



MOS Newsletter

News and Information from the Maryland Orchid Society

October 2025



Presidents Message

What a great start to the 2025-2026 Program Year. Thank you, Joel, for a very informative program made possible by the incredible orchid growing and participation of MOS Members over the past year – a record year for quality and quantity. To

paraphrase Tom McBride - anyone who has put the time and energy into growing exceptional orchids has rightfully earned their awards. This applies to all who received awards Thursday night.

Clark, well done with creative solution to support Zoom meeting when the house Wi-Fi was locked out. Our Zoomers appreciated it.

There was a lot of information covered during Thursday's Meeting, which I don't want to rehash here, and would encourage you to contact me, Joel or any of the Committee Chairs if you have questions. Please explore this issue of the newsletter. There is a wealth of information and opportunities to enjoy or partake in. Happy reading.

I want to close this message with a thank you and tribute to Jos Venturina. Jos has been a member since 1994 and has for these 31 years been developing his abilities to grow his orchids. As such, when he displays his orchids it is a memorable experience for those who get to see them. For Jos it is not so much the awards as it's an opportunity to share and have others enjoy. Jos did well with ribbon envelopes and was way down the list to participation plants; he was eligible for 3. He didn't get the most the awards, which actually were well distributed across the society.

Here is where the thanks come in. Jos, please keep those plants coming, all of us in the society learn from your plants and their presentation. I know AOS judges more than once have positively commented on your staking, growing and presentation. You may not realize but this gives your fellow society members goals to aspire to with growing their own orchids. You are an inspiration for us all.

For those who did not attend Thursday's meeting, Jos donated all his cash awards back to the Society for support of the Refreshment Committee. Jos further donated his award plants to be distributed to new members who were in attendance. Thank you.



Community College and worked for Becton Dickinson in Hunt Valley.

I took a liking to Orchids after being reintroduced to the Little Greenhouse. While I was in high school it was the Little Violet House before Tom and Gary became the proprietors. With Tom's encouragement I joined the Maryland Orchid Society in 1988.

My Orchid collection is a varied collection. I am not a specialist in any genera and still consider myself a hobbyist. Orchid growing is a lifelong education and experiment; I will try almost anything. I don't have a greenhouse. My collection winters in the basement under lights and outdoors during the summer.

October 16, 2025 Meeting Program

Bob Travers "An Experiment in Inverse Potting"

Miltonia Anne Warne 'Robert C' (CCM/AOS (85 points) Dec 07, 2019)

I grew up in the Towson/Parkville area of Baltimore County and attended Essex

There are a few cherished plants: *Guarianthe Skinneri* which was given to me by a coworker from Puerto Rico who sent me a small division from his plant growing on a tree in his yard, *Paph F.C. Puddle 'Superbum'* CCM/AOS 89 points, my first AOS Award in 2018 the plant was given to me by Bud Hammond. It is the first *Paph.* hybrid for all white blooms registered in 1932, *Paph Harrisianum* the first *Paph* hybrid registered in 1869.

I have always considered growing orchids to be lifelong experiment, and as an experiment you never know where it will take you. In the program we will cover where the inverse potting idea came from, why you could choose this option, and my hypothesis.

Next, we will cover in detail how I accomplished the inverse potting. Follow up over several years of cultural success, and then the unanticipated twists and turns of the rest of the story.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Annual membership are due by September 30, such person's membership shall continue until October 31, at which point, if such person has not paid annual dues for the current year, such person's membership shall end.

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If your information (phone, email) has changed please let the Membership Chair, Jill Allen know.

membership@marylandorchids.org.

Pay in person at the October 16th meeting, or mail to MOS Membership Chair •21310 Ridgescroft Dr

•Brookeville, MD 20833 or [Membership | PayPal](#).

