

MOSNEWS

From the Orchid Office



Epicattleya Hannah Roberts 'Gumper's Gold' AM/AOS

Rejoice, rejoice the greatest mystery in recent MOS history has at long last been solved and the coveted Orchid of The Month trophy has been returned. If you haven't heard the story ask Barbara or Deb Baker. We tried a new Show and Tell and I think it had promise. I have placed revised forms on the last page of the newsletter so you can fill out the registration card beforehand if you want. I would like to set up the show and tell area before we start the meeting. I'll be there early to facilitate the new process. If you bring a plant for show and tell,

come see me when you arrive. I really hope we have as good of a show as last month. I look forward to seeing everyone at this month's very special meeting. I can't wait.

Forrest Brem

It gives me great pleasure to introduce one of the worlds best know and loved growers of the Vanda alliance. Martin Motes, PhD, has received scores of American Orchid Society awards. His hybrids garnered gold, silver and bronze in Dijon, France, where Vanda Mary Motes (Blue Grig x tessellata) won the trophy for Best Vanda in Show. He is an accredited AOS judge and author of three books and numerous articles. He maybe best known for his contributions to the monthly magazine Orchids.

I hope all will greet Dr. Motes with as much enthusiasm as I do.

Jimmy Harwell

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Charles and Susan Wilson

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Memphis Orchid Society 2013 Calendar

1/27 'The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and The Black Orchid'
Film

2/24 Ernie from Enlightened Orchids - Growing Orchids the Enlightened
Way'Growing Under Fluorescent Lights

3/24 Orchid Swap, Sell & Auction

4/28 **Peter Lin from Diamond Orchids**

May 17-19 Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale
Orchids Around the World

6/23 Dr. Forrest Brem - Green Growers and New Members
Appreciation / Orientation Day

7/28 Dr. Martin Motes - A Bright Future for Vandas

