Nicole Allen  
Christine  
Diane Elam

### **Congratulations Robin**

1<sup>st</sup> Glass Award  
Masd. Redwing 'Harford',  
AM/AOS  
Best Pleurothallis Alliance  
SOS Show





**Are you getting ready to repot? Need supplies?**

**Well we're organizing a order!**

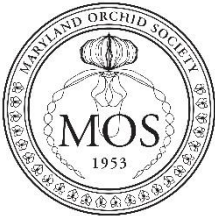
Once again, an order from Acadian Supply for New Zealand and Chilean Sphagnum Moss, Tree Fern and mounts, and Orchiata Bark. **Preorders due March 28th.** Payment is due by April 17. Delivery the first week of May.

Watch your emails for an e-blast with details.

<https://acadiansupply.com/>

Wait, there's more! We're also organizing a group order for embroidered denim shirts...more to follow!

***Jill Allen, Courtney Bounds and Robin Neukam***



## THE MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

### Spring Orchid Workshop

SATURDAY • MARCH 29, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

**INTRO, CULTURE, CARE, MENTORED RE-POTTING**

**(1 Plant per Participant; please bring a new, slightly larger, pot)**

**Admission is \$10 per person and includes snacks.**

The workshop is open to the public. Walk-Ins Welcome, but  
**RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED** to assure adequate materials and snacks.

Please RSVP to [activities@marylandorchids.org](mailto:activities@marylandorchids.org) by March 26, 2025 to reserve your space(s).

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Please make checks (\$10 per person) payable to Maryland Orchid Society

Mail with your MOS Workshop 2025 registration form to:

**Activities, 2 Norris Run Ct., Reisterstown, MD 21136**

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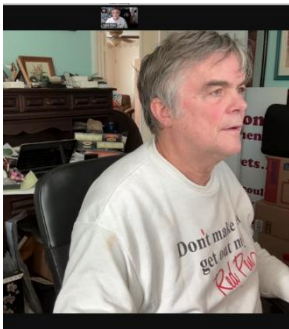
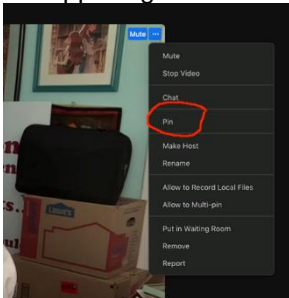
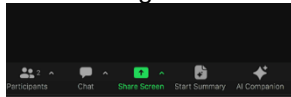


## Clark's Corner: Getting the best out of Zoom





Zoom has become a fact of life for many of us. The Maryland Orchid Society added Zoom in the form of hybrid meetings during the COVID pandemic. We have continued the hybrid meetings to give everyone the chance to participate, even from long distances and in times of health and driving challenges. Out typical meetings these day will include 5 to 20 members joining in remotely. The Zoom portion requires a good bit of time investment at the meeting, and we'll admit that the quality has not been up to our hopes from time to time.

We have streamlined the offering to focus on what we do well. In particular, the presenters will now be required to provide their "slides" to be used on Zoom. What you will see at home is exactly what is projected on the screen in Fellowship Hall at Woodbrook. We will also have dedicated volunteers in the hall to monitor what is on Zoom to catch any audio or video glitches. We don't have control of everything you see, though. There are a number of controls on your Zoom page you should be aware of. We verified in the last meeting that good video was going out from the meeting, but some viewers did not see the fully available video.

There are several modes of showing the meeting. The most common is Gallery View. That view shows all of the Zoom attendees, each in their own window pane. If you want one of those individual panes to fill your window, move your cursor to the upper right-hand corner of the individual pane and from the drop-down menu, select "Pin". This would be the case to see the meeting during the business portion between the Virtual Show Table and the speaker's presentation and when the program consists of live demonstrations rather than slide presentations. The Virtual Show Table and slide presentations are shared screens which should automatically fill your window. ***In the week prior to the next meeting, you should get an invitation to a trial meeting to give you a chance to try out the controls and ask questions.***

