



MOS Newsletter

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society
MOS Show Edition

April 2025

NOTICE: MEETING CHANGED TO APRIL 24, 2025
due to Fellowship Hall in use for Maundy Thursday on April 17th



The clerk's mission at the MOS Show is to follow the judges and record the AOS Judges results, place ribbons, rosettes and glass awards. There were 3 teams consisting of 2-3 judges and about 4 clerks.

Clerk's Message

Our clerks were Marc Kiriou, Bob Johnston, Chris Zajac, Kathi Jackson, Laura Sobelman, Fay Citerone, Nancy Hensler, Bob & Susan Travers, Clark Riley, Jos Venturina, Laurey Cosowsky and Marilyn Lauffer. Our show was AOS sanctioned and judged by National Capital Judging Center and guest judges from Mid-Atlantic Judging Center.

Judges' comments on the exhibits

- Proper grouping of flower colors are great
- Exceptional plant variety
- Hobbyist design exhibits are phenomenal
- Guys & Dolls: The use of 3 color exhibit as background (e.g. black, green & brown) pleasing to your eyes. The waterfall complimented the design and was not overpowering. Nicely arranged, Color flow is well done. Nice balance, Plant variety is exceptional elegant, good light, Use of negative space good. Green foliage wonderful, The yellow Phal. is exceptional, The illusion of the fountain flowing right into the fern and down all the way is great.
- Maryland Orchid Society always put up the best exhibit
- Some plants are not properly arranged, blocking the other plants behind
- The M design of plants in NCOS exhibit allowed for flow and use of velvet and plain fabric provided texture
- The judges liked Todd Jackson's exhibit because it was all phals. They did suggest that more moss would have been nice.
- The Maryland Orchid Society (MOS) Timonium show March 7th to 9th featured 7 table top and 1 floor 25 square foot MOS hobbyist exhibits.
- Judges were complimentary about the number and variety of the exhibits. The effort put forth by MOS members was outstanding. In fact, the judges questioned whether the MOS gave classes in setting up displays.



April Program: Walter Meshaka 'Growing Vandas in Your Home'

Dr. Walter "Walt" E. Meshaka, Jr., is a zoologist whose field of interest is ecology of amphibians and reptiles. Having grown up in Miami and later working in the Everglades, Walter was no stranger to orchids, his favorite being *Encyclia tampensis*. Living in south-central Pennsylvania since 2000, Walter has been growing orchids for the past 22 years and is president of the Susquehanna Orchid Society.

He keeps a wide range of orchid species and hybrids. His favorites are the vandaceous species living indoors through the winter and outdoors in the summer, many of which grow accompanied with *E. tampensis* and *Tillandsia* in their baskets and pots.



American Orchid Society Spring Members Meeting
Annapolis Crowne Plaza
173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD
VOLUNTEER REQUEST

April 11 Friday, 4pm-5pm – “Repotting, Dividing, and Mounting.” Hands-on Workshop. Jay Balchin is reprising his Master Gardner webinar as an in-person workshop. Participants will mount an orchid to take home. We could use 2 or 3 people here to check participants in and assist with the mounting activity.

April 12 Saturday, 4pm-5:15pm – “Virus Testing by Agdia” Ron McHatton will host a virus testing workshop using Agdia products. All participants will have the chance to do a virus test. Again, we could use 2 or 3 people to check participants in and assist at the virus test set-up area.

Volunteers Contact: Barbara Schmidt jentomsch@hotmail.com or Naya Marcano <naya@aos.org>

Speaking of AOS Judging!

Our May 15th Meeting will feature National Capital Judging Center Outreach

Bring your plants for the show table groomed and staked properly for the chance to be pulled for AOS judging and the possibility of an Award.
[Microsoft Word - Is My Plant Good Enough for](#)

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.
April 24 'Growing Phragmipediums' Aaron Webb
May 15th 'How to Bloom Orchids' Marc Kiriou
June 19th 'ph and Plant Nutrition' Robin Neukam

MOS Welcomes the following new members...



Jill Allen Membership Chair

- Cara Bonner
- Yen Hogetvedt
- Mike Lado
- Nicole Halperin
- Cecelia Wright
- Jacqueline Dieter
- Thomas Krajewsk

Miscellaneous Meeting Information

Vincent Russo Hospitality Chair

There were 50 in attendance in person and 7 on Zoom.



