



ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

Sept. 2023

President's Message

Beginnings!

And here we are again! Summer has snuck (raced?) past, and it seems like at least half my chores and plans are still waiting to be completed. And that applies to my orchid care and MOS duties as well as home and family obligations! Still, the Society is revved up and ready to roll. Our first event is already out of the gate with the judged exhibit at the Maryland State Fair about half way through its run as this is written. And, if you missed the picnic at Eric Wiles' farm late in August, that's a shame; you'll have to do better next summer!



As well, we have a full schedule of monthly and special events coming up. There are still too many undefined dates on the current version of our MOS Calendar, but it's included in this Newsletter and will be revised and refined as the year progresses.

September's first monthly meeting (21st) will be our annual Show Table Review with cash and plant prizes for participation and quality of plants. If you anticipate receiving plants but cannot be in attendance, please make arrangements with another member to select and retrieve your plants. Let John Heinbokel (Marylandorchid.pres@gmail.com) know about those arrangements, so we can facilitate the pick-ups.

A Fall (Saturday, October 14) Repotting (and Dividing?) Workshop is in the planning stages, so mark your calendar and stay alert for those specific plans and a definitive time. It'll be good training for any preparations you might have in mind for plants to contribute to our Auction on November 11.

Finally, it doesn't fit this month's heading and it won't be news for many of you, but I'm saddened to acknowledge that one of our Life Members, a real friend to many of us, and the co-owner of The Little Greenhouse, Gary Krause, passed away this summer. We'll be putting together a remembrance in a future Newsletter, so think back on memories and dig out photos to share.

As always, be well, stay safe, and grow beautiful orchids to share with us.

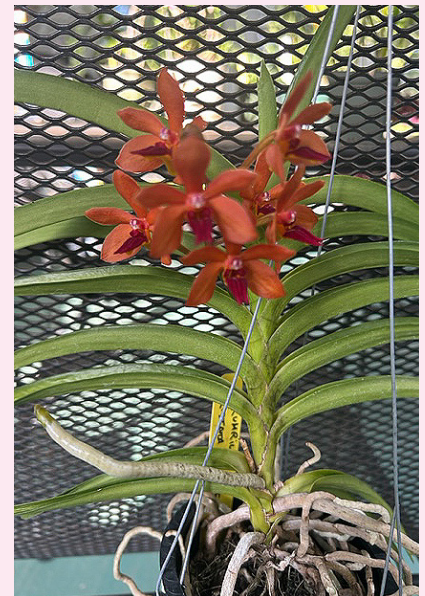
John Heinbokel
September 1, 2023

PS Don't forget membership renewal. If you misplaced the renewal form, it's available on the MOS website and in this newsletter. Don't make us come after you a second time!

Virtual Meeting and Show Table

(Thursday, 17 August, 8 p.m.):

There were 13 members online showing off their beautiful and fascinating orchids at the MOS Show Table Zoom meeting in August. Two others shared photos of their lovely plants. If you would like to see the August Show Table, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Marylandorchidsociety/videos/946224063123629> See you in person on September 21.



**V. Rumrill (Cristata x Curvifolia)
from Brenda Logan**

Novice

1. Phal. Noid - Barbara Pralle

Homegrown

1. Slc. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson
2. Wils. Golden Afternoon 'Rich Yellow' - Bob Johnston
3. Tie Noid - Karen Blandford
Den. Hibiki - Bob Travers

Greenhouse

1. Mltnps. Jolene Carlson 'Ravishing' AM/AOS - Jos Venturina

Cattleya

1. Epi. Pacific Girl - Chris Zajac
2. Epi. Pacific Marcado x Pacific Prince - Fay Citrone
3. Blc. Toshie's Magic 'Doris' - Bob Johnston

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Taida Smile 'Little Gold' - Laura Sobelman
2. Tie Phal. Sogo Yeulin 'Coffee' - Fay Citrone
Phal. Liu Cute Angel 'KF#3-SPR' - John Heinbokel
3. Tie Phal. Liu Cute Angel 'KF#3-SPR' - Wanda Kuhn
Phal. Huar Jih Fancy 'Taida Red Jewel' - Danielle Gent

Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Calurum 'Cinderella's Slipper' - Laura Sobelman
2. Paph. Susan Booth - Sarah L. Spence
3. Paph. Noid 'Audrey III' - Danielle Gent

Dendrobium

1. Den. Pink Natasha - Chris Zajac
2. Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon' - Fay Citrone
3. Den. *parishii rubra* x sib - Danielle Gent

Oncidium

1. Onc. Orchidom Dancer x Onc. Orchidom Happy Choice - Bob Johnston
2. Onc. Noid 'Rescue Gift' - Nicole Allen
3. Bllr. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Spaceship' - Danielle Gent

Miscellaneous hybrids

1. No Entry

Species

1. Enc. *tampensis v. alba* - Craig Taborsky
2. Bulb. *echinolabium* 'The Big Stink' - Mai Conaway
3. Sarc. Sceptrodes - Fay Citrone

Miniature

1. Macradenia *multiflora* - Bob Travers
2. Phal. Purple Gem - Dave Smith
3. Haraella *retrocalla* - Brenda Logan

First Bloom

1. Paph. Julius - John Dunning

Fragrance

1. Epi. *radiatum* - Craig Taborsky
2. Max. *tenuifolia* 'Yamada' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac

Many thanks to all who made the 2022-2023 show table a blazing success despite the challenges of the past few years. Our judge's choice for the June show table went to Mltnps. Jolene Carlson 'Ravishing' AM/AOS brought in by Jos Venturina. This plant was the very model of a show quality large specimen and edged out the well bloomed Enc. *tampensis alba* brought in by Craig Taborsky. Our judges for the evening were Sherrie Rashid, Dave Smith, Mai Conaway. Other exhibitors not listed above were Sally Over, Norm and Maria Zickhur.



Enc. *tampensis v. alba* - Craig Taborsky



Noid - Karen Blandford



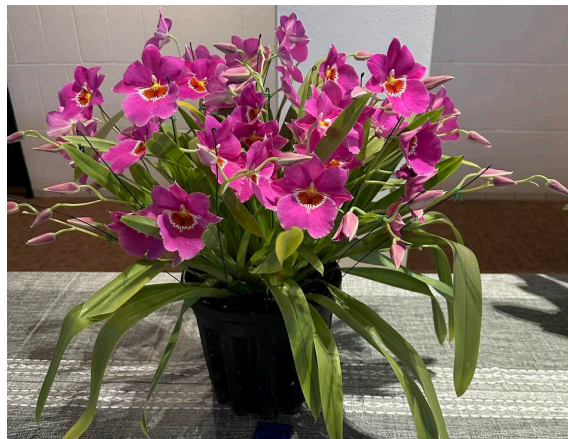
Sarc. Sceptrodes - Fay Citrone



Bulb. *echinolabium* 'The Big Stink' - Mai Conaway



Onc. Orchidom Dancer x Onc. Orchidom Happy Choice - Bob Johnston



Judges' Choice of the evening: Mltnps. Jolene Carlson 'Ravishing' AM/AOS - Jos Venturina Photo by Susan Travers

Well life on the farm is kinda laid back...NOT.

Eric and Wendy graciously hosted our Maryland Orchid Society cookout at Eric's beautiful farm August 26. MOS members contributed scrumptious dishes and beverages and we all had a blast. We were treated to the affections of various varieties of dogs (Crocus, Charley, Petunia) and cats (Chimp and Floofy Cat) and enjoyed the songs of Eric's many chickens and turkeys. Mai made a new friend, threatening to steal Eric's Chihuahua/Dachshund-and-lord-knows-what-else mix. Eric grows about 5 gazillion gorgeous and unusual orchids in his greenhouse and hanging from trees. Particularly interesting is the Epi. *ciliare* (see photo of Kathy Jackson at the bottom center).





Photo Credit: Jill Allen

MOS Annual Auction
Saturday November 11, 2023
'Preparing Your Plant Donations'

These donations are Tax deductible.
<https://marylandorchids.org/MOSDonations.pdf>

Bob Travers will use the October meeting beginners' corner to show how to make a Picture label for virtually free provided you have a computer and color printer.

The MOS auction will be here before you know it. The Auction is the major source of revenue for the Maryland Orchid Society for the year and your **QUALITY** donations are key to its success.

Start now deciding which of your plants you are willing to donate. You have probably been repotting and dividing your plants and need to make room for new acquisitions.

Plants that perform well: Species plants, particularly rare ones, in bloom Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Catasetinae, Habenaria, Blooming Cattleya alliance plants- small catts, brassocatts, mini catts.

Large specimen plants tend to be undervalued at our auction, particularly if not in bloom.