Annual Auction Nov. 8

Plant Donations and Worker Bees Please

***Thinking ahead to the MOS Annual Show ***

March 3rd -8th 2026

The Show Committee Chair is responsible for planning and executing the annual orchid show and sale. The MOS Annual Show committee is looking to develop new leaders for the Chair position and establish supporting network. It will take time for someone to grow into this position so please consider talking with Marc or Bob so we can begin mentoring.

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.

Calendar of Events 2025-2026

2025

October 16 MOS Monthly Meeting

October 23 MOS Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom

November 8 MOS Annual Auction



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

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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

A Message from Aaron Webb: Annual Auction Chairman
The MOS auction is just around the corner.
The Auction is a Major Source of Revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society.

MOS Annual Auction
Saturday November 8, 2025
Knights of Columbus Hall
1010 Frederick Road
Catonsville, Maryland 21228



Donors with more than 5 plants

Please send a list of your plants names to Bob Travers
president@marylandorchids.org by Nov 5th, and we will try to pre-allocate lot numbers. If you are a previous donor look forward to a donation email containing guidance and a fillable excel form to prelist your donations.

Please bring your donation plants to the hall on Nov 8 between **9 AM and 10:00 AM**.

Remain with your donated plants to help assign Lot Numbers under your name, help to value them for 'Instant Auction Pricing' or to determine if they should be on the 'Live Auction Tables'.

*Boxes and newspaper wanted

Auction Volunteer Sign Up Sheet at October 16 Meeting: Help Needed from 9AM to 5PM

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up plant donation receipt, bidder registration stations, box and checkout room• Place Purchased Plants for Live Auction on Round Tables,• Check In Donated Plants, Lot Number Sticker and Pricing for Instant Auction• Segregate Donated Plants for Live Auction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instant Auction Preview is closed until 11:30 AM• Man Bidder Registration, Instant Auction Checkout, Live Auction Checkout, Boxing Station, Checkout and Pay Station• Pickers to feed plants• Cleanup to remove leftover boxes and newspaper |
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MOS Welcomes the following new members

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.

Oct 16 Species versus Hybrid Orchids Arne Schon

Miscellaneous Meeting Information

Vincent Russo, Hospitality Chair

There were 52 in attendance in person and 5 on Zoom at the September meeting.

Door prizes:

1. Habinaria Tracey

Door Prize winners:

1. Norm Zickhur

Auction Plants:

1. Stanhopia wardia
2. Phrag Andean Fire
3. Phrag Bel Croute
4. Ctsm. Melana Davison 'Hoorah' x Ctsm. Isobel's Sunshine 'SVO'

Auction Winners:

1. Nicole Halperin
2. Todd Jackson
3. Eric Wiles
4. Courtney Bounds





Clark's Corner

Plastic, "Clay," or Wood?

Choosing a container for your growing orchids is a decision that involves a lot of factors. The most widely used containers are made of plastic, terra cotta (aka. "clay"), or wooden slats. In fairness, I also need to acknowledge mounts such as cork or tree fern, but those are another discussion for another time.

Plastic. Modern plastic pot benefits include 1. Lightweight, 2. Cheap, 3. Good for keeping even moisture, and 4. Easy cleaning with hot soaping water and a little light scrubbing. Downsides include 1. Can hold too much water leading to rapid media breakdown and rot, and 2. Lightweight leading to easily tipped plants. Plastic pots are particularly well suited for ladyslippers, thin-leaved genera, and terrestrials.

Terra cotta. Classic "clay" pot benefits include 1. Stability due to their weight, 2. Rapid absorption of excess water into the porous structure of the pot, 3. Strength to allow the use of hangars to get plants up into higher light, and 4. Ability to be sterilized in a hot oven. Downsides include 1. Weight, 2. Tendency to dry out too quickly, 3. Expense, and 4. They are easily broken. Terra cotta pots are particularly well suited to large *Cattleyas* and *Oncidiums*.

