



# MOS Newsletter

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

September 2025

**Note Change: Monthly Meeting September 25, 2025 the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

## Presidents Message

September's here already as we begin a new Program and



Fiscal year. MOS is off and running! We have just completed the MOS outreach through the Maryland State Fair Orchid Exhibition. There was great participation, quality and diversity of orchids exhibited. See the associated article later in the newsletter along with the August Zoom Virtual show table held August 21.

Before we get to the MOS September Monthly meeting we have our first away show of the season. September 18 will be the setup day for the National Capitol Orchid Society Show at Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, MD. NCOS has moved their show date from the spring to the fall. Earn a show table point by lending a plant or 2. Let Valerie Lowe know if you can lend a plant or volunteer to help set up and/or tear down. More information is also in the newsletter.

The MOS September Monthly meeting is moved to September 25 one week later than usual. Joel Graham will provide the Showtable results for Program year 2024-2025. You would want to attend in person to collect your awards if you were able to participate and achieve at least 3 points. Show table participation is a privilege of MOS Membership. Membership is renewable annually, running from September through August of the next year with dues payable by September 30. Links to the renewal form are included in the newsletter and on the MOS Website. You are welcome to renew in person at any MOS Meeting. If you find yourself considering not renewing, I ask you to hang on a bit or at least let someone know why you are thinking of leaving, is there a need we could have fulfilled but haven't.

Now is the time to engage in your society. Support our outreach efforts, the MD State Fair next year, and Rawlings exhibitions, or volunteer to host at a hospitality table. Volunteer to assist in Workshops, Annual Auctions, our Annual Show, lend a plant for one or all the Away Shows, set up, and cleanup for monthly meetings, bring a snack to share at a meeting, borrow from the library. This is the beginning of the transition from membership to becoming a member of your Maryland Orchid Society.

Next, as you become more familiar with who is doing what, remember there is always room for you to join in. Step up, join a committee of your choosing, there is work to do. Make those suggestions for new ways to do things, don't leave your thoughts or ideas unspoken!

Enjoy another great Maryland Orchid Society year ahead.  
Bob



## NCOS Away Show

'Call for Plants'

**Sept 18-21, 2025**

Help for our first Away Show of the season.

## Earn a Show Table Point!

NCOS – National Capitol Orchid Society  
[National Capital Orchid Society \(ncos.us\)](http://ncos.us)  
Homestead Gardens, 743 West Central Avenue  
Davidsonville, MD 21035.

**Sept 17 Submit Plant Names to Valerie for registration**

**Sept 18 Setup 9 AM** Deliver plants, designer, staging, exhibit setup help

**Sept 21 Teardown 3-4 PM**

Contact Valerie Lowe [vlowe14@comcast.net](mailto:vlowe14@comcast.net)

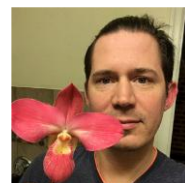
## September 25, 2025

### Meeting Program

### 24-25 Show Table Results

Joel Graham, our Show Table Chair will Present Past Year's Show Table Results at September Meeting. Joel will present the Show Table cumulative results from 2024-2025 at our September meeting. If you wondered what Joel does with all of those pieces of paper we fill out when we put a plant on the Show Table, he will tell you at this meeting!

Find out who earned the most points/won the most ribbons in each class over the past year, pick out seedlings if you earned points by winning ribbons or bringing plants to put on the Show Table – and collect money if you earned lots of points! This meeting always whets our appetite for more, bigger or better plants and starts off the year with an enthusiastic scramble for new plants to add to our collections.



## Membership Renewals Due by September 30<sup>th</sup>

[Microsoft Word - MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM.docx](#). If your information (phone, email) has changed please let the Membership Chair, Jill Allen know [membership@marylandorchids.org](mailto:membership@marylandorchids.org).

Pay in person at the September 25th meeting, mail to MOS Membership Chair •21310 Ridgcroft Dr •Brookeville, MD 20833 or [Membership | PayPal](#).

**Zoomers Reminder** The Zoom portion of the monthly hybrid meeting program will end after the last question is answered by the Speaker. In the event of unforeseen circumstances the Zoom portion may end abruptly.

## Maryland Orchid Society Showtable Rules Overview

Bring your blooming orchids in for display on our Show Table at the 10 Monthly Program Meetings.

1. Exhibitors must own and grown the plant or plants for at least six months in the Competitive Classes [A-M]. All plants should be groomed and free of pests.
2. Each exhibitor must fill out entry forms, listing all plants. Use one entry for all plants shown in each class. A fillable PDF is available on the Maryland Orchid Society website. [Microsoft Word - ShowTableEntryForm.doc](#)
3. Plants to be judged must be on the Show Table by 7:30 p.m. Plants brought in after this time may not be judged.

The Virtual Show Table is intended to provide Show Table participation; it is non-competitive and managed by a Coordinator.

