



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

September 2022

Website: www.marylandorchids.org

Kicking Off a New Year!



I'm looking forward to seeing a bunch of you shortly at our first monthly meeting on September 15. Since we were last together in June we've convened two virtual show tables (Great plants and pics!) and some of us have participated in the orchid exhibition/competition at the MD State Fair. But our first in-person meeting of the new year is fast approaching and there are several reasons to make the effort to attend; first, it's good fellowship to mix and mingle with friends and fellow orchid addicts.

Second, we'll be wrapping up the 2021-22 Show Table season. Those of you who participated in those monthly meetings and exhibitions and shows during the year (16 opportunities in all!) will be getting your just rewards in the form of plant prizes. See elsewhere in this Newsletter for a listing of those prizes. Our good friends at the Little Greenhouse have indicated that they will be unable to provide a home for unclaimed plants this year, so, if you can't make it in person to claim yours, please arrange for someone to get them. Cash prizes will also be distributed for folks who won the most points in each of the judging classes. That listing will be published in next month's Newsletter.

Third, we have received a donation of about 100 plants from the collection of David Donovan, a former MOS member. Those will be available for adaption at this meeting. It'll be a challenge, since none of the plants have identity tags, but the price will be right and there may well be some treasures in the mix! We're asking for good faith donations to the MOS (what you think the plant is worth) for each plant taken. Clark will also provide a freshly cleaned pot to accompany each adaption to aid in any necessary repotting. Plants appear to be mostly Dendrobiums and Cattleya alliance.

Fourth, we have delayed our membership renewal campaign while getting our new PayPal system (it allows convenient use of credit cards, as well) up and running. The September meeting is a wonderful opportunity to submit your membership renewal and take advantage of this new system to pay your dues (still a very modest \$30 – less than any of our neighboring societies!). Cash or checks are also welcome. PayPal should also be available for your contributions for the Donovan Collection plants.

Finally, on the bad news side of the equation, we will NOT be providing ZOOM coverage for this meeting for a couple reasons. We'll try to double up any September virtual show table pics with our October session. ZOOM should resume then when we have an outside speaker. As always: Stay safe and healthy; grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us!

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John Heinbokel - President MOS

MOS Show Table Results

June 2022

Novice

1. Phal. Hybrid - Barb Gunter

Home Grown

1. Epi. Pacific Girl - Bob Travers
2. Tie Bc. Empress Worsley 'Roman Holiday' - Ellie Martin
Phrag. Leslie Garry - Aaron Webb
3. Enc. *tampensis* - Kathi Jackson

Greenhouse

No Entries

Cattleya

1. B. Little Stars X C. Maxi - Bob Travers
2. Pot. Lover Boy 'NN' - Kathi Jackson

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. *amabilis* - Diane Elam
2. Tie Phal. Haur Jih Fancy 'Taida Red Jewel' - Brenda Logan
Phal. Taida Kings Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra'
AM/AOS Ellie Martin
Phal. Hybrid - Chris Zajac
3. Tie Phal. Evarise Blue Angel - Kathi Jackson
Phal. Hybrid - Wanda Kuhn

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. Prince Edward of York - Graham Hunt
2. Paph. Nimit - Joel Graham

Dendrobium

1. Den. Genting Royal - Chris Zajac

Oncidium

1. Psy. Butterfly - Laura Sobelman
2. Mtssa. Dark Star - Ellie Martin

Miscellaneous Hybrids

No Entries

Species

1. Enc. *tampensis* - Dave Smith
2. Sarcoglottis *sceptrodes* - Fay Citerone
3. Tie Zygo. *triste* - Bob Travers
Ble. *striata* - Chris Zajac

Miniature

1. Epi. Little Miss Sunshine 'Maureen Wood' AM/AOS
Bob Travers

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. Bel Royal - John Dunning
2. Phrag. Shizuko Kawatsura - Joel Graham

Fragrance

1. Neost. Baby Angel - Joel Graham
2. Tie Max. *tenuifolia* 'Yamada' AM/AOS - Wanda Kuhn
Max. *tenuifolia* 'Yamada' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac

The Judges Choice of the Evening was

Enc. *tampensis*, exhibited by Dave Smith.

