



President's Message

## Working with the Second String

I knew this time would come, although I almost managed to duck it. Our exceptionally competent and creative Newsletter editor, Laura Sobelman, got pulled away from those tasks by other obligations this month. Silly me (!); I volunteered to step in. How hard could it be?!

Yeah, well, I'm sure you've already figured out where this is going. Hopefully:

1. The information conveyed here will be accurate and useful.
2. It won't be too delayed in getting to the email blasting engine.
3. You'll recognize that the degradation in visual quality/appeal is just temporary.
4. When next you see Laura, you'll be sure to express your appreciation for what she does in this domain.

Just in case it's hard to figure out from the product I deliver, PLEASE note that buried somewhere in here are blurbs about:

1. Changes to the Virtual Show Table process.
2. Nominations for 2024-26 MOS officers.
3. Information about the SEPOS Show results (and some catch-up results from our March Show).
4. And other stuff you can probably anticipate from past Newsletters.



As always stay safe and healthy, grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us.

*John Heinbokel*

May 1, 2024

## MOS Welcomes the Following New Members ...

Susan and Jim Elliott

Christine and Stephen Kennedy

Sarah Spence

Chair, MOS Membership Committee



# MOS Show Table April 2024

by Joel Graham

## Novice

1. *Paph. hirsutissimum* - Maggie Shochet

## Homegrown

1. V. Cherry Blossum - Arne Schön
2. Tie *Phrag. sedenii* - Bob Travers  
Phrag. Chuck Acker - Maggie Shochet
3. Tie Slc. Jewel Box 'Scherazade' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson  
Phal. Chia E. Yeulin - Jill Allen

## Greenhouse

1. Lc. Fire Dance - Jos Venturina
2. Cda. Louis Posey - Clark Thomas Riley

## Cattleya

1. Blc. Hawaiian Lightning 'Fiesta' - Bob Johnston
2. *C. skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS - Kathi Jackson
3. Tie Slc. Jewel Box 'Scherazade' AM/AOS - Chris Zajac  
Slc. Jewel Box 'Scherazade' AM/AOS - Fay Citerone

## Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Little Gem Stripes - Chris Zajac
2. Tie *Phal. philipinensis* - Robin Neukam  
Phal. Noid - Wanda Kuhn
3. Tie *Phal. equestris* alba - Jill Allen  
Phal. Little Gem Stripes - Amanda Gallegos

## Paphiopedilium

1. Phrag. Giganteum - Aaron Webb
2. Tie *Phrag. caudatum* 'Regal Bearing' - Laura Sobelman  
Paph. QF Golden Mini - John Heinbokel
3. Paph. Xanthophyllum - Todd Jackson

## Dendrobium

1. Den. Tangerine Stars - Jos Venturina
2. Den. 'Little Green Apples' - Todd Jackson
3. Tie Den. nobile hyb. - Clark Thomas Riley  
Den. normanbyense - Bob Travers

## Oncidium

1. Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Angel' - Wanda Kuhn
2. Mps. (Maui Stars x Edie Brown) - Bob Johnston

## Miscellaneous

1. Bulb. Emly Siegerist 'A-doribil' - Bob Travers
2. Zygo. Noid - Robin Neukam
3. V. Badejoko Olunloyo - Arne Schön

## Species

1. *Max. elatior* - Jos Venturina
2. *Asco. ampullacea* - Arne Schön
3. *Lept. politinocoi* - Brenda Logan

## Miniature

1. Bc. James Pinkney - Robin Neukam
2. Slc. Beau's Apricot Gem - Bob Travers
3. Pths. grobi - Brenda Logan

## First Bloom

1. Paph. (*greyi* x *micranthum*) - Maggie Shochet
2. Phrag (*longifolium* x Estelle Getty) - Joel Graham

## Fragrance

1. Blc. Volcano Island 'Volcano Queen' - Bob Johnston
2. *Phal. belina* - Robin Neukam
3. Phal. KS Happy Eagle 'Wilson' - Wanda Kuhn

Another spectacular show table, and once again bolstered by some great plants grown by relatively new members. There were 78 blooming plants on the show table. The Judges' Choice went to the pristinely well grown and well bloomed Lc. Fire Dance brought in by Jos Venturina. Additional exhibitors not mentioned above were: Diane Elam, Bill Franke, Dave Smith, David Smith, Sarah Spence, Eric Wiles, and Norm and Maria Zickhur. Our judges for the evening were Ernie Drohan, Vincent Russo and Joy Marlowe.