1. Plants must have been photographed in bloom since the last meeting.
2. Exhibitors must email a picture along with the typed name of each plant to the Virtual Show Table Coordinator. The name of the orchid must be typed in the email or be part of the photo file name. No photos of plant labels will be allowed.
3. Entries are encouraged by the evening before the scheduled monthly meeting. Photos included in the presentation are at the discretion of the coordinator.
4. No Exhibitor Points will be awarded at the July or August Virtual Meetings. Members exhibiting in these meetings are encouraged to participate and speak about their plants in the presentation.

### Show Table Etiquette

Please be considerate and thoughtful. Every member should be able to return home with their plants in the same condition they were brought in. If you can't see or smell a plant well enough as it sits, look at the entry form for the owner's name and seek them out.

When adding plants to a class, place taller plants in the background with shorter plants in the front – don't hide someone else's plant. You may need to seek out other owners to help you make space for your plant. Do not handle plants that are not your own. Do not bend flower spikes for any reason.

### Calendar of Events 2025-2026

#### 2025

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]

#### Sept 30 Membership Renewals Due

#### October 16 MOS Monthly Meeting

October 23 MOS Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom

#### November 8 MOS Annual Auction

#### November 20 MOS Monthly Meeting

#### December 18 MOS Monthly Meeting Holiday Party

#### 2026

January 22-25 Rawlings Conservatory Exhibit

Jan 22 – Plants received

Jan 23-25 Volunteers needed to chat with visitors

Jan 25– Plants retrieval

(Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

January 29 MOS Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom

#### January 15 MOS Monthly Meeting

#### February 19 MOS Monthly Meeting

#### Mar 3-8 MOS Show @ Timonium Fairgrounds

3 (Tu) - Staging set-up (volunteers needed)

4 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits

5 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview Sale 3-6 PM

(clerking volunteers needed)

6 – 8 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public

(hospitality volunteers needed)

8 (Su) –Tear Down 6 PM (volunteers needed)

#### March 19 MOS Monthly Meeting

Mar 26—29 SEPOS Away Show

Mar 26 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

Mar 29– Tear-down

(Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

#### April 11 Spring Workshop

#### April 16 MOS Monthly Meeting

#### May 21 MOS Monthly Meeting

#### June 18 MOS Monthly Meeting

July 23 2026 Board Meeting In Person

## MOS Logo Shirt Embroidery

Please Contact **Jill Allen, Membership 301-704-9401** [membership@marylandorchids.org](mailto:membership@marylandorchids.org) by **October 12**  
Provide your own shirt and place an order as we need a minimum of 10 shirts for the price break.



For those of you interested, we have a plan in place to work with an embroidery company

called The Royal Stitch to fill individual orders of MOS logo shirts. As long as we have 10 shirts, they will give us a group rate of \$25 per shirt (cash or check to MOS).

To participate, purchase or use a button-down denim or chambray shirt you already have of any color Important: Your shirt should have **NO POCKET** on at least one side of the front.

**Bring your shirt to the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with cash or check only \$25 per shirt.**

Please mark the shirt with tape or safety pin the label below to each shirt.

We will then take the shirts to the Royal Stitch in Aspen Hill, MD (Montgomery County). Delivery should be at the MOS November meeting or by arrangement. If you miss this group order you may order individually directly from the Royal Stitch 240-621-0429 or [info@royalstitchembroidery.com](mailto:info@royalstitchembroidery.com) (mention MOS logo).

I have searched and found good quality and reasonably priced denim shirts at Macy's (Gloria Vanderbilt Women's Larissa), Target (Universal Thread women's relaxed fit) and online from Port authority. Please share if you find a good shirt! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about shirt choices.





### Please cut this out and pin to your shirt

Name	Phone #	Number of Shirts @ \$25 per Shirt	Paid

### Virtual Show Tables: June 19, July 17, August 21 submitted by Mai Conaway

The Summer Virtual Show Tables on Zoom in July and August provide a wonderful opportunity for each exhibitor to talk about their plants and provide insight into growing conditions, potting media and fertilizing

#### June 19 Virtual Show Table: 7 Exhibitors, 22 Plants

 Phragmipedium Mont Fallu Monica Sparber	 Dendrobium Little Atro Suzanne Gaertner	 Miltonia Lennart Karl Gottling 'Red Rim' Judith Shapiro Adams	 Paphiopedilum S. Gratrix Joanna Hager
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#### July 17 Summer Zoom Virtual Show Table 11 Exhibitors, 38 Plants, 11 Zoomers