Thank You to our judges who were Nicole Allen, Marc Kiriou and Wanda Kuhn.

Our show table had an incredible display of 42 beautiful flowering plants.

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

Respectfully, Tom McBride

2021 – 2022 Participation Points and Awards

Thank You and Congratulations to the following people had "Perfect Attendance" on Show Table either in person or by Zoom for our year 2021 to 2022:

Fay Citerone, Joel Graham, Kathi Jackson, Brenda Logan, Clark Riley and Bob Travers

For everyone who exhibited plants last year here is your reward!

16 Exhibitor Points - 5 Plants

Kathi Jackson, Bob Travers

14 Exhibitor Points - 4 Plants

Fay Citerone, Bob Johnston

13 Exhibitor Points - 4 Plants

Sarah Spence

12 Exhibitor Points - 4 Plants

Joel Graham, Tom McBride

11 Exhibitor Points - 3 Plants

Suzanne Gaertner, Wanda Kuhn, Marilyn Lauffer, Brenda Logan, Laura Sobelman,
Monica Sparber, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles, Chris Zajac

10 Exhibitor Points - 3 Plants

John Heinbokel, Clark Riley

9 Exhibitor Points - 3 Plants

Pat Schiavi, Arne Schon

8 Exhibitor Points - 2 Plants

Ellie Martin, David Smith

6 Exhibitor Points - 2 Plants

Joanna Hager, Marc Kiriou, Judith Shapiro, Jos Venturina

5 Exhibitor Points - 1 Plant

Nicole Allen, Diane Elam, Michael Moran, The Zickuhrs

4 Exhibitor Points - 1 Plant

John Dunning, Dave Smith, Nancy Hensler

3 Exhibitor Points

Jill Allen, Danielle Gent, Jason Gebbia, Craig Taborsky, Judi von Mehlem

Many thanks to all who participate to make our Show Table such a great success!

Respectfully, Tom McBride

Maryland Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events

Coming Attractions

MOS Program Schedule: September 2022 – February 2023

Below is a list of the MOS meetings for the first half of the year (September through February).

Please note that the February meeting date may need to shift if there is a conflict with the NCOS show set-up.

We love to hear your presenter/topic suggestions. Presentation slots for the latter part of 2022-23 and all of 2023-24 are open and need to be filled with informative and stimulating speakers.

Please send suggestions to Fay.Citerone@gmail.com

If you think you've given us a suggestion already and we missed it, kindly send it again.

09/15/2022 Joel Graham, Show Table Review 2021-2022.

10/20/2022 Sarah Hurdel, Habenaria: Culture and Care

11/17/2022 Bob Sprague, Native Orchids of the Mid-Atlantic

12/15/2022 Holiday Party [No presentation]

01/19/2023 Barb Schmidt, Chair, AOS Education Committee,
Raising a Show Quality Orchid

02/16??/2023 MOS Members Stump the Chumps

Fay Citerone, MOS Program Chair

Maryland Orchid Society – 2022 - 2023 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

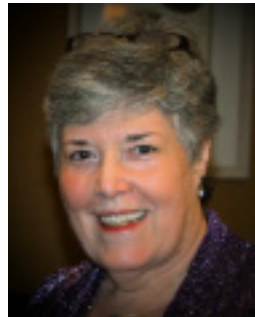
August - September 2022:	Exhibit at Maryland State Fair (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
September 15, 2022	Monthly Meeting
September 24, 2022	MOS Members Potting Clinic (morning, specific time TBD???)
October 20, 2022	Monthly Meeting
November 12, 2022	Annual Auction
November 17, 2022	Monthly Meeting
December 15, 2022	Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party
January 2023	Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
	12 - SET-UP
	13 - 15 – On Display
TBD ???	NCOS Paph Forum
January 19, 2023	Monthly Meeting
January 26, 2023	Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD ???)
February 2023	Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
	2 – SET-UP
	3 – Judging
	4 - 6 – On Display
February 16, 2023	Monthly Meeting [NOTE: May conflict with NCOS Set-up ???]
TBD ???	NCOS Annual Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
March 2023	MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
	7 (Tu) - Staging set-up
	8 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits
	9 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM
	10 – 12 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public
March 16, 2023	Monthly Meeting
March – April 2023	SEPOS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)
	29 – Set-up
	30 – Judging
	31 – April 2 – On display
April 2023 TBD ???	Spring Workshop
April 20, 2023	Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2023	Monthly Meeting
June 15, 2023	Monthly Meeting
July 27, 2023	Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD???)

