

MOSNEWS

From the Orchid Office



Dendrobium dearei –A beautiful long lasting member of the section Formosae (Grown by Randall Bayer, photographed by F. Brem)

SEASONS GREETINGS

Greetings my fellow orchid lovers. We had a great year and I want to thank you all for making it possible. The show was a feast for the orchid-loving eyes. The speakers were top-notch. We've gotten to see (and acquire) many awesome orchids. Also, whether it be getting your first plant to rebloom or winning your first AOS award, I hope each one of us have learned a few things and become more accomplished growers. I could thank each one of you for something, especially those of you who contribute greatly to the annual show, but that would be a long list, so a few special thanks. Jim Harwell for the great programs. Debra Baker for keeping the books. Charles Wilson for the shows and training to become a judge. Susan Wilson for both of those things and working with Barbara Baker to put on a great party. Mark Mills for being a great host any society could ask for. Ellen Watson for organizing the food and drinks. Paul Garner and Adrian Giles for their volunteer work at the garden. Bill and Nancy Detling for their help with the membership. Rory Theeuwes for the newsletter. And last but not least, all our new members. Without the support of each one of us, a society like ours would not be possible which is just sad for me to think about. Thanks for making 2013 a great year. And I look forward to another great one in 2014.

Have a happy holiday season everyone; I hope to see you all on January 26, 2014 for the first meeting of the New Year.

Forrest Brem, President

DECEMBER 8, 2013

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VP & Program Chair's Corner

As the year ends we can take a step back and reflect on our local and guest speakers and the exciting topics they covered! We have learned much about Growing Under Lights, The Weird and Wonderful, how to grow Vandas from an expert, The First Ladies and Their Cattleyas and The Magnificent Stanhopeas! We want to thank everyone who helped make this past year a memorable one and look forward with anticipation to a wonderful and exciting new year in 2014!!

Jimmy Harwell, VP & Program Chair

MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2014 CALENDAR

January	01/26	2:00	Susan Wilson	Lycastes
February	02/23	2:00	Deb Delmas	Appreciating Furan
March	03/23	2:00	-	Society Orchid Swap
April	04/27	2:00	Robert Wayne with Roberts Flower Supply	
May	05/16-18	-	-	31st Annual Memphis Orchid Society Show & Sale
June	06/22	2:00	-	Green Growers and New Members Appreciation/Orientation Day
July	07/27	2:00	Mark Reinke with Marble Branch Orchids	
August	08/24	2:00	Unannounced	
September	09/28	2:00	Fred Clark	Mini and Compact Cattleyas
October	10/26	2:00	Barry Jones, AOS Judge	Space Saver Orchids
November	11/23	2:00	Unannounced	
December	12/7	2:00	-	Memphis Orchid Society Holiday Party

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MOS Classified Ads

- Have a plant that needs a good home or want to arrange a vendor order, email me (fbrem@memphis.edu) and I will post it in the MOS Classifieds. Ads are free!!!

The Detling Report

We had a good turnout for the October meeting with 39 members, one visitor, and one speaker. Our visitor, Marci McAlister, says she doesn't do well growing orchids, but she loves to paint them. We made sure she met our own Cathy O'Brien who grows as well as paints. Marci enjoys working in oils while Cathy prefers watercolors. Our next step is to convince Marci there is a real advantage to growing her own models!

Bill and Nancy

SUSAN WILSON

MOS Speaker, January 26, 2014

Susan Wilson, and husband Charles, joined the Memphis Orchid Society in 1997 and began helping put in exhibits at regional orchid shows. Susan retired after 27 years of nursing in 2004 and joined the American Orchid Society's judging program in 2010 where she is currently a certified probationary judge. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, fishing, and growing orchids in their hobby greenhouse in Hernando, Mississippi.

Show Schedule MOS is planning on sending exhibits to in 2014:

January 31 - February 2	MO	Greater St. Louis
March 14 - 16	MO	Springfield
March 28 -30	AL	Huntsville
April 4 - 6	AR	Little Rock
May 16 - 18	TN	Memphis Orchid Society Show

“Winners for Memphis”

On December 16, members of the Memphis Orchid Society sent orchids to Atlanta for the monthly American Orchid Society judging. Four Memphis members received 5 awards. Alex and Vicky Kumok received a 79-point Highly Commended Certificate for *Dendrobium shiraishii* ‘Lev’ HCC/AOS; Forrest Brem received an 80-point Award of Merit for *Lycaste Corrimal* ‘Spicy Gumper’ AM/AOS; Mark Mills received an 80-point Award of Merit on *Mormodes* (*Bacia* x *Virgen del Valle*) ‘Swamprad’ AM/AOS and an 82-point Certificate of Horticultural Merit for *Bulbophyllum stormii* ‘Swamprad’ CHM/AOS (provisional pending identification); and, Charles and Susan Wilson received a Certificate of Botanical Recognition for *Pleurothallis helleri* ‘Chasus’ CBR/AOS (provisional pending identification). Many thanks to all the members who made the effort to get their orchids together for the trip.

