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Message from the President



Dendrobium kingianum
Source: Leanne Burton

Greetings,

It won't be long before spring arrives, but for now we're stuck trying to keep our orchids (and ourselves) warm and happy despite the weather.

Last month we heard some excellent tips from Marcus Valentine about controlling pest, keeping our growing spaces clean, and improving our growing conditions.

We look forward to having another MOS member speak this month. Melissa Gardner will introduce us to the world AOS judging. Hopefully, after you hear her speak you'll be encouraged to send some of your orchids to a show for judging. Even if you don't win an AOS award, you might just win a ribbon or trophy-plus you'll help the MOS have a wonderful exhibit!

Special thanks to both Marcus and Melissa. Our society is fortunate to have so many talented members who are willing to share their knowledge.

See you on Sunday,

Jimmy Harwell
President

Memphis Orchid Society Show Report



**Dendrobium Sherry Abe 'Myzina' AM/AOS
awarded 80 points at the St. Louis show**

The Orchid Society of Greater Saint Louis (OSGSL) show was splendidly hosted February 5 – 6, 2016 at the Missouri Botanic Garden. Their members are to be commended for their excellent assistance to participants and hospitality. Twelve members of the Memphis Orchid Society (Debra Baker, Bayer, Burton, Garner, Harwell, Kumok, Mills, Potts, Andrea Price, Valentine, Watson and Botanic Garden) participated by sending 53 orchids which were collectively arranged by Melissa Garner, Andrea Price and Debra Baker. The competition included a very competitive 345 orchids among 12 orchid exhibits. Memphis members collectively won 27 ribbons (11 blue, 6 red and 10 white). That is a respectable showing of Memphis entries receiving ribbons and once again shows how wonderful our members can grow (and also how competitive when we send the best orchids in bloom from our growers).

There were nineteen orchids in the show selected for special AOS judging, with 3 of them coming from two Memphis growers (Kumok and Garner). Alex Kumok received an Award of Merit of 80 points for Dendrobium Sherry Abe 'Myzina' AM/AOS. The Memphis exhibit received a blue ribbon in its class. Congratulations and special thanks to all our members who participated! (The next scheduled show is Springfield, MO, March 18-20. Orchids will need to be delivered to Jimmy Harwell between the hours from 12 noon until 6:00 pm Wednesday, 16 March (please call him at 901-596-2276 if you need to drop your plants earlier or later).

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MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2016 CALENDAR

January	24	2:00	Marcus Valentine	Phal. Culture Memphis Orchid Society
February	28	2:00	Melissa Garner	AOS Judging Memphis Orchid Society
March	20	2:00	John Nelson or Tin-Wein	Louisiana Orchid Connection
April	24	2:00	Member & Guest Paul Garner	MOS Annual Plant Swap & Mounting Techniques
May	20-21		SHOW – Memphis Botanical Garden	
June	26	2:00	Geraldine Pell	The Orchid Gallery Look Out Mountain, TN
July	24	2:00	Mark Reinke	Marble Branch Farms
August	28	2:00	John Stubbings	Clown Alley Orchids
September	25	2:00	Melissa & Paul Garner	Green Grower & New Member Appreciation
October	23	2:00	TBA	
November	20	2:00	Ray Potts	Vanda Growing Springfield Society
December			 HOLIDAY PARTY	

Show Schedule MOS is planning on sending exhibits to in 2016:

March	18-20	Springfield Orchid Society	Springfield, MO
April	01-03	Heart of Dixie Orchid Society Show	Huntsville, AL
May	20-22	Memphis Orchid Society Show	Memphis, TN

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SPEAKER



Melissa Garner

Melissa Garner began growing orchids in 2008. She became fascinated with species and especially the Densiflora section of Dendrobiums. Most recently, she has focused her attention on the Vandaceous orchids for their long-lived and vividly colored flowers.

Melissa loves to share information because that is how a society grows. As such, she recently applied and was accepted into the American Orchid Society judging program. Her goal is to help demystify the AOS judging process.

JANUARY 2016 MEETING MINUTES



President Jimmy Harwell opened the meeting. Refreshments provided by Debra Baker, Randy Bayer and David Potts. Upcoming St. Louis Show February 5-7, 2016, plant drop off 2-4-16 @ Jimmy Harwell's home with pick up on Monday. An email will be sent to the membership with information needed for the entry tags and show tag. Please stake your plant(s) for presentation and travel. Ellen Watson still recruiting for the Monthly Refreshments and at the February will have the signup sheet for the May Show.

Visitors:

Catherine Lewis, Nancy and Phillip Ford, Deborah Hyatt, Carson Ellis, and Leslie Haddad.