Wooden baskets. Typically made of slats of cedar or teak (\$\$), benefits include 1. Extreme drainage and abundant air at the roots, and 2. Unrestricted room for roots to roam. Downsides include 1. Care needed to structure the media so it doesn't fall out, 2. The baskets rot after a decade or so, and 3. Difficulty watering in the home environment. Wooden baskets are particularly well suited to *Vandas*, and moss growers such as *Sophranitis*, *Bulbophyllums*, and *Masdevallias*.

I use all of these — and mounts on cork — in my growing area. The choice is really up to the orchids. By having a good stock of all the different containers, you can tailor your care for the best plants. *Clark Riley*

MOS Logo Shirt Embroidery

Please Contact *Jill Allen*, Membership 301-704-9401 membership@marylandorchids.org by **October 12**

Provide your own shirt and place a 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 16th 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 (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

Show Table September 25, 2025 Joel Graham, Show Table Chair

What a great start to the 2025/2026 season, the show table was loaded with diverse plants and several truly spectacular specimens. There were 108 blooming plants on the show table, possibly a September record. The **Judges' choice for the evening went to an enormous *Cattleya maxima* brought in by Dr. Eric Wiles**. Our judges for the evening were Courtney Bounds, Wangyu Liu, and Ellie Martin and they set a good standard to kick the year off by being decisive and quick paced. Exhibitors not mentioned above were Jill Allen, Courney Bounds, Fay Citerone, Diane Elam, John Heinbokel, Wanda Kuhn, Joy Marlowe, Aaron Webb, and Maria and Norm Zickuhr.

Novice	1	Aergs. <i>luteoalba rhodosticta</i> - Nicole Halperin	
Home Grown	1	Psh. <i>cochleata</i> - Bob Travers	
	2	Lc. Big Time - Bob Jonston	
	Tie	C. Small World x Bl. Richard Muller - Michael Lado	
Greenhouse	3	Slc. Rajah's Ruby 'Sweetheart' - Kathi Jackson	
	Tie	C. <i>perciviliana</i> 'Summit' FCC/AOS - Marilyn Lauffer	
	1	Epi. <i>ciliare</i> - Eric Wiles	
	2	Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' - David Smith	
Cattleya	3	L. <i>pumila</i> - Clark Riley	
	1	C. <i>maxima</i> - Eric Wiles	
	2	Blc. Chinese Bronze x C. Mark Jones - Bob Johnston	
	3	B. <i>nodosa</i> - Bob Travers	
Phalaenopsis	1	Phal. Leco Fantastic - Amanda Gallegos	
	2	Phal. Unknown 'Sandy Pink' - Michael Lado	
	3	Phal. <i>violacea f. indigo</i> - Chris Zajac	
Paphiopedilum	1	Phrag. Bel Croute - Chris Zajac	
	2	Paph. Doll's Kobold - Aaron Webb	
	Tie	Paph. chamberlanum - Bob Travers	
		Phrag. Calurum 'Cinderella Slippers' - Laura Sobelman	
Dendrobium	3	Phrag. Cadinale 'Wilcox' - Marilyn Lauffer	
	Tie	Phrag. Peter Croezen - Joel Graham	
	1	Den. Hibiki - Bob Travers	
	2	Den. Thames Blue - Brenda Logan	
Oncidium	1	Bcd. Golden Tower 'Mystic Maze' - Luis Molina	
	2	Pyp. Mendenhall alba 'Yellow Butterfly' - Michael Lado	
	Tie	Ons. Eye Candy 'Pinkie' AM/AOS - Eric Wiles	
		Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King' - Laura Sobelman	
Miscellaneous Hybrid	3	Hwra. Lave Burst 'Punani' - Jason Overgard	
	1	Hab. Trogon 'Neon' - Sarah Hurdel	
	2	Hab. Spoonbill - Clark Riley	
	3	Pda. Nora Tokunaga 'Sunshine' - Phuong Tran	
Species	Tie	Zygo. Arthur Elle x Blue Blazes - Mai Conaway	
	1	Hab. rhodocheila 'Tayla Evone' - Sarah Hurdel	
	2	Stan. <i>wardii</i> - Bob Johnston	
	Tie	Pths. <i>strupifolia</i> - Eric Wiles	
Miniature		Hab. <i>medioflexa</i> - Joel Graham	
	3	Angcm. <i>didieri</i> - Arne Schon	
	1	Aergs. <i>luteoalba rhodosticta</i> - Arne Schon	
	2	Acia. <i>sanderiana</i> Turnberry - David Smith	
First Bloom	3	Den. Nagomi Pink - Bob Travers	
	Tie	Zyt. <i>lunata</i> - Brenda Logan	
	1	Peh. Flight Risk - Sarah Hurdel	
	2	Paph. Petula's Sensation x Macabre Contrast - Michael Lado	
Fragrance	1	Neo. falcata - Brenda Logan	
	2	Lc. (Loog Tone x Royal Emporer) - Bob Johnston	
 Judges Choice C. maxima - Eric Wiles			