MOS Welcomes New Members...

Mary Li, Xie Wu and Qian Yang

May Niu

Barbara Pralle and Elmer Eusman



Sarah Spence - Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022-2023

It is that time again...to renew your membership*. We are planning to resume our face-to-face meetings beginning September 15, 2022 unless current conditions change. In order to fully participate in the meetings, plant competitions, and to receive the Newsletter, your payment of \$30, to the Maryland Orchid Society, must be received by September 30, 2022.

However, pertaining to the unreliability of the US Postal Service, you are encouraged to hand deliver your renewal form and payment to Sarah Spence, at the September 15th meeting.

If you are unable to attend the September meeting and need to mail your renewal check, I will notify you via email when your check is received.

New this year...Electronic payment via PayPal will accept credit cards using the following link ...

[Membership | PayPal](#)

Payment can also be made at the September meeting by way of credit card. Please be aware that either electronic transaction will charge a modest (ca. \$1) fee.

*If you joined Maryland Orchid Society after January 1, 2022, you are paid up through June 2023. Life Members pay no membership fee.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our long-awaited gathering on September 15, 2022, same time, same place.

Sarah L. Spence, Membership Chair

Please cut here and submit bottom portion with your remittance

Renewal Form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Please mail to the above address or bring to the September 15th meeting.

Information will be included in the Society roster if submitted by September 30, unless otherwise notified.

Type of Membership: (\$30 dues are the same for single or dual/family memberships living at the same address)

Name/Single _____ Name/Dual/Family _____

Please complete the following IF your information has changed...

Address _____ State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

MOS In-Person in a time of COVID (as of August 31, 2022)

As MOS continues with more normal face-to-face activities, we need to realize that ‘more normal’ is a relative term. As an organization which cares for all members and their health and well-being, we want to adopt the most proactive and cautious policies consistent with local, state, and federal advice.

1. Each MOS member has his/her own levels of vulnerability to COVID and tolerance for that risk. We **EXPECT** MOS members to fully respect their colleagues’ decisions in terms of COVID protective actions.
2. MOS **WILL FOLLOW**, to the best of our knowledge and ability, the guidance and directives of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State of Maryland, and local jurisdictions, and **WILL RESPECT** the guidance provided by the host of any of our in-person activities. *
3. We **ENCOURAGE** members to be fully vaccinated. We will **NOT REQUIRE** anyone to show proof of vaccination, however.
4. We **WILL ARRANGE** seating and other elements of our meetings for more social distancing to the best of our ability. Please **RESPECT** members’ desire for such distancing.
5. We **ENCOURAGE** unvaccinated members to **participate remotely** in our monthly meetings.
6. We **EXPECT** any member who has recently tested positive for COVID or is suffering COVID symptoms will **forego participating** in-person in MOS activities.
7. Despite our best good-faith efforts, however, **BE AWARE** that, at any MOS activity, there may be unvaccinated and/or infected individuals present. **TAKE PRECAUTIONS**, as you see fit.
8. By attending an MOS function in-person, you **AGREE** that, if you discover that you may have been contagious (either by testing positive or being a close contact with an infected individual), you **WILL INFORM** an officer of MOS, so that we can alert any participant who might have been exposed. We need not reveal your identity, if it’s necessary to pass along such an alert.
9. We **WILL MAINTAIN** attendance lists for our in-person activities, so that we can contact anyone who may have been exposed to COVID.

