



# The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

April 2020

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## April, 2020 Vice President's Message



### Dear orchidphiles,

In these unfathomably difficult times, it's a challenge for me to come up with something inspirational and reassuring. So, instead, here's a picture of an orchid.



As many of you know, the MOS Potting Workshop, scheduled for April 18, has been canceled. Sarah Spence is currently refunding the monies of the people who have prepaid. If you have any questions, contact her at 410-243-3377.

We have also canceled the April 16 monthly meeting, at which we would have announced the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees. As per the MOS bylaws, we are posting the list in this newsletter. If anyone is interested in being added to the list, or in any other way would like to volunteer, please let a member of the nominating committee—Laura Sobelman, Clark Riley, or Bob Travers—know. We will list the final recommendations to be voted on at the June meeting.

“Election of officers (other than immediate past President) shall be by ballot at the June meeting, or, if no June meeting is held, at the next following monthly meeting, and a plurality of votes.”

## Slate of Nominees

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New members, a reminder that anyone joining MOS after January 2020, will have his/her membership extended until June 2021.

Please keep in touch with your orchid brother/sisterhood. A phone call or email goes a long way.

That's all I got. Be careful, stay healthy, and love one another. Peace out.

*Laura*

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# February's 2020 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

## Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - Danielle Gent
2. Phal. Hybrid - Monica Sparber

## Home Grown

1. Paph. Michael Koopowitz
2. Tie C. intermedia var. orlata 'Crownfox' HCC/AOS -  
Kathi Jackson  
Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' - Marilyn Lauffer
3. Tie Guar. skinneri 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Suzanne Gaertner  
Rth. Shinfong Little Sun - Monica Sparber

## Greenhouse

1. Epi. stamfordianum - The Adamses
2. Sen. pallida - David Smith

## Cattleya

1. Rth. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lenette' HCC/AOS - Michael Moran
2. Tie Epi. radicans 'Al's Gift' - The Adamses  
Slc. Fire Magic 'Solar Flare' - Fay Citerone  
Slc. Dream Catcher - David Smith  
Blc. Tsiku Lily - Chris Zajac
3. Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Y.T.' AM/AOS - Bob Johnston

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Harford's Gem 'Caruso' - The Adamses
2. Tie Phal. Hybrid - The Soykes  
Phal. Rusty Wrench - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Phal. Little Gem Stripes - The Hallameyers  
Phal. Hybrid - Wanda Kuhn

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Julius - Chris Zajac
2. Paph. Michael Koopowitz - Mark Robbins
3. Paph. Mesquakie - The Adamses

## Dendrobium

1. Den. Golden Aya - Eric Wiles
2. Den. smilliae - The Adamses
3. Tie Den. Roy Tokunaga - Mark Robbins  
Den. Australian Artist - Chris Zajac

## Oncidium

1. Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' - Eric Wiles
2. Onc. chaculatum - John Heinbokel

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. V. Timothy E. Johnson Jr. - Eric Wiles

2. Tie Ang. Alabaster 'Williamsburg' - Bob Johnston  
Cym. Autumn Crisp - Clark Riley
3. Tie Lyc. Shoalhaven - David Smith  
Cl. Grace Dunn 'Looking Glass' - Dan Woodburn

## Species

1. Den. capituliflorum - The Adamses
2. Tie Rhy. gigantea - Arne Schon  
Ddc. formosanum - David Smith  
Lus. discolor - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste  
Ddc. cobbianum - Eric Wiles
3. Ddc. wenzelii - Bob Johnston

## Miniature

1. Sppm. rapax - David Smith
3. Phal. Hybrid - Monica Sparber

## First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. amabile - Marc Kiriou
2. Paph. Virginia Moffet - Joel Graham
3. Paph. Icy Icy Wind - Mark Robbins

## Fragrance

1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS - Wanda Kuhn
2. Bc. Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter' - Phuong Tran &  
Rich Kaste

## The Judges Choice of the Evening

*Epi. stamfordianum*, exhibited by The Adamses.

**Thank You** to our judges who were, Tammi Grubb, Val Lowe and Craig Sherman.

Our show table had an incredible display of 92 beautiful flowering plants.

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



# Maryland Orchid Society News & Surrounding Events



2020  
February's  
Judges'  
Choice

*Epi. stamfordianum*

## Dr. Riley's Corner

### *Signs of Hope Amid the Gloom*

While social distancing is a smart thing now with our pandemic, getting out in the fresh air is allowed, recommended, and helpful. For me, much of the outdoor excitement derives from watching the hardy orchids sprout in the garden. I've been a grower of *Cypripediums* for almost 60 years — since before there were any *Cypripedium* hybrids. Sprouting already in the garden are 5 species and 8 hybrids. The picture here is a cluster of *Cypripedium Otto*, the hybrid between the very first described ladyslipper (1753), the Eurasian *Cypripedium calceolus*, and the easiest hardy ladyslipper, *Cypripedium pubescens*. They expand really fast, so next month I hope to have pictures in flower.