 Pulcherrima v. alba 'Snow White' HCC/AOS Robert Johnston	 Psy. Mem. Bill Carter 'Harford' Laura Sobelman	 Phalaenopsis Liu's Cute Berry 'Orch House' John Heinbokel	 Ctsm. Melina Davison 'Bomb Shell' x Ctsm. Orchid glade 'Dave's Ranches' Amanda Gallegos
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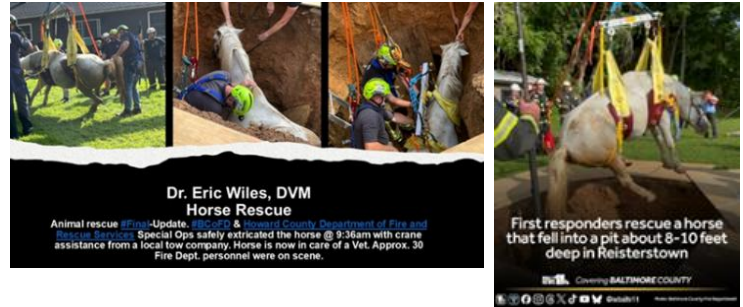
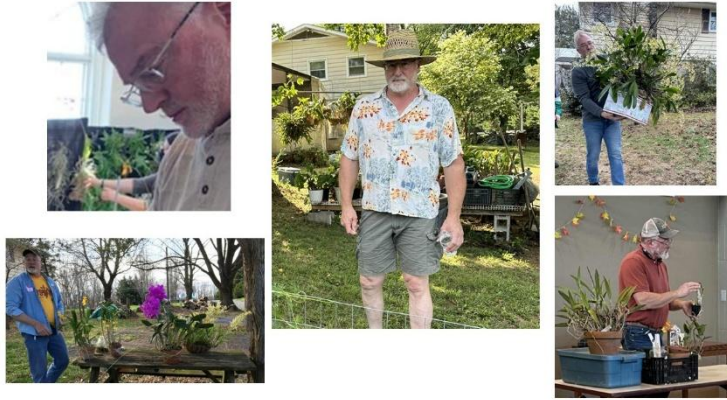
#### August 21 Summer Zoom Virtual Show Table 11 Exhibitors, 36 Plants, 13 Zoomers

 Laelia purpurata Luis Molina	 Phalaenopsis Miki Crystal Todd Jackson	 Rodriguezia venusta Clark Riley	 Mormodia Regine Viard Bob Travers
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## Dr. Eric Wiles 'Orchids + Horse Rescuer'

You are used to seeing Eric placing orchids on the show table, helping with away shows and demonstrating potting. Did you also know that he is a large animal vet and recently assisted with the rescue of a horse.



## MOS Activities Summer 2025 Submitted by John Heinbokel, August 25, 2025

MOS quiets down a bit during the hot months of the year (so do I!), but not to complete dormancy. Two events are traditional:

### Summer Picnic (July 12)



Eric Wiles' incredible hospitality at his farm in Westminster has spoiled us for the past three years. The picnic is a low-key gathering that gives us a chance to touch base with each other and enjoy the friendships that have developed over the years. We added a casual orchid show table this year, but just for fun: no judging or participation points! The main attractions were the company and conversations, the annual tour of the farm and its denizens, and the splendid and abundant food – both the basics provided by MOS and generously cooked by Aaron Spence, and the delicious pot luck contributions provided by so many. As a special surprise this year, we arranged for a whopping deluge late in the afternoon just to liven things up (although there have been whispers that perhaps we shouldn't make it an annual part of the event)! Thanks so much to the +/-30 members who attended and contributed food and/or drink, to those who showed up early to set up or stayed late to tear down the furnishings, and especially to Eric for welcoming us again!



### Maryland State Fair (late August)

#### Video [Facebook](#)

The Maryland State Fair is always our first chance each program year to reach out to the community and earn our first participation points.

The Fair always seems to be a relatively challenging event for attracting entries, but we nudged up just a bit over last year. We had one more participant (4 novice and 9 experienced growers) and two more plants (with a total of 34, although a couple classes were unrepresented – easy ribbons gone unclaimed!). Our Novice Grand Champion, who won a year's MOS membership, was April Cashman with a very nice traditional white *Phalaenopsis* NOID. If you encounter her at one of our meetings, be sure to congratulate her. Bob Travers took the Experienced Grand Champion ribbon with a very well flowered *Dendrobium Hibiki*. Congratulations to Bob, as well! And, of course, thanks to all the contributors.



**MOS Welcomes the following new members.**



**Eugene Ateh  
Chinelo Philips  
Wangqu Lin  
Kristen Talbot  
Katelyn Bryant  
Lee, Breanna Lee  
Robert Cochran**

**Jill Allen, Membership Chair**

**Education Corner Schedule and Topics 2025**

**Education Committee, Chris Zajac or Arne Schon**

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!

**The education corner runs 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.**

**Sept 25:** Sphagnum Moss culture and a demonstration of repotting out of a 2.5 inch grow pot into sphagnum or bark. Presenter is Chris Zajac

**A Message from the Education Committee Chris Zajac and Arne Schon**

For the 2024-2025 MOS 'year', 9 monthly pre-meeting presentations were given by MOS members in the Education Corner (EC) room. The topics included how to choose an orchid; how to grow paphs, phrags, cattleyas; how to put up a show display; how to bloom an orchid; photography of orchids; and ph and plant nutrition. Thank you to members who gave their time to volunteer to do a presentation.