## May MOS Program by Fay Citerone

*'Catasetinae: History through the eyes of the breeder.'*



This program looks at Catasetinae from the first hybrid through the hybrids available today; then we look at cultural considerations. Wade will be bringing orchids for sale (and a door prize!).

Wade says: "I've been growing orchids since 1978. I am a member of the Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society, Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania, and the American Orchid Society. I am growing in a 21' X 24' greenhouse. I sell orchids to help pay the fuel bills for the greenhouse. I also sell orchids because I enjoy purchasing flasks and community pots that I feel have very good potential in some way. I am beginning a breeding program with Encyclias and the Cattleya alliance. I also have a goal of providing healthy plants to others at reasonable prices. I have fond memories of days long gone

where it was inexpensive to invest in new directions in breeding and growing the seedlings in anticipation of becoming the first person to see the flower of this unique orchid. I hope to bring that format back to you, the orchid grower."

<http://www.wadesorchids.com/>

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### Virtual Show Table Provided by fay Citerone

#### (A Change, a Clarification, and Some Reminders)

One of the recent benefits of COVID is that it triggered us to initiate a Virtual Show Table option for those not able to bring plants to the actual face-to-face meetings. Fay Citerone has been organizing those slide decks, along with building our monthly programs and acquiring door prizes. Much of that all comes due during the week of our meetings, so we are very pleased that Mai Conaway has volunteered to assist with those critical tasks. Accordingly:

1. **CHANGE:** Please submit photos by the Wednesday before the meeting to **Mai Conaway at conawaymai@yahoo.com**
2. **CLARIFICATION:** The name of the orchid **must be** typed in the email, text message, or be part of the photo file name.
  1. No photos of plant labels will be allowed.
  2. Feel free to use 'NOID,' 'NOLABEL,' or other creative approaches to acknowledging that a given plant has no label. Such 'orphans' are always welcome on any of our Show Tables.
3. **REMINDERS:**
  1. Virtual Show Table plants are essentially all 'Non-competitive' submissions. They will contribute participation points but not ribbon points at year-end.
  2. Should we have a large number of submissions in a given month, we reserve the right to limit the number of pictures from an individual. That should be a very unusual event.

## Election Process for MOS Officers



**Election Date: June 20, 2024 Meeting**

**Nominated Slate of Officers 2024 – 2026**

**President: Bob Travers**

**Vice President: Marc Kiriou**

**Treasurer: Brenda Logan**

**Secretary: Diane Elam**

**Directors: Robin Neukam and Joy Marlowe**

**Per the MOS By-Laws, additional nominations can be made.**

**Nominations from the MOS Members at Large will be accepted at the May 16, 2024, meeting.**

1. “Nominations from the membership at large may be made in writing by a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of the Society and delivered to the President prior to the adjournment of the monthly meeting (if any) of the Society in May ... , or, if there is no monthly meeting in May, prior to the end of May. Nominations for all offices shall be closed at the adjournment of the May monthly meeting, or, if no monthly meeting is held in May, at the end of the last day in May. “
2. **All final nominations will be published in the June Newsletter, and the election will take place at the June Monthly (Society Annual) meeting.**
3. Per the By-Laws, “a plurality of votes cast at the meeting shall be required for election, provided that, if there is only one nominee for any office, the Secretary shall be instructed by the President to cast a single ballot for the nominee for each such office, and such nominee shall be elected to such office upon declaration by the President.”
4. **“Upon election, the officers shall take office at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office until the conclusion of the second June meeting after the meeting at which they are elected or until their successors have been elected. “**

**Here is some information to help you get to know our nominees in MOS Terms.**

<b>Bob Travers</b>	Joined MOS in 1988, was Vice President twice: initially with Valerie Lowe when she was President, and now with John Heinbokel, worked MOS Library, Away Shows, MOS Show, Annual Auction, Show Table, Speaker at workshops and meetings
<b>Marc Kiriou</b>	Joined MOS in 2017, has been a Director, House support, MOS Show Chair, Annual Auction, Show Table, Speaker at workshops and meetings
<b>Brenda Logan</b>	Joined MOS in 2014, has been a Director, current Treasurer and will be term limited following this next term. Supported MOS Annual Auction, workshops, monthly auctions.
<b>Diane Elam</b>	Joined MOS in 2015, has been a Director, current Secretary and continuing in the next term.

