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Orchid Society

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Message from the President



Podangis dactyloceras 'Dink Dink' CCM/AOS
Source: Melissa Garner

Greetings,

You might have noticed...it's HOT outside! Our orchids seem to be managing the heat, but as the temperatures climb into the upper 90s the plants don't take up all the nutrients they should. You might notice a few orchids stalling out. But don't worry! Just keep fertilizing and watering, you'll be rewarded in the late fall and spring with flowers.

This month we're fortunate to have Mark Reinke as our speaker. Mark and his partner Gary Collier run Marble Branch Farms, located in South Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. Mark will present "The Exciting Encyclopaedia" in addition to bringing a variety of fabulous orchids for us to purchase.

I hope to see all of you Sunday

Jimmy Harwell
President



Summer stars 'Jungle Night
Source: J. Li

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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 and Tin-Wein	Louisiana Orchid Connection "Madagascar Orchid Walk"
April	24	2:00	Randy Bayer	"Plant Nomenclature: Understanding how to determine a plant's correct name using the aid of online nomenclature websites (KEW, RHS, and IPNI"
ORCHID SWAP				
May	20-21		SHOW – Memphis Botanical Garden	
June	26	2:00	Geraldine Powell	The Orchid Gallery, Look Out Mountain, TN "Growing Masdevallia Orchids in Cool Climates"
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	



Laelia purpurata fma. schusteriana (now Cattleya)
Source: Susan Young

Memphis June Meeting Minutes

President Jimmy Harwell opened the meeting with thanks to the many participants who helped at our May Show. Thanks to Chairman Mark Mills, Debra Baker, Melissa Garner, Ellen Watson and those many members who also helped. Refreshments today are provided by Eric and Susan Kuhnel, Laura Evans and David Potts.

Society News: Melissa Garner reports that the MOS Website was attacked and hacked; had to shut it down. Melissa will not be able to continue to be our website administrator and asked for a volunteer to take over. Andrea Price volunteered to hand the website. Melissa will still retain Facebook. Congratulations to the members who brought plant entries for the Show. The Society received the American Orchid Society Show Trophy and the Orchid Digest Trophy. Mark Mills reiterated his thanks to the membership for everyone pitching in to make this a successful show. We signed four new members during the show. It was also reported that every member received a ribbon. Debra Baker announced that during the Trophy Sponsor Donation that former Lifetime Members Charles and Susan Wilson established a new award for Marcus Valentine Best Group Phalaenopsis. This happened after the April Meeting so we were not able to notify the membership until this meeting. The winner of this award was Marcus Valentine! The Society also received acknowledgement from Barney Garrison, Treasurer of the Atlanta Judging Center for our donation to the Center. Included was a note from Aileen Garrison thanking MOS for a great show and hospitality.

Nancy Detling reported three visitors. One of the new members from May joined us today, Melissa Koonce, whom actually offered to help in the judging during the show and then joined! Welcome to the Society!

Our speaker this month is Geraldine Powell, co-owner of Orchid Gallery in Signal Mountain TN with a presentation on Cool Grown Masdevallias (hard to grow in our area). She started with a wonderful winter show fall scene which was welcome since our temperature is 90+ degrees. Masdevallias can be easy to grow in a greenhouse, windowsill or basement, they can be wonderful bloomers, come in all sizes, shapes and colors almost blooming constantly. Some flowers can be really diverse with large, color patterns and shapes. Geraldine grows her collection under lights with great success. As she went through the slides she gave information on the growing habits, colors, size along with stories about the plants. How she was able to get the plant to grow and bloom along with success and failures. She also showed a friend's terrarium set up for his Masdelliava collection (fans, mist and light). She mentioned that ice on the roots is acceptable. She has an air conditioner unit with duct work right on the bench for the cool growing plants along with a fogging nozzle for the night. Her potting choice is bark/charcoal and sphagnum. Other growers use tree fern/perlite, HI is all sphagnum. Find what works for you. Repot each year as the potting medium breaks down quicker. During the Q & A humidity; plants don't need high levels constantly. Masdevallias will grow fast but can't get to bloom-suggestion to use a balance fertilizer ex 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 type. Rot issues usually are due to the potting medium has broken down causing the roots to die.

Break for Refreshments

Show and Tell

Randy Bayer – Dendrobium hybrid (unnamed) D. Princess x D. Gold Star

Debra Baker – Encyclia tampensis, Oncidium Sherry Baby, Brassia Fritz-Boedecker, C. Perry Kuroda, Oncidium Catatante 'Pumpkin Patch', Phrag Longifolium var Hinksianum

Melissa Garner – Vanda Lim Gua Cheo, Vanda Pakix Bill Burke, Sobennikoffia robusta, Vanda