In an effort to increase EC awareness and attendance, we wish to bring attention to the fact there is a monthly Education Corner presentation beginning at 7:15 pm. We will make an announcement of the presenter, and topic at 7:12 pm. This leaves time to wrap up a conversation by the 7:15 pm start.

Any member is encouraged to do a 15-minute presentation on a basic orchid related topic, then guide a 15-minute Q & A afterwards.

**Possible topics of interest that could be presented:**

1. What good is a light meter?
2. Dipping into the gene pool: 2N, 3N, 4N. Are they important?
3. Species versus hybrid orchids.
4. How I grow- Oncidiums, miniatures, Phalaenopsis, mounted orchids,
5. Growing in terrariums/ Wardian cases.
6. How I control common orchid pests.
7. How to get humidity over 35% in an AC controlled home.
8. Which orchids need a winter rest? A cold rest?
9. How I use/set up LED lights in my house.
10. How I use the Internet/ Social medias/ AI to grow better orchids.
11. 5 cultural habits I learned to be disastrous for my orchids.
12. 5 helpful hints I learned by talking with other MOS members.
13. Show 5 actual or photos of orchids that had or have a problem, possibilities for correcting the problem.

**A sign-up sheet will be present at each monthly meeting for volunteers.**

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

Volunteer to backup Vincent! Hand out door prize tickets (use to count attendance), write down door prize and auction plant(s) and winner(s), meet and greet!

**June 19 Meeting:** There were 63 in attendance in person and 8 on Zoom.

**Door Prizes:**

1. Bulbophyllum Phalaenopsis
2. Bulbophyllum Phalaenopsis
3. Onc. Sphacelatum
4. Onc. Sphacelatum
5. Stenorrhynchos Speciosum

**Door Prize Winners:**

1. Laurey Cosowsky
2. Karen Blanford
3. Michael Lado
4. Kathi Jackson
5. Adriene Karper

**Auction Plants:**

1. Encyvola Pikipik
2. Phrag Noirmont
3. Bc. Yellow Bird
4. Catt Walkeriana 'Mirtha Isabel Oliveros' AM/AOS x L. Pumila 'AWZ-VSA' HCC/AOS
5. Phal Taida Smile Gold
6. Habenaria Conure x Red Hybrid

**Auction Winners:**

1. Chris Zajac
2. Mai Conaway
3. Joy Marlowe
4. Karen Blandford
5. Sarah Spence
6. Michael Lado





## AOS Corner Submitted by Valerie Lowe, AOS Representative

### LOCAL AOS NEWS

#### The National Capital Judging Center

The NCJC will be meeting at the Saint James United Methodist Church, 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.

**September 6**

**September 19- NCOS Show, Homestead Gardens**

**October 4**

**November 1**

**December 6**

**MOS Members Recent Awards May 15, 2025: Maryland Orchid Society Outreach Judging**

**Jos Venturina's plant *Dendrobium lindleyi* 'Memoria John Gardner' received a 84 Point CCM/AOS**



### Webinars - American Orchid Society

**Webinars - Coming Attractions!**

REGISTRATION IS EASY [www.aos.org/webinars](http://www.aos.org/webinars)  
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.  
 Register now and view on your time schedule.  
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)  
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.

When	Sept. 11, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	Sept. 23, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Oct. 09, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	Oct. 13, 2025 Monday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	Master Orchidist Series Best Methods for Indoor Pest Management Explore pest problems of indoor orchid growing.	AOS Awards—The Honor of Cultural Excellence Review the plants that earned this award for their grower/owner. Get growing tips.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. Send in your Photos and Questions by Oct. 06	The World of Phragmipediums, What Nature Can Teach Us The result of twenty-five years exploring phragmipedium habitats.
Presenter	Ron McIlhatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Sandra Svoboda AOS Judge and AOS Past President	Ron McIlhatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Frank Cervera Biologist, well established in the Phrag community

Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

Use the WEBINAR Display Filter

### Celebrate Orchid Education Excellence!

Do you know someone who's totally bloomed in the world of orchid education—spreading knowledge, inspiring others, and helping people grow their passion for orchids? Then it's time to shine a spotlight on them!

The **AOS Education Committee is inviting nominations for the annual "Certificate for Meritorious Achievement in Orchid Education" award. This is your chance to honor AOS members who've gone above and beyond through classes, webinars, lectures, writing, or special projects that elevate orchid learning.** Nominations are open until **October 15th** so don't keep that amazing educator a secret! Send your nominee to Barb Schmidt at [barbs@aos.org](mailto:barbs@aos.org) and help us celebrate those who make orchid education flourish. Let's root for greatness—one orchid lover at a time!