Check List for your Donation Plants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy and Pest free plants only Please 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not the time to unload underperforming weak plants.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plant that is healthy, but you have established will not bloom in your growing conditions can be donated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are your labels legible and accurate - you may need to remake the label
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plants with no label need a label indicating NOID and to the best of your knowledge the plant type and color 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groom your plants where necessary, clean leaves, stake inflorescences. Etc. Does your plant look like something you would want to purchase?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plants in Bud or Bloom will bring more money for the Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take and keep digital pictures of your plants in bloom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bare root healthy divisions are acceptable and must be labeled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your plant will not be in bloom at the auction, please make a picture label.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A day or two before the auction make sure your plants are watered and not dripping at the auction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pack your plants for transport. Some may need staking to prevent swinging inflorescences

Orchids at the 2023 MD State Fair



Judges: 2023 Maryland State Fair Orchid Exhibit

For the second year now since the COVID hiatus, MOS has picked up its sponsorship of the orchid exhibit at the Maryland State Fair. We define the entry classes in both Novice and Experienced divisions, solicit entries, and provide the ribbon judging. Although it is at a time when many of us have relatively few plants in bloom, it is the first opportunity of each year to earn a Show Table Participation Point, not to mention the unique opportunity to win (modest) cash prizes for ribbons. All the Experienced entrants were members of MOS: Fay Citerone, Dani Gent, Kathi Jackson, Bob Johnston, Clark Riley, Sarah Spence, and Bob Travers (Best of Show, Experienced for a *Cattleya* class entry). Among the Novice entrants, Patty Ruppert of Baltimore was judged Best of Show Novice for a *Phalaenopsis*, earning her a free MOS membership for this year. Thanks to Sally Over, our MOS colleague, who is also the Flower Czar (Czarina?) at the State Fair, for facilitating and organizing all the flower exhibits. FYI, next year a new class, Miniature Orchids, will be available for Experienced entrants.



Bubbles: Crowned "Miss Maryland State Fair 2023"

Clark's Corner

Singing the Orchid Blues

Looking at the monthly show table, we're treated to a veritable rainbow of colors. Remember the mnemonic ROY G BIV? We are definitely blessed with Reds, Oranges, Yellows, Greens, and Violets. But we usually come up wanting in the Blue-Indigo range. With the significant exception of some *Vandas*, *Thelymitras* and *Zygopetalums*, most orchid genera do not include true blues (sky blues and ocean blues).

The plant pigments responsible for orchid colors fall into 3 main groups: chlorophylls for your greens, flavonoids for your yellows, and anthocyanins for your pinks and lavenders. Ironically, "anthocyanin" comes from Greek for "flower-blue". Our usual rainbow comes from mixing these three groups. Orange and red orchids are typically of a yellow base with pink to lavender overlays. There are hundreds of chemical species within each major pigment group giving a great range of specific colors. The blue range of anthocyanins are simply missing from *Cattleya*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Oncidium*, and the ladiyslippers.

You might be thinking, "But I've seen blue *Phalaenopsis* at Home Depot." Sadly, those are dyed plants. Using a patented technique, each stem of a good white *Phalaenopsis* is injected with a dye that infuses evenly through the developing buds. Blooming the following year in culture will give nice pure white flowers.

But, don't despair. As noted by our speaker and fellow MOS member Rob Griesbach, genetic engineers in Taiwan have managed to transplant the blue pigment gene from some true-blue non-orchids into *Phalaenopsis*, giving permanent blues. Rob also cautioned that it may be a LONG time before they are approved for release in the US.



Thelymitra crinite. An Australian terrestrial



SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome to the AOS Corner, your monthly newsletter for Representatives, Presidents, and Newsletter Editors. We thank you for being a part of the American Orchid Society family. September is known for Labor Day, the start of the harvest months and the fall equinox, and traditionally, the beginning of a new school year.

Message from the Affiliated Societies Chair

The AOS is in the process of updating our website and we are looking for pictures from your Society. All types of photos are needed: Member Meetings including Speakers, Society Events – including Shows, Picnics and Raffles, and of course pictures with ORCHIDS! Please send pictures to affiliated_societies@aos.org.

You are cordially invited to be included as Honorary Affiliated Societies Committee Members at our next meeting on Wednesday – September 13th, 2023 @ 8 PM Eastern Daylight Time via Zoom. Honorary Members can share their thoughts about their Society and also participate in discussions with the Committee about future offerings. Please send me an RSVP to arod@aos.org if you are interested in attending and becoming an

To read more of the “AOS Corner” visit www.aos.org

National Capital Judging Center will be meeting on Saturday, October 7, starting at 12 noon. The venue is the Saint James United Methodist Church (12470 Old Frederick Road, Marriottsville, MD).

MOS welcomes new member Sherri Rashid!

MOS 2023-2024 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

August - September 2023: Exhibit at Maryland State Fair (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

September 21, 2023 - Monthly Meeting – Show Table Review and Awards

October 7, 2023 - NCOS Meets (St. James United Methodist Church)

October 7—NCOS Annual Auction (see ad below)

October 14 – MOS Fall Potting (& Dividing?) Workshop (specific time TBD???)

