



# The Maryland Orchid Society

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

January 2020

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

## 2020 January's Acting President's Message



Happy 'bloomin' New Year!

Lo...the cold, dreary, short days of winter are upon us brightened only by our orchids that are in bloom. In general, those winter blooming orchids are Brassavola, Cymbidium, Dendrobium, Encyclia, Ludisia, Odontoglossom, Oncidium, and Paphiopedilum. Of course, there are the "odd balls" that

don't know any better and bloom anyway or, stubbornly, don't bloom at all! We anxiously await those that are now energizing, watching for "spikes", hoping they will be ablaze in time for display in our March MOS show. We learn patience and we are not disappointed.

Speaking of March, our annual show and sale is coming up March 3-8. Please keep this in mind; we can use your help beginning on March 3. More information will follow in February's Newsletter.

Thank you to Barbara and Lou Buck for putting together such a scrumptious Christmas party and to all those members who contributed goodies. No one should have gone home hungry.

Congratulations to our 2019 award winners...Service Awards to Frank Dagostin (posthumously), Sarah Hurdel, Tom McBride, Bob Travers and the Leadership Award to Valerie Lowe. The President's Choice Orchid Digest Award of Excellence was presented to Clark Riley.

The Rawlings Conservatory display is coming up. We will be placing plants on display on Friday, January 17 at 10 AM. Please bring your plants at that time and help set up. We can also accept your plants at the meeting the night before. Please leave an inventory of the plants you will be displaying with Sarah Spence or email to [slspence@live.com](mailto:slspence@live.com). The display opens on Friday, January 17, at noon to 4PM and runs

through Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19 from 10 AM till 4 PM. Plants can be picked up on Monday January 20. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 16th. Please consider volunteering some time to "man/women" the station, so to speak.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for January 23, at the home of John Heinbokel. Committee chairs...please get your reports to me by Tuesday, Jan. 21. If there are topics that you would like to place on the agenda, please email them to me ([slspence@live.com](mailto:slspence@live.com)). I wish all of you a Happy New Year and lots of orchid blooms to warm our hearts and homes. <http://www.repotme.com/orchid-care/Orchid-Bloom-Times.html>

Sarah



January Speaker  
Sarah Hurdel

*Habenaria  
Best in Show*

Learn about this often misunderstood, yet surprisingly easy to grow Genus. This presentation provides an introduction to the species, hybrids and closely related genera, with a detailed look at cultural needs and what makes this the ultimate showy orchid for growers without a greenhouse!

Sarah Hurdel is a grower, exhibitor, AOS Judge and active member of several local societies. MOS members are certainly aware and appreciative of her expertise and willingness to advise and assist less experienced growers. She currently maintains a collection of over 600 orchids under lights and has received AOS award recognition for culture, flower quality, and exhibit design. We anticipate that she will be bringing a selection of plants from her collection for sale at this meeting.

Submitted by  
John Heinbokel Chair -  
MOS Program Committee

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# December's 2019 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Paph. (Don Egger X Khasi River) - Monica Sparber
2. Phal. Hybrid - Danielle Gent
3. Onc. Hybrid - Jeanne Kelly

## Home Grown

1. Blc. Zul - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie Blc. Glenn Maidment 'Aranbeem' - Bob Johnston  
Paph. Hawaiian Tea 'Susan J' HCC/AOS - Bob Travers
3. C. walkeriana var. coerulea 'Edward' - Katia Bautista

## Greenhouse

1. Ren. Nancy Chandler 'Red Dragon' - The Adamses
2. Ang. Mem. George Kennedy - Eric Wiles

## Cattleya

1. C. percivilliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie B. Little Stars - The Adamses  
Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS - Marc Kiriou  
C. Caudebec X Lc. Trick or Treat - Eric Wiles  
C. (Dubiosa X Horace) - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Slc. Miracle of Mine 'Bed of Coals' - Bob Johnston  
Rlc. Red Heart 'Neptune' - Bob Travers

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. aphrodite - The Soykes
2. Phal. amabilis (4N) - Bob Travers
3. Phal. Hybrid - The Adamses

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. gratixianum - Joel Graham
2. Tie Paph. spicerianum - Marc Kiriou  
Paph. Barb Hella HCC/AOS - David Smith
3. Paph. Hawaiian Tea 'Susan J' HCC/AOS - Bob Travers

## Dendrobium

1. Den. (Aussie Chip X rhodostictum) - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
2. Den. Frosty Dawn 'Wings of Gold' - The Adamses
3. Den. normanbyense - Bob Travers

