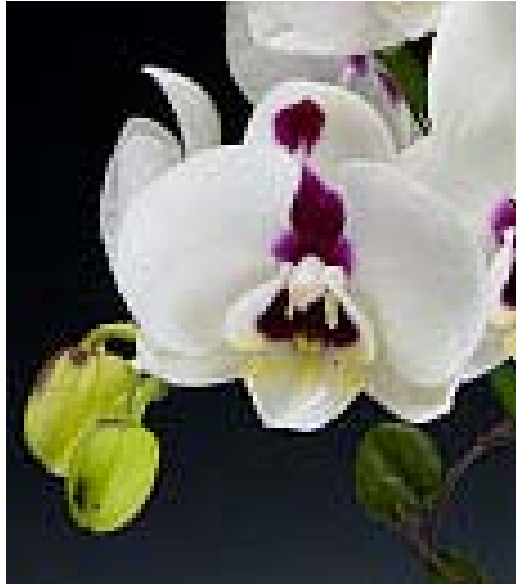




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Message from the President



Darling Dalmatians Phalaenopsis
(Source: <http://www.orchids.com>)

Hello and Happy New Year to all,

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve our society as President. This job comes with many responsibilities that I will, as always, do my best to live up to. Having said that, I would like to try a new approach to our monthly meetings. The meeting in January will proceed as such: Meeting begins with greetings, announcements, business, show and tell and auction to be followed by refreshments. At this point we should be prepared to give our guest speaker our undivided attention. It is my hope that this will breakup some of the monotony and stream line our afternoon. Of course the meeting structure is not written in stone and is subject to change depending on the speakers' agenda.

This month's meeting speaker is our old friend Eric Hunt, and he will be sharing his photos of Orchids of Ecuador and Peru. This month would be a good time to bring any plants to auction. Debra Baker will also be going over tips and suggestions for the upcoming St. Louis Show. We want you to share your blooming plant(s) for this show.

I will see you all Sunday.

Jimmy

Please note new e-mail: orchidnut@hotmail.com



Eria Floribunda

(source: <http://www.aos.org/default.aspx?id=1>)

MOS 2015 OFFICERS

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VICE PRESIDENT & PROGRAMS:
TREASURER:
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DAVID POTTS
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OPEN**

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GREETERS & ORIENTATION:
NEWSLETTER EDITOR:
WEBMASTER AND FACEBOOK:
SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHER:
SHOW CHAIRS:
PUBLICITY:
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RORY THEEUWES
MELISSA GARNER
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MARK MILLS
KATHARINE PERRYMAN
CHUCK PINTNER**

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	New Vision Orchids
May	24		MEMPHIS ORCHID SHOW	
June	28	2:00		
July	26	2:00		
August	23	2:00		
September	27	2:00		
October	25	2:00		
November	22	2:00		
December			HOLIDAY PARTY	



Bulldog Paphiopedilum

(Source: <http://www.orchids.com>)

ERIC HUNT (Speaker)

Eric's first and continuing passion is orchids and their photography. He maintains an extensive library of orchid species and hybrid photos. His passion for orchids has taken him to many of the world's hotspots for orchids - Ecuador, Peru, Borneo, and Australia. He recently relocated to Little Rock and is excited to visit the local native orchids through the upcoming season.

In 2009 he was invited to tour southeastern Australia by orchid societies in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne. In between sharing his love of orchids with the local orchid societies, he toured the bush whenever he could and was lucky to see and photograph many popular greenhouse species in their native habitat, as well as some species not in cultivation. He will share a small portion of what he saw in his talk.

Eric's photography has appeared in Orchids, The Orchid Digest, The Orchid Review, Orkideer (magazine of Swedish Orchid Society), Pollinia (magazine of the Irish Orchid Society), Gardener's World Magazine (UK), California Home and Design, and The San Francisco Chronicle. Recent books using his work include 300 Orchids, Miracle Gro Complete Guide to Orchids, Orchid Species of Peru, The Illustrated Dictionary of Orchid Genera, Les Coelogynes, and Huntleyas and Related Orchids.

November Meeting Minutes

Available for sale were plants donated by Adrian Giles from his collection. Members were notified earlier with a list of the plants. Adrian requested that all monies collected be donated to the Memphis Orchid Society. Adrian, We Thank You very much.

Forrest opened the meeting going over the new Officers for 2015. President Jimmy Harwell, VP David Potts, Treasurer Debra Baker, Photographer Marcus Valentine, Newsletter Rory Theeuwes, Refreshments Ellen Watson. The Recording Secretary position is still open.

Debra Baker is taking over the Out of Town Shows with the first show in St. Louis January 30-31, 2-1, 2015. Melissa Garner and Andrea Price will also be going and will be helping with the labels. Be sure and bring plants for the show. Dr. Fenwick Chappell has graciously volunteered to continue as the drop off/pick up point. Please ensure that the names of the plants are correct. We also have to establish our exhibit in accordance with the Theme chosen by the Hot Show. St. Louis is also close for a day trip to check out the Show and the Botanical Gardens.

The 2015 Schedule is still in work but so far the following is set. January Eric Hunt, February Mark Mills Growing Bulbophyllums, March MOS Orchid Swap, April Russ Vernon and May is the Show. If a Vendor has plants for sale we please delay bringing things for auction or sale until a later meeting.