October 19 – Monthly Meeting

November 11, 2023 – Annual Auction

November 16 – Monthly Meeting

December 21, 2023 – Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party (move one week earlier?)

January 2024 – Rawlings Conservatory Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

11 – SET-UP (Plants Needed)

12 - 14 – On Display (Volunteer Attendants Needed)

TBD ??? – NCOS Paph Forum

January 18 – Monthly Meeting

January 25 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD ???

ZOOM???)

January - February 2024: Susquehanna OS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Orchid Loaners)

January 31 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

February 4 – Tear-down

February 15 – Monthly Meeting [NOTE: May conflict with NCOS Set-up ???]

TBD ??? – NCOS Annual Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

March 2024: MOS Annual Show & Sale (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

5 (Tu) - Staging set-up

6 (Wed) – Set-up exhibits

7 (Th) – AOS Judging; Preview sale 3-6 PM

8 – 10 (Fr-Su) – Show open to public

March 21 – Monthly Meeting

April 2024 – SEPOS Show (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

April 4 – Set-up (Plants and Designers Needed)

April 7 – Tear-Down

April 2024 TBD ??? – MOS Spring Workshop

April 18 – Monthly Meeting

May 16, 2024 – Monthly Meeting

June 13, 2024 – Monthly Meeting

July 25, 2024 – Board of Trustees Meeting (Location TBD???)

July or August 2024 (TBD ???) – MOS Picnic

August - September 2024: Exhibit at Maryland State Fair (Show Table Points Awarded to Participants)

07 October 2023

🕒 All day

NCOS Annual Auction

📍 North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8841 Kensington Branch Parkway
Chevy Chase, MD 20815 United States
[+ Google Map](#)

Details to be shared as the event draws closer. Check back often to learn more about this exciting event!





MARYLAND ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership: Annual Membership Dues are **\$30.00** per **Membership Year** [Sept 1 (current year) through Aug 31 (following year)] for all single, joint, or family memberships **residing at the same address**. **New members** joining after January 1 of the current year will be valid until August 31 of the following year. To be included in the **Society Roster** dues must be received by September 30. Please advise the Membership Chair if you do not want your information published in the Roster. **Members** are entitled to fully participate in the meetings and events, earn show table points for annual awards and advanced event notifications. MOS Roster and Newsletters are delivered to **Members Only** email.

Monthly Meetings are held on the Third Thursday of the month, September through June 7PM-10PM at Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane • Baltimore, MD 21212.

NEW MEMBER **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** **SINGLE** **DUAL** **FAMILY**

Name (Primary Member)	
Names (Associate) residing at the same address	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

Signature		Date			
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\$30 Due **Cash** **Check**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Maryland Orchid Society (MOS). Please return this form to the Membership Chair in person or mail to

MOS Membership Chair • 4506 Keswick Road • Baltimore, Maryland 21210

OR

Electronic Payment via PayPal [Membership | PayPal](#)

Credit cards accepted (fees apply). Email the fillable completed membership form to:

Membership Chair marylandorchid.membership@gmail.com **and**

Treasurer marylandorchidtreasurer@gmail.com

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.

Orchid Sunburn (I Hope It's Not Too Late)

Our friends and colleagues to the North and slightly East (Waldor Orchids) are growers and vendors with whom many of us happily deal. In addition they provide a series of educational posts for their clients and other growers. At times we're pleased to dip into their collection of materials to share something that may be timely. With many plants spending their summer vacations outside, this may be one of those contributions. Hopefully we can all focus on the causes and prevention section and not need to deal with the symptoms and treatment aspects.

Their recent article, which also discusses heat stress, can be found at <https://www.waldor.com/blogs/news/understanding-sunburn-in-orchids-causes-symptoms-prevention-and-treatment>.

Submitted by John Heinbokel, August 31, 2023..



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The *MOS Newsletter*, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community.

We invite articles, notices, etc., for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the first day of each month.

The MOS brings together people interested in orchids to promote and encourage orchid culture, preservation, education, propagation, hybridization, and all other orchid-related activities of interest to its members. Benefits of membership include a subscription to the Newsletter (e-mail and web), voting rights, borrowing privileges from the MOS Library, monthly guest speakers, local judging, door prizes, and much, much, more!

If you are interested in orchid culture and would like to meet others with similar interests, we cordially invite you to join the ranks of Marylanders already enjoying the benefits of membership in the Maryland Orchid Society.

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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 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 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m. Members may also attend via Zoom.