



The Memphis Orchid Society Newsletter



March 2011
www.memphisorchids.org
(a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization)

Officers & Posts

President
Mark Mills

Vice President & Programs
Forrest Brem

Secretary & Webmaster
Melissa Garner

Treasurer
Debra Baker

Hospitality Secretary
Alejandra Hooks

Greeters & Orientation
Nancy Detling & Bill Detling

Show Chairs
Charles Wilson & Susan Wilson
memphisorchids@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor
Pam Popejoy
memphisorchidnews@yahoo.com

President's Column

Spring at last!

I don't think I've ever been as happy to see the Vernal Equinox come around as this year! And with the arrival of Spring, we know that the excitement and fun of our annual orchid show is very close. Thanks to all of you who have already volunteered for the many tasks that make our show a success year after year.

This month's meeting features another terrific speaker, Peter Lin from Diamond Orchids in California. I hope many of you took advantage of pre-ordering plants from his website, but there will also be lots of plants to choose from at the meeting, so don't miss it!

Mark Mills



From the Forrest

Adding to the diversity of this year's MOS program schedule is Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids giving a talk entitled "The Genus Dendrobium: A Portrait of Dendrobium Species." Peter will be guiding us through the world of Dendrobiums and what a big world that is. The Genus Dendrobium alone consists of over 1000 recognized species all of an Old World distribution. They grow big and small all over tropical and sub-tropical Asia and Australia and can be found from steamy wet jungles to cool dry deciduous forests suggesting they vary widely in growing conditions. Peter's talk should guide us through some of the major sections in the genus, give us advice on how to make them happy, and convince us that there is a Dendrobium for everyone.

In addition to Dendrobiums, Peter is an accomplished breeder and grower of Mini-catts, Neofinitia, Angraecoids, and many other miniatures. And to top it off Peter is also an accredited AOS judge so we know he has an eye for quality in his stock and breeding program. So come out this weekend and get to know the genus Dendrobium a little better, because there's a lot more to this stunning genus than we see at the big box stores and we can grow them.

Forrest Brem



Contents

President's Column	1
From the Forrest	1
2011 MOS Calendar	2
Show Stop!	3
MAOC & MOS Show Schedule	4
Gardener, Paul.	5
The Detling Report	5
Show Vendors	5
Green Growers	6
Mail Bag	6
Debra Talks Money	6
Meeting Minutes	7
Monthly Speaker	8



2011 Memphis Orchid Society Calendar

Jan	1/23 MBG	2 pm	Francisco Miranda from Miranda's Orchids	Laelias of Brazil mirandaorchids.com
Feb.	2/27 MBG	2 pm	Leo Schordje	The Everblooming Orchid Collection schordje.com
Mar.	3/27 MBG	1:30	GREEN GROWERS with Forrest Brem	Getting to Know Your Orchids: Terminology, Taxonomy, & Research
Mar.	3/27 MBG	2 pm	PETER LIN from Diamond Orchids	Dendrobium Species diamondorchids.com
Apr.	4/17 MBG	2 pm	<i>Speaker not confirmed at this time.</i>	
May	5/20 – 22 Holiday Inn Select	Mid-America Orchid Congress / MOS Show I-240 & Poplar / 5795 Poplar Avenue 38119 midamericanorchids.org		
June	6/26 MBG	2 pm	Bill Thoms	Bulbophyllums
July	7/24 MBG	2 pm	Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn Ltd.	Paphiopedilums orchidinnusa.com
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	Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids	Catasetinae Species & Their Cultivation sunsetvalleyorchids.com
Dec.	12/18 MBG	2 pm	Christmas Party	



SHOW STOP!



The Springfield Orchid Society show was splendidly hosted 11-13 March 2011 at the new Springfield Botanic Garden, in Springfield, MO.

Thirteen members of the Memphis Orchid Society (Debra Baker, Chappell, Garner, Giles, Kuhnel, Levy, Memphis Botanic Garden, Mills, Pintner, Tipton, Tivers, Valentine, Wilson) participated by sending 61 orchids which were collectively arranged by Charles and Susan Wilson. The competition included a very competitive 278 orchids among 10 exhibits. Memphis members collectively won a total of 46 ribbons on 61 orchids (22 Blue, 10 Red, 14 White), which is a whopping 76% of Memphis' entries (I think that it is a society record for us) with nearly every Memphis member receiving at least one ribbon. This once again shows how wonderful our members can grow (and also how competitive when we send the best orchids in bloom from 13 growers).

There were 17 orchids in the show selected for special AOS judging, with 6 of them coming from Memphis growers (Levy, Mills, Wilson). Two AOS awards were made in the show, but unfortunately none for our society members. Jo Levy received trophies for Best Grown Bulbophyllum, Best-flowered Phalaenopsis, Best-grown Phalaenopsis, and Best Specimen Plant. Charles and Susan Wilson won trophies for Best Vandaceous Orchid and Best Orchid Species.

The Memphis exhibit received a red ribbon in its class and the American Orchid Society Show trophy for best exhibit.

Conngratulations to all our members who participated!

Charles & Susan Wilson





2011 MAOC & MOS Show Schedule

5/19 Thurs	5 pm – 8 pm	Early arrivals can unload orchids into exhibit/sales halls	
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 pm	Susan Young – ‘Scrapbooking Your Orchids’	Registration required
	2:30 pm	Bart Jones – ‘Orchids of Tennessee’	Registration required
	3 pm	Troy Meyers – ‘Orchid Conservation Through Flasking Propagation’ from Meyers Conservatory - troymeyers.com	Registration required
	4 pm	Jay Pfahl – ‘Orchids on the Internet’ from International Orchid Pictorial Species Encyclopedia - orchidspecies.com	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 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 pm	Sales close and Exhibits breakdown	

- *A Celebration of Orchids* -

Gardener, Paul.

The spring weather is finally arriving. The MBG spring sale will be April 15, 16, and 17. After closer number crunching the winter sale was better than first thought. It proved to be the most successful sale to date so we are hoping the April sale will be another all time best. I will have more mounted *Dendrobium loddigesii* which are now in bloom, some newly mounted *Brassovola nodosa* on driftwood, and more staghorn ferns mounted on driftwood. The staghorn ferns will also be available in fiber type pots which can be hung. These will grow to eventually encase the entire pot and consume it in time. Very cool looking when this happens.

Most of the orchids are just starting to show signs of new healthy growth. A couple MOS members have recently taken a short tour of the orchids behind the Horticulture Building and seemed to be pleased with the present status of the collection. I will continue to push for more involvement from the MBG and do my best to increase the variety of orchids in our possession. A suggestion to MOS members is to remember the MBG if you have orchids that have gotten too big for your growing space. You can donate them and get a tax deduction. You will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. And our last MOS guest speaker, Leo Schordje, graciously donated to the MBG a Phrag and a Masdevallia.

The time is almost right to plan a trip down to the Mississippi River for a driftwood hunt. Again this would be on a Monday morning about 10:30 am to early afternoon, about 1:30 or so. Time flies when you're looking for driftwood. I have spent entire days down there and it seemed like it was much shorter. I will bring a cart from MBG to make carrying it back to the truck easier. Again you need to bring something to drink and probably some bug spray. I am thinking either April 4 or April 11. It is great exercise and you will definitely find some neat pieces of driftwood you will want to keep for your own personal use. Again we would meet at the first parking lot across from Harbor Town. Cross over the bridge just north of the Pyramid, go right at the circle, and then the parking lot will be on the left. Can't miss it if you have not been down there yet. All volunteer hours will be recorded and go towards credit for our use every month at MBG facilities, as well as credit for additional federal funding for MBG. Good time, and a good cause. If you wish to come please email me at mustiso@att.net. Let me know which date is best for you. I might end up going on both dates if we have enough participation.