<b>Robin Neukam</b>	Joined MOS in 2022, has participated in MOS Activities beyond the monthly Meetings, including MOS Shows and Auction.
<b>Joy Marlowe</b>	Joined MOS in 2023, has participated in MOS Activities beyond the monthly Meetings, including MOS Shows and Auction.

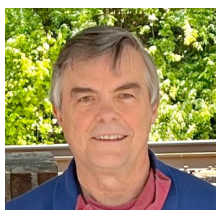
Kathi Jackson and Chris Zajac will move from current Director Roles into Committee Chair Roles. Committee chairs are still valued voting members of the MOS Board.

Thank You to the Nominating Committee Laura, Clark, Jill, and Bob for your active willingness and thoughtful participation in this process of presenting a slate of officers which will serve the Maryland Orchid Society well, as we continue to move into the future.

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## Clark's Corner

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### *Do Your Orchids NEED Fertilizer?*

Orchids, in general, are slow growing plants. Most of the orchids we grow as a hobby — or at least their ancestors — are epiphytes or tree-dwelling plants. In nature, their ancestors would have derived everything they needed from whatever fell on their bare roots. That would have included frequent rains along with plant debris and bird or bug poop. That's not much in the fertility category. So epiphytic orchids are really good at capturing and holding on to nutrients. In cultivation, we pot our orchids in various mixes and water with tap water. This is probably adequate for orchid survival. Adding nutrients in the form of fertilizer CAN boost the quantity and quality of growth. But a little goes a long way. Too much fertilizer can cause leaf tip and root tip burn and actually damage the plants. If you fertilize your orchids, a good ancient rule is “weekly, weakly”. When fertilizing, use about ¼ the strength on the fertilizer label. Your plants will get anything they need and not too much. Another good rule is “double watering”. Soak the plants first and then come back with the fertilizer solution. That way, the mix is less likely to accumulate fertilizer salts. Finally, use a fertilizer designed for orchids. Our tap water is really good but may lack some traces of essential elements. More complete fertilizers will include elements such as calcium, magnesium, iron, molybdenum, boron, and so forth. Most good garden centers will have either orchid formulae or “plus” versions of house plant fertilizers. Read the labels.

So, do your orchids NEED fertilizer. Possibly not, but a LITTLE extra may give you bigger, better specimens.

Clark Riley  
May 4, 2024



## **MARYLAND EXHIBIT AT THE 2024 SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW**

Thanks to the design expertise of Sarah Hurdel and the help of Susan and Robert Travers, Clark Riley, John Heinbokel, Jos Venturina as well as the generous donation of plants from Susanne Gaertner, Amanda (and Lily & Emily) Gallegos, Joel Graham, John Heinbokel, Kathi Jackson, Robert Johnston, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Robin Neukam, Clark Riley, Arne Schon, David Smith, Laura Sobelman, Sarah Spence, Robert Travers, Jose Venturina, Aaron Webb, Eric Wiles, Barry Woolf and Chris Zajac; the Maryland Orchid Society installed an award-winning 100 square foot exhibit!

This Maryland Orchid Society exhibit received the AOS Show Trophy for the Best Exhibit in Show, an 86 point Silver Certificate from the American Orchid Society and the Orchid Digest Award for Best Non-Commercial Exhibit on our 100 square foot exhibit!



*Image by Valerie Lowe*

Other ribbons/awards received were:

PLANT	AWARD	OWNER
Guarianthe skinneri 'Casa Luna', AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Suzanne Gaertner
Dendrobium Hawaiian Delight 'Puanani'	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amanda Gallegos
Phalaenopsis Little Gem Stripes	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amanda Gallegos
Paphiopedilum gratrixianum	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Paph	Joel Graham
Paphiopedilum tranlienianum #1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Graham
Phalaenopsis japonica	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Graham
Phrag. caudatum 'Regal Bearing', AM/AOS #1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joel Graham
Phalaenopsis amabilis #1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joel Graham
Dendrobium YaYa Victoria '4N'	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Heinbokel
Rntda. Maui's Mini Freckles	2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Heinbokel
Rlc. Jennifer Off 'Joan', HCC/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Cattleya hybrid	Robert Johnston
Rlc. Toshie's Magic 'Doris'	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Johnston
Dendrobium Love Memory Fizz	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marilyn Lauffer

