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# Message from the President



**Restrepia brachypus**  
**Source: Forrest Brem**

How exciting that our annual Orchid Show is finally here! Our show chairman Mark Mills has spent many hours making this a great orchid event being held on May 15, 16 and 17th.

Volunteers will be needed to help with unloading the vendors and Societies and also helping to see our visitors off on Sunday afternoon. Also we will need clerks for our judging on Saturday 16th. You will need to arrive no later than 7:45. Breakfast will be served before the judging starts at 8:00am.

We ask that you to bring your orchids to the garden by 11am on Friday 15th. Please have all your plants staked and named properly. Please email your plants to Debra Baker, Melissa Garner and Randy Bayer. This will help the expediting of our show exhibit. Ellen Watson is in charge of the food that we are serving this weekend so let's help her.

Let us all enjoy this yearly event!

**Jimmy Harwell**  
**President**

# **MOS 2015 OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:  
VICE PRESIDENT & PROGRAMS:  
TREASURER:  
SECRETARY:**

**JIMMY HARWELL  
DAVID POTTS  
DEBRA BAKER  
OPEN**

**Other Volunteer Functions:  
HOSPITALITY SECRETARY:  
GREETERS & ORIENTATION:  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR:  
WEBMASTER AND FACEBOOK:  
SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHER:  
SHOW CHAIRS:  
PUBLICITY:  
AOS REPRESENTATIVE:**

**ELLEN WATSON  
BILL & NANCY DETLING  
RORY THEEUWES  
MELISSA GARNER  
MARCUS VALENTINE  
MARK MILLS  
KATHARINE PERRYMAN  
CHUCK PINTNER**

## **Show Schedule MOS is planning on sending exhibits to in 2015:**

May 15 - 17	Memphis Orchid Society Show	Memphis Botanical Garden, TN
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# MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2015 CALENDAR

January	25	2:00	Eric Hunt	Orchids of Ecuador and Peru
February	22	2:00	Mark Mills	Growing Bulbophyllums
March	22	2:00	-	MOS Orchid Swap
April	26	2:00	Russ Vernon	Cattleyas
May	15-17		<b>MEMPHIS ORCHID SHOW</b>	
June	28	2:00	Bart Jones	MOS Member
July	26	2:00	Doug Mallory	What genus is this?
August	23	2:00	Dr. Kristen L. Uthus	New World Orchids
September	27	2:00	Tom Harper	Stones River Orchids
October	25	2:00	Richard Lockwood	Environ International
November	22	2:00	Janet Lamborn	Agdia, Inc.
December			<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	



**Paph. Lebaudymanum**  
**Source: Forrest Brem**

## April Meeting Minutes

President Jimmy Harwell opened the meeting welcoming our visitors. Chris and John Hanne, lifelong friends with our speaker Russ Vernon and Drew Phillips. Refreshments provided by Laura Evans and Marcus Valentine.

### **Show Update:**

Nancy Detling needs members help staffing the Welcome/Information Desk. Signup sheet is available, you don't have to work the entire time block, any amount of time you can offer is appreciated. Show Chairman Mark Mills has 5 confirmed vendors for the Show and 3 confirmed societies at this time. All Committees are set. We will need help on Friday and Sunday assisting the Vendors and Societies unload and then load. You do not have to stay all day, any time you can share is appreciated. But remember on Friday you have the first and best chance to see what is available for sale! Melissa Garner will be creating the Exhibit and all plants are needed by 11:00 am Friday. Please email Melissa Garner and Debra Baker your plants by 5:00 pm Wednesday, May 13, 2015. This is so plant labels can be created for the plants in the exhibit. We would really like all members to bring at least one plant. As plants are brought in each member will be asked to fill out the plant entry tag. Registration Clerk Debra Baker will be able to help you do this. Also if your plant may be a large size please advise Melissa in advance.

Please take the time to stake your plant, clean it and top off with fresh bark if needed. It has also been determined that we don't have enough black pots for all entries, it has been decided to change over to back cloth to drape the plants pot or basket. And pots will still be available just in case.

Dr. Randy Bayer will take over as the Head Clerk. Members will be needed as clerks for judging teams. Depending on judging teams, local members and visitors will be used. Debra has redone the judging system and hopefully this will make this easier on everyone, Judges and Clerks. There are still openings for trophy sponsors. Flyers are also available for taking and earlier the flyer was emailed to the membership to forward to family and friends. Refreshment Committee – Ellen Watson

will again not have direct access to the kitchen so food needs to be brought in hot and ready to serve. We are limited on electric outlets and will not be able to plug in crock pots or warming trays.