Door prize:

1. Paph. Hilo Rainbow x Paph. Mem Gerhard Conrad 'Speedy'
2. Orchid Magazine
3. Orchid Magazine

Door Prize Winners:

1. Bill Franke
2. Arron Webb
3. Kathy Jackson

Auction Plants:

1. Phal Sago Pony
2. Epc. Kyogncai Peterpink x BLC Love Sohre
3. Epc. Magic Wand
4. Phal NOID Yellow
5. Phal NOID in Hanging Pot
6. Slc. Jewel Box
7. Ludisia Discolor
8. Ludisia Discolor
9. Purple Phal NOID
10. Pgt Fairyland
11. Zygo Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS x Zygo Triste

Auction Winners:

1. Nicole Harper
2. Christine Kennedy
3. Cathleen Spicer
4. Brenda Logan
5. Vincent Russo
6. Karen
7. Christine Kennedy
8. Todd Jackson
9. Adrienne Kasper
10. Jill Allen
11. Nicole Halperin

American Orchid Society Spring Members Meeting April 9th to 12th

<https://secure.aos.org/event/register>

Annapolis Crowne Plaza
173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD

Thursday, April 10th

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Education Committee "Bring your Coffee" Meet & Greet
- 7:30 - 10:30 AM Judging Committee Meeting
- 8:00 - 9:15 AM Committee Meetings
- 9:15 - 10:30 AM Committee Meetings
- 11:00 - 6:00 PM D.C. Botanic Gardens Backstage Tours & Experience (Ticketed Event) Includes the Smithsonian Gardens and the US Botanic Garden + Loop around the National Mall.
- Dinner on your own

Friday, April 11th

- 8:30 AM Vendor/Plant sales open to Meeting registrants. Silent Auction Opens.
- 9:00 - Noon Board of Trustees Meeting
- 10:00 AM Vendor/Plant sales open to the public
- Noon - 1:00 PM "Meet the Leadership and AOS Judges" Lunch (Ticketed Event)
- 1:00 PM AOS Judging
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM [Speaker Sessions - Orchid Conservation - A Vital Endeavor](#)

* Janice Yates - 'Treading Lightly: Tales of Citizen Conservation and Education'

* Sarah Hedeon and Amy Highland - 'Orchid Conservation at Smithsonian Gardens and the United States Botanic Garden'

* Peter Zale, Ph.D. - 'Native Orchid Conservation Efforts at Longwood Gardens'

- 4:00 - 5:00 PM "Repotting, Dividing, and Mounting." Hands-on Workshop. While included with meeting registration, space is limited to 50. (Supplies will be provided to those who pre-register for this workshop.) ** There will be a separate registration/sign up for this event. **
- 5:15 - 6:00 PM Meet & Greet Social. Live Auction Preview.
- 6:00 - 7:30 Live Auction

Saturday, April 12th [Register](#)

- 8:30 AM Vendor/Plant sales open to Meeting registrants
- 9:00 AM - Noon Meeting of the Members & Town Hall. Awards Presentation. AOS Elections.
- 10:00 AM Vendor/Plant sales open to the public
- Noon - 1:00 PM Board of Trustees Reorganization Meeting (BoT Working Lunch)
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM [Speaker Sessions - Orchids Uncovered: Guardians, Extremes and Conservation Dreams](#)

* Melissa K. McCormick, Ph.D. - 'Conserving our Native Orchid Heritage'

* Hope Brooks - 'Doggone Orchid Hunters – How Man's Best Friend Can Help Sniff Out Orchids'

* Bob Sprague - 'Orchids, Whales and Polar Bears'

- 4:00 - 5:15 PM "Orchid Viruses" Hands-on Workshop. While included with meeting registration, space is limited to 50. Sponsored by Agdia. (Supplies will be provided to those who pre-register for this workshop.) ** There will be a separate registration/sign up for this event. **
- 6:30 - 8:30 PM "Annapolis in Bloom: An Orchid Celebration" Banquet with Keynote Speaker [Dennis Whigham, Ph.D.](#), Founder of the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC), an initiative of the Smithsonian and the United States Botanic Garden.

Event Options [Register](#) Please select your event options below.

Registration Includes:

- Early access to vendors
- Admission to all 6 Speaker Sessions and 2 Hands-On Workshops
- Meet & Greet Social
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Souvenir Swag Bag
- Tour of Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC)
- Meeting of the Members & Town Hall

Thursday, April 10th. 11:30 am - 5:30 pm

- Backstage Tour: Smithsonian Gardens and US Botanical Garden. Includes r/t Coach bus from hotel to Washington, DC, tours and loop around the National Mall
- Panera Box lunch & snacks during bus ride

Friday, April 11th - Noon "Meet the Leadership & AOS Judges"

3-course plated lunch. Open to All. \$40.00

Saturday, April 12th. Noon - 1:00 Reorganization Meeting - BoT Working Lunch \$32.00

Saturday, April 12th 6:30 - 8:30 PM "Annapolis in Bloom: An Orchid Celebration" 3-course gourmet dinner. Wine will be served. \$78 (For Registrants)

"Annapolis in Bloom: An Orchid Celebration" 3-course gourmet dinner. Wine will be served. \$88 (For Non-Registrants)

Daily Passes (For Non-Registrants) A Full day of 3 Speaker Sessions and a Hands-on Workshops per day \$40/day

(All speaker sessions and workshops are included with the meeting registration)

Day 1 - Friday, April 11th. 1:00 - 5:30 PM \$40

Day 2 - Saturday, April 12th. 1:00 - 5:30 PM \$40

Judging of individual plants is [Friday, April 11](#) at 1 pm in the Arundel C room. You don't have to pay if only bringing plants and staying for judging. This does not entitle you for sales, lectures or workshops.

