

MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



Zygo. Kiwi Klassic 'Kutie' AM/AOS x Mishima Goddess 'Burgandy'

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Message from the President

Spring is in the air ladies and gentlemen, and it's time to shake off the slumber of that long winter and get to business! While I am frantically trying to get the nursery ready for the arrival of our little girl, Juniper Elizabeth Brem, I hope you all are finding time to get your gardens going and manage your orchid collections. With a little headwork, you can save you and your plants some hassle later and promote strong growth and a bounty of blooms for upcoming shows, like ours in May! Speaking of the show, it is also time to go full throttle to make sure everything is ready to go. Some things you could be considering now is sponsoring a show trophy (contact Deb Baker to arrange), staking your young inflorescences for nice presentation (you know how the judges like a nice presentation!), and clearing your schedules to volunteer (our new show area this year may require a bit if extra work to figure out). Thanks to you all for your support and I look forward to seeing everyone this week at the annual orchid swap, one of our favorite meeting if the year.

To all our newer members, please don't think that 'swap' implies you have to bring something, a better term would be 'the great orchid swap/giveaway.' In my fledgling orchid years I was the recipient of a myriad of freebies at the swaps. It's a great way to build your collection and get some guilt free orchids to hone your cultural techniques on. Plus, all of us with larger collections need people to take divisions so we can clear that valuable bench space for new additions.

Thanks,

Forrest Brem (fbrem@memphis.edu)

P.S. If anyone has anything they won;t me to bring up at swap, business or otherwise, shoot me an email and I'll add it to the agenda.



Den Nestor 'Laura' AM-CCM/AOS grown by Dr. Fenwick Chappell

VP & Program Chair's Corner

Hello Everyone!

Like myself we all are experiencing a flush of new growths and flowers on our orchids!! How exciting it is to witness the changes in our seasons through our collections!! This month we will have our usual fellowship with the exchanging of orchids or more intimately known as the 'orchid swap.' Then next month it gets even better as our speaker, Wayne Roberts of Roberts Flower Supplies brings us the things we need to grow our plants and grow them well!! Website is www.orchidmix.com to place an order. Here's looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings! Just as a reminder pre-order request will be sent to all members in advance. Thank you.

Jimmy Harwell

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White Phalenopsis grown by Laura Evans

MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2014 CALENDAR

March	03/23	2:00	-	Society Orchid Swap
April	04/27	2:00	Wayne Roberts with Roberts Flower Supplies	Orchid Supplies www.orchidmix.com 440-236-5571
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	12/07	2:00	-	Memphis Orchid Society Holiday Party

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

March 28 -30	AL	Huntsville
April 4 - 6	AR	Little Rock
May 16 - 18	TN	Memphis Orchid Society Show

Memphis Orchid Society Show

Report from Springfield, MO

The Springfield Orchid Society splendidly hosted their Annual Orchid Show at the Springfield-Greene County Botanic Garden, March 14-16, 2014. Seven members of the Memphis Orchid Society (Bayer, Brem, Mills, Potts, Valentine, Watson, Wilson) participated by sending 43 orchids which were collectively arranged by Charles and Susan Wilson.

The competition included 238 orchid entries among 9 exhibitors. Memphis members collectively won 33 ribbons (15 Blue, 9 Red, 9 White) with every Memphis member receiving at least one ribbon. That is an amazing 76% of Memphis entries receiving ribbons and once again demonstrates how wonderful our members can grow.

Four individual trophies were awarded to Memphis members: Forrest Brem for Best Dendrobium (*Dendrobium nobile*) and for Best Species Orchid in the Show, Charles & Susan Wilson for Best Phalaenopsis (*Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana* var *ochracea*) and for Best Paphiopedilum (*Paphiopedilum* Hung Sheng Flight).

There were 28 orchids in the show pulled for special American Orchid Society judging, with five of them coming from three Memphis' growers (Bayer, Brem, Wilson). Six AOS flower awards were made in the show, but unfortunately none went to Memphis' growers. The Memphis Orchid Society exhibit received a blue ribbon in its class. Congratulations and special thanks to all our members who participated!



Den nobile



Paph Hung Sheng Flight



Phalacopsis lueddemanniana var ochracea

Visitor and Membership Report

We had 42 members present at the February meeting, plus our guests, Deb and Jeff Delmas. In addition, we had one visitor who, by the end of the meeting, became our newest member. We welcome Dorothy Goode! Dorothy is interested in growing under lights. If you know of anyone with a light cart to sell, contact Dorothy at dorothygoode@att.net. If you are new to MOS and have never attended an “orchid swap”, be sure to come to the March meeting. Don’t worry if you do not have orchids to swap. The “orchid swap” is really more of an “orchid adoption” event in which members bring divisions of their orchids needing new homes. We have very generous members who freely share their orchids and their knowledge.

Hope to see you all in March.

Bill and Nancy



2014 Memphis Show and Sale Update

The Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale, May 16-18, 2014, is fast approaching. Hospitality Chair, Ellen Watson, and I would like to remind you of the need for hospitality contributions by every member. Memphis is known for its wonderful hospitality with our great southern cooks and we don't want to disappoint. We will be bringing a sign-up sheet for casseroles, salads, vegetables, desserts, drinks, etc. to the next few meetings. Please be sure and sign up for something or indicate that you would be glad to fill-in with needs at the last minute at one of these meetings or you will be receiving a phone call in May. Our members are always generous and we appreciate it. This year we will not have access to a sink and refrigerator so please plan to bring food cold or hot close to the meal you sign up for. We're looking forward to an excellent show as usual and thank you all in advance.

Ellen Watson, Hospitality Chair

Susan Wilson, Show Co-Chair

TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED FOR MEMPHIS SHOW:

If you haven't reserved your spot for one (or more) trophy sponsorships in our coming show this year, now is the time to do so! Trophy sponsorships are only \$25 and can be made in honor or memory of a friend or family member - or even just anonymous! The continuing support from our members for our show help keep us from operating in the red! Simply let Debra Baker know at the next meeting and give or send her a check along with how you want the trophy sponsorship to read! Thanks!

MOS Announcements:

Renew your dues for 2014. You can renew with check or cash at the meeting, dues are \$25.00 per family. Or if you prefer you can mail it to 3617 Graves Rd., Memphis, TN 38116. Your renewal includes the Monthly Newsletter, Meeting and Guest Speaker reminders and upcoming out of town shows.

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.

March Meeting Minutes

Forrest opened the meeting welcoming everyone for coming in spite of a beautiful sunny and warm day. Show Chair Charles Wilson indicated that things are progressing with the May Show. A reminder to please sponsor trophies, as this year Charles would like to add some additional Ribbon Awards for Judging. Refreshments were provided by George and Linda Bond, Doug Mallory and Forrest Brem.

Our Speaker Deb Delmas gave a wonderful presentation on *Neofinetia falcate* (now known as *Vanda falcate*). Each section she spoke on she indicated that she could give a full hour on. Naming, culture, flowers, etc. were covered.

Show and Tell:

There were so many brought that can't name them all. If you are not listed my apologies. Mark Mills, Forrest Brem, Marcus Valentine, Chuck Pintner, Fay LeVine, LaNella Lindsey, Melissa Garner, Leanne Burton, Alex Kumok, Andrea Price, Fenwick Chappell, Judy Holzer.

The winners were Fay LeVine with her *Phal Sedirea Japonica* and Alex Kumok with his *Catasetum After Dark*.

Debra Baker
Filling in for Melissa Garner Secretary

2014 MOS REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

DATE	SWEETS	SAVORIES	DRINKS
January 26	Nancy Detling	Debra Baker	Randy Bayer
February 23	Forrest Brem	George Bond	Doug Mallory
March 23	Mark Mills	Mark Mills	Annette Mautz
April 27	David Potts	Chuck Pintner	Leanne Burton
May	MOS Show – No regular meeting		
June 22	Susan and Eric Kuhnel	Forrest Brem	Don & Rory Theeuwes
July 27	Roberta & Jim Price	Roberta & Jim Price	Adrian Giles
August 24	OPEN	OPEN	Judy Holzer
September 28	Susan Wilson	Barbara Baker	Fenwick Chappel
October 26	OPEN	Ronnie & Susan Young	Andy Nguyen
November 23	Beverly Tipton	Paul & Melissa Gamer	OPEN
December 7	Holiday Party		