Gallery View	Pinned	Upper-right menu	Sharing control
			

### February Virtual Show Table 11 Participants 22 Plants

			
<b>Cattleya skinneri 'alba'</b> Marlyn Lauffer	<b>Phal. Taida King's Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra', AM/AOS</b> Joanna Hager	<b>Phragmipedium pearcei "Birchwood" x Phragmipedium Sorcerers</b> Apprentice Nancy Hensler	<b>Paphiopedilum philippense 'Harford's Ribbons'</b> Kristen Coffen

## MOS Show Table February 20, 2025 Joel Graham

### Novice

1. Phal. Noid 'Purple Passion' - Todd Jackson
2. Phal. Noid - Kathleen Spicer
3. Phal. Noid - Pauline Brissett

### Homegrown

1. Phcal. Kryptonite 'Parkside' - Luis Molina
2. Tie: Rth. Hsinying Fancy Gold 'Chinghua' - Amanda Gallegos  
Den. Hilda Poxon - Bob Johnston
3. Tie: Phal. Ruby Roberts - Bob Travers  
Rl. *digbyana* - Kathi Jackson

### Greenhouse

1. Bc. Maikai x L. deckeri - Eric Wiles
2. Phal. Jiuhbao Pink Lady - Jos Venturina
3. Blc. Guess What About Love - Clark Riley

### Cattleya

1. Blc. Dan O' Neill 'Junilee' HCC/AOS - Chris Zajac
2. Tie: Slc. Ann Komine 'Breathless' AM/AOS - Bob Travers  
Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Shining Moment' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles
3. Blc. Jami Hollingworth 'Sun Bulb' - Bob Johnston



### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. No Name 'Purple' - Chris Zajac
2. Tie: Phal. Noid - Joy Marlowe  
Phal. Birdie - Diane Elam
3. Tie: Phal. Ox Queen - Jill Allen  
Phal. Liu's Triprince - Kathi Jackson

### Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Grande Upperco 'Harford' - Laura Sobelman
2. Tie: Phrag. Yelve Myhre - Aaron Webb  
Paph. *chamberlianum* - Bob Travers
3. Tie: Paph. (Winston Churchill x Paph. Thundercat) - Mai Conaway  
Paph. Macabre Peacock - Todd Jackson

### Dendrobium

1. Den. Mini Snowflake x Nilda - Luis Molina
2. Den. (Gillieston Jazz x Victorian Bride) - Chris Zajac

### Oncidium

1. Onc. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' - Jason Overgard
2. Tie: Blra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' - Luis Molina  
Ogm. *pulchellum* - Clark Riley
3. Onc. *splendidum* - Eric Wiles

### Miscellaneous Hybrid

1. Masd. Copper Angel 'Orange Sunset' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles
2. V. (Pimsai x Josh Holmes) - Fay Citerone
3. Cyn. (*angustipetala* x *gibossa*) - Joel Graham



### Species

1. Ddc. *tenellum* - David Smith
2. Cym. *sinense* 'Tian Nu' - Eric Wiles
3. Strs. *speciosum* - Clark Riley

### Miniature

1. Den. *lichenastrum* v. *prenticei* - Bob Johnston
2. Trgl. Pusilla - Eric Wiles

### First Bloom

1. Phrag. (*longifolium* x Estelle Getty) - Joel Graham

### Fragrance

1. Rlc. Volcano Island 'Volcano Queen Dancer' - Bob Johnston
2. Rhy. gigantea - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

Another impressive MOS Show Table and you should be proud! This show table looked like it had over a hundred plants but in fact it was just 67, a testament to the sheer quality you achieved this month. Besides 67 isn't bad for a very cold night! The judges' choice for the evening went to Dendrochilum *tenellum* brought in by David Smith, this plant was filled out with innumerable growths and an uncountable number of blooms. The judges for the evening were Nicolle Allen, Bob Johnston, Bob Travers and David Smith. We had 29 total exhibitors! Exhibitors not mentioned above were Nicolle Allen, Adrienne Kaspar, Wanda Kuhn, Lauren Lankford, Brenda Logan and Maria and Norm Zickuhr. **As a reminder, please include class and date on your entry slips, and put a saucer under any plants that are wet to prevent wet slips.** Next month please volunteer for judging, especially if you are entered in two or less categories.



