



The Maryland Orchid Society Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Society

December 2019

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**Merry Christmas,
and Happy
Hanukkah, Festivus
and Kwanzaa, from
Laura Sobelman and
Sarah Spence!**



Dear orchid enthusiasts,

During this time of year, the light outside fades quickly. If you start to get the blues, go hug your Cattleyas. Even if **you** don't like winter, many of your orchids will enjoy the lower light levels and temperatures, and shorter days so they can store energy to grow and bloom in the spring. Pay attention to which plants need less light and water than others, for more successful springtime blooming.

A big shout out to everyone who helped out at and/or donated plants to the November auction, as well as those who purchased plants to support the MOS. This event, our biggest fundraiser, was a record-breaker and the most financially successful in the past 12 years! We know it sounds like a broken record, but we sincerely could not have been so successful without the support, donations, and purchases of our members. We also had the most people attending and bidding thanks to social media and spreading the word.

Last month, our speaker Fred Clarke's beautiful orchid shipment did not make it to our meeting in time. If you pre-ordered plants, they are being housed and cared for by David and Margaret Smith. Please get in touch with David to arrange to get your orchids. We will be bringing the remainder to sell at the December meeting/party.

At the December 19 meeting, there will be no speaker, but we will be holding our exciting annual holiday and awards party. Barbara Buck (410-412-6294 / barbarabuck2015@comcast.net) will be coordinating the menu. Please let her know what you will be bringing so we don't end up with 10 fruitcakes. In addition, we will be announcing and celebrating our Members' Choice Awards for Leadership and Service, as well as the winner of the president's Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence. And, we will be having our always-spectacular show table, so don't forget your blooming plants!

Also in December, we will be running a plant swap; for each plant you bring, you may take one plant. Learn more from Program Chair John Heinbokel.

MOS is again having a show at the Rawlings Conservatory on January 17-19, 2019, the goal of which is public orchid education and increasing membership, as well as promoting the Conservatory. It is a beautiful and fun event, so please consider volunteering, donat-

ing plants, and/or visiting to show your support. You earn a show table point for lending plants for display. See Sarah Spence for more information.

On the horizon is the annual MOS Show and Sale. It will be here before you can say *Angraecum chimanimaniense*, so start thinking about exhibits, plants that might be in bloom, and helping in any way possible! For questions, see Marc Kiriou. Marc has graciously agreed to take on the MOS Show Chair slot.

And lastly, we need to start thinking about the new MOS board slate. We are hoping that many of our current board will stay on, but we will need suggestions for the President, Vice President, Directors, and other positions. Tom McBride is also hoping to find someone to replace him as Show Table Chair. He has been a devoted and dedicated Chairperson for 30+ years, and would now like to relax a bit at the meetings.

Happy holidays! Grow long and prosper and may the orchids be with you.

Laura

Now for a little MOS business...

At the October Board meeting, I expressed concern for the diminishing attendance at Board meetings and the difficulty in getting hosts for the meetings. I made the suggestion that we reduce the number of Board meetings from 4 per year to 2 per year, one in July just before the beginning of the fiscal year, and one in January prior to our spring show. This proposed change will require a change in the by-laws. Board members in attendance agreed. The current by-laws, Article III, Section 2, states:

Regular Meetings. The Board of Trustees shall hold regular meetings quarterly, in January, April, July, and October of each year, at such times and places as shall be designated by the President, or in the absence of a designation by the President, by the Board of Trustees.

Upon approval of the membership at the regular December meeting, Article III, Section 2 shall read as follows: **Regular Meetings.** The Board of Trustees shall hold regular meetings in January and July, of each year, at such times and places as shall be designated by the President, or in the absence of a designation by the President, by the Board of Trustees.

Sarah

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November's 2019 Show Table Winners by Tom McBride

Novice

1. Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' - Dan Woodburn
2. Onc. Sharry Baby - Debbie Lippincott

Home Grown

1. Hab. carnea 'Bryon' - Sarah Hurdel
2. Tie C. Portia 'Cannizaro' FCC/AOS - Marilyn Lauffer
Ang. sesquipedale - Bob Travers
3. Tie Phrag. Bel Royal - Chris Bauer
C. Hybrid - Katia Boutista
Blc. Hsinying Little Bride '#1' - Chris Zajac

Greenhouse

1. Phal. (Liz Greelees X Golden Days) X Sunline -
The Adamses
2. Pot. Cesear's Head 'Carolina Autumn' - Eric Wiles
3. Lc. Cornelia 'Kalapana' - Clark Riley

Cattleya

1. Bc. Maikai 'Maiyumi' The Adamses
2. Tie Blc. (Toshie Aoki X Waianae King) 'Hawaii' -
Bob Johnston
Rlc. Hsinying Mini Dancer 'C.H.#1' - Sarah Spence
Lc. Kristi Masuhare 'Paradise' - Eric Wiles
3. Enc. vitellina - Arne Schon

Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. equestris - The Adamses
2. Phal. aphrodite - The Soykes
3. Phal. Carol Darnell - Pete Ma

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. Paph. gratixianum - Joel Graham
2. Tie Paph. Woosner Koloniv - The Adamses
Paph. villosum var. annamense - Chris Bauer
Paph. F.C. Puddle 'Superbum' CCM/AOS -
Bob Travers
3. Tie Paph. Macabre Monthra - Marc Kiriou
Paph. Norito Hasagawa - Mark Robbins
Phrag. Eric Young - Laura Sobelman

Dendrobium

1. Den. Enobi 'Purple Splash' - Chris Zajac
2. Den. macrophyllum - The Adamses

Oncidium

1. Hwra. Mini Primi 'Harford' - Marc Kiriou
2. Btcm. Little Dragon 'Carmela' - Joel Graham
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS -
Bob Travers

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. Hab. Flamingo 'Rubenesque' AM/AOS - Bob Travers
2. Tie Rnet. Sunrise 'Prasong' AM/AOS - The Adamses
V. Hybrid - Katia Boutista
3. Tie V. Yano Blue - Phuong Tran & Rich Kaste
Ascda. All Steel - Eric Wiles

Species

1. W. amazonica - Bob Travers
2. Bulb. plumatum - Marc Kiriou
3. Tie Ddc. bicallosum - The Adamses
Coel. incrassata - Sarah Hurdel

Miniature

1. Pths. picta - David Smith
2. Epi. porpax - Brenda Logan
3. Tie Sppm. breve - Marc Kiriou
Soph. (brevipedunculata X cernua) - Arne Schon

First Bloom Seedling

1. Paph. (faireanum X Macabre Chant) - Joel Graham
2. Hab. Canary #1 - Sarah Hurdel

Fragrance

1. Rlc. Oconee 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS - Pete Ma
2. Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Costa Mesa' AM/AOS -
Bob Johnston

Thank You to our judges who were, Suzanne Gaertner, Marilyn Lauffer and Mark Robbins.

Our show table had an incredible display of 120 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

The Judges Choice of the Evening

Hab. carnea 'Bryon', exhibited by Sarah Hurdel.



David's Corner



PLANT LABELS

I'm going to provide some information about plant labels, those plastic pieces stuck into pots with a plant name written on them. Many pot labels carry some good information, while others are basically worthless.

Some questions:

- 1) What good are pot labels?
- 2) What info should a useful label carry?
- 3) How to interpret a pot label?
- 4) Do I keep the original label?
- 5) Should I add my own info to the label, or even add an extra label with my info?
- 6) Examples of pot labels, good and poor.

Submitted by David Smith -
Education

New Member's Corner

MOS welcomes...
Ian Neiman
Greg and Vickie Kelly
Dr. Daniel Woodburn

Submitted by Sarah Spence - Membership Chair



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December Program Notes
by
John Heinbokel



Holiday Party Time

Holiday Party

It's that time of year again – long nights, cold days, and warm hearths and hearts. As usual in December we forego the outside speaker and turn inward toward our local friendships and the sharing of holiday cheer. Much of the evening will seem familiar: show table, some MOS business, door prize, and perhaps something being auctioned. There'll be a more lavish than usual food spread (come hungry!) – and you are ALL invited to contribute any of your traditional family plates (sweet or savory) to make the offerings as special and festive as possible (please give Barbara Buck - barbarabuck2015@comcast.net - a heads-up). And there'll be more time than usual to mix and mingle and get to know what's happening with each other, as we celebrate our ways through the various holidays that have been occupying our time and energy!

