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President's Column



2011 is going to be a great year for the Memphis Orchid Society! Thanks to the efforts of our Program Director, Forrest Brem, we have a full agenda of very interesting speakers scheduled throughout the year. And our annual show will be even more exciting than usual, since we are hosting the Mid-America Orchid Congress for the first time in decades! In a time when many orchid societies across the country are seeing declining membership, we're fortunate to be a part of a society that is growing and doing exciting things -- and that's all because of you. As we all work together (and have fun together!), 2011 is going to be the best year ever!

A special thanks goes to Melissa Garner, our new webmaster! Melissa has quite a bit of experience in web design, and has lots of ideas for making our website more useful and enjoyable. I can't wait to see how it unfolds!

Special thanks also goes to Pam Popejoy, our new newsletter editor! Let's show our support by getting news items to her on time. And maybe you'd like to submit an article to her? Tell us about your favorite orchid or share some tips on culture. We'd love to hear what you have to say!

Our speaker for January, Francisco Miranda, is going to start our year off on a high note. You don't want to miss his presentation! I'll see you all on Sunday!

From the Forrest

Transitioning nicely from Susan's wonderful talk on the bifoliate Cattleyas, the first speaker in the 2011 MOS program schedule is Brazil native Francisco Miranda of Miranda's Orchids.

Francisco will be speaking to us about the stunning and diverse Laelias of Brazil. As a taxonomist and lifelong naturalist in a biologically diverse country, Francisco has vast knowledge of the orchids of Brazil and is a recognized authority of Laelias and Cattleyas of South America. Francisco has explored numerous natural orchid habitats across Brazil and will be showing us not only the orchids he's encountered along the way but also the habitats in which they naturally grow (invaluable knowledge when it comes to understanding growing any orchid).

In addition, and lucky for us, Francisco is also a commercial grower of Brazilian orchids and will be offering us a variety of species and some hybrids, some of which he'll be talking to us about. So take a few minutes to visit his informative website and read a little about him and the plants he loves.

Thanks, Forrest Brem



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2011 Memphis Orchid Society Calendar

Jan	1/23 MBG	2 pm	Francisco Miranda from Miranda's Orchids	Laelias of Brazil	
Feb.	2/27 MBG	2 pm	Leo Schordje	The Everblooming Orchid Collection	
Mar.	3/27 MBG	2 pm	<i>Speaker not confirmed at this time.</i>		
Apr.	4/24 MBG	2 pm	Brenda Oviatt from Botanica Ltd.	Angraecoid Culture and Conservation	
May	5/20 – 22 Holiday Inn Select		Mid-America Orchid Congress I-240 & Poplar / 5795 Poplar Avenue 38119		
June	6/26 MBG	2 pm	Bill Thoms	Bulbophyllums	
July	7/24 MBG	2 pm	Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn Ltd.	Paphiopedilums	
Aug.	8/28 MBG	2 pm	Orchid Swap		
Sept.	9/25 MBG	2 pm	<i>Speaker not confirmed at this time.</i>		
Oct.	10/23 MBG	2 pm	<i>Speaker not confirmed at this time.</i>		
Nov.	11/27 MBG	2 pm	Frank Smith from Sunset Valley Orchids	Catasetinae Species & Their Cultivation	
Dec.	12/18 MBG	2 pm	Christmas Party		



Show Stop

EXCLUSIVE



Get Your Orchids Ready For Gulf Coast Show
Got your orchids ready? Memphis Orchid Society will be sending an exhibit to the Gulf Coast Orchid Society Show in Gautier, MS. Your orchids must be delivered to Dr. Fenwick Chappell's (901-327-0970) no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, 26 Jan. Please call ahead to confirm your delivery day and time. AND please remember to send a list of your potential entries to Charles & Susan (Memphisorchids@gmail.com) for preparing the exhibit labels/tags. It is easier to delete an entry than add a late one.

2011 MAOC & MOS Show in May
All activities will be at the Holiday Inn Select (I-240 & Poplar Ave - 901-682-7881). We will need specific volunteers to cover the sales tables for a couple of judges while they are judging, volunteers for Thursday night (layout), our usual Friday (unload), and Sunday (reload and clean up).