The Holiday Party will be December 7th at the Botanic Gardner in the Goldsmiths Room. The Society will provide Meats, Drinks, Plates, napkins and utensils. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts. And don't forget about the Silent Auction will be occurring, please bring at least 2 items of your choice orchid related or not. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. You can renew your dues at this time also. The Silent Auction sheet was discussed and a follow up email will be sent out to the Membership. We are hoping to have some very special items up for auction.

Ellen Watson has the 2015 Meeting Refreshment signup sheet available for everyone to choose an option.

Dr. Randy Bayer give a presentation on Growth Chambers. He gave detailed instructions on how to construct a chamber from a Refrigerator (no ice maker). This included a detail items needed and pricing sheet including the electrical, water and lights needed. He is able to grow plants that are for our area impossible to grow due to cool temperatures and high elevation. He generated a lot of interest and we also know when he did not bring the chamber to the meeting! He will send an email link with his presentation which will be forwarded to the membership.



Speaker: Dr. Randy Bayer



Dr. Randy Bayer and Faye LeVine

Show and Tell:

- Doug Mallory: Blc Myrtle Beach 'Newberry' AM/AOS, Cyed Win Delight 'Jem' and Morm. Exotic Tree
- Leanne Burton: Phal Flora Gigi and Paph Fairreanum x Hsin Ying Glory
- Marcus Valentine: Mps Edie Brown ('Heart of Gold' x 'Sparkling Diamond')
- Forrest Brem: Aerangis Biloba, Dendrochilum
- Chuck Pintner: Den rigidum and Phal puleherrima
- Melissa Garner: Vandachostylis Leo Sreary 'Bluebird', Lepanthopsis astophora



Show and Tell viewing and judging

The Award of the Month goes to:

A tie for the new growers for Leanne Burton's Phal Flora Gigi and Paph Fairreanum x Hsin Ying Glory
Marcus Valentine for Mps Edie Brown ('Heart of Gold' x 'Sparkling Diamond')



Miltoniopsis Edie Brown
(Marcus Valentine)



Phal hieroglyphica alba
Award of the Month from October

Refreshments were provided by Paul and Melissa Garner, Debra Baker, Don and Rory Theeuwes.

CYMBIDIUMS

November turned out to be a turning point in my quest to raise cymbidiums here in Memphis. We decided to take a trip to Germany to visit relatives again after 3 years of health problems scuttled trips. I checked the weather reports very carefully, and all looked good for two weeks, and I had brought about 12 cymbidiums that had started to spike into the greenhouse, leaving the others outside to utilize the temperature differential between day and night to bring the others into spike. While we were gone, the temperature took an unpredicted plunge, dropping below 29°F, resulting in killing back 99 cymbidiums. As it turned out, that was somewhat of a blessing in disguise, as almost every one of those cymbidiums had not blossomed for me here in Memphis, most for 10 years or more. Those that survived, were cymbidiums that had blossomed for me almost every year since they were brought here from southern California.

Temperatures every year since I started trying to grow cymbidiums here in Memphis, never had outdoor temperatures drop to the danger point until after the first of December.

Decreasing the quantity of cymbidium plants on the benches in the back yard will open up the amount of room each plant has, to receive a good daily dose of intense sunlight under shade cloth and should result in better annual blossoming.

Every HTC that had blossomed for me here survived, so overall, am looking forward to the best yearly crop of blossoming plants since I started.

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MOS Announcements:

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.

Renew your dues for 2014. You can renew with a check (payable to the Memphis Orchid Society) or cash at the meeting. Dues are \$25.00 per family. Or, if you prefer you can mail the check to Debra Baker at 3617 Graves Road, 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 \$4.50 per bag.

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REMINDER: FIRST ORCHID SHOW OF THE YEAR IS IN ST. LOUIS

The orchid show season is about to begin! Memphis will be sending an exhibit to the Greater St. Louis Orchid Society Show to be held at the Missouri Botanic Gardens **January 30 – February 1**. Members will need to deliver their orchids to Fenwick Chappell (aa North Century) no later than 4:00 p.m. **Wednesday, January 28**. Please call Fenwick (901-327-0970) to confirm your delivery time and email your list of potential entries to Debra Baker at debaker1@fedex.com at your earliest convenience.

TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED FOR MEMPHIS SHOW, May 15 – 17, 2015

Now is the time to reserve a spot for one (or more) trophy sponsorships in our coming show this year! 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 helps 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!

2015 MOS REFRESHMENT SIGN UP

Ellen Watson will be bringing the 2015 refreshment sign-up sheet to the meeting. Please sign up early!

2015 MOS REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

DATE	SWEETS	SAVORIES	DRINKS
January 25	Nancy Detling	Cynthia Spangler & Ruth Williams	Randy Bayer
February 22	Fay LeVine	Doug Mallory	Andrea Price
March 22	Laura Evans	Mark Mills	David Potts
April 26	Sue Hall		Marc Valentine
May	SHOW – NO REGULAR MEETING		
June 28	La Nelle Lindsey		
July 26	Emily Linn		Hunter Shepard
August 23			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	Holiday Party		