Monthly meeting refreshment list, there are still openings, see Ellen Watson. Chuck Pitner brought in a box of old blinds, they can be cut and used as plant labels.

### **Show and Tell:**

Debra Baker-C. Jacqueline Kennedy, *Laelia purpurata* 'Lipolani Blue', *C. maxima*, *C. Lily Pons*, *Chiloschista* 'sweelimi', *Renanthera citrina*, *Onc. sphacelatum* and Wils. Lisa Devos 'Burgundy' AM/AOS and Jackfowlieara Apple Blossom 'Woodland' HCC/AOS.

Leanne Burton-Tolumnia 'Jairak Firm'

Andrea Price-*Laelia purpurata*, *Raph. Magic Lantern*

Melissa Garner-*D. canaliculatum*, *D. trantuanii*, *C. World Vacation* '5<sup>th</sup> Ave', *Phal. Equestoria*, *Phal.*

*Schilleriana*, *Phal. Bastianii*, *Den. Thyrsiflorum* and *Prosthechea vitellina*.

Doug Mallory- *Den. Trigonopus*

Rory Theeuwes – 2 *phalaenopsis* purchased at Kroger

Fay leVine-*Phal leuddemanniana*

### **The plant of the month:**

First *Den. Thyrsiflorum* Melissa Garner

Second *Laelia purpurata* 'Lipolani Blue' Debra Baker

Third *Prosthechea vitellina* Melissa Garner

Speaker Russ Vernon presented a very informative presentation covering *Cattleyas*. Tips provided from temperature range for day/night. He covered two major groups of unifoliate (single leaf) and bifoliate (2 leaves maybe 3). Russ suggested that when you have a new bloom in the sheath go ahead and very carefully cut the sheath open at the top and peel apart. If the temperature is cool it is possible that condensation will form inside the sheath and rot the bloom. He discussed the differences between the unifoliate and bifoliate with the number of flowers produced. Sun and fertilizer create the building block for lots of blooms.



a few of the plants for sale this month



Ellen Watson examining plants for sale



Speaker Russ Vernon giving advice to MOS members



Melissa's plant of the month



russ vernon's sales table



Russ Vernon's friend who attended the meeting



Lee Anne and Ellen looking at russ vernon's plants for sale





**Dend. Chrysotoxum**  
**SOURCE: FORREST BREM**

## Visitor and Membership Report

We had 33 members, three visitors, and one speaker present for the April meeting. Drew Phillips of Memphis was visiting for the first time. Our speaker, Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids, brought our other two visitors, John and Chris Hanneken of Germantown. Russ and John have been friends since they were four years old. By the next report, we hope to have many new members to introduce who join at the show.

Bill and Nancy

# MOS Announcements:

**A Special Note from the President.** Our long time member Adrian Giles ask me to find a replacement for the Annual Orchids on the Windowsill presentation that he has given in the Horticulture Building at the Memphis Botanic Gardens. Adrian has given this presentation for over 25 years and his presence will be greatly missed. If anyone is interested please contact Adrian Giles.

**Name Tag.** 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. See Debra Baker

**Fertilizer** is now available at \$4.50 per bag. See Debra Baker

## **CASH FOR BEST ESSAY**

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "My Most Exciting Orchid-Related Experience" -- and win up to \$100.00! **The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than September 1, 2015, to Doris Asher ([asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com))** – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting on September 25, 2015, location to be announced. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

**Reminder: Food for the Memphis Orchid Society Show, May 15-17, 2015**

Please bring your hot foods ready to be served. We will not have access to the kitchen, so will not be able to heat food up before serving. We won't be able to wash your dishes, so you may want to bring plastic bags to put the dishes in to take them home. If you have any questions, or find you won't be able to bring your scheduled item(s), please call Ellen Watson (314.420.7874). Thanks for everyone's support of hospitality for the show!