* As of today, August 31, 2022, CDC considers Baltimore County to be ‘Medium’ in COVID-19 Community Level, with masking guidance:

Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on public transportation. You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider wearing a mask indoors in public and taking additional precautions.

The Woodbrook Baptist Church which hosts our monthly meetings has the following policy:

Masks are not required in the building but may be used by anyone feeling more comfortable wearing one. Masks are recommended for anyone in the lower level when children are present.

Accordingly **MOS DOES NOT REQUIRE** masking at indoor events, but **RECOMMENDS** the use of masks as appropriate to provide protection for vulnerable members and guests. This MOS policy is subject to change should CDC guidance and/or Woodbrook Baptist Church policy change.

John Heinbokel

Clark's Corner



Clark Riley

When There's Little or No Sun

Orchids are plants. Sometimes we forget that in our love life with orchids. But, as plants, their needs are the same ancient elements required by almost all plants — Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Of those four ancient elements — Earth (potting mix), Air (ventilation), Fire (light), and Water (water) — three are relatively easy to control. The toughie can be light. Typically we have to work with what we have, which can be pretty meager in modern homes. The perennial Show Table winners typically happen to have great windows, sun porches, or even greenhouses. But some use artificial light.

In the sixty plus years I've been growing, the technology of grow lighting has steadily evolved. In the 1950s and '60s, the lights would have been incandescent: tungsten filaments heated until they glowed. They worked, but they generated a lot of heat and electric bills. The late '60s through the early part of this century saw the rise of fluorescent lights, first the T12 (1.5 inch diameter) and later the T5 (5/8 inch diameter) tubes (the T stands for tubular). They used about 1/10 the electricity of tungsten for the same light output and lasted 20 to 50 times as long. Some of us had light rooms using dozens or even hundreds of fluorescent tubes. One downside of the fluorescent tubes is that they contained mercury, which was ionized to generate ultraviolet light, which caused the tube coating to glow. Alas, mercury is a deadly toxin. The last ten or so years have seen the rise of Light Emitting Diodes —LED — fixtures, which convert electricity directly into light. They use about 1/5 the electricity of fluorescent tubes and may have lives of more than 20 years. They produce negligible heat and often cost the same or less than the fluorescent fixtures they replace.

But is the light they produce adequate for growing orchids? The Show Table results suggest it is. The old rule of thumb still applies as it did with tungsten and fluorescent lights. Give the orchids lots of light and they will do well, regardless of the spectrum, or "color" of the light. Because of their low heat output, modern LEDs can be used in parts of the home where the heat of older fixtures would have been a problem.

Clark Riley

If there is an article in this Newsletter you are interested in and would like to know more about the subject please don't hesitate to E-mail the author of the article. Their E-mail address would be listed on the last page of the Newsletter. If there is one thing an orchid grower likes to do is answer questions from another enthusiastic orchid grower.

Miscellany

An Every-Once-in-a-While (Monthly?) Item of Potential Interest to the MOS Membership

Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel (jheinbokel@hotmail.com), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

Vermont Rarity



Robert H. Mohlenbrock / USDA

Getting our Miscellany series off to a start this year with 'an old stomping ground' story is a treat. For twenty-some years I lived in Vermont, about a five minute walk from the Winooski River. As the two linked articles explain, that river valley is the location where the small whorled pogonia was recently rediscovered in the wild after having been 'missing' (at least in Vermont) for over 100 years.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/orchid-thought-extinct-for-120-yrs-in-vermont-is-rediscovered/>

<https://www.vermontpublic.org/vpr-news/2022-06-08/a-rare-orchid-thought-to-be-extinct-has-been-rediscovered-in-vermont>

Submitted by John Heinbokel, August 30, 2022. Topic suggested by Sarah Spence and a couple others – Thanks!

American Orchid Society News and Surrounding Events



AFFILIATED SOCIETIES NEWSLETTER

AOS CORNER

September 2022



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.

Affiliated Societies Status

Just a reminder for new AOS Reps: The quickest way to verify your society's AOS membership is current, with all Affiliated Society benefits, is by visiting <http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>.

You can check your local society's membership status and expiration date in one of two ways: Log into your local society account from the AOS website login page Index ([aos.org](http://www.aos.org)). The society's expiration date will be displayed as part of the account info. Make sure you are logged into your society's account and not your own individual account. You can also look at the label of the latest ORCHIDS magazine received for the society. The membership renewal date is printed there each month as a reminder.

Look out for this AOS Corner release each month for the latest information about the AOS. We also encourage everyone to check out our website often. New information is added daily.

Affiliated Societies Logo

The American Orchid Society is pleased to provide its affiliates with an additional tool to be used in your promotions. The logo below is available and can be downloaded from our website: [Affiliated Societies \(aos.org\)](http://www.aos.org)



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AOS Webinars – A Wealth of Orchid Information

Barb Schmidt, Chair – Education Committee



When was the last time you watched an AOS webinar? One of the premier benefits of being an AOS member or an Affiliated Society is access to the amazing and diverse amount of orchid information that is available on our website. With almost 250 recorded webinars, there is something to interest everyone.

Our webinar program began in 2008 and includes information on orchid genera, orchid travel spots, fun facts about orchids, orchid culture, orchid science, and Greenhouse Chats. We are always looking for ideas for new webinars or speakers for our webinars.



Travelogues of orchid hot spots and programs on culture are a big hit! Cheryl Erins (cerins@aos.org) is responsible for any of the non-judging, recorded webinars. Societies can access as well by sending Sandra Svoboda an email sltsvoboda@gmail.com. They are always looking for new ideas; or better yet, new people to create a webinar. Webinars are actually very easy to create. All you need is a great, original idea and a 45-minute Power Point that you narrate. Ideas for webinars can be submitted to Cheryl at the above email. If your proposal is accepted, you will be contacted with further information on how to proceed.

In early 2021, the AOS Judging Committee started posting specifically on topics relevant to judging and to educate AOS members on what AOS judging is, what is required of judges and what they look for. The judging webinar program also aids centers and judges in meeting required, yearly education hours. Experts on genera or breeding lines as well as judges of any level are encouraged to submit ideas for judging webinars they would like to present or programs they have seen to Jean Allen-Ikeson (jean.ikeson@gmail.com), National Education Coordinator for Judging. Please submit ideas for approval before submitting a program.



AOS Judges Appreciate Orchid Exhibitors

Deb Bodei, JC IT Task Force

The screenshot shows the American Orchid Society website. At the top, there is a banner for downloading a free issue of Orchids Magazine. Below that is the AOS logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a 'Discover OrchidPro' section with a search bar and a 'Find a Judging Center' button. Below this are two columns: 'Exhibitors' and 'Judges'. The 'Exhibitors' column includes links for 'Exhibiting Orchids', 'Orchid Shows and Affiliated Societies', and 'Awards Program'. The 'Judges' column includes links for 'How to Join the Judging Program', 'Judges Education', 'Forms for Judging', and 'Handbook on Judging'. A 'Find a Judging Center' button is at the bottom of the 'Judges' column.

AOS judges serve the orchid community AOS judges serve the orchid community by providing show table commentary at society meetings, judging affiliate shows and providing monthly opportunities to the public where plants can be judged. Judges appreciate exhibitors, so much so, there is a section in the newly updated [Awards and Judging section](#) of the AOS website dedicated to exhibitors. Whether bringing plants to a society meeting for show table commentary, entering plants for judging as part of an exhibit at an orchid show, or submitting a plant for judging at a nearby center, who doesn't love sharing the blooms we so carefully nurtured with others who share our passion?

Exhibitors will find hints on [exhibiting plants](#), information on how to [have a show judged](#) and all about the [awards program](#) itself. The *OrchidPro* awards tool is accessible to all AOS members at the top of this section as well as a link to find your nearest serving [judging center](#). If you have questions about a judging topic beyond the website, be sure to contact your judging center chair. You may even decide to [join the judging program](#) and come learn with us!