Kenneth Roberts (Paki x Suavis), Paraphal denerii x V Suksamon Gold

Dixie Henderson – Barkeria Cotton Candy, Phrag Patti Mac Hale

Doug Mallory – Ctra Jamaica Red 'Sentinal' HCC/AOS

David Potts – Paph Susan Booth and Lady Isabel

1st Paraphal denerii x V Suksamon Gold

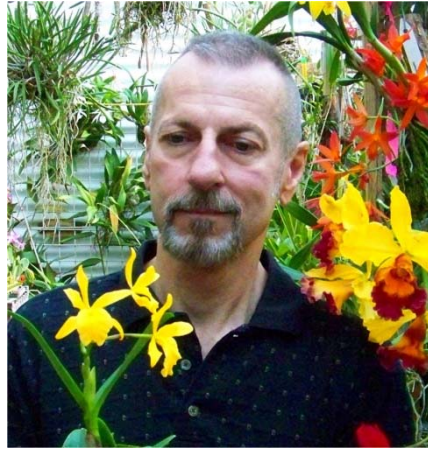
2nd Vanda Lim Gua Cheo

3rd Phrag Patti Mac Hale

Melissa announced that free to a new home is their old Harbor Freight Greenhouse. You just have to come and get it. David Potts is still asking for program suggestions. Any suggestions or topics.

**Debra Baker,
Acting Recording Secretary**

SPEAKER



Mark Reinke

Mark Reinke had a passion for plants from the time he was a child growing up in a small town outside of Chicago. When his family moved to Florida in the 1960's he got his first orchid plant as back bulbs while helping out a neighborhood lady who had a large orchid and bromeliad collection. Since then, orchids have always been one of his major interests.

In 2004, he and his partner Gary Collier sold their business in Atlanta and moved to the Blue Ridge Escarpment area of South Carolina to grow plants full time under the business name Marble Branch Farms. They constructed a large greenhouse and seed laboratory so they could focus on creating new orchid hybrids, concentrating especially on miniature and compact cattleya types, with an emphasis on new and unusual breeding lines. They now have a thriving online business and are challenged to produce plants quickly enough to keep up with demand. In addition to orchids, Marble Branch Farms currently raises hybrid daylilies and carnivorous plants, and produces honey. Mark is active in the Western North Carolina Orchid Society and has served as President of the Atlanta Orchid Society twice.

Mark's program is entitled "The Exciting Encyclias." This is an overview of a genus of fascinating orchids that are generally easy to grow and rewarding in the Southeast USA. Mark highlights a dozen species out of the vast Encyclia range from Florida to Brazil, explaining how to grow them and showcasing some of the surprisingly impressive hybrids made from them. He ends with examples of the Encyclia breeding taking place at Marble Branch Farms and will have seedlings of some of these crosses among the plants he will bring with him to sell at the meeting.

Visitor and Membership Report



Adam Ramsey, Zach Ramsey, Melissa Koontz and Reyna Koontz

We had a total of 41 people at the June meeting (one speaker, three visitors, and 37 members).

Two of our visitors, Zach and Adam Ramsey, joined at the meeting. Both Zach and Adam work with Randy, Forrest, and Melissa Koontz at the University of Memphis. Zach is Randy's secretary and also serves as secretary for the graduate program. Adam is a PhD working on carrot genetics (I hope I understood that correctly). We know there is a lot going on in orchid genetics. Adam, you'll have to fill us in on what is going on in the world of carrots.

Our third visitor, Helena, got away before we could get her last name. We apologize, Helena, and hope you will come again.

Of the four memberships written at the May show, only Melissa Koontz was present with her daughter, Reyna. Reyna, we count you as a family member, not a visitor. We hope the others can make the July meeting.

Since our visitors may become members, they are the lifeblood of the society. In March of 2008, Bill and I decided to start the Visitor Register to assure each visitor was greeted, acknowledged, and hopefully, made to feel welcome. This year Dorothy Goode graciously agreed to join us. After 8 ½ years, the Detlings are ready for a change of pace. We are looking for someone(s) to take over the Visitor Register since Dorothy is busy at the beginning of the meeting setting up the coffee. Let one of us know if you would be willing to help with this very important job.

Hope to see everyone at the July meeting.

Nancy, Bill, and Dorothy

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. See Debra Baker

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

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	Jimmy Harwell	Doug Mallory
April 24	Dixie Henderson	Dorothy Goode	John Wessels
May 20-21	SHOW – NO REGULAR MEETING		
June 26	The Kuehnels	Laura Evans	David Potts
July 24	Sue Hall	Faye LeVine	Leslie Haddad
August 28	Nancy Detling	Catherine Lewis	
September 25	Barbara Baker	Dixie Henderson	
October 23	Dorothy Goode	Ronnie & Susan Young	
November 20	Leanne Burton	Deborah Hyatt	Don & Rory Theeuwes
December	 Holiday Party		

AOS Membership Perk

The Memphis Orchid Society can get one-month free membership for every new American Orchid Society member signup using a special membership application noting the Memphis Orchid Society on the form. A copy is attached and will be available at our meetings and at the May Show and Sale.

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Joint, two years*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$235.00
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*** Additional cost covers priority delivery of the print magazine

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