Did you miss our Show at the fairgrounds?

There were 8 excellent hobbyist exhibits installed by our members (7 tabletops and 1 floor) and the judges loved them! 4 visiting societies installed floor exhibits: Catocin Orchid Society, National Capital Orchid Society, Susquehanna Orchid Society,

Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society. The AOS awarded plants exhibited by our members Arne Schon (AM and CCM) and Brenda Logan (AM) and two members exhibits won Artistic Certificates!
Volunteers, results and pictures see pages 4-8

Results provided by Gary Smith

Award/Sponsor	Winner
Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit <i>The Shirley Jackson Memorial Award, Kathi Jackson</i>	Todd Jackson
Best Table-Top Exhibit <i>The MOS Award, John Heinbokel</i>	Bob Travers
Best Hobbyist Exhibit <i>Dr. Alanah Webb Award, Aaron Webb</i>	Elam et al: <u>Guys & Dolls</u> : Brenda Logan, Diane Elam, Jill Allen, Coco Allen, Laura Sobelman, Robin Neukam, Aaron Webb, Tom McBride, Jos Venturina
Best Orchid Society Exhibit <i>The Kensington Orchids Award, MOS Endowed \$50</i>	National Capital Orchid Society
Best Society Exhibit Runner Up <i>The Kensington Orchids Award, MOS Endowed \$25</i>	Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society
Best Cattleya Alliance in Show <i>The S. L. Spence Award, Sarah Spence</i>	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Ranger Six 'A-OK', FCC/AOS William Keating
Best Standard Cattleya <i>The Barbara Buck Memorial Award, MOS Endowed</i>	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Ranger Six 'A-OK', FCC/AOS William Keating
Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show <i>The Danny Adams Award, MOS Endowed</i>	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vistas', CCE/AOS Robin Collins
Best Paphiopedilum in Show <i>The Debbie Riley Award, Clark Riley</i>	Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum 'Lucy', AM/AOS Rich Garrison
Best Phragmipedium in Show <i>The Memoria D. Anne Lowe Award, Valerie Lowe</i>	Phragmipedium Bel Croute Robin Collins
Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show Slipper Orchid Alliance Trophy <i>The Gary D. Krause Memorial Award, Tom McBride</i>	Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum 'Lucy', AM/AOS Rich Garrison
Best Dendrobium Alliance in Show <i>The von Mehlem Memorial Award, Judi von Mehlem</i>	Dendrobium nobile [#1] Robin Collins
Best Miniature in Show <i>The Margaret Smith Award, Margaret Smith</i>	Oberonia setigera John Stoner
Best Miscellaneous Genera <i>The Wiles Award, Eric Wiles</i>	Gongora unicolor 'Harford', CHM/AOS Tom McBride
Best Oncidium Alliance in Show <i>The Travers Award, Bob Travers</i>	Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise Arne Schon
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance in Show International Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy <i>The Little Greenhouse Award, Marc Kiriou</i>	Phalaenopsis Jiuhbao Pink Lady Jos Venturina
Best Vanda Alliance in Show <i>The Benigna A. Venturina Award, Jos Venturina</i>	Sarcochilus (Kulnura Fireball x Kulnura Gryffin) Stephen Male
Best Species in Show <i>The Ann Lundy Award, Lee Lundy</i>	Dendrobium nobile [#1] Robin Collins
Best Plant in Show <i>The Merritt Huntington Memorial Award, MOS Endowed</i>	Cattleya Comets Tail x Cattleya aclandiae Ryan Moraski
Best Specimen Plant in Show <i>The Smith Award, David Smith</i>	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vistas', CCE/AOS Robin Collins
Best Non-Commercial Exhibit Orchid Digest Show Trophy <i>The Sobelman Award, Laura Sobelman</i>	Elam et al: <u>Guys & Dolls</u> : Brenda Logan, Diane Elam, Jill Allen, Coco Allen, Laura Sobelman, Robin Neukam, Aaron Webb, Tom McBride, Jos Venturina

AOS Show Trophy

Score	Exhibitor	Entry
88	National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibit, Large Floor (Over 40 Square Foot)