**24<sup>th</sup> WOC**  
**Germany 2026**  
 24<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference  
 26-29 March 2026 Dresden

**Lectures & Poster Presentations**

- Around 100 presentations for internationally renowned speakers
- Dinners and parties during breaks
- Digital proceedings available for download

**Orchid Show & Sales**

- Around 100 show displays from nurseries, retail outlets and growers
- 20+ international nurseries and vendors
- Early access for registered WOC participants

**Social Events**

- Receive highlights with prominent guests
- Opening Ceremony, Award Ceremony, Closing Ceremony
- Social events with live music, welcome party
- "Night of the Orchid" Gala Dinner
- Social areas for exchange and networking

**Orchids & Art**

- Unique artworks by renowned artists
- Live demonstrations every day
- Special exhibition Orchids in Arts, Crafts & Culture

Find out more & register today!

European orchid trips coming soon!

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## Clark's Corner

### What is Your Favorite Orchid and Why?

Chances are the first orchid you bought is still one of your favorites. After all, there was something about that plant, that flower that called to you, despite the — false — stories that “orchids are hard to grow.” You bought it, it grew, and you sought advice on its care from the orchid community including the Maryland Orchid Society. Now you have 10, 100, or 1,000+ orchid plants and love them all. But there's a special place in your heart for that first plant.

The first check box for being a favorite would be the flower. Maybe it was the size. Or the unique color, or the plant presentation. Or maybe it was just plain weird. That's often the case for first orchids acquired at an orchid show! Over the years, orchids of that genus will often form the majority of your collection, and you'll add more — whether you “need” them or not.

For me, my first love was *and is* the Yellow Ladyslipper, *Cypripedium pubescens*. I killed that first plant in a matter of months — I was only 6 years old and that was 68 years ago. Close on its heels were *Cattleyas*, given to me as back bulbs that I successfully sprouted and grew in a west window in an apartment in the 1950s. I still love the *Cattleyas*, especially the little red ones and the marvelously fragrant semi-albas.

What are your favorites and why? Send me a note and we'll have a list for next month's Corner.

Clark Riley

## 'Preparing Your Plant Donations' for the MOS Annual Auction



**Saturday November 8, 2025**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**1010 Frederick Road**  
**Catonsville, Maryland 21228**



The Maryland Orchid Society  
 Annual Orchid Auction  
 Saturday, November 8, 2025  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 1010 Frederick Road  
 Catonsville, Maryland



Preview 11:30 AM, Auction 12:00 to 4:00 PM

Orchids in bud or bloom from respected local and nationally recognized growers.

• Plus...pre-priced “instant auction” plants.

Free Admission

Cash, Check, Credit Card accepted

Auction Chair: Aaron Webb 410-419-1312

[www.marylandorchids.org](http://www.marylandorchids.org)

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**These donations are Tax deductible. <https://marylandorchids.org/MOSDonations.pdf>**

The MOS auction will be here before you know it. The Auction is the major source of revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society for the year, and your donations are key to its success. Please let us know if you are planning to donate Plants or Materials so we may communicate directly with you ahead of the Auction. Aaron Webb [webban2@gmail.com](mailto:webban2@gmail.com) or Bob Travers [president@marylandorchids.org](mailto:president@marylandorchids.org)

- Start now deciding which of your plants you are willing to donate. You have probably been repotting and dividing your plants and need to make room for new acquisitions.
- Plants that perform well: Species plants, particularly rare ones, in bloom Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Catasetinae, Habenaria, Blooming Cattleya alliance plants- small cattis, brassocattis, mini cattis.
- Large specimen plants tend to be undervalued at our auction, particularly if not in bloom.

### Check List for your Donation Plants

Healthy and Pest free plants only Please	This is not the time to unload underperforming weak plants.
A plant that is healthy, but you have established will not bloom in your growing conditions can be donated.	Are your labels legible and accurate - you may need to remake the label
Plants with no label need a label indicating NOID and to the best of your knowledge the plant type and color	Groom your plants where necessary, clean leaves, stake inflorescences. Etc. Does your plant look like something you would want to purchase?
Plants in Bud or Bloom will bring more money for the Society	Take and keep digital pictures of your plants in bloom
Bare root healthy divisions are acceptable and must be labeled.	If your plant will not be in bloom at the auction, please make a picture label.

## Show Table June 19, 2025 Joel Graham

### Novice

1. Phal. *amabilis* 'Trian Java' - Michael Lado

### Home Grown

1. *V. teres f. aurea* - Bob Travers
2. Tie: Phal. Noid - Jason Overgard  
Aru. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable' - Robin Neukam  
Phal. Blush - Sarah L. Spence
3. Psh. *cochleata* 'Steve Kelepecz' - Diane Elam

### Greenhouse

1. Bulb. *phalaenopsis* - Jos Venturina
2. Cda. *noezliana* - Clark Thomas Riley

### Cattleya

1. Eyv. Pikipik - Joel Graham
2. Tie: Lc. Canhamiana 'Azure Sky' - Aaron Webb  
Cat. Forbesii Hybrid - Bob Travers
3. Pcv. Key Lime Stars - Clark Thomas Riley