Submitted by -  
Dr. Clark Riley



## Sarah's Corner

MOS welcomes new member, **Crystal Maddox**.

Submitted by Sarah Spence,  
Membership Chair.



**Program Notes – April 2020**  
**John Heinbokel, Chair, MOS Program Committee**  
**3 April 2020**

Strange times we live in! Just when I thought the program for the rest of this year and most of next year was in place and well organized, I get a lesson in humility, in this case from the ongoing saga of COVID-19. What coulda/woulda/shoulda been a smooth sequence of speakers is pretty much blown out of the water. And yet, as much as I'm inclined to feel sorry for myself, nothing we're obliged to do to adjust our presentation schedule is life-, career-, or livelihood-threatening; so it's a nuisance, not a crisis, and certainly not a catastrophe.

To bring everyone as up to speed as possible at this point:

- We've already canceled Rob Griesbach's March presentation on awarding and naming your special orchids. We'll bring him back for this presentation as soon as we can.
- We've canceled the April Workshop.
- At this point as I write, the April meeting is canceled, and we've been obliged to tell our scheduled speaker, Beth Davis from Waldor Orchids in New Jersey, not to plan to make the trip. As with Rob Griesbach, we'll reschedule her presentation on *Neofinetia falcata* when possible.
- Our May speaker, Tom Mirenda from Hawaii, scheduled to speak on "Herding Catts," had included us as the final stop on an ambitious east coast (North Carolina to Maryland) speaking tour. That is still technically 'on,' but threatened from a number of circumstances.
- I am hopeful that our June speaker, B.J. Ramsay, presenting on orchid photography, will be able to join us as scheduled. Of course that is largely out of any of our control, and we'll know better as we get closer to that date.

So, bottom line: the real world is intruding on our plans and no one knows how soon we'll return to something resembling normality. Still, having to postpone a presentation on *Neofinetia pales* in comparison to the sacrifices and the suffering of some in our community. Hang on, stay focused on priorities, be there for each other, stay healthy, and know that when it's safe we'll gather together again and pick up with 'orchid business' where we left off.



## American Orchid Society Member Newsletter

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

### Support the AOS

Renew

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### A Message from AOS Staff

AOS Staff is now working remotely but still able to answer your phone calls, emails, process memberships, and process award payments.

Shipping of book orders, membership cards, welcome kits and other items requiring handling in the office is unavoidably delayed until the governor's order is lifted.

If you need your membership number for online purchases, or any other reason, kindly contact us - we can readily provide you with that information. You can reach us at (305) 740-2010, 9AM to 5:30PM EDT, Monday through Friday.

AOS Staff - Naya, Sandra, Victor & Daniella



### 2021 Centennial Celebration

In a little over a year from now the American Orchid Society will be celebrating its 100th birthday!

We are in the midst of planning for this event, including our Centennial Celebration gala scheduled for April 10th, 2021 in Coral Gables, FL. Proceeds from this special evening will help support the advancement of the American Orchid Society's vital programs in Education, Research, and Conservation.

Are you interested in becoming a sponsor for the Centennial Celebration? Click here to donate now! Make sure to designate your donation to the Centennial Celebration fund.

### Orchidist's Word of the Month allopolyploid (AL-loh-ployd):

Individuals that arise after crossing two species or genera and contain genetically different chromosome sets from each of the parents; the chromosome sets are homoeologous

(completely homologous in an ancestry) to each other. Each set being present either once (diploid) or in greater numbers (allopolyploid).



Give a gift membership.

### Looking for Orchids?

Find vendors of orchid plants, seedlings, supplies, greenhouses, fertilizers, watering equipment, potting mixes, lighting setups and other orchid-related products in our online [Orchid Source Directory!](#)

### Looking to visit a garden?

AOS Members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. See a list of [participating gardens near you!](#)

### Give a gift membership.

A great gift for the orchid lover in your life!

Due to Coronavirus concerns, most Spring shows have been canceled or postponed. All AOS Monthly and Outreach Judgings have been canceled until further notice.

### April Issue of ORCHIDS

April 2020 Issue CoverThe April issue of *ORCHIDS* is now in the mail to current print members.

Our publisher Allen Press is currently still considered an essential business in the state of Kansas and the April magazine will be mailed as usual. Delays with postal service may apply depending on your location.