Silver Certificate

Score	Exhibitor	Entry
88	National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibit, Large Floor (Over 40 Square Foot)

Artistic Certificate

Score	Exhibitor	Entry
84	Elam et al	Hobbyist Exhibit, Small Floor (Up to 40 Square Feet)
83	Robert Travers	Hobbyist Exhibit, Five Orchids Arranged for Effect

Award of Merit

Score	Exhibitor	Entry
83	Arne Schon	Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise
81	Brenda Logan	Epidendrum Saranac Lake 'Elmcreek'
85	Ryan Moraski	Cattleya Comets Tail x Cattleya aclandiae

Certificate of Cultural Merit

Score	Exhibitor	Entry
82	Arne Schon	Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise



**Artistic Certificate
Awarded to Robert Travers
'Spring Joy', (83 Points)**



**Artistic Certificate
'Guys and Dolls'
AC |AOS |
(84 points)**



**'Silver Streak' Show Trophy SC/AOS (88 points)
Exhibitor: National Capital Orchid Society**



Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise 'Anthony Fauci'
 CCM |AOS | (82 points) AM |AOS | (83 points)
 Awarded to Arne Schon



Epidendrum Saranac Lake 'Elm Creek'
 AM |AOS | (81 points)
 Awarded to Brenda Logan



Maryland Orchid Society Show
Member Exhibitors

The following members exhibited in our show:

Aaron Webb	Arne Schon
Brenda Logan	Christopher Zajac
Clark Riley	Courtney Bounds
David Smith	Diane Elam
Eric Wiles	Ernie Drohan
Fay Citerone	Jason Gebbia
Jill Allen	Jos Venturina
Joy Marlowe	Kathi Jackson
Laura Sobelman	Marilyn Lauffer
Monica Sparber	Nicole Allen
Robert Johnston	Robert Travers
Robin Neukam	Sarah Spence
Suzanne Gaertner	Todd S Jackson
Tom McBride	Wanda Kuhn

Maryland Orchid Society Show
Ribbon and Award Counts

Class Ribbons	
Place	Count
1	66
2	74
3	54
HM	2

Awards	
Trophy Types	Count
Rosette and Glass Plaque	17
Rosette and International Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy	1
Rosette and Orchid Digest Show Trophy	1
Rosette and Slipper Orchid Alliance Trophy	1
Rosette Only	1

Maryland Orchid Society Show
Show Comparison

	03/07/2025	03/08/2024
Exhibits	12	9
Exhibitors	57	53
Plant Entries	335	314
Classes	74	81
Class Entries	371	342
Ribbons	196	207
AOS Awards	8	5

	03/07/2025	03/08/2024
Cattleya Alliance	77	68
Cymbidium Alliance	10	10
Cypripedium Alliance	55	69
Dendrobium Alliance	25	30
Educational Exhibits	0	1
First-Bloom Seedling	2	8
Foliage	17	27
Hobbyist Exhibits	8	4
Miniature Plants	18	8
Miscellaneous Alliances	46	40
Oncidium Alliance	25	24
Phalaenopsis Alliance	74	40
Society Exhibits	4	4
Vanda Alliance	10	9

THANK YOU for a great show!

Special Thanks to Marc Kiriou (Show Chair) and Laura Sobelman (Show Co-Chair)

Website Clark Riley

Forms Travers

Food: Wed & Thurs Fay Citerone

Facebook Admins Marc Kiriou, Laura Sobelman, Joel Graham, Susan Travers

Tuesday: Retrieval Staging from Shed and Set Up at Fairgrounds

Wednesday: Exhibit Set Up

Thursday: Clerking & Judging Day

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: Hospitality, Chatting with Public, Boxing Plants and last of all Teardown.

Volunteers: Marc Kiriou, Bob Johnston, Bob & Susan Travers, Fay Citerone, Dian Elam, Chirs Zajac, Clark Riley, Joy Marlowe, Aaron Webb, Laura Sobelman, Robin Neukam, Ernie Drohan, Brenda Logan, Eric Wiles, Jill Allen, Kathi Jackson, Vincent Russo, John Heinbokel, Monica Sparber, Norm & Maria Zickuhr, Owen Humphrey, Nicole Allen, Janice Krasnow, Jos Venturina, Richard Lee & Aii-Hwa, Lauren Lankford, Adriene Kaspar, Suzanne Gaertner, Laurey Cosowsky, Jason & Amber, Arnie Schon, Molly Bettridge, Jos Venturina, Amanda Gallegos, Kristen Coffen, Christine Kennedy, Courtney Bounds, Sarah DeBaugh