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Art Nouveau - Amanda Gallegos
2. Tie: Phal. Noid - Joy Marlowe  
Phal. Noid Light Green - Brandt Braunschweig
3. Tie: Phal. *equestris* 'Baltimore' - Robin Neukam  
Phal. Violet Samba - Bob Travers

### Paphiopedilum

1. Paph. Mem. Jim Asher - Joel Graham
2. Tie: Paph. Greyi - John Heinbokel  
Phrag. Coon Creek - Bob Travers  
Phrag. Grande 'Upperco' - Laura Sobelman
3. Tie: Mxp. *xerophyticum* - Brenda Logan  
Paph. QF. Akela Lelo - Mai Conaway

### Dendrobium

1. Den. Fameri-Thyrsiflorum - Jos Venturina
2. Den. Tiny Twister - Sarah Hurdal

### Oncidium

1. Mtps. Arthur Cobbledick - Jos Venturina
2. Tie: Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' - Bob Travers  
Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' - Jill Allen
3. Tie: Onc. Hilo Firecracker 'New Year' - Wanda Kuhn  
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' - Maria and Norm Zickhur

### Miscellaneous Hybrid

1. Bulb. Daisy Chain - Bob Travers
2. Tie: Lyc. Lemon Twist - Mai Conaway  
Hab. Canary 'Leon' - Sarah Hurdal  
Lyc. Suave - Joy Marlowe

### Species

1. Bulb. *phalaenopsis* - Jos Venturina
2. Tie: Enc. *fragrans* - Bob Travers  
Hab. *xanthocheila* - Sarah Hurdal  
*V. denisoniana* - Arne Schon

### Miniature

1. Bulb. *electrinum v. calvum* - Brenda Logan
2. Tie: Neo. *falcata* 'Koureidan' - Fay Citerone  
Mcnd. *multiflora* - Bob Travers
3. Tol. Popoki - Arne Schon

### First Bloom

1. Aergs. (*luteo-alba rhodosticta x biloba*) - Sarah Hurdal
2. Phrag. QF3292 61020 - Bob Travers

### Fragrance

1. Max. *tenuifolia* 'Green Valley' - Wanda Kuhn
2. C. White Bridal 'Yoki' - Jason Overgard
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' - Bob Travers

A strong finish to the best show table year since I have been doing the job! There were just over a hundred blooming plants on the show table from thirty-two exhibitors. What a pleasure and honor it has been. Your

efforts have made the meetings irresistible, and it seems that they are helping to grow the membership and participation levels. Thank you! Our **Judge's Choice** for the evening went to **Dendrobium Fameri-Thyrsiflorum** brought in by **Jos Venturina**, it was commented that this plant had a display and presence that would command attention at a world class show. Our Judges for the evening were Deborah Basel, Marc Kiriou, and Chris

Zajac. Other exhibitors not mentioned above were Deborah Basel, Courtney Bounds, Kathi Jackson, Adrienne Kaspar, Michael Keller, Marilyn Lauffer, Robin Neukam, Eric Wiles and Chris Zajac. Looking forward to the next season! -Joel Graham





## 24-25 Annual Report to Members from the Board of Trustees

### Completed Business

2025 Show & Sale  
2025 Spring Workshop  
Library Backup  
Hybrid Monthly Meetings/Zoom End Time  
Newsletter Publish Date 1<sup>st</sup> of month as possible  
Email Blast List Cleaned Up  
2025 Acadian Bark Order  
2025 AOS Spring Meeting Annapolis  
Branding Guidelines for Publications  
2025 Bylaws Adopted, Members Notified

### Ongoing & New Business

Committee Chairs Backups  
Establish Management of Endowment Funds Process for Show  
Philanthropic Special Committee Established  
Finance Special Committee Established  
Legal Consultation Authorization  
Succession Planning: Treasurer, Secretary, Show, Away Show, Program  
Email Spoofing Phishing

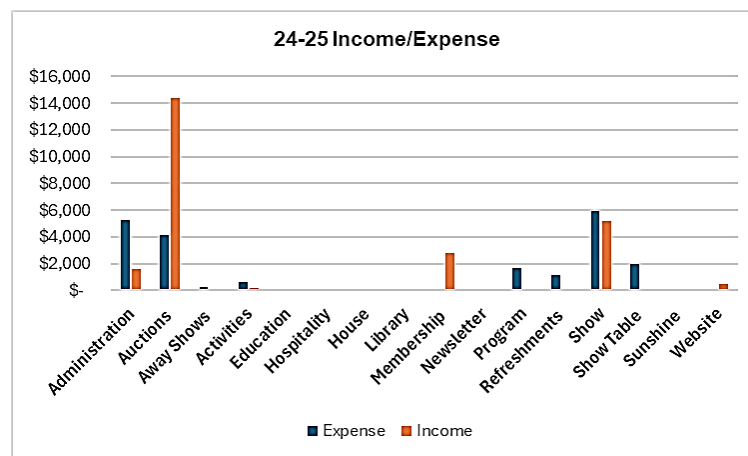
## Financial Report 24-25 (01 Sept 24 through 24 July 25) Bank Account Operating Expenses Under Forecasted Budget, Revenue Exceeded Projections Investment Account Gained in line with Market Performance