Charles Wilson, Show Chair



Bulb Stormii ‘Swamprad’ CHM



Den shiraishii ‘Lev’ HCC



Lyc Corrimal ‘Spicy Gumper’ AM



Pths helleri ‘Chasus’ CBR inflorescence



Mormodes (*Bacia* x *Virgen del Valle*) ‘Swamprad’ AM

November Meeting Minutes:

Program Speaker Tom Mirenda from the Smithsonian Institute Gardens gave a talk on “A Costa Rican Fantasy”. The trip included stops in Tapanti National Park, Bosque de Paz and Santa Elena. Walking trails allowed visitors to see many species and genus of orchids, large and small; including Sobralias that grow along the side roadways.

Reminder that the Christmas Party will be Mark Mills on Sunday December 8th starting 2pm. Remember to bring a dish and 2 items for Silent Auction. A reminder email will be sent by Debra Baker. It is also time to renew your membership. Charles Wilson is still working on finalizing the May 2014 Orchid show and sale. The 2014 Speaker List is also being finalized.

Our President, Forrest Brem, offered to be replaced, felt he had not done a good job but would stay for 2014 if the Membership agrees. He received a resounding Yes. Congratulations is also offered to Rory for the newsletter. Refreshments were provided by Paul and Melissa Garner, Ellen Watson and Judy Holzer. Ellen Watson still has open slots for refreshments for 2014. Please sign up!!!

Show and Tell: Plants were presented for Show and Tell from Marcus Mills, Forrest Brem, Marcus Valentine, Chuck Pintner and Melissa Garner. The plants for the month went to Melissa Garner for her Paph Hangianum x bellatulum and Chuck Pintner for his Dendrobium rigidum.

MOS Announcements:

The Memphis Orchid Society Holiday Party

A wonderful time was held at the home of Mark Mills Sunday, December 8, 2013 with around 40 members and guests attending. The Silent Auction raised \$1,114.50 and renewal dues were \$525.00.

Items from Debra Baker: Fertilizer is now available at \$4.00 per bag. If you would like a Memphis Orchid Society Name Tag, the cost is \$8.00 for a pin tag and \$10.00 for a magnet tag.

Please come prepared to sign up for food or drinks for one of the 2014 meetings. As a reminder, we’re keeping refreshments SIMPLE! Not a big spread, but chips & dip, cheese & crackers, cookies, fruits, etc. You will have 3 options for signing up:

- Savory snacks (chips & dip, cheese & crackers, etc.)
- Sweet snacks (cookies, brownies, fruit, etc.)
- Drinks (4-5 2-liter bottles)

You can always pair up with someone else to share the fun!

If you’re bringing drinks, please bring cups and something to put ice in – we can get ice in the kitchen, but there’s nothing to put it in.

We all enjoy the refreshments at the meetings – thanks for contributing to that important element of the meetings.

It is that time of the year again to review your membership dues for 2014. You can renew with check or cash at the November meeting or Christmas Party; dues are \$25.00 per family. Or if you prefer you can mail it to 3617 Graves Road, Memphis, TN 38116. Your renewal includes the Monthly Newsletter, Meeting and Guest Speaker reminders, and upcoming out of town shows.

AOS CORNER

The Trustees and Members meeting was held in Coral Gables with most of the meetings being held at Fairchild Botanic Gardens (the new home of the AOS). It was a great opportunity to get to know Fairchild and for Fairchild to see what the AOS is about. A nice show was arranged by the Coral Gables Orchid Society and at the AOS judging, awards were given to many local orchidists. In conjunction with the meetings, a number of AOS awards were presented. The Distinguished Affiliated Society Award (DSSA) was given to the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania for their volunteer commitment to Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh. An article will be forthcoming in *Orchids* about their joint project whereby they will be assisting in the establishment of an historic slipper orchid collection. An AOS Gold Medal was given to Harold Koopowitz for his dedication to orchids in conservation, biology hybridizing and publishing. Two AOS Silver Medals were bestowed upon Aileen Garrison and Jose Izquierdo in recognition of their service to the AOS judging system. Leon Glicenstein was recognized with an AOS Fellow for his outstanding scientific, horticultural and hybridizing; in addition, Leonid Averyanov was recognized with an AOS Fellow for his work on Vietnam orchids. Two Hybridizing awards were presented to Milton Carpenter for his work with Oncidiinae and warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and to Gene Crocker of Carter and Holmes for his art-shade cattleyas.

Anyone wishing to be considered for judging at the 21st WOC in South Africa, must submit their application to do so by **December 31, 2013**. There will be no late registrations considered. In addition, discounted registration ends on **December 31, 2013**. For more information or to register, go to www.woc21.org.

Save the date for the Spring Members and Trustees meeting to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, **April 30 through May 4, 2014** in conjunction with their show - Orchids - A Growing Obsession. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the Slipper Orchid Alliance, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Agraecoid Alliance.

Wishing you all the best during this holiday season and for a happy 2014.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee