

## July 2023 Mini-Newsletter

*John Heinbokel, MOS President*

I hope everyone (and your orchids) are surviving the heat and periodic deluges. We're in the slow part of MOS' year, but we're not totally dormant; so let me use this collection of announcements to bring (keep?) you up to speed:

**Virtual Show Table (Thursday, 20 July, 7pm):** We'll meet virtually to show off what we've got blooming this month and, as long as we're 'gathered,' I'm sure we'll find an opportunity to chit chat as well. Please submit your pics of July-bloomers (no limit on number) to Fay Citerone ([fay.citerone@gmail.com](mailto:fay.citerone@gmail.com)) as soon as possible but no later than the day before, so she can assemble a PowerPoint and get it to Clark. FYI, we'll do this again the following month (17 August), so mark your calendars. Since these are totally virtual, it's easier than during our hybrid meetings to let contributors talk about their plants; please be prepared to share some tidbits about your treasures.

**Board of Trustees Meeting (Thursday, 27 July):** At hosted BoT Meetings we assemble early for a simple meal at 5:30 and try to get ourselves called to order as close to 7 as possible. This time around David and Margaret Smith have agreed to host us:

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with assistance from Susan Travers (THANKS to you all!)

A simple dinner of Sloppy Joe's, Croissant sandwiches, and bottled water will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share on the buffet. Bring your own drinks, if you want something special. Please contact Susan Travers ([subobtrav@zoominternet.net](mailto:subobtrav@zoominternet.net) or text 410-336-3873) to let her know your intent to attend and to coordinate the dish you will bring, so we don't have duplicates. Susan will coordinate with Margaret. If you want to take some leftovers home for lunch, please bring your own container.

All MOS members are welcome to attend and participate. An agenda and supporting materials will be distributed to Board members, as we get closer to the date. Our annual budget is always a major part of the July meeting. Any non-Board members who wish to attend: please let Susan Travers and John Heinbokel ([marylandorchidpres@gmail.com](mailto:marylandorchidpres@gmail.com)) know for meal coordination and so you can receive the supporting materials in advance.

**Virtual Show Table (Thursday, 17 August, 7pm):** Just like in July!

**Maryland State Fair MOS-Sponsored Orchid Exhibition (Sunday/Monday 20/21 August Set-up):**

With the support/leadership of Sally Over, MOS coordinates and provides judging for an orchid exhibition at each Maryland State Fair. This is the first opportunity each year for members to earn Show Table participation credit and the Fair provides (modest) money awards for ribbon-earning entries! More information will be provided next month, but the Fair's relevant information can be found at <https://marylandstatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-FG-J-Flowers.pdf>.

Questions and concerns can be addressed to Sally Over ([flowerlady@zoominternet.net](mailto:flowerlady@zoominternet.net)).

Entry Dates Sunday August 20, 3 – 8 pm. Monday August 21, 9 am – 7 pm.

Pick Up Wednesday August 30, 3 – 8 pm. Or the break down day, September 11, 9 am – 6 pm.

**MOS Annual Picnic, (Saturday, 26 August, Precise Time still TBD):** Eric Wiles (Thank You!) has graciously offered his farm as the site for this resumption of a long-standing tradition that was one of the COVID casualties. Virtually all the logistical details are currently still up in the air but will be shared with members as they are resolved. Assume at this point, however, that we (MOS) will be providing some of the food/beverage options, but that there will be opportunities for pot-luck donations; you will be wise to bring your own seating; and we welcome suggestions for activities beyond the usual schmoozing and grazing. In any case, please get this onto your calendar and plan to participate, as we get ready to wind down our summers.

See! That's hardly dormant at all!!