NOTE CHANGE Send VST Pictures to Fay Citerone program@marylandorchids.org

Virtual Show Table: September 25 submitted by Fay Citerone

5 Exhibitors, 10 Plants, 5 Zoom Attendees



**Pyp. Mendenhall
'Hildos' FCC/AOS
Judith Shapiro
Adamson**



**Phalaenopsis No Id
Monica Sparber**



**Phrag. Shimmer
Mai Conway**



**Blc. Jerri Ann
Richard 'Ruby Lips'
Bruce Cohen**



**Ludisia discolor
Suzanne Gaertner**

MARYLAND EXHIBIT AT THE 2025 NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

I was especially grateful that the following members dropped their plants off at the Show venue: Fay Citerone, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Wanda Kuhn, Robin Neukam, Jill Allen.

Thanks to the physical help of Robert and Susan Travers, Clark Riley, Kathi Jackson, John Heinbokel, Jill Allen, Jos Venturina and the generous donation of plants from Jill Allen, Courtney Bounds, Fay Citerone, Diane Elam, Sarah Hurdell, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Al and Wanda Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, Brenda Logan, Valerie Lowe, Joel Graham, Joy Marlowe, Amanda Gallegos, Monica Sparber, Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Arne Schon, David Smith, Laura Sobelman, Robert Travers, Jos Venturina, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles, and Chris Zajac.

The Maryland Orchid Society installed a 50+ sq. ft. exhibit which received First place in its class, The Homestead Gardens Award, Runner-Up Society Award.



Image by Valerie Lowe.

Other ribbons/awards received were:

PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Phalaenopsis Boundary	2 nd	Courney Bounds
Oeceoclades spathulifera	2 nd	Fay Citerone
Brassidium Gilded Urchin 'Ontario', HCC/AOS	2 nd	"
Phalaenopsis Birdie	3 rd	Diane Elam
Phalaenopsis Leco Fantastic	1 st	Amanda Gallegos
Phalaenopsis Leco Fantastic	Best Phal.	"
Phalaenopsis Art Nouveau	2 nd	"
Oncidium Chaculatum	1 st	"
Habenaria Regnieri	3 rd	"
Phragmipedium Peter Croezen	2 nd	Joel Graham
Phragmipedium Coon Creek	1 st	"
Habenaria medioflexa	2 nd	"
Habenaria (Raintree's Pink x carnea)	2 nd	"