### All Current AOS members [can log in to read it online now.](#)

The April issue is our annual awards issue featuring an article by Nile Dusdieker detailing the stunning winners of the 2018 year-end special awards and a recap by Carol Klonowki of the 71 First Class Certificate winners from 2019.

These along with 32 pages of new AOS awards and a beautifully illustrated article on judging orchid displays, make the April issue especially stunning.

## President's Message Regarding COVID-19

By the middle of March, all of the orchid shows you wanted to attend in the Spring have been canceled or delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have a favorite orchid vendor at the show (or shows) that you regularly attend, I hope that you will still purchase plants from them via their website or give them a call. Most orchid vendors depend upon these shows to keep their doors open, and would appreciate your support during these trying times.

With local societies canceling their monthly meetings, you may be missing out on increasing your orchid knowledge. Remember that we have archived all of our previous webinars for you to review. We encourage you to have a look and maybe a few topics will catch your eye.

I hope all of you are enjoying our Orchid Madness and voting each day in our Facebook group for the different categories.

The staff is currently working remotely, however, they are able to return your emails and answer questions by phone. **If you have placed an order for books starting March 23rd, please know that your order will be shipped as soon as staff can return to the office.**

Thank you for your understanding and please stay safe!

Susan Wedegaertner ~ President of AOS

### Don't miss these webinars in April

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:30 PM EDT**

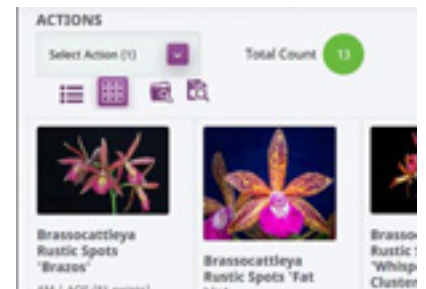
**Orchid Pro - Learning how to use it** .Discover the power behind the new AOS orchid program. Learn how to compare results and average award scores, search progeny and view family tree. *Member Exclusive Webinar.*

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:30 PM EDT**

**!Orchid Pro for Judges** - Discover the power behind the new AOS orchid program. Learn how to compare results and average award scores, search progeny and view family tree. *Member Exclusive Webinar.*

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:30 PM EDT**

**Greenhouse Chat** - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Have your questions answered by our resident orchid expert! Please send your queries to [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) two days prior to the chat. *Open to all.*



**Join us for Orchid Madness!**

The AOS membership and marketing committee is pleased to announce that Friday, April 3rd marks the start of the quarterfinals in our OrchidMadness tournament. What is Orchid Madness exactly? In case you missed it, you can learn about it here: [aos.org/madness](http://aos.org/madness). In short, we recognize that these are very challenging and difficult times, and we hope to offer a small distraction to those affected by COVID-19. And we could think of no better way than to have our orchid community come together in celebration of orchid diversity with a fun and engaging tournament.

Are you a Phal fan? Or you're the person who thinks only slippers are the "real" orchids (aka paphanatic)? Maybe you're crazy for Vanda, or love Bulbophyllum more than anything else. And let's face it, we've all met someone who thinks Cymbidiums are the end all be all, right? Wait, Cattleya is King you say? Well, over the next several days we'll find out who the real people's choice championis, as we watch and participate in the quarter finals. Each quarter final will run as a Facebook poll in our Facebook group.

Not a member yet? Join the almost 40,000 member global community of orchid lovers and vote on your favorite. Each contest will run for 48 hours. Not into Facebook? That's ok. Results will be announced on Facebook and also on the AOS website. May the best genus win!

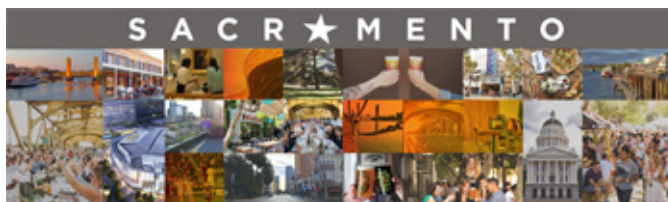
### Schedule of upcoming matches

- 3-April Phalaenopsis vs. Vanda
- 5-April Dendrobium vs. Bulbophyllum
- 7-April Slipper vs Cattleya
- 9-April Cymbidium vs. Misc. Genera
- 11-April Semi final 1
- 13-April Semi final 2
- 15 April FINAL

### 2020 Spring Members Meeting POSTPONED!

The Spring Members Meeting and the 20/20 Vision of Orchids show and sale hosted by the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. has been postponed until the Fall. It will be held in the same city (Sacramento, California) and venue (Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade) as originally planned.

We are exploring dates in October and will keep you posted on any developments and details both through your monthly Orchidgram and at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)!



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Valerie Lowe -  
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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program commences at 8:00 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m.