<b>MOS 2015 SHOW FOOD LIST</b>		
<b>General Items Needed</b>	<b>DELIVERY REQUIRED BY</b>	<b>Person(s) Who Will Provide</b>
2lbs coffee ground for percolator	8am Friday	Paul & Melissa Garner
Coffee Pot (48 cup)	8am Friday	Dorothy Goode
96 bottles of water	11am Friday	David Potts
36 Coke; 24 Diet Coke; 12 Sprite; 12 Diet Sprite	11am Friday	Mark Mills
3 gallons sweet tea; 3 gallons unsweet tea	11am Friday	Andy Nguyen
4 Doz assorted whole fruit	11am Friday	Paul & Melissa Garner
36 small bags chips; mustard; mayo, butter	11am Friday	Don & Rory Theeuwes
<b>Friday morning (8-9am)</b>		
3 dozen donuts	8-9am Friday	Cathy O'Brien
<b>Friday lunch Anticipate 18-20 people</b>		
Salad/ veggies	11:30am Friday	LaNelle Lindsey (Pasta salad)
Chips	11:30am Friday	Fay LeVine
Meat/sandwiches	11:30am Friday	Society will provide
Dessert	11:30am Friday	Jack & Beverly Tipton
<b>Friday mid-afternoon Anticipate 20-25 people</b>		
Chips & Dip	2:30pm Friday	Andrea & Keith
Cookies/treats	2:30pm Friday	Fay LeVine
<b>Saturday Breakfast Anticipate 30-35 people, including judges!</b>		
2 doz bagels/donuts with spreads/jellies	7:30am Saturday	David Potts bagels & donuts; spreads Barbara Baker
Breakfast casserole to serve 12	7:30am Saturday	Katherine Perryman
Breakfast casserole to serve 12	7:30am Saturday	Dorothy Goode
Breakfast casserole to serve 12	7:30am Saturday	Jimmy Harwell
Ham	7:30am Saturday	Ellen Watson
2 doz biscuits	7:30am Saturday	Ellen Watson
fruit salad and/or juice	7:30am Saturday	OPEN

<b>Saturday Lunch</b> Anticipate 35-40 people, including judges!		
Meatballs to serve 20	11:30am Saturday	Doug Mallory
Barbeque/other meat to serve 20	11:30am Saturday	Forrest Brem
Chicken casserole	11:30am Saturday	Nancy Detling
Salad/veggies	11:30am Saturday	Barbara Baker
Cornbread/rolls	11:30am Saturday	Dan Flick
Potato salad/pasta salad/mac & cheese	11:30am Saturday	Alex Kumok
Dessert to serve 20	11:30am Saturday	Debra Baker
Dessert to serve 20	11:30am Saturday	Dorothy Goode
<b>Saturday mid-afternoon</b> Anticipate 35-40 people, including judges!		
Cheese & crackers	2:30pm Saturday	OPEN
Chips & dip	2:30pm Saturday	Carolyn Pearce
Cookies/treats	2:30pm Saturday	Carolyn Pearce
<b>Sunday lunch</b> Anticipate 20-25 people		
Barbeque/other meat to serve 12	11:30am Sunday	OPEN
Chicken spaghetti to serve 12	11:30am Sunday	Dixie Henderson
Salad/veggies	11:30am Sunday	Fenwick Chappell
Rolls/buns	11:30am Sunday	Leanne Burton
Potato/pasta salad	11:30am Sunday	Alex Kumok
Dessert to serve 12	11:30am Sunday	Laura Evans
Dessert to serve 12	11:30am Sunday	Jimmy Harwell
Dessert to serve 12	11:30am Sunday	Sue Hall
<b>Sunday mid-afternoon</b> Anticipate 25-30 people		
Cheese & crackers	2:30pm Sunday	OPEN
Chips & dip	2:30pm Sunday	OPEN
Cookies/treats	2:30pm Sunday	Arlene Seigel
<b>Takeaways for vendors &amp; visiting societies</b> Anticipate 15-18 lunches to go		
2 loaves wheat bread AND 1 loaf white bread AND 2 doz candy bars	3:30pm Sunday	Randy Bayer
2lbs sliced roast beef AND 2lbs sliced turkey	3:30pm Sunday	George Bond
2lbs sliced cheddar AND 1lb sliced swiss cheese	3:30pm Sunday	Jack and Beverly Tipton

## 2015 MOS REFRESHMENT SIGN UP

Ellen Watson will be bringing the 2015 refreshment sign-up sheet to the meeting. We still have openings for June, August, September and October. Please sign up!

## **2015 MOS REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SWEETS</b>	<b>SAVORIES</b>	<b>DRINKS</b>
January 25	Nancy Detling	Cynthia Spangler & Ruth Williams	Randy Bayer
February 22	Fay LeVine	Doug Mallory	Andrea Price
March 22	Dixie Henderson	Mark Mills	David Potts
April 26	Sue Hall	Laura Evans	Marc Valentine
May	<b>SHOW – NO REGULAR MEETING</b>		
June 28	La Nelle Lindsey	Debra Baker	Ellen Watson
July 26	Emily Linn	Linda & George Bond	Hunter Shepard
August 23	Forrest Brem		Judy Holzer
September 27			Don & Rory Theeuwes
October 25	Dorothy Goode	Ronnie & Susan Young	
November 22	Leanne Burton	Paul & Melissa Garner	Don & Rory Theeuwes
December		<b>Holiday Party</b>	