Members Exhibits

5 Plants for Effect	Small Table Top	Large Table Top	Small Floor
Courtney Bounds First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit	Fay Citerone	Orchid Allies Kathi Jackson, Wanda Kuhn, Monica Sparber, Joy Marlowe, Clark Riley, Suzanne Gartner, Marilyn Lauffer	Elam et al: Guys & Dolls Brenda Logan, Diane Elam, Jill Allen, Coco Allen, Laura Sobelman, Robin Neukam, Aaron Webb, Tom McBride, Jos Venturina
Bob Travers	Todd Jackson First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit	Zajac et al Arne Schon, Bob Johnston, Sarah Spence, Wanda Kuhn, Monica Sparber, Suzanne Gartner, Chris Zajac	
		David & Margaret Smith	

Judging Clerks: Marc Kiriou, Bob Johnston, Chris Zajac, Kathi Jackson, Laura Sobelman, Fay Citerone, Nancy Hensler, Bob & Susan Travers, Clark Riley, Jos Venturina, Laurey Cosowsky, Marilyn Lauffer

Registrar: Gary Smith

AOS Judges: Valerie Lowe, Sarah Hurdel, Bill Goldner, Gordon Slaymaker, Robert Griesbach, Nancy Mountford, Mary Jo Gilsdorf, Taylor Slaughter, F. Slaughter Tom McBride, M. Zhang, Ting Wang, Carrie Buchman, Ken Meier

AOS Photographer: Anthony Plasters





Show Table Entry Form Tips, lets help Joel read the forms!

Exhibitors must own the plant or plants for at least six months.
Each exhibitor must fill out an entry form listing all plants.
Use one entry for all plants shown in each class.

Non-Competitive—The Non-Competitive class is intended for educational purposes only. In this class, members are encouraged to exhibit plants that cannot be exhibited in any other class (e.g., owned less than six months, grower not wishing to compete, etc.)

Novice – The Novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years.

***If your plant is wet, bring a saucer to prevent entry forms from getting wet.**

The Show Table Entry Form is located on the Website and can be downloaded and typed in.

[Microsoft Word - ShowTableEntryForm.doc](#)

Please Print: Class, Date, Plant Names, Your Name on your Entry Form

From the March 20th, 2025 MOS presentation 'Ask the Expert'.

Below are some of the questions and answers. Submitted by Fay Citerone

Thank you, Experts Panel, **Brenda Logan, Luis Molina, Robin Neukum, Jos Venturina**

Fluorescent lights versus LED lights and the number of light hours.

LEDs require less energy and are very economical to buy. Many MOS members shared thoughts about lighting. Some people adjust the number of hours based on the seasons; others strictly use 12 hours of light on/off schedule. Some felt full-spectrum lights were best; others felt that ordinary LED lighting was adequate.

How to control mealy bugs?

It was suggested to first brush the mealy bugs off the plant. Then spray with a diluted solution of water, soap, and 409 Cleaner (which is a good degreaser). The soap and 409 break down the hard protective shell of the bugs. A diluted spray of water and rubbing alcohol helps kill the bugs. Neem oil is also effective as a pesticide and fungicide. Keep in mind the two-week life cycle of most orchid pests. Repeated applications are necessary to completely eradicate pests.

Suggestion: segregate new orchids from your collection until you are confident the new plants are pest-free.

What is the difference between standard Cymbidiums and Asian Cymbidiums?

Standard cymbidiums are large plants and require a cold dormant period.

Asian Cymbidiums grow with warmer temperatures and are more compact. The easiest ones to grow of the Asian species are Cym. ensifolium, Cym. sinense, and Cym. goeringii.

What is the difference in care for Phragmipedium vs paphiopedilum?

Paphiopedilum - provide bright, indirect light, maintain a well-draining soil mix, keep consistently moist (but not soggy), and ensure moderate humidity and temperatures.

Phragmipedium potting medium is consistently moist but not soggy, as they lack pseudobulbs for water storage one requires more moisture when repotting place the bottom of new roots slightly above the bottom of the pot to force them to seek water.

Products mentioned:

Cal-Mag (calcium and magnesium) supplements provide essential nutrients for plants, aiding in healthy cell development, enzyme production, and overall plant vitality, particularly important for fruiting and flowering plants.

Two insect growth regulators:

Enstar II (<https://www.amazon.com/Enstar-Insecticide-Insect-Growth-Regulator/dp/B005662414>)

Distance [Distance IGR](#)

Pictures of diseased Zygopetalum.

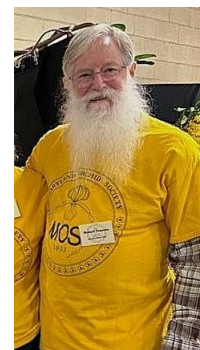
The question was does the plant have a virus? One member thought the plant had a fungal issue.

A note: Eric Wiles informed us that it is unlikely a virus will transfer from one plant to another just by placing plants side-by-side, as in a show table setting.