Ons. Wildcat ‘Golden Red Star’	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Onc. hybrid	Robin Neukam
Phrag. Schroederae ‘Penn Valley’, AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robin Neukam
Masdevalia impostor	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robin Neukam
Masd. Claret Chalice ‘Harford’s Wine Festival’, AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin Neukam
Paphiopedilum tranlienianum #2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clark Riley
Paph. Yang-Ji Hawk	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clark Riley
Cym. [Green Glass x (Icho Tower x Mighty Mouse)]	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clark Riley
Paph. venustum v. alba	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laura Sobelman
Phalaenopsis Pink Kiss	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Phal. hybrid	Sarah Spence
Prosthechea cochleata	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Travers
Paph. Hawaiian Tea ‘Susan J.’, AM/AOS #1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Travers
Phal. Sams Sunshine	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Travers
Chamaeangis hariotiana	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Travers
Zygonisia Snow Bird ‘Kaila’, HCC/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Travers
Phalaenopsis amabilis #2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Travers
Polystachya paniculata	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Travers
Liparis formosana ‘Sesshu’ #2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Travers
Dendrobium normanbyense	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Travers
Phal. Ruby Roberts	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Travers
Restrepiella ophiocephala	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Travers
Vanda ampullacea	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Vanda species	Arne Schon
Coelogyne nitida	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arne Schon
Vanda Cherry Blossom ‘Carmela’, AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arne Schon
Vanda barnesii	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arne Schon
Cattleya gloedianiana	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Cattleya Species	David Smith
Stelis morganii	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Smith
Dendrochilum yuccifolium	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Smith
Rth. Love Passion ‘Orange Bird’, AM/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jos Venturina
Ctt. Fire Dance	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jos Venturina
Rth. Clayton’s Uncle Joe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jos Venturina
Miltonia flavescens	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Wiles
Cattleya Petite Song	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Wiles
Mtdm. Issaku Nagata ‘Volcano Queen’, HCC/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Wiles
Masdevalia infracta ‘Harford’, AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Wiles
Cynorkis angustipetala #1	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Wiles
Coelogyne massangeana	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Wiles
Lyonara Doug Lace ‘Orange Crush’	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eric Wiles
Dendrobium aggregatum	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Dendrobium Species	Barry Woolf
Maxillaria variabilis #1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Barry Woolf
Paphiopedilum esquirolei	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Woolf

Dendrobium amabile v. alba	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Maxillaria tenuifolia	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Maxillaria coccinea	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Onc. John Louis Shirah	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Dendrobium Violet Yamaji 'Puanani', AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Paph. (Yang-Ji Apple x Hung Sheng General) #1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Paph. (Yang-Ji Apple x Hung Sheng General) #2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Maxillaria variabilis #2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Woolf
Phal. Taida Blush 'Taida'	1 <sup>st</sup> , Best Phal hybrid	Chris Zajac
Phal. Taida King's Caroline 'Taida's Little Zebra', AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Zajac



*Image by Clark Riley*

I would like to thank John Heinbokel, Clark Riley, Christi Sullivan, Bob and Susan Travers, Jos Venturina and Eric Wiles for helping to tear down the exhibit and getting it packed up and transported home.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Lowe  
Away Shows Chair



# MOS 2023-2024 Calendar

(NOTE: Still some question marks)

May 16, 2024 – Monthly Meeting

June 20, 2024 – Monthly Meeting (Election of Officers for 2024 -26)

July 18, 2024 – Virtual Show Table (ZOOM)

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

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

August 15, 2024 – Virtual Show Table (ZOOM)

August - September 2024: Maryland State Fair –  
Show Table Points (First of 2024-25) Awarded to  
participants

... and keep in mind ...

Nov 16, 2024 – MOS Annual Auction

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## LOCAL AOS NEWS

February 16, 2024: National Capital Judging Center at the Annual National Capital Orchid Society Show

**Robert Travers'** plant of *Crepidium commelinifolium* v. *atropurpureum* 'Joel's Gift' received an 84 point Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM) from the American Orchid Society (right image below).

Images and report by Sarah Hurdell



Jason Gebbia's plant of *Phragmipedium* Cape May County 'Icy Peach' received an 82 point Award of Merit (AM) from the American Orchid Society (left image above)..