Dendrobium Hibiki 'Needmore', CCM/AOS	2 nd	Sarah Hurdel
Habenaria rhodochila 'Susan's Red'	3 rd	"
Habenaria Flamingo 'Fascinating', AM/AOS	1 st	"
Habenaria Flamingo 'Fascinating', AM/AOS	Best Misc.	
Habenaria Spoonbill 'Bouquet'	2 nd	"
Hab. Mem. Ruth Bader Ginsburg 'Stare Decisis'	2 nd	"
Habenaria Jiaho Yellow Bird	3 rd	"
Rlc. Williete Wong 'The Best', AM/AOS	3 rd	Robert Johnston
Rlc. Hawaiian Lightning 'Fiesta', AM/AOS	2 nd	"
C. Jewell's Dottie Diamond	2 nd	"
Oeceoclades monophylla	3 rd	Valerie Lowe
Phalaenopsis Robin	1 st	Robin Neukam
Phalaenopsis equestris 'Baltimore'	1 st	"
Phalaenopsis bellina v. coerulea	3 rd	"
Rcctt. Burana Beauty 'Burana', HCC/AOS	1 st	"
Paphiopedilum Helo Double Lime	1 st	Clark Riley
Paphiopedilum helenae	3 rd	"
Oncidium pusillum	3 rd	"
Stenoglottis John Fogarty	1 st	"
Aerangis luteoalba v. rhodocheila	1 st	Arne Schon
Aerangis didieri	2 nd	
Dendrochilum gracile	1 st	David Smith
Platystele halbinderiana	2 nd	
Acianthera sonderiana 'Turnberry'	1 st	
Acianthera sonderiana 'Turnberry'	1 st	
Acianthera sonderiana 'Turnberry'	Best Pleur.	
Bifrenaria aureofulva	2 nd	"
Bifrenaria vitellina	2 nd	"
Ctt. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare', AM/AOS	3 rd	"
Pyp. Kalihi 'Big', AM/AOS	1 st	Laura Sobelman
Pyp. Kalihii 'Big', AM/AOS	Best Onc.	
Oncostele Wildcat 'Yellow King'	3 rd	"
Liparis formosana 'Sesshu'	1 st	Robert Travers
Ludisia discolor 'Green Form'	2 nd	"
Phalaenopsis tetraspis 'C1'	1 st	"
Phalaenopsis S. R. Candy Stripe	1 st	"
Phalaenopsis W. Alba	3 rd	"
Vanda christensoniana	2 nd	"
Dendrobium Hibiki	1 st	"
Paphiopedilum chamberlainianum	2 nd	"
Paphiopedilum QF Shady Shadow	2 nd	"
Paphiopedilum thaianum	2 nd	"
Epi, Little Miss Sunshine 'Maureen Wood', AM/AOS	1 st	"
Guarechea Black Comet 'Norrisville', AM/AOS	3 rd	"
Dimeranda stenopetals	2 nd	"
Brassavola nodosa	3 rd	"
Dendrobium pseudolamellatum	3 rd	"
Zygonisia Snow Bird 'Kaila', HCC/AOS	2 nd	"
Paphiopedilum Southernwood's Green Sapphire	1 st	Aaron Webb
Paphiopedilum Doll's Kobold	2 nd	"
Oncostele Eye Candy 'Pinkie', AM/AOS	2 nd	Eric Wiles
Epidendrum ciliare	2 nd	"
Bl. Yellow Bird	1 st	"
Dendrobium Hibiki	3 rd	Chris Zajac
Miltonidium Hwuluduen Kenzie 'Passion'	3 rd	"



Ribbon Image by Laura Sobelman

I would like to thank Amanda Gallegos, John Heinbokel, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Al and Wanda Kuhm, Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Robert and Susan Travers, Jos Venturina and Eric Wiles for helping to tear down the exhibit, getting it packed up, and transported home.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Lowe
Away Shows Chair



Congratulations Amanda!
Best Phalaenopsis in Show
Phalaenopsis Leco Fantastic
IPA Phalaenopsis Show Trophy
IPA Trophy – The International Phalaenopsis Alliance

As we were installing the MOS exhibit at NCOS Show several of us had noticed a plant in the Lord Fairfax Orchid Society exhibit next to us.
This plant is ***Rhynchostylis coelestis* 'Caleb's Gift'** CCE [AOS] (99 points) on Oct 07, 2023
Exhibitor: Robin Collins at National Capital Center Monthly Judging.
AOS Special Annual Award: The Roy T. Fukumura Award (2023).
Robin is a member of National Capital and Lord Fairfax Orchid Society's and has sent her ***Cymbidium Green Meadows* 'Virginia Vistas'** to the Maryland Orchid Society Show for the NCOS exhibit.