Trophy Sponsors Needed
Please let Debra Baker know if you would like to sponsor a trophy for our coming show in May. Trophies may be sponsored in honor or memory of others, or even anonymously, and only cost \$25. Even though there are a limited number available, sponsorships are essential to the financial success of our show and are a wonderful way to express appreciation to others. Just tell Debra (debaker1@fedex.com) how you want the sponsorship to read and you can send her a check or give it to her at the next meeting.

Charles & Susan Wilson

*MOS
needs
volunteers!*



Mail Bag

I have a beautiful Maxillaria I obtained several years ago – tagless.



It is one of the larger types, 17” tall from base of pseudobulb to top of leaf and 1 1/4” at the widest part of the leaf. The yellow and maroon single 2” flowers are scented like red hots and when it gets to go outside in summer it is in bloom constantly. Does anyone know what it is?
Pam Popejoy

Send in mail, articles, pictures, questions, et cetera to: memphisorchidnews@yahoo.com

Green Growers

Green Growers is a series of short 30 minute presentations before the monthly meetings designed to help newer growers who want to learn more get a jumpstart into the world of orchids and develop the confidence to expand their collections. We will cover some of the basics everyone needs to become a successful orchid grower such as: terminology, repotting and dividing, watering and humidity, substrate types, fertilizing, purchasing, and research.

Feb 2011 - Sympodial, lithophytic, Vandaceous, inflorescence... the terminology commonly encountered when learning how to grow any plants and where to get good information on how to make them happy can be an obstacle. We're going to start this year's Green Growers series with "Getting to Know Your Orchids: Terminology, Broad Taxonomy, and Research". This program will cover some of the common terminology and different groups of orchids you are sure to encounter and where to go to get information on how to keep your new plants happy and your current plants even stronger.

Forrest Brem



2011 MAOC & MOS Show Schedule

5/19 Thurs	5 pm – 8 pm	Early arrivals can unload orchids into exhibit/sales halls	
5/20 F R I D A Y	8 am – 7 pm	Set up of exhibits/sales tables	
	12 pm – 5 pm	Sales area open.	
	3 pm– 6 pm	Congress registration	
	5 pm – 7 pm	Executive committee meeting	
	6 pm	Plant entry registration closes.	
	7 pm – 9 pm	Committee meetings	Open to public
	5/21 S A T U R D A Y	7 am – 8 am	Judges/Clerks breakfast – restricted to active participants
8 am		Ribbon judging starts, followed by AOS point judging.	
when convenient		Judges/Clerks working lunch.	
9 am – 5 pm		Sales area open.	
10 am – 2 pm		Congress Registration	
12 pm – 5 pm		Exhibit area open.	
2:00 pm		Susan Young – ‘Scrapbooking Your Orchids’	Registration required
2:30 pm		Bart Jones – ‘Orchids of Tennessee’	Registration required
3:00 pm		Troy Meyers – ‘Orchid Conservation Through Flasking Propagation’ from Meyers Conservatory	 Registration required
4:00 pm		Jay Pfahl – ‘Orchids on the Internet’ from International Orchid Pictorial Species Encyclopedia	 Registration required
5 to 5:30 pm		Auction Preview & Happy Hour	Open to public
5:30 – 7 pm		Live Auction & Happy Hour - Fundraiser shared by MAOC & MOS	Open to public
7:00 pm		Banquet	Ticket required
5/22 S U N D A Y	7 am – 9 am	Affiliated Societies Breakfast - an informal meeting of reps of all orchid societies - ‘Finances and the Local Society’	Ticket required
	9 am – 11 am	MAOC Business Meeting	Open to public
	11 am- 12 pm	AOS Judges Forum – Tom Harper, Moderator	Open to public
	12 pm – 4 pm	Sales and Exhibits	
	4:00 pm	Sales close and Exhibits breakdown	