## Oncidium

1. Onc. Tsiku Marguerite '#1' - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
2. Tolu. Genting Orange - Bob Travers
3. Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendez Vous' - Sarah Spence

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Fdk. After Dark 'SVO' FCC/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie V. Hybrid - Katia Bautista  
Coel. Bird in Flight - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith
3. Tie Vasco. Thai Blue Sky - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste

## Species

1. Epi. criniferum - Eric Wiles
2. Tie Paph. tonsum - Joel Graham  
Bulb. fascinator - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith  
Den. tetragonum - Michael Moran

## Miniature

1. Epi. porpax - The Adamses
2. Tie Orcp. gladius - Eric Wiles  
Lep. telipogoniflora - Dan Woodburn
3. Sppm. breve - Marc Kiriou

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. faireanum - Joel Graham
2. Paph. Ghostly Contrast - Marc Kiriou
3. Hab. Canary - Sarah Hurdel & Gary Smith

## Fragrance

1. Onc. ornithorhynchum 'Rose' - Marilyn Lauffer
2. Tie Blc. George King 'Southern Cross' AM/AOS - Wanda Kuhn  
Aergs. kotchyana - Eric Wiles

## The Judges Choice of the Evening

was gratixianum, exhibited by Joel Graham.

**Thank You** to our judges who were, Owen Humphrey, Pete Ma and Michael Moran.

Our show table had an incredible display of 112 beautiful flowering plants.

A special THANKS to all that make our show table such a great success. It is truly breathtaking!



**Thank you** Tom for the many years you have enlightened us about orchids, their environment, pollination and their cultures. I for one will never forget what you have taught me and others. Thank you for your knowledge and passing it on to us.

Submitted by Barbara Buck - Newsletter

# Maryland Orchid Society News & Surrounding Events

## January Program Notes

### Coming Attractions

#### NCOS:

The 40th Paph Forum will be held on January 25, 2020, at the U.S. National Arboretum. Details can be found at [www.ncos.us/paph-forum/](http://www.ncos.us/paph-forum/), including the registration form. Fee for admission.

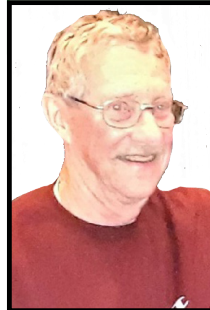
#### MOS MEETINGS:

February 2020: Michael Bowell, Create a Scene/AOS  
Judge; Designing an Orchid Display

March 2020: Rob Griesbach, MOS Member/AOS  
Judge; Orchid Awards

April 2020: Beth Davis, Waldor Orchids/AOS Student  
Judge; TBD

Submitted by  
John Heinbokel Chair -  
MOS Program Committee



## David's Corner

My Ed Corner will be similar to the one in December. I will talk about interpretation of the label stuck into a pot. What does it mean and how much info does it provide? A Power Point presentation with discussion.

Submitted by David Smith -  
Education

## MOS Welcomes New Members

Nancy and Thomas Hensler  
Kirsten and Brett Coffen  
Ron Schwartz and Helen Ann  
Maola and Lewis On and daughter Malki  
Jennifer and Matt Henciak

Submitted by Sarah Spence -  
Membership





## Maryland Orchid Society 2019-2020 Calendar

January 16, 2020 - Monthly Meeting  
January 17,18, 19, 2020 - Rawlings Conservatory Show  
January 23, 2020 - Board Meeting

January 29, February 2 - SOS Show Set Up  
February 20, 2020 - Monthly Meeting  
February 13-17, 2020 - NCOS Show Set Up

**March 6, 7, 8, 2020**

Tuesday, March 3 - Staging Set-up

Wednesday, March 4 - Set-up Exhibits

Thursday, March 5 - AOS Judging Preview Sale  
3-6 PM

Friday, March 6-8, 2020 - Show opens to public

March 19, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

April 1-5, 2020 - SEPOS Show set-up

April 18,2020 - Spring Workshop

April 16, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

April 23, 2020 - Board Meeting

May 21,2020 - Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2020 - Monthly Meeting



# What a party...



**FUN  
FOR  
EVERYONE**



**BEAUTIFUL  
SHOW  
TABLE**



**HOLIDAY  
PARTY**



ORCHID TALK,  
FRIENDSHIPS FORMING, AND LOADS  
OF GOOD FOOD. WHAT MORE COULD  
A PERSON WANT?