### Expenses

**\$5250 Administration** Meeting Hall Rental, Supply and Library Cabinet Space Hall Rental, Liability Insurance, QuickBooks, Printing, AOS & NCJC Donations, AOS & ODC Affiliations, Stamps, Office Supplies, Repairs, Consultants  
**\$4170 Auction Annual** Plant Purchase, Advertising, Hall Rental, Printing, Refreshments, Supplies, PayPal fees  
**\$233 Away Shows** Moss, Mulch, Supplies  
**\$620 Activities** Workshops, Refreshments, Picnic, Rawlings, State Fair, Hall Rental  
**\$0 Education** supplies  
**\$0 Hospitality** Door prize tickets  
**\$0 House** lightbulbs, trash bags, wireless mic  
**\$59 Library** book purchase  
**\$30 Membership** PayPal fees, printing supplies  
**\$0 Newsletter**  
**\$1679 Program** Speaker Fees, Travel & Dinner, Door Prize  
**\$1134 Refreshments** Monthly snacks, Holiday Party fare  
**\$5894 Show** Space Rental, AOS Show & Photographer Fees, Breakfast & Lunches, Ribbon & Glass Awards, Table & Chair Rental, U-Haul Rental, Supplies  
**\$1933 Show Table** Ribbons, Plant & Cash Awards for Show Table Participation, Judges Choice Awards  
**\$53 Sunshine** cards, stamps  
**\$29 Website** MarylandOrchids.org email, Website Services, Cloudflare 2 Domains Registration, Workspace Consultant, Zoom Pro License

### Revenue

**\$1593 Administration** Member Donations  
**\$14,401 Auction: Annual & Meeting** Plant Sales  
**\$100 Away Shows** Show Trophy Cash Award  
**\$190 Activities** Workshop fees  
**\$2770 Membership** Dues  
**\$5211 Show** Vendor fees, member sponsors glass awards  
**\$430 Website** Services Donated (email, website, Zoom license)

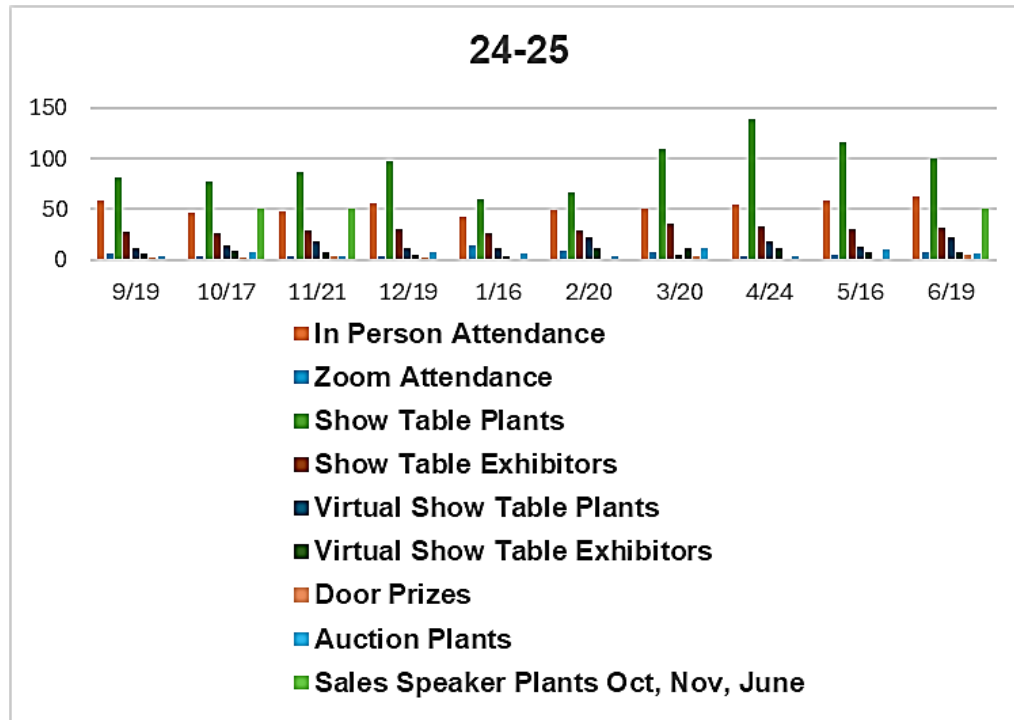


## Committee Reports

**Auction** Annual Auction Nov 8, 2025 Hall Reserved, Postcards Printed, Monthly Auction continues to do well  
**Away Shows** Plan to participate in SEPOS, NCOS Shows (SOS taking year off while venue is under construction)  
**Activities** collaborate with the Education Committee to provide potting guidance. Rawlings, State Fair participation, Annual Picnic. Welcome suggestions for new activities.  
**Education** to further raise awareness and attendance, we propose a 7:12 pm announcement of the presenter and topic. The 3 minutes should allow members to conclude socializing in time to attend the EC. Any member is encouraged to do a 15-minute presentation on a basic orchid related topic  
**Hospitality** \*See Report on page 10\*  
**House** lighting upgrades at meeting hall completed  
**Library** New AOS Book 'Latouria Dendrobium'. Sell or door prize duplicate books and AOS/ODC journals