Thank
you



November 2010 Meeting Minutes



November 28th was a beautiful day, so Barbara Baker thanked everyone for coming to our meeting rather than their raking leaves. We had 10 visitors with at least one prospective member: Joyce Watson, Sue Aton, Jim Harwell, Grady Sparks, James & Gladys Prichard, Jeanie Henson, Carolyn Fisher, Charles Speed, and Mary White. We discussed the Holiday party and Ale Hooks passed around the sign up list for food and drinks. It's time to renew your membership for the New Year (\$25 and send or give to Debra Baker). Charles Wilson gave us an update on the MOS/MAOC Show scheduled for May 20-22: It's going to be a fantastic event! We have a new audiovisual committee headed up by the Garners. We need commercially sponsored goodies and give-aways for the 'Schwag Bags' that are to be given to visiting judges, dignitaries, exhibitors, and presenters. Debra Baker has 100 FedEx bags. Charles found a great deal on 4" potted orchids (as a gift to each registred delegate to the congress) of which many should be in bud or bloom by the show. The rest of us need to fill them with lots of Memphis hospitality and whatever you can find in sufficient numbers (e.g., note pads, pencils, pens, key chains, etc). Charles has arranged for local talent and nationally known speakers. There will be a huge auction as part of the banquet. The MAOC is sharing the auction earnings for the first time ever. There will be a special breakfast for societies to discuss issues facing membership, etc, MAOC business meeting and AOS judges forum as well as show exhibits and sales tables. Go ahead and put that weekend on your 2011 calendars. Please buy tickets for the full ride and sponsor trophies as you always do. We are all going to need to pitch in and take part in one of the biggest events in MOS history!

As if they don't do enough already, Charles and Susan Wilson have entered the American Orchid Society judging program at the Atlanta Judging Center. They will be driving to Atlanta for training on the second Saturday of every month for at least the next three years, or the rest of their life - whichever takes longer. If you have any orchids you'd like to have judged, they have generously offered to take them for us when they go.

We held the election of officers for next year: Mark Mills is our new president, stepping up from VP. Forrest Brem is now our vice president and program director. Melissa Garner is recording secretary, bless her heart. :-) Debra Baker is returning as best treasurer ever. Alejandro Hooks will continue to organize the refreshments for our meetings. Mark Mills introduced our speaker and resident Bifoliate Catteleya expert Susan Wilson. Susan did a fabulous job of describing 21 bifoliate complete with culture, characteristics, and ranges. She stressed that we should pay close attention to their roots to look for new growth before repotting. When you repot put them in a wood slat basket lined with sphagnum moss. Tie the plant in firmly with plastic twisties and fill with a bark mix. Water once a week but check to make sure the moss stays damp.

Thanks to Charles, Melissa, and Mark for their donations for the auction this month and to all the auction participants. Thanks again to every MOS member for your patience and support through the years. It has been a learning experience and a beautiful journey. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and expertise and for putting up with my lack of both!

Laura Evans, former recording stylist

2011
membership
dues - \$25 to
Debra Baker

Show & Tell

Marcus Valentine



Phal. hieroglyphica
(sister plant recently awarded 93 pt. CCE)

Forrest Brem



- Epidendrum spp,
- Laelianthe spp,
- Tolumnia Lemon Puff AM/AOS
x Raspberry Puff AM/AOS,
- Cephalotus follicularis

Nancy Detling



- Unknown dendrobium,
- Paph. Landmark (*glaucophyllum*
'Oz' x *sanderianum* 'Jacob's
Ladder' AM/AOS)

Sue Hall



- Slc. (C. Lutiaca 'Kodama' x
Slc. Pukalani Cherry),
- C. Burana Beauty,
- Ocedm. Everglades Elegance
'Nancy Lee'

Melissa Garner



- Rhyncattleanthe Orquidacea's
Little Fortune 'Dancing Girl',
- Onc. Twinkle 'Yellow
Fantasy',
- Den. Taksin Utopia x Mary
Caine

Ann Tivers



Onc. Tsiku Marguerite

Lanelle Lindsay



Paph. spicerianum

Adrian Giles



Blc. Gladys Oumde



Sue Hall picked Forrest's species
Epidendrum for Orchid of the Month!



The 2010 Holiday Party auction raised \$870 this year!