# 2019 Service Award Winners



*Sarah Hurdell*



*Tom McBride*

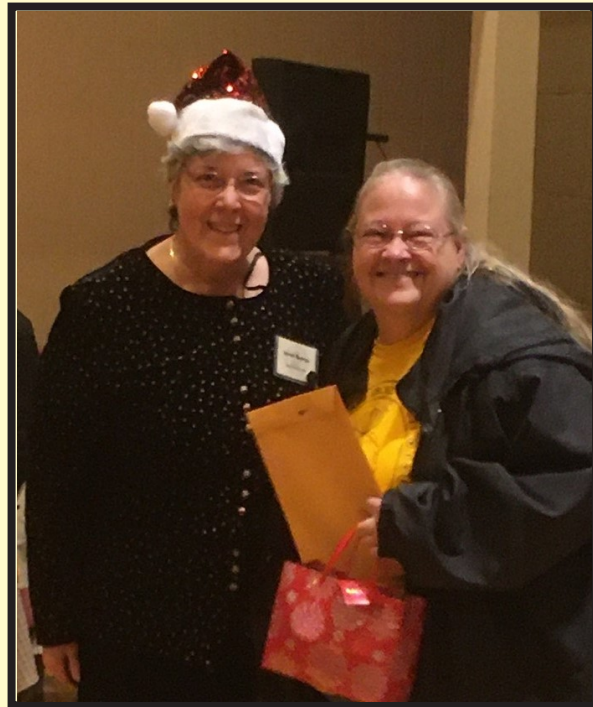


*Bob Travers*



*Frank Dagostin*  
*posthumously*

## 2019 Leadership Award



*Valerie Lowe*

# President's Choice - Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence



Dr. Clark Riley

**Congratulations to all our  
winners.**

# Woodstream Orchids

Invites you to our  
**Eleventh Annual January Thaw (Or Not)**  
Peak of the Blooming Season Open House  
Saturday and Sunday  
January 11-12, 2020 (9:30 am – 4:30 pm)

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Huntingtown, Maryland 20639, USA

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Rain or Shine!! (If the weather is beastly please call or e-mail, snow date is  
the following weekend January 18-19)

We are located in beautiful northern Calvert County, Maryland!

Drive times: Washington, DC and Annapolis, MD 35-45 minutes  
Montgomery County, MD and Northern, VA 45-60 min  
Baltimore, MD 1 hour  
Richmond, VA 2 hours  
Philadelphia, PA 3 hours

Please see our web site for additional driving information and plant lists.





# Let's Grow Together!

www.aos.org



## 2020 JANUARY AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

The AOS Corner is for society representatives and newsletter editors: Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner completely or in part, in their society publications.

We encourage use of the [AOS website](http://www.aos.org) by all members.  
<http://www.aos.org>

Insight for our [AFFILIATED SOCIETIES](http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx)  
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>

*Happy New Year!*

We are so glad you are here with us again for another year of orchid growing. With many of the traditional end of the year celebrations behind us, we can focus on the future. If you have not already done so, it is time to update your 1) affiliate information. There is an online option or 2) [PDF print option](#) on the Affiliated Societies website page to help you complete your updates.

This information is important if you want prospective members to find you. The details you provide about your meeting times, days and contact information are found on the AOS website [Affiliated Societies lookup](#) page. This contact information also appears in the print version of the Orchid Source Directory. In the ever-evolving leadership of today's orchid societies, it is important to update the AOS with your changes. <http://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-societies-lookup.aspx>

This year brings a change in membership rates. With all of the existing benefits of membership plus the new awards program, OrchidPro, it remains an excellent value. Please be sure to discard any outdated AOS promotional material. Encourage your members to enroll online at [JOIN - https://bit.ly/fb-join-aos](https://bit.ly/fb-join-aos) Please note your Society Affiliation in the comments section at checkout.

### Look for updated membership rates and membership material on the AOS website in 2020

\*Joint membership is for two individuals residing at the same address and includes only one subscription to the monthly magazine *ORCHIDS*.  
 \*\*Youth members must under the age of 25. Valid proof of age required at time of application.  
 \*\*\*Additional cost covers priority delivery of the print magazine. Note: for **US Destination Only**, First Class Mail is available for and additional \$30.00 per year.

Membership Type	Silver Digital Only US/Worldwide	Gold Print/Digital US Destination	Gold Print/Digital*** Canada & Mexico	Gold Print/Digital*** All Other Countries
Individual, one year	☐ \$54.00	☐ \$79.00	☐ \$99.00	☐ \$119.00
Individual, two years	☐ \$103.00	☐ \$153.00	☐ \$193.00	☐ \$233.00
Joint, one year*	☐ \$69.00	☐ \$94.00	☐ \$114.00	☐ \$134.00
Joint, two years*	☐ \$133.00	☐ \$183.00	☐ \$223.00	☐ \$263.00
Youth, one year**	☐ \$34.00	☐ \$54.00	☐ \$74.00	☐ \$94.00
Youth two years**	☐ \$73.00	☐ \$103.00	☐ \$143.00	☐ \$183.00

**AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY**

Affiliated societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can obtain a **FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS** membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section at online at checkout.