**Membership** currently have 118 members. Continue to improve new member packet. Ensure that there are membership forms at all MOS activities.  
**Newsletter** 1<sup>st</sup> of the month as possible  
**Program** Programs planned for 25-26  
**Refreshments** \$200 increase in budget due to increase in attendance and food cost  
**Show** March 3-8, 2026  
Marc is seeking a understudy trainee  
**Show Table** active exhibition from 63 members, Display quality and quantity has been high  
**Social Media** [3.3K likes](#) • [3.6K followers](#)  
**Sunshine** 75 cards sent: Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy, Graduation  
**Website/Technology/Communication** MOS Orchid Info Emails, Zoom support, website updates

**Hospitality Report 24-25**  
**Thank You to Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair and Mai Conaway, Virtual Show Table Coordinator**



**2025 Maryland Orchid Society, Inc. Bylaws Adopted**

[Maryland Orchid Society Home Page](#) [HERE](#) [2025 MOS Bylaws.pdf](#)

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce to the members that the 2025 Bylaws were adopted at a Special Board Meeting on May 27 and resumed on June 12, by a majority vote exceeding two-thirds of the total number of Trustees then in office as required by the 2019 Bylaws.

A Bylaw review committee team was assembled in December 2024 consisting of two past Presidents, current President and Vice President, one current Director, one current Committee Chair and one member at large. The task at hand was to examine the current 2019 MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY, INC. BYLAWS.

The **high-level objectives** set were presentation and readability, updates to technology utilization phrasing, correct inconsistencies in Bylaws, frequency of Board meetings and additional elements as the committee identified. The committee had major discussions on integrated opportunities related to number of Officers, size of the Board of Trustee for Governance, number of Board meetings, and committee structure.

**Bylaws Key Changes**

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| 1. Inclusion of a Preamble and Table of Contents.         | 4. Adjusted term limits for all officers for all to 2 years. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive full terms. May return to office after a break. | 7. Contract signature delegation.  |
| 2. Society information consolidated in Article 1.         | 5. Return to 4 Board Meetings per year.   | 8. Updated Committee Structure   |
| 3. Provide flexibility for number of Directors to 2 to 4. | 6. Board Meeting by Electronic Means.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Board of Trustees: Officers and Board Committees</li> <li>b. Operation: Operating Committees</li> <li>c. Roles: Representatives and Administrators</li> <li>d. Executive and Special Committees</li> </ul> |
|   |   | 9. Establish a process for Bylaws Amendments   |
|   |   | 10. Amendments to Bylaws requires Board of Trustees Vote and Members Vote for Ratification   |



## Upcoming Events of Interest

The Waldor Orchid Fall Open House is scheduled for **September 5-6th!**

The weekend will include inspiring speakers, classes, specialty vendors, and many beautiful blooming displays. To learn more about the event [please click here](#).



## Almost Fall Open House 2025

Guest for 2025

- Alan Koch – Gold Country Orchids (CA)
- Jim Roberts – Florida SunCoast Orchids (FL)
- Phillip Hamilton Bredren Orchids, Apopka, FL
- Sarah Hurdell of Needmore Orchids



September 5th and 6th 10am - 4pm

SAVE THE DATE!

ORCHID  
SHOW &  
SALE

September 19-21, 2025

Homestead Gardens  
743 W Central Ave. Davidsonville, MD

Hundreds of Blooming Orchids,  
Educational Talks, Expert Advice,  
Raffles, and Door Prizes!

Free Admission  
Open To The Public

ORCHID VENDORS

J&L Orchids (Connecticut)  
Miranda Orchids (Brazil)  
MundiFlora (Ecuador)  
Orchid Classics (Virginia)  
Orchid Enterprise (Virginia)  
Taida Orchids (Taiwan)  
Waldor Orchids (New Jersey)

## National Capital Orchid Society Show & Sale

Where Homestead Gardens, 743 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035

When

Friday, September 19 – 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Saturday, September 20 – 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 21 – 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Educational Talks on Saturday, September 20

### Orchid Vendors

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Orchid Enterprise (Virginia)

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Waldor Orchids (New Jersey)

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**MOS Needs You!**

**Please Volunteer**

**to help on a Committee**

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 September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community. *Newsletter Articles*: Content for the MOS newsletter is due at 26th day of each month. Articles, notices, book reports etc., are welcome from any member for inclusion in our newsletter. Send your article to Laura Sobelman and Bob Travers.

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