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## **Calendar of Events 2025**

### **March 7-9 MOS Annual Show & Sale @ Timonium Fairgrounds**

- 4 (Tu) - Staging set-up (volunteers needed)
- 5 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits
- 6 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview Sale 3-6 PM (clerking volunteers needed)
- 7 – 9 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public (hospitality volunteers needed)
- 9 (Su) –Tear Down 6 PM (volunteers needed)

### **March 20 MOS Monthly Meeting**

### **March 28 Orchidata Preorder Due**

### **March 29 MOS Spring Workshop**

### **April 3-6 SEPOS Show @ Greater Philadelphia Expo Center**

- April 3 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)
- April 6 – Tear-Down (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

### **April 9 - 12, 2025 AOS 2025 Spring Members Meeting**

### **Apr 17 MOS Monthly Meeting**

### **Apr 17 Orchidata Payment Due**

### **May 15 MOS Monthly Meeting**

### **May 1<sup>st</sup> week Orchidata Delivery tentative**

### **June 19 MOS Monthly Meeting**

### **July 24 Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **July or August TBD MOS Picnic**

### **August – Sept TBD Exhibit at Maryland State Fair (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)**

### **September 18-21 NCOS Show @ Homestead Gardens**

Sept 18 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

Sept 21– Tear-down

(Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

### **September 25 MOS Monthly Meeting**

[Changed due to conflict with NCOS Show]

## **Invitation to Another MOS Show Season 2025 *Bob Travers***

**You are cordially invited to support/participate/volunteer MOS have another successful Show Season. Add the dates to your calendar, maybe plan a vacation day or two to join the fun and learning opportunities.**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Show</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>
March 4-9	MOS – Maryland Orchid Society <a href="#">Maryland Orchid Society Home Page</a> <b>Contact Marc Kiriou</b>	Timonium Fairgrounds MD.	MOS Members Exhibitors Wanted! <b>March 4</b> Help for Staging Set Up 9-12 <b>March 5</b> Exhibit Setup 9-5 <b>March 6</b> Clerks for judging 9-1 <b>March 7, 8, 9</b> Man Hospitality Show Hours <b>March 9</b> Show teardown 6 pm
April 3-6	SEPOS – Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid society. <a href="#">Home   SEPOS</a> <b>Contact Valerie Lowe</b>	Oaks Expo Center, 100 Station Ave Oaks, PA 19456	<b>April 3</b> Need plants, help staging and exhibit setup, start 8-9 AM <b>April 6</b> teardown 4-5 PM Week before our monthly meeting
Sept 18-21	NCOS – National Capitol Orchid Society <a href="#">National Capital Orchid Society (ncos.us)</a> <b>Contact Valerie Lowe</b>	Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville MD	<b>Sept 18</b> Need plants, help staging and exhibit setup, start 8-9 AM <b>Sept 21</b> teardown 3-4 PM <b>Sept 25</b> Our monthly meeting moved out





## LOCAL AOS NEWS:

National Capital Judging Center (NCJC) [National Capital Judging Center](#)

The NCJC will be meeting on April 5, 2025 at the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. AOS Judging will start at noon. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not.

### February 1, 2025: National Capital Judging Center



Dr. Griesbach's plant of Phalaenopsis Enchanted Forest 'Toyland' received an 83-point Award of Merit (AM) from the American Orchid Society.

### April 3-6, 2025, Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show:

9:00 am – 8:00 pm Thursday, April 3, 'HALL E' of the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks (100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456). **I will be picking up plants starting Saturday, March 29, 2025.** Anyone wishing to donate plants to this exhibit can contact me at [vlowe14@comcast.net](mailto:vlowe14@comcast.net) or at 410.599.2923. If you are interested in coming to help set-up the exhibit on Thursday, April 3 or to tear down the exhibit on Sunday April 6 (starting at 4 pm), is more than welcome to join us.

**SEPOS International Show and Sale**  
For more information, [click here!](#)



### SEPOS Orchid Show Clerk Request

Our show is scheduled for April 4-6 this year and ribbon judging will occur on Friday morning April 4. Any MOS members that might be interested in being clerks for ribbon judging please contact me at [keatingwr@aol.com](mailto:keatingwr@aol.com) or by calling 610-639-2343.