Congratulations to David, Laura and Sarah 'Best in Show' Plants



Acianthera sonderiana 'Turnberry'
David Smith



Pyp. Kalihii 'Big', AM/AOS
Laura Sobelman



Habenaria Flamingo 'Fascinating'
AM/AOS
Sarah Hurdel

Sorry, no picture of Sarah's plant in MOS Exhibit! Picture is Sarah's Exhibit



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

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.

October 4 There will be an education session on "Cattleya Toshi Aoki hybrids" by Hong Zhang starting 11 am. AOS Judging will start at noon.

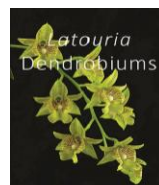
November 1
December 6

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The Golden Days of Autumn are Near Seasonal Orchid care tips [here!](#)

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Call for Award Nominations AOS Voluntary Service and Recognition Awards 2025–2026 The AOS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 2025–2026 awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service. These awards are intended to recognize and commend meritorious service to the AOS in multiple areas. Check out the details in the AOS awards policy posted on the AOS website at [About Us/Policies and Procedures/Awards](#) and submit a nomination (or several) for those you wish to recognize for exemplary service to the AOS. Nominations and any accompanying supporting information (as outlined in Bullet 2 of the Awards Policy and Procedures) must be submitted to the Awards Committee for all awards by **November 15, 2025**. Award winners will be announced at the 2026 AOS Spring Members' Meeting.



The most comprehensive work published on Dendrobium section Latouria. Author: Phil Spence. 308 pages.

A beautiful monograph on Dendrobium section Latouria in hardcover format. A great gift idea! Available at [aos.org store](http://aos.org/store).

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Paphiopedilum Hawaiian Tea 'Susan J.' (Hilo Green Tea x Hsinying Citron) AM/AOS 80 pts. Exhibitor: Robert Travers Feb 01, 2024 Susquehanna Orchid Society Show (Lancaster, PA) Milton and Catherine Hershey Conservatory at Hershey Gardens



Cattleya walkeriana 'Khairul Bariah' AM/AOS 80 pts. Exhibitor: Arne Schon Feb 03, 2024 National Capital Center Monthly Judging

Phragmipedium besseae f. *flavum* 'Moss Landing Stone' AM/AOS 80 pts. Exhibitor: Jason Gebbia Feb 01, 2024 Susquehanna Orchid Society Show (Lancaster, PA) Milton and Catherine Hershey Conservatory at Hershey Gardens



Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite 'Memoria Mark O. Robbins' (Twinkle x sotoanum) CCE/AOS 91 pts. Exhibitor: Jos Venturina Jan 06, 2024 National Capital Center Monthly Judging

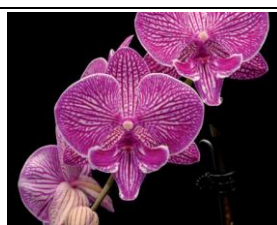


Crepidium commelinifolium subsp. *Szyborskianum* 'Joel's Gift' CHM/AOS 84pts. Exhibitor: Robert Travers Feb 16, 2024 National Capital Orchid Society Show (Washington, DC) Homestead Gardens



Phragmipedium Saint Ouen 'Sunrise Glow' (Hanne Popow x *besseae*) AM/AOS 81 pts. Exhibitor: R. J. Griesbach Jan 06, 2024 National Capital Center Monthly Judging

Phalaenopsis Chesapeake Screech Owl 'Lightning Bolt' (I-Hsin Zebra x Tying Shin Golden Staff) HCC/AOS 78 pts. Exhibitor: R. J. Griesbach Feb 03, 2024 National Capital Center Monthly Judging