Presidents Message Reflecting on what an amazing month MOS had in March; an outstanding show with incredible exhibits and volunteerism, a monthly meeting with a huge show table, and a panel of our own experts sitting in the hot seat for the first time. Attendance is growing at 57 but let's set a goal in our 70th year to reach 70 attendees, it is doable. Our spring workshop will have just completed before you receive this newsletter.

April will be just as great with the AOS Members Meeting in Annapolis – see the national society at work, attend or volunteer. Our next away show at SEPOS all before our monthly meeting with Walter Meshaka from the SOS 'Growing Vandas'.

Time to begin thinking of moving plants outside. Be wary of night temperatures which can still get quite cold, Also gradually acclimate your plants to the natural sunlight, a shady porch is your friend in the early spring. Enjoy!



MOS Show Table March 20, 2025 Joel Graham

Novice

1. Phal. Unknown - Kathleen Spicer

Homegrown

1. Tol. Tequila Sunrise 'Anthony Fauci'
AM/CCM/AOS - Arne Schön
2. Tie: Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' - Marilyn Lauffer
C. Shinfong Little Sun 'Young-min Golden Boy' -
Michael Lado
Enc. Shinfong Smile - Chris Zajac
3. Tie: Paph. *chamberlianum* - Bob Travers
Phal. Ben Yu 'Fresh Highlights' - Kathi Jackson

Greenhouse

1. V. Fuchs Gold - Jos Venturina
2. C. Mem. Crispin Rosales - Eric Wiles

Cattleya

1. C. Dakao 'Flamea Enami' - Jos Venturina
2. Tie: Blc. (Kaboom x Love Sound) - David Smith
C. *intermedia* - Eric Wiles
3. Tie: Slc. Circle of Life - Chris Zajac
C. *maxima* - Ellie Martin

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Noid 'Light Purple' - Vincent Russo
2. Tie: Phal. Anna Larati Soekardi - Sarah Hurdel
Phal. Lioulin Grape - Brenda Logan
Phal. Noid - Robin Neukam
3. Tie: Phal. Harlequin - Joy Marlowe
Phal. Snow White - Suzanne Gaertner

Paphiopedilum

1. Paph. Copper Spice - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie: Phrag. Bel Croute - Laura Sobelman
Paph. *superbiens* v. *curtsii* - Robin Neukam
3. Phrag. Periflora's Cirilla Alca - Chris Zajac

Dendrobium

1. Den. *moniliforme* v. *diadoh sima* - Eric Wiles
2. Den. White Grace 'Sato' - Chris Zajac
3. Den. (Rubin Colmenares x Aussie Parade) -
Bobbi Mazer

Oncidium

1. Onc. Twinkle - Jos Venturina
2. Tie: Alcra. Clownfish 'Cotton Candy' - Eric Wiles
Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Kalendar' - Jason Overlord
Onc. Twinkle 'Yellow Bird' - Diane Elam
3. Tol. Jairak Firm 'Quail Eggs' - Brenda Logan

Miscellaneous Hybrid

1. Phecal. Krytonite 'Parkside' - Eric Wiles
2. Tie: Rntda. Maui's Mini Freckles - John
Heinbokel
Zns. Cynosure 'Blue Bird' - Bob Travers
3. Tie: Hab. (*carnea* x *aff. roeblenii*) - Sarah Hurdel
V. (Pimsai x Josh Holmes) - Fay Citerone

Species

1. Doc. *linguiforme* - David Smith
2. Tie: Hab. *carnea* v. *nivosa* - Sarah Hurdel
Phal. *amabilis* v. *grandiflora* - Michael Lado
3. Tie: Anct. *roxburghii* 'Milky Way' - Amanda
Gallegos
Max. *variabilis* - Eric Wiles

Miniature

1. Lpt. *pohlitinocoi* - Arne Schön
2. Tie: Ob. *setigera* - David Smith
Lpt. Pat Tuttle - Eric Wiles
3. V. *falcata* - Brenda Logan

Fragrance

1. Jum. *arachnantha* - Eric Wiles
2. Rhy. *digbyana* - Wanda Kuhn
3. Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry' - Jill Allen

Wow MOS! You have outdone yourselves! One hundred and ten blooming plants on the show table and the quality was incredible! Once again, we had a fantastic assortment of hybrids and species and even a competitive first bloom seedling class, great job! With 36 exhibitors, this level of participation makes it a true honor to do this job. Our Judges' Choice for the evening was a spectacular specimen of Dockrilla *linguiforme* brought in by David Smith but it had some seriously stiff competition. Our judges for the evening were Suzanne Gaertner, Rob Morena and Robin Neukam with some side help from Marc Kiriou and Sarah Hurdel. Exhibitors not mentioned above were Karen Blandford, Courtney Bounds, Joel Graham, Todd Jackson, Bob Johnston, Bobbi Mazur, Clark Riley and Maria and Norm Zickhur.