Thank you, Bill Keatin



### [Annual Orchid Show | The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania](#)

#### Dates

Saturday, 3/15/2025 Exhibits noon to 5pm, Vendors 9am to 5pm.  
Sunday, 3/16/2025 Exhibits 9am to 4pm, Vendors 9am to 4pm.

#### Location

Crowne Plaza Suites Pittsburgh South  
164 Fort Couch Rd.  
Pittsburgh PA 15241  
(across from South Hills Village)

## Orchid Events of Interest



**Make Plans to Join**

**Registration is now OPEN**

Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to Register or go to: <a href="https://secure.aos.org/event/register">https://secure.aos.org/event/register</a>	The registration for the 2025 Spring Members Meeting is now live! Join us in Annapolis, Maryland April 9th - April 12th. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the North America Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC), a program of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC). We will have orchid vendors (early access for meeting registrants!), 2 full days of distinguished orchid speakers, hands-on workshops, AOS judging, a tour of the SERC facilities, Town Hall, Award presentations, meet & greet social, live & silent auctions, and more! <u>Do not miss it!</u>
Current details and schedule can be found <a href="#">HERE</a>	In addition to all of our Members Meeting events and activities, this spring's host city is amazing! Its proximity to Baltimore, and the Nation's Capital offers so many possibilities for exploring and enjoying its surrounding.
To learn a bit about Annapolis, click <a href="#">here</a>	We have negotiated a superb, preferred rate and reserved a block of rooms for our registrants at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza. This will be the venue for most event activities. Check out the hotel and its many amenities <a href="#">here</a> . Book your accommodations today to take advantage of the discounted rates. They will be available through March 9th or until the block sells out. Your stay dates can be adjusted at the top of the page using the calendar icon. Rooms are going fast, so do not delay! Here is the <a href="#">link</a> to make your reservations. Join us as we meet to work together as orchid friends and enthusiasts to promote and support the passion for orchids.

It's opening weekend of the 29th annual joint orchid show, "Orchids: Masters of Deception," a collaboration between the U.S. Botanic Garden and [Smithsonian Gardens](#)! From February 14 to April 27, explore thousands of orchids – both beautiful and deceptive – in the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory. The exhibit features some of the unique, bizarre, and intriguing orchid adaptations that deceive pollinators looking for food, mates, locations to lay their eggs, and more. "Orchids: Masters of Deception" showcases a changing display of specimens from the USBG and Smithsonian Gardens' extensive orchid collections. Display cases feature stories of orchids that exhibit delightful deception with scent, shape, color, and more. Two 9-foot-tall tree sculptures are covered with hundreds of pink and white orchids, a nod to another famous D.C. collection – cherry trees. Find orchids wrapped around 22 lamps, plus stories of orchid deception continue into the flower-filled Orchid house. Orchid-themed educational programs will be offered throughout the show, such as demonstrations on orchid care, in-person Q&As for visitors to bring their orchid questions to USBG experts, and more. The gift shop offered by [Friends of the U.S. Botanic Garden](#) and ReWild feature offerings such as live orchids, a candle inspired by the USBG Orchid house, and other educational and botanical gift items. Learn more and plan a visit at [www.USBG.gov](http://www.USBG.gov)





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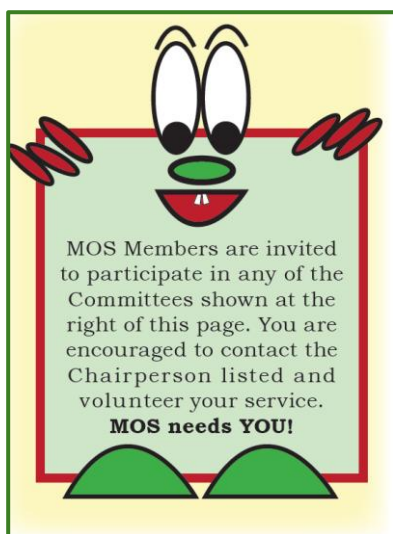
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Content for the MOS newsletter is due on the 26th day of each month. We invite articles, notices, etc., for inclusion in our newsletter.

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The MOS meets at 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., 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. The MOS Newsletter, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community. [www.marylandorchids.org](http://www.marylandorchids.org) [Maryland Orchid Society | Facebook](#)