See you at the next AOS judged event!

The 2022 Fall Members Meeting *”Panning for Orchids”*

The poster features a background of yellow orchids. The text reads: 'The American Orchid Society FALL MEMBERS MEETING Hosted by the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center "Panning for Orchids" Show and Sale October 26th - 30th, 2022 at the Embassy Suites Sacramento Riverfront in Sacramento, CA'. A list of activities includes: 'Orchid Displays and Plant Sales', 'Preview Event', 'AOS Judging', 'Live & Silent Auction', and 'Beautiful Setting in Old Town Sacramento - Close to a Mall'. At the bottom, it says 'SAVE THE DATE! Details Coming Soon www.aos.org'.

Join us in Sacramento, California
Meeting Registration will be up shortly. We'll notify all Members and Friends as soon as it goes live.

In the meantime - The Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade Hotel is ready NOW to book your stay for this event.

Request For Nominations for AOS Voluntary Service and Recognition Awards 2022-2023 Jean Hollebhone Awards Committee Chair

Do you know an AOS volunteer who has worked for many years supporting one of our three pillars: education, conservation, or research? Perhaps worked on a specific project, task, or simply as an ambassador who encouraged you or others to join and serve the AOS? The AOS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for 2022-23 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) on the fillable form provided for those you wish to recognize for exemplary service to the AOS. **Deadline for receipt of nominations is October 31 2022**

Individual awards include gold and silver medals, an AOS medal for excellence in hybridizing, the Thomas Sheehan award for outstanding service, an Ambassador's award, and AOS Fellow. Certificates of recognition are available for Societies to nominate individuals in your societies who have been exceptional volunteers. Again, check the criteria out on the AOS web site and be sure to use the official nomination form.



Of particular interest to Societies are the Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service Awards (DASSA Awards). Affiliated societies are invited to submit a nomination for the DASSA in recognition of sustained, outstanding contributions in areas of service and support in the field of orchidology

Nominations for the DASSA may be made by any member of an AOS affiliate and should be forwarded to Edna Hamilton Cirilo, chair, at ecirilo@aos.org. If you think your society may be a contender, please review the criteria for the award on the

Affiliated Societies site and send your submission on the DASSA nomination form by October 31, 2022: https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/DASSA_Nomination_Form.pdf.

The AOS Education Committee's Certificate for Meritorious Achievement in Orchid Education is presented to "an individual or individuals for longstanding, exceptional endeavors in the field of orchid education." This award is meant to showcase exceptional endeavors in orchid education, such as webinars, lectures, classes, projects, or written material. **Nomination should be sent to Barbara Schmidt, Chair, at education_committee@aos.org.**

Conservation Recognition Awards The AOS sponsors two awards to recognize outstanding work in the field of orchid conservation. **The Conservation Recognition Award** recognizes noteworthy orchid conservation efforts by individuals, groups, organizations, and affiliated orchid societies. **More information is available at <https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-research/conservation-awards.aspx>.** **The Philip E. Keenan Award** recognizes the work of an individual in the study or preservation of native orchids of North America north of Mexico. **More information is available at <https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-conservation/philip-e-keen-an-award.aspx>.** Nominations and questions about these awards should be sent to conservation_committee@aos.org.

Research Recognition Awards

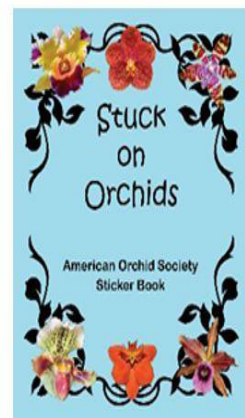
The Research Recognition Award is a new award approved by the Board of Trustees in January 2022 and is being offered for the first time by the Research Committee. Nominees must have produced a major impact on orchid research which has been nationally or internationally recognized by peers in the general scientific community. See the Research Committee website: <https://www.aos.org/about-us/orchid-research.aspx>. **Applications using the award's fillable nomination form should be sent by October 31, 2022, to: research_committee@aos.org**

All nominations close October 31, 2022. Please consider nominating an AOS volunteer, individual organization or society) that you consider warrants recognition for their many hours of service.