Show and Tell:



Ellen Watson – *Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite*, Mo Painted Desert ‘SVO’ x Ctsm Frilly Doris SVO ‘Yellowest’

Chuck Pintner – *Phal Dtps Happy Girl*

Mark Mills – *Paph armeniaeum*, *Mormodes ignea* x *lawrenciana*, *Paph Fairly Dreamy* and *Paph Fanaticum* x *bellatulun*

David Potts – *Paph Love Song*

First Place Ellen Watson – *Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite*

Second Place *Phal Dtps Happy Girl*

Third Place Mark Mills – *Paph armeniaeum*



Auction of plants donated by Dr. Fenwick Chappell and some for sale. He wants to reduce his plant collection. The auction was very successful with many members adding to their collection. There were several small sized plants which were perfect for home/windowsill growing. Break for refreshments.

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MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Our speaker this month is member Marcus Valentine whose presentation was on Phalaenopsis which he grows beautifully and has received numerous AOS Awards. He walked us through the cellular makeup, fertilization and propagation. He shows the various steps after fertilization, seeds into flask and then into cell trays. He continued with his technique that he developed of methods including his use of clear solo cups when plants are ready for potting. He also showed us how he prepares his potting choice = compressed bales of sphagnum moss, cleaning sticks, leaves, etc., hydrating, rising and then sterilization steps. He compresses the moss around the roots and places into the cup leaving about ½ space in the cup bottom. Roots will grow thru the moss and down into the open area at the bottom of the cup. Important suggestion-He also showed how he deals with leaves that drape or curl. He uses scotch tape (removable) and he will tape the problem leaf to a lower leaf. Leave it for a week and then remove, the leaf will have 'fixed itself'.

How he deals with scale and mealybugs is using insecticide with Imidacloprid, Bayer Fruit, Citrus and Vegetable EVERY time he waters. It is systemic (absorbs through the roots). DO NOT SPRAY. It will take several months (1-2) use this every time you water. Using this method will eliminate scale and mealybugs. The plant will become immune to future infestation. If you start this you MUST continue, if you stop the problem will return. New plants into your collection will need this water regimentation. Fertilizing is important use what you like.

Mark also shared a study done on Potassium, where a series of plants were set up in groups feeding them but changing the lever of potassium for each group. At the end of study the zero potassium fertilizer were dead. There was no difference in the plants given the very high and normal levels of potassium. So no need to use very high potassium.

Keep your greenhouse clean, to remove algae, use the granular swimming chlorine – leave it on for a couple of hours and then rinse. Keeping it clean and dry, snails will stay away. He also showed examples from his collection, results of his efforts in fertilization and growing plants from seed.

Debra Baker
Acting Recording Secretary

Visitor and Membership Report



Leslie Haddad

We started the new year with six visitors, a lively auction, and a great program on growing Phals. Thanks for all those tips, Marcus!

It's always nice to see Catherine Lewis when she comes with her dad, Dr. Fenwick Chappell. Although we list her as a visitor, I think we really consider her family. Other visitors included Nancy and Phillip Ford, Deborah Hyatt, Carson Ellis, and Leslie Haddad. Leslie (pictured) decided to join MOS at the meeting, so she is now our newest member. Welcome Leslie!! Several of the other visitors took membership applications home. We hope they will visit again and also decide to join.

Dorothy, Bill and I look forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting.

Bill, Nancy and Dorothy

MOS Announcements:

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER for the Memphis Orchid Society

It is that time of the year again. Payment of \$25.00 will be gladly accepted at the next meeting or you can mail a check to the address listed below. If you mail your payment please email me know so I can be on the lookout. Please indicate if there has been a change of address, telephone number or email address. Check should be payable to the Memphis Orchid Society. Debra Baker 3617 Graves Rd., Memphis, TN 38116. Work: 224-4795

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

MSU Fertilizer still available at \$4.50 per bag. See Debra.

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MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

2016 MOS REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

DATE	SWEETS	SAVORIES	DRINKS
January 24	Randy Bayer	Debra Baker	David Potts
February 28	Linn/Shepard	Dixie Henderson	Don & Rory Theeuwes
March 20	Forrest Brem		Doug Mallory
April 24		Dorothy Goode	John Wessels
May 20-21	SHOW – NO REGULAR MEETING		
June 26	Nancy Detling	Laura Evans	
July 24	Sue Hall		
August 28			
September 25			
October 23		Ronnie & Susan Young	
November 20	Leanne Burton		Don & Rory Theeuwes
December	 Holiday Party 		