My name is Paul
I am an orchidholic

The Detling Report

We had nine visitors at our February meeting, many of whom are Master Gardeners or interns in the Master Gardener program. Their interest in the MOS programs is a definite compliment to our members who arrange for the quality speakers and programs we enjoy each month.

Also in February, we welcomed Carolyn Cooper as a new member. Carolyn was a visitor at the January meeting, and is a former student of Adrian's "Orchids on the Windowsill" class. Carolyn lives in Millington and grows her orchids in a sunroom. She started her collection with a mixed selection of plants from Carter and Holmes, so it sounds like she is off to a great start.

Welcome Carolyn!

*Bill
&
Nancy*



MAOC & MOS Show Vendors

Stones River Orchids
Orchids Plus
Clown Alley Orchids
New Vision Orchids
Orchid Inn
Merkle's Orchids
ORCHIDbabies, LLC

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.

March 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



Mail Bag



Being new to growing Paphs & Phrags, should I summer them outdoors under appropriate shading?

- **Jim Harwell**



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

Debra Talks Money

We are now taking reservations for sponsorships of trophies for our show in May. If you would like to sponsor a trophy (\$25) in honor or memory or just to be supportive, please let me know how you would like the sponsorship worded. Please give me your check on Sunday or mail it to 3617 Graves Road, Memphis, TN 38116.

MSU fertilizer is in \$3.00 per bag – see me at the meeting!

Thank You!

Debra Baker



March 2011 Meeting Minutes



Mark Mills welcomed 40 attendees for the February meeting.

Debra Baker is taking reservations for trophy sponsorships with a minimum donation of \$25 dollars. She also brought blank sheets for registering for Mid-America Orchid Congress. Thank you Debra for organizing MSU fertilizer for us.

Mid-America Orchid Congress in May - Charles needs two volunteers to man tables for vendors: Chuck and Laura will perhaps do this, he may need more though. Thursday night before the show, Barbara Baker will work on staging this year. Saturday will be the judges breakfast. You need to register to attend events. We need more stuff for our goody bags, if anyone has 100 plus of something. Charles needs help so get with him as soon as possible. Debra Baker will be doing banners and plant registration. If anyone is interested in clerking, please see Susan Wilson; out-of-towners have first dibs on clerking though. Laura Evans needs 17 plus lots of stuff for welcome bags for the entire membership. There will be a formal banquet dinner. There will be a great breakfast from 7 to 9 am. The talk will be about financing an orchid society. Charles warned everyone to save up for the auction. Drop stuff to be auctioned off at the information booth - MAOC is splitting the proceeds with MOS!

Bill and Nancy Detling reported there were ten visitors. *Thank you for visiting with us.*

Paul Garner spoke of receiving members orchids to take to the next two shows which are two weeks in a row. We need to drop them off at the horticultural building at Memphis Botanic Garden.

Mark Mills welcomed our February Speaker of the Month, Leo Schordje; his talk was on 'The Everblooming Orchid Collection'.

Barbara Baker hosted our Orchid Auction – Leo was generous to donate to this. Members also donated.

For Show & Tell:

Chuck Pintner

- Den. Aussie Chip
- Den. atrovioleaceum 'Pigmy' x self
- Phal. pulcherrima 'IPA Halo' HCC/AOS

Jack & Beverly Tipton

- Phal. Allyson's Gold
- Lyc. schilleriana

Randy Bayer

- Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Peach'

Susan Young

- Phal. Gold Tris 'SW' AM/AOS
- Den. Gold Star 'Orange Royal'

Debra Baker picked Jack & Beverly Tipton's Phal. Allyson's Gold for March's Orchid of the Month Winner.

Pam Popejoy taking notes for Melissa Garner



SPEAKER OF THE MONTH PETER LIN



MARCH 2011

Speaker's Note



The last day for pre-orders is March 23rd. See what is available at: diamondorchids.com. My email address: lin.peterT@yahoo.com

See you soon! Peter

Speaker Biography

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about eight years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, as well as indoors.



Cattleya schilleriana



Brassavola digbyana



Cattleya aclandiae



Brassavola cucullata



Neofinetia falcata