**JANUARY** Focus: How to Make the Most of Your [AOS Affiliation](http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-faq.aspx)  
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-faq.aspx>

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Affiliated Societies Committee has an [official role](#) within the AOS. You can join us at any AOS Members Meeting to find out more about our function or to become a member of the committee. Guests are always welcome to attend our committee meetings. <http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/JobDesc/2018-Affiliated-Societies-Committee.pdf>

**DID YOU KNOW?** Thank you to the many AOS members that have taken on the important responsibility of connecting your society with everything happening in the American Orchid Society. Please review the [Role of AOS Reps](#). You have specific duties. We are always happy to hear from you and are interested in learning what is taking place in your society. [http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOS\\_Rep-duties.pdf](http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOS_Rep-duties.pdf)

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you have missed an [AOS Corner](#) they are now archived on the AOS website in PDF format. Go to the Affiliated Societies page and search the left hand sidebar. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/aos-corner.aspx>

**Check out the Complete Affiliated Benefits Package**

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Benefits-of-being-an-Affiliated-Societies-Member-v5.pdf>

**REMINDERS**

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** An affiliated society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection, via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](#) and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

If you do not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net) and request **a program from the recorded list**. <http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf> The video file with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy the file to a flash drive or copy it to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!






<b>When</b>	January 09, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	February 11, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 18, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	Orchid Travels in Peru	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Large Flowered Cattleyas	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ken Jacobsen</b> Accredited AOS Judge	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Art Chadwick</b> Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc.	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer

To view **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED:**  
<http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway! We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)  
 If you want to view independently from home, you can join live, either on your computer or by phone. ALL past webinars are recorded and indexed by topic, for future viewing.

## FOR YOUR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Remember to let your society members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful.

In December we mentioned the Reciprocal Garden Admission program. There's more where that came from! Besides a world-class monthly magazine, check out these added PERKS you receive as a member of the American Orchid Society.

### Purchase Discount Program

- **5% discount at select merchant partners on plants, supplies and more.** Mention your AOS membership.
- **10% discount** on AOS publications purchased from the AOS. Members receive this discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and AOS published books.
- **Reduced processing fees** for AOS judged awards. Members save \$20 on processing fees for each AOS award granted. \$30 off an order of \$100 or more from select vendors with a two-year AOS membership.



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Web: goldcountryorchids.com

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Web: krullsmith.com
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Web: rforchids.com
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Tel: (505) 983-1025  
Web: newearthorchids.com

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Web: littlebrookorchids.com

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629 Mendenhall Rd · Newberry, SC 29108  
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Web: carter-and-holmes.com

##### Canada

###### Ontario

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Web: orchidsinourtropics.com

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Web: mauiorchids.com
- ♦ **Hillsview Gardens**  
Tel: (503) 829-9808  
Web: hillsviewgardens.com
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Tel: (800) 823-5740  
Web: indoorgardensupplies.com
- ♦ **Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies**  
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- ♦ **Ravenvision (Canada only)**  
Tel: (519) 301-8160  
Web: ravenvision.ca
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**CULTURE CONNECTION**  
**CULTIVATE, to grow in a prepared medium**

**January: The Month of Vision Looking Ahead to a New Year of Success**  
**By Thomas Miranda**

Can you believe it is already January again? All of us are yet another year older and wiser. I like to believe that, just like that old ad campaign, “We’re not getting older, we’re getting better,” but my morning mirror disproves that on a daily basis. Nonetheless, there is something to be said for aging. We do get better at some things with experience, and orchid growing is certainly one of those things. You may not realize it, but just from reading this magazine regularly, you gain significantly. Even if you cannot invest in state-of-the art greenhouses or the latest innovations, your awareness about the needs of orchids, gleaned from **Orchids**, has influenced you and improved your growing skills. Although it is fairly arbitrary, I find it is always at this time of year we attempt to reflect and take stock of our collections, our growing skill and our knowledge. We all share the goal of aspiring to grow our plants even better in the coming year. This, of course, requires “vision.” Aside from actually seeing the beauty of our orchids, if you look up vision in a dictionary or thesaurus, you’ll find some startling definitions and synonyms. Words such as “idea,” “dream” and even “revelation” appear there. So I challenge you in 2013 to think big, to shoot for the stars. Come up with a vision for yourself as an orchid person for the coming year, for five years, or even for where you’ll be in 10 or 20 years, and develop a strategy for reaching those goals.

Aside from your growing skills, think about how your enthusiasm for our beloved plants can best further the cause of other aspects of orchidology, such as conservation, education, technology and innovative cultivation techniques. Leave a legacy for those following in your footsteps. After all, wouldn’t it be sad to not pass on all you’ve learned to others? We have all been gifted with the joy of orchids. Let’s all spread that joy around the world this year.

**I SEE YOU** January is an exciting time in our collections. So many plants are in spike now and the anticipation of fattening buds’ imminent opening and first blooms of many newly acquired species and hybrids can make each day a revelation in the coming months. Look around your collection carefully for inflorescences that may be hiding from your view or, if your benches are packed like mine, may be caught hiding amidst lush foliage. Make sure your developing spikes are growing unobstructed and receiving adequate light so that they may display their natural grace upon blooming.

**MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION** it is imperative to support developing spikes of many orchids, particularly phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and oncidium intergeneric hybrids. In the wild, epiphytic orchids tend to have pendent or cascading inflorescences, but unless your plants are mounted or in hanging baskets, this does not work well for most cultivated plants. In particular, spikes of hybrids that bear larger flowers or higher flower count than the species may be especially heavy and stressed by the time they are fully open. This also makes for the best presentation of your plants for the upcoming flower show season. Good presentation is the first step toward winning blue ribbons and AOS awards.

**MOISTURE MATTERS** the old adage “sometimes less is more” is true with orchids this time of year. With the shorter day lengths, cooler temperatures and generally overcast conditions so prevalent in winter, most orchids require far less water than they did in the summer growing season. Commonly grown genera such as Cattleya, Phalaenopsis and Paphiopedilum have matured their summer growth, and should be watered less frequently now. Some genera, especially Catasetum, Galeandra, Habenaria, Dendrobium and Lycaste, are truly “sleeping” now and can actually rot if watered excessively, or, in some cases, even just a little. You must determine which plants will suffer with even an occasional watering in winter, and segregate them to an area where they will not be hit with a stray, inadvertent pass of the watering wand. Despite the need for dryness, most orchids still do best in humid conditions. This becomes an important issue for those who grow in the home where humidity can be excessively low when radiators come on. Especially for the home grower, it is important to supplement humidity in winter with a humidifier, pebble tray or occasional misting. (As pertinent now, as it was then - [Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 82 NO. 1 JANUARY 2013](#)) Also visit the AOS website for a Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

**Worth the Read - ORCHIDS January Preview**

**For the Novice - Selecting New Plants** As a new orchid grower, who hasn’t been stumped by trying to find a plant that will grow and thrive for you? The January article by Sue Bottom will give you pointers on things to look for to help you successfully grow a new acquisition.

This article presents a general overview of basic orchid selection by defining the difference between species and hybrids, seedlings and mericlones, diploids and tetraploids, and describes why you might choose one over the other. It explains the importance of plant tags and how they relate to the history of your new orchid. The educated grower will become a successful grower.

Coupled with archived information from the AOS Forum 1) [Beginners' Newsletters](#) and these tips from the AOS video library on 2) [Selecting an Orchid](#) and this 3) [Members Only Webinar](#), you have enough to get you started on building a healthy orchid collection.

1) <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/beginners-newsletter.aspx>

2) <http://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library/selecting-an-orchid.aspx>

3) <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/public/best-plant.aspx>

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Award No: 20191481 Date: Nov 20, 2019 Event: Asociacion Altaverapacense de Orquideologia Show Judging Center: Carolinas Judging Center Exhibitor: Cesar Maaz Stwolinski Photographer: Jorge Carlos



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Award No: 20194350 Date: Nov 16, 2019 Event: Northeast Center Monthly Judging Judging Center: Northeast Judging Center Exhibitor: Ken Reynolds Photographer: Maurice Garvey



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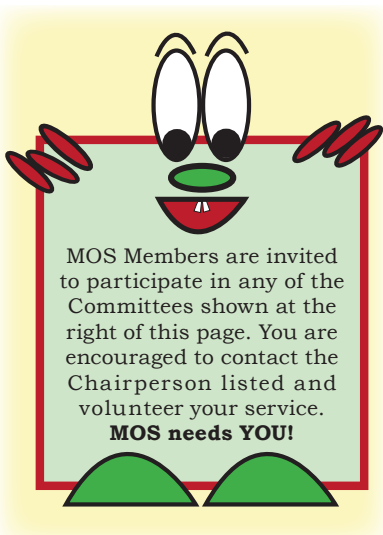
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