Special Pricing for Affiliated Societies:

The AOS Sticker Books have arrived from the printer and are available for purchase. The Non-Member price is \$8.99 and the Member price is \$6.75. The Sticker Books will be available for purchase at the Fall Members Meeting in Sacramento, CA. We have also set up a special price for Affiliated Societies of \$5.39/book for bulk orders of 40 books or more. Free delivery to the Fall Member's Meeting may be available, contact Naya at naya@aos.org if you are interested in this option.



Webinars-Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

When	Sept. 13, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	Sept. 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Monday	Oct. 05, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Sept.10</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas	Those Amazing Masdevallias Compact cuties, species and culture
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee Accredited AOS Judge, President COC	Sandra Svoboda AOS Judge, AOS Past President, Orchid Digest Editor

Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website



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

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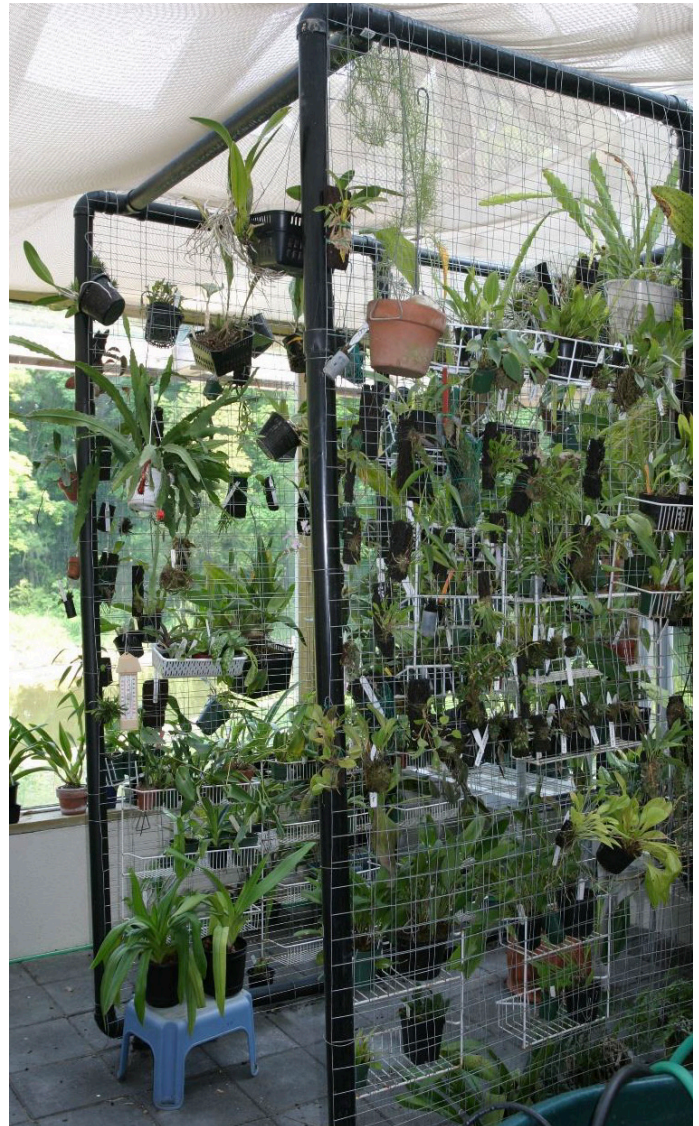
Homemade Racks for Hanging and Mounted Plants

By Jean Allen-Ikeson

If you grow mounted plants and you have a lot of them, you need a good “vertical bench” on which to hang them. Such racks can be built out of wire mesh and plastic pipe, can consist of just a coil of rabbit cage wire standing on end on a bench or hung by chains from the ceiling, or can be fashioned from one of those discarded wrought iron porch supports that were once so popular on 1950s ranch style homes but now have been relegated to the greenhouse. Vertical benches have the advantage of taking up a small footprint of valuable floor space while providing a home for a large number of mounted plants. Even a little wire mesh tied to the end of a light stand expands the space when you are growing under lights.