Phragmipedium Cape May County 'Icy Peach' (Lynn Evans-Goldner x *besseae*) AM/AOS 82 pts. Exhibitor: Jason Gebbia Feb 16, 2024 National Capital Orchid Society Show (Washington, DC) Homestead Gardens



Upcoming Events of Interest



THE HUNTINGTON
THE WORLD
PREMIERE OF
"ORCHIDEES"
OCT. 18, 2025
ACCOMMODATION BY BOOK
BOTH FOR SOLO CELLO
AND VIDEO

Exploring 100 million years of orchid
evolution by translating its DNA into music
Featuring cellist Kate Ellis with cinematography
by Andrew Sanchez and Brandon Tam
7 p.m. in Rothberg Hall
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108
huntington.org/orchidees



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Hello Maryland Orchid Society!

Once you register, you will get a link to YouTube.

The World Premiere of "ORCHIDEES" OCTOBER 18 at 7:00 PM PDT

<https://tickets.huntington.org/events/0198c32c-04d3-43a0-b76a-124893b86ee8>

Enjoy Complimentary access to the virtual livestream Available FREE to Orchid Digest Members!

Save the date for the 2025 SEPOS Auction!
Saturday, October 18th
First United Methodist Church 865 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

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ANNUAL SEPOS PLANT AUCTION

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

TIME: Viewing begins at 10:00 AM
Auction begins at 10:30 AM

WHERE: First United Methodist Church
865 S. Main Street Phoenixville, PA 19460

Watch the SEPOS website (www.sepos.org) for the list of items/plants
to be auctioned. The list will be continually updated. Please print
yourself a copy just prior to October 18 and bring with you.



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The Huntington and Orchid Digest Present

2025 Cattleya Orchid Symposium Saturday, November 8, 2025 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Join us at The Huntington for the 2025 Cattleya Orchid Symposium—a must-attend event for orchid enthusiasts of all levels. This in-person gathering will feature leading experts sharing their knowledge on cultivation, conservation, and research within the Cattleya Alliance. Connect with fellow orchid lovers, discover the latest insights, and deepen your appreciation for these stunning blooms. Whether you're an experienced grower or new to the hobby, you'll find inspiration and practical takeaways. Mark your calendar for a day of beauty, learning, and community in the world of Cattleyas!

Speakers

Classic Heirloom Cattleyas *David Toyoshima*

First Ladies and Their Orchids: A Century of Namesake

Cattleyas *Art Chadwick*

Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas *Fred Clarke*

Wild Cattleyas of Ecuador *Pepe Portilla*

Members must register by October 31 to receive the member rate!

Orchid Digest Members Register Here

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\$99 for In-Person Registration, including happy hour and dinner \$59 for additional guest dinners

\$40 for virtual presentations

All registrants will receive a link to the recording a few days after the event.

Lehigh Valley Orchid Society Auction

Sunday November 9th, 2025

Doors open at 1:00pm

Auction starts at 1:30pm

Stay tuned to this page and [Facebook](#) for updates including the plant list and raffle information!

[Passer Community Center](#)

[2580 Richlandtown Pike](#)

[Coopersburg PA, 18036](#)



Sister Societies



[Catoclin Orchid Society](#) The Catoclin Orchid Society was founded in 1995 by a group of orchid enthusiasts in Frederick, Maryland. **We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month from September to May at the Thurmont Public Library at 2 pm!** Each meeting consists of a speaker on orchids and a show table of blooming orchids. We are open to the public and no membership dues or fees are required to join. We welcome both experienced growers and those who are just starting out. [Facebook](#)

[The Delaware Orchid Society](#) Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month • Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
•1006 Wilson Rd. •Wilmington, DE [Facebook](#)



MOS Newsletter

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All are welcome to contribute

MOS MEETINGS 3rd Thursday of the Month

Woodbrook Church 25 Stevenson Lane Baltimore, MD 21212
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

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