Our Judges' Choice for the evening was a spectacular specimen of *Dockrillia linguiforme* brought in by David Smith. submitted by David Smith



Dockrillia linguiforme, the official botanical name of the plant that was selected as the most outstanding plant on the March Show Table, is just that, "most outstanding". I have owned this plant since October 9, 2007 at a cost of \$25, being bought from the original owners of J&L Orchids. It was remounted onto a more substantial mount, cork, on April 12, 2009, where it is still growing. The plant is attached to the cork slab for

hanging in a brightly lighted location in my greenhouse. This year it bloomed spectacularly, the best ever, mostly because it was grown in full sun for the entire winter. It was not watered as much as in the other parts of the year, being kept only moist for the winter period. Also, it was fertilized very slightly for the same period.

As I stated in the beginning, this plant has been firmly mounted on its cork slab for sixteen years and grown in a greenhouse for the entire period. Looking at the mount, it can be seen that the plant is prostrate as it grows due to roots from the nodes attaching to the cork along with plant branches growing in sort of random directions so that it covers nearly the entire slab front, plus the plant is beginning to grow over onto the back of the mount. It has never been disturbed by being trimmed to make it grow more neatly which is the way in which it will continue to be grown.

My culture of *Dockrillia linguiforme*, coincidentally, has followed practically all of its general cultural requirements which led to its current spectacular growth and blooming. Those conditions are:

- 1) full sun, as much as possible
- 2) strong air movement, breeze, not hurricane
- 3) temps. Summer-Day. 69.8 degrees F
Night. 53.6-37.4 degrees F
Winter-Day. 55.4-59 degrees F
Night. 30.2-32 degrees F

My winter night temperatures were set by a thermostat, but the winter day temperatures were determined by the outdoor temperatures, be they "high" or not so high, with no thermostat control

These are average temps, but should not vary too widely, up or down.

The temps are converted from Celsius temperatures, hence the fractional numbers.

4) mounted

5) constantly wet to somewhat moist with drier winter conditions: touching or close visual is a valuable helpmeet.

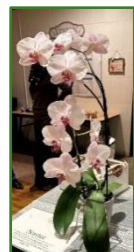
6) relative humidity generally about 75%-80% and in winter about 70%

All of the number conditions can be allowed to vary somewhat in either direction, higher or lower.

The (current) official botanical name for this plant is *Dockrillia linguiforme*. This name was assigned in 1981, but it has had several different genus names, due to being assigned to several different genera since its original naming in 1851. Those obsolete names were assigned by various taxonomists as more specific knowledge was determined. It's most recent name before the current name was *Dendrobium linguiforme*. There are several plants of the genus *Dockrillia* which continue to be named *Dendrobium* due to resistance from several well-known taxonomists to accept *Dockrillia*. This is not a real problem in taxonomic circles because both names will be included in the written taxon.

In conclusion, this plant, *D. linguiforme*, has had a fairly varied history dating from its original naming in 1851. If interested in further investigation into this plant's history and identity simply key its name into GOOGLE, spelled correctly, of course. You will be rewarded with numerous links, including IOSPE. You are most welcome to decipher the abbreviation IOSPE!

Going beyond *D. linguiforme*, I have found that carrying out some research about a new plant adds extra interest to each of the plants in your collection as you acquire them. Adding a brief written statement for each plant will (can) add even more interest over the years as your collection grows. For instance, the name, name changes over the years, date of your acquisition, source, conditions surrounding that acquisition, price, one or two close relatives, ease of growth, its possible death, plus the brief botanical description all collected into a permanent binder or folder for each plant can add an extra level of interest to your collection by providing a history of it. A history for the serious or casual reader be they relatives, other collectors, children, neighbors, and especially for yourself. Going even further with this history, you might even include events of display, possible awards, exhibit at AOS judging, AOS awards, MOS show exhibits, ad infinitum.



Calendar of Events 2025

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 24 MOS Monthly Meeting

Apr 24 Orchiata Payment Due

May 15 MOS Monthly Meeting

May 1st week Orchiata 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]

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.