Most farm-supply stores and many building centers carry wire mesh that can be used. Chicken wire is probably too lightweight except for the lightest mounts. Mesh with 1-inch (2.5-cm) spacing works well. Plumbing pipe may be purchased in building centers in reasonable lengths. Copy this page with the accompanying photo and take it to the store and tell them, “I want something like this.” You will also need plastic ties such as those used by electricians or heavier single-strand wire to tie the wire mesh to the plumbing pipe.

The best rack I have ever seen was built by Annette Bagby (a retired AOS judge) and her architect husband Jim, who live in Milton, Ontario. The rack was built to house her collection of pleurothallids and other smaller mounted plants in their sunroom greenhouse. Note that the support cross bars may also accommodate hanging baskets for such things as vandaceous orchids. This rack is between 5 and 6 feet (1.5–1.8 m) tall. Such racks are easy to move, sturdy and do not rot. Unless you make the rack wide enough to keep from tipping as in the photo, it might be a good idea to anchor it with a couple of light chains to hooks in the ceiling.



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In addition to all its fascinating topics, our August issue features the completion of Carol Helen Beule's series on her journey from a costume designer to designer of one-of-a-kind pots for *Vanda falcata* and other specialized applications.

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Of Interest

- *Printable Award Certificates* – award certificates with an insert photograph are now available for download and print. See page 569
- How to update your society information. See page 582



Affiliate of the Month: Venice Area Orchid Society

We thank the Venice Area Orchid Society (VAOS) for providing us with 1 looking for ideas or motivations for your group? VAOS may be able to assist. VAOS began in 1962 and has grown into one of the largest and most active orchid societies in Florida. Its annual Orchid Show & Sale are held during the first weekend of February.



Activities:

- **Monthly Meeting** at the Venice Community Center (VCC) on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Featuring quality guest speakers who often bring plants for sale at our meeting, (The September speaker will be Alan Koch, owner, and operator of Gold Country Orchids, who specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas.)
- **Growers Clinic**
- Newsletter
- **Mentor Program**
- And more...

Want to learn more? Please see their website:

[Venice Area Orchid Society \(vaos.org\)](http://vaos.org).



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HCC/AOS
Awarded Blue Ribbon and Speakers
Choice Ribbon at the August 2022
meeting
grown by Gunther Lobisch

We would like to hear from you!

To provide a successful program requires a variety of factors that are eased when we have the necessary resources. The Affiliated Societies Committee would like to help. We have developed a list of topics which we will be discussing in the coming months. We have crafted questions to help identify the necessary tools that will lead us all to success. However, this cannot be achieved without help from you.

The first topic we would like to discuss is: “*Member Retention.*” Below is our first set of questions. We will collect your answers and post them on next month’s newsletter.

If you would like to see your responses in the November AOS Corner, please send your responses by **15 October 2022** to affiliated_Societies@aos.org with the subject line “*AOS Corner – Member Retention*”

Questions:

1. How do you advertise your meetings locally?
2. What incentives do you provide for new members joining for the first time?
3. What does a new member receive when they join?
4. Does your society provide a mentor for newbies?
5. Do you have a student society membership?
6. Do new members receive AOS information?

We look forward to your response!

Want to help us with a short survey? [Click here](#)

If you would like to spotlight an issue or share news with other Affiliated Societies, we welcome your input.

Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter! If there is something within your society that is working extremely well – let’s share it here. If there is something, you could use help with – let us know. By chance, another affiliate may be able to offer a solution, or want to try something you have achieved. Your contributions are critical to bringing fresh, timely content to this publication each month. Please send your questions, solutions, and submissions for the AOS Corner to ecirilo@aos.org or affiliated_Societies@aos.org



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MOS NEEDS YOU!

MOS members are invited to participate in any of the Committees shown above. You are encouraged to contact the Chairperson listed and volunteer your service.

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