National Capital Judging Center (NCJC)

The NCJC will be meeting on June 1, 2024 at the Saint James United Methodist Church located at 12470 Old Frederick Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. Judging starts at noon. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you have plants you want considered for an American Orchid Society Award or not.

## Results that were Overlooked in Last Month's Newsletter



### Maryland Orchid Society Show Award Results

#### Best Table-Top Exhibit

(The MOS Award; Sponsored by John Heinbokel)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	Chris Zajac	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)

#### Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit

(The Shirley Jackson Memorial Award; Sponsored by Kathi Jackson)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry

#### Best Hobbyist Exhibit

(The Dr. Alanah Webb Award; Sponsored by Aaron Webb)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	Chris Zajac	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)

#### Best Orchid Society Exhibit

(The Kensington Orchids Award; \$50; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibits, Large Floor (Greater than 40-Square-Foot)

#### Runner Up Orchid Society Exhibit

(The Kensington Orchids Award; \$25; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	Catoctin Orchid Society	Society Exhibits, Small Floor (Up to 40-Square-Foot)

#### Best Non-Commercial Exhibit

(The Sobelman Award; Sponsored by Laura Sobelman)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	National Capital Orchid Society	Society Exhibits, Large Floor (Greater than 40-Square-Foot)



## Maryland Orchid Society Show Award Results

### Best Standard Cattleya

(The Barbara Buck Memorial Award; \$50; Sponsored by Robert and Susan Travers)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Joe Francis	Cattleya Culminant 'La Tuilerie', AM/AOS

### Best Cattleya Alliance in Show

(The S. L. Spence Award; Sponsored by Sarah Spence)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Robin Collins	Epidendrum Helen Yamada 'Kauai Beauty'

### Best Cymbidium Alliance in Show

(The Danny Adams Award; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Robin Collins	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vistas', CCE/AOS

### Best Paphiopedilum in Show

(The Debbie Riley Award; Sponsored by Clark Riley)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Robin Collins	Paphiopedilum venustum 'Virginia Vistas', CCM/AOS

### Best Phragmipedium in Show

(The Memorial D. Anne Lowe Award; Sponsored by Valerie Lowe)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Jason Gebbia	Phragmipedium besseae v. flavum 'Moss Stone Landing', AM/AOS

### Best Cyrtopidium Alliance in Show

(The Gary Krause Memorial Award; Sponsored by Marc Kiriou)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Robin Collins	Paphiopedilum venustum 'Virginia Vistas', CCM/AOS



## Maryland Orchid Society Show Award Results

### Best Specimen Plant in Show (The Smith Award; Sponsored by David Smith)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
1	Sarah Hurdal	Bulbophyllum aff .grandiflorum 'Needmore'

### Best Plant in Show (The Merritt Huntington Memorial Award; Sponsored by Maryland Orchid Society)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Robin Collins	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vistas', CCE/AOS

### Best Miniature in Show (The Margaret Smith Award; Sponsored by David Smith)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	David Smith	Dockrillia linquiforme

### Best Vanda Alliance in Show (The Benigna A. Venturina Award; Sponsored by Jos Venturina)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
3	John Stoner	Robiquetia merrillii

### Best Miscellaneous Alliance in Show (The Wiles Award; Sponsored by Eric Wiles)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	Bernard Gerrard	Coelogyne flaccida

### Best Species in Show (The Ann Lundy Award; Sponsored by Lee Lundy)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
9	Robin Collins	Dendrobium farmeri





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9	Robin Collins	Cymbidium Green Meadows 'Virginia Vistas', CCE/AOS

### Best Miniature in Show (The Margaret Smith Award; Sponsored by David Smith)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	David Smith	Dockrillia linguiforme

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## NEWS FROM THE ODC Provided by Valerie Lowe

1. Did you know we have a new website? Check it out here:  
<https://www.orchiddigest.org/>!
2. The latest Orchid Digest Journal: 88-2 April, May, June 2024 has mailed and will arrive in your mailbox any day now—if you have a print + digital membership.
3. Mark your calendars for the Orchid Digest Speaker's Day, both in person and virtual, on Saturday, June 8th. Speakers so far scheduled include David Haelterman from Colombia, Scott McGregor, and Marc Hachadourian. Registration is \$99 for members and \$125 for non-members attending in person and \$40.00 for virtual registration. Vendors will be selling. This year's event will include a catered dinner at the Huntington. You won't want to miss this opportunity! Information on registration will be coming soon.

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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.

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.