Dates	Show	Location	Notes
April 3-6	SEPOS – Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid society. Home SEPOS Contact Valerie Lowe	Oaks Expo Center, 100 Station Ave Oaks, PA 19456	April 3 Need plants, help staging and exhibit setup, start 8-9 AM April 6 teardown 4-5 PM Week before our monthly meeting
Sept 18-21	NCOS – National Capitol Orchid Society National Capital Orchid Society (ncos.us) Contact Valerie Lowe	Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville MD	Sept 18 Need plants, help staging and exhibit setup, start 8-9 AM Sept 21 teardown 3-4 PM Sept 25 Our monthly meeting moved out

April 3-6, 2025, Maryland Orchid Society Exhibit at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show: [Call for Plants!](#)

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 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 or by calling 610-639-2343. Thank you, Bill Keatin



March 20 Virtual Show Table: 5 Participants, 11 Plants



Phalaenopsis OX
Shoe of Queen 'Red Sole OX 1632'
Suzanne Gaertner



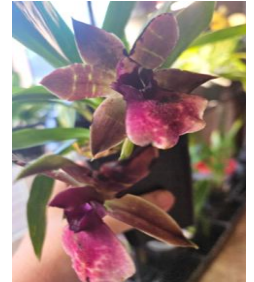
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'Hildos' FCC/AOS
Judith Shapiro
Adamson



Phalaenopsis schilleriana
Kameron Ross



Dendrobium Peng Seng
Monica Sparber



Propetulum La Jolla
'Hilo Orchid Farm'
AM/AOS
Mai Conaway



LOCAL AOS NEWS: [National Capital Judging Center \(NCJC\)](#)

The NCJC will be meeting on April 5 and May 3, 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. The National Capital Judging Center will be conducting a judging session as the program for the Maryland Orchid Society meeting.

Bring your plants to the show table where the judges will select plants to demonstrate the judging process. Some of these plants may actually be awarded. Just an FYI: This is an AOS sanctioned judging and therefore advertised by AOS. As a result, we may find plants brought in from people outside your society to be judge. We will be obligated to put these plants through the screening process and judge them if they need to be considered for an AOS award.

Because our purpose is more of an outreach program and centered around education, we have found that our time judging is limited. We may not be able to judge all the plants that people want to see judged or plants that have potential award quality. This needs to be mentioned to your society members so there are no surprises or disappointments if we are not able to judge their plant(s).



AOS Education Committee is thrilled to announce the continuation of this project with a brand-new master orchid series of webinars. Get ready for the 2025 series: "Challenges of Growing Orchids Indoors"! Why this topic? We received an overwhelming number of questions from orchid lovers just like you who are keen to master the art of indoor orchid care. So, we've curated an exceptional lineup to address your most pressing concerns. What to Expect:

- * 5 engaging webinars designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to overcome common challenges.
- * Expert tips and insider secrets from seasoned orchid growers.

April 2025 "Growing Orchids Indoors and in Terrariums" Chris Satch
May 2025 "Calming the Fear of Repotting Your Orchid Best Media and Techniques for Your Indoor Orchids" Janeil Payne

June 2025 "The Best Orchids to Grow Indoors" David Vandebroek
July 2025 "Orchids Under Lights – Greenhouse Not Required" Sarah Hurdel
September 2025 "Pest Management Techniques for Indoor Orchids" Ron McHatton

Orchid Events of Interest

In conjunction with the AOS Members Meeting
Woodstream Orchids is having a pop-up Open House Sunday April 13 10 am -5pm.
Woodstream Orchids, 5810 Huntingtown Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639



Lord Fairfax Orchid Society Show and Sale April 18-19
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601
Friday & Saturday, April 18 & 19 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Enjoy an award-winning orchid display at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley! Learn how to grow orchids from the experts of the Lord Fairfax Orchid Society! Three lectures will be offered every day! And for those interested in buying some beautiful orchids there will be three vendors present: Enterprise Orchids, Waldor Orchids, Jeff Morris. Admission to the orchid show and lectures is free! For details please visit: <https://www.themsv.org>

NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION & SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 26

SAVE THE DATE!
 Award-Winning and Best-of-Collection Orchids to be Auctioned
 Blooming Orchids and Supplies Available for Purchase

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 10:00AM - 2:00PM	10am-2pm 10:30am 11am	Plant Sale Open Auction Preview Auction
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LOCATION
 North Chevy Chase Christian Church
 8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

The NCOS Auction & Sale is open to the public and admission is free.
 *Plant sale, cash, and personal checks accepted.

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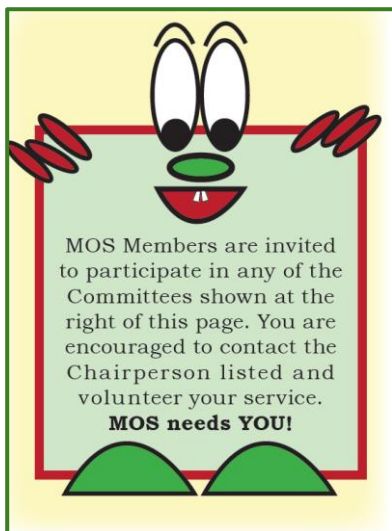
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The MOS meets at Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212 the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7 p.m., judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program 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 [Maryland Orchid Society | Facebook](#)