Plant Swap or Give Away

This year we'll also repeat an activity from last year and provide a setting for swapping (or giving away) plants. Do you have duplicates, surplus, or just some specimens, seedlings, or divisions ready for new homes? We want to keep this as simple as possible; so for anything you want to move along: 1) Place your name on the plant; 2) Identify it as a "SWAP" or a "GIVE AWAY" (our intent is that no money will change hands this evening); and 3) Respect the 'honor system' and only acquire a 'swap', if you've brought in something of yours for swap in exchange.



Maryland Orchid Society 2019-2020 Calendar

December 19, 2019 - Monthly Meeting/Holiday Party

January 16, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

January 17, 18, 19, 2020 - Rawlings Conservatory

Show January 23, 2020 - Board Meeting

January 29, February 2 - SOS Show Set Up

February 20, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

February 13-17, 2020 - NCOS Show Set Up

March 6, 7, 8, 2020

Tuesday, March 3 - Staging Set-up

Wednesday, March 4 - Set-up Exhibits

**Thursday, March 5 - AOS Judging Preview Sale
3-6 PM**

Friday, March 6-8, 2020 - Show opens to public

March 19, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

April 1-5, 2020 - SEPOS Show set-up

April 18, 2020 - Spring Workshop

April 16, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

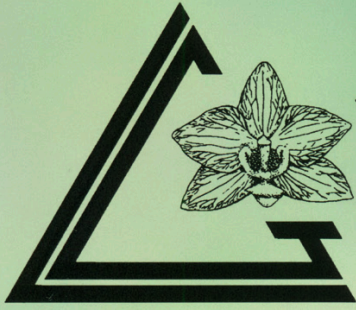
April 23, 2020 - Board Meeting

May 21, 2020 - Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2020 - Monthly Meeting



Happy Holidays! Come join us for



*The Little Greenhouse
Orchids*

OPEN HOUSE

for Maryland Orchid Society members

Saturday, December 21, 2019

9:00 AM until 5:00 PM

**We are offering you a discount of 25% off of ALL
regularly priced plants for this one-day event!**

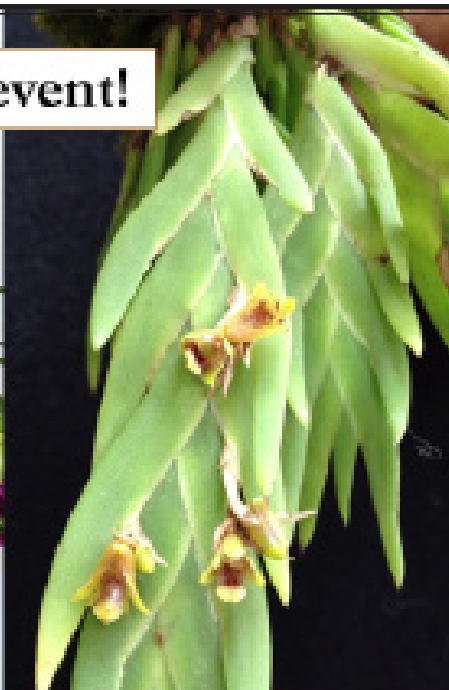


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\$50.00 Gift Certificate.**

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Annual anticipated event!

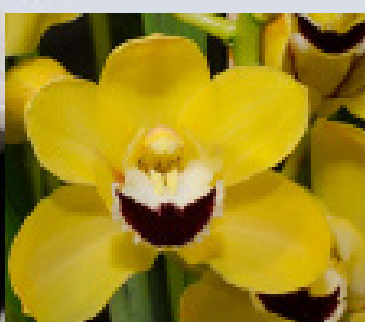


**American Orchid Society
Northeast Judging Center**

**Orchid Auction
December 21, 2019**

**The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Ave, Morris
Township, NJ**

Plant Preview 9:30am, bidding starts at 10:30am



FREE admission, parking
and lunch buffet.

Cash or check accepted,
sorry no credit cards



Over 100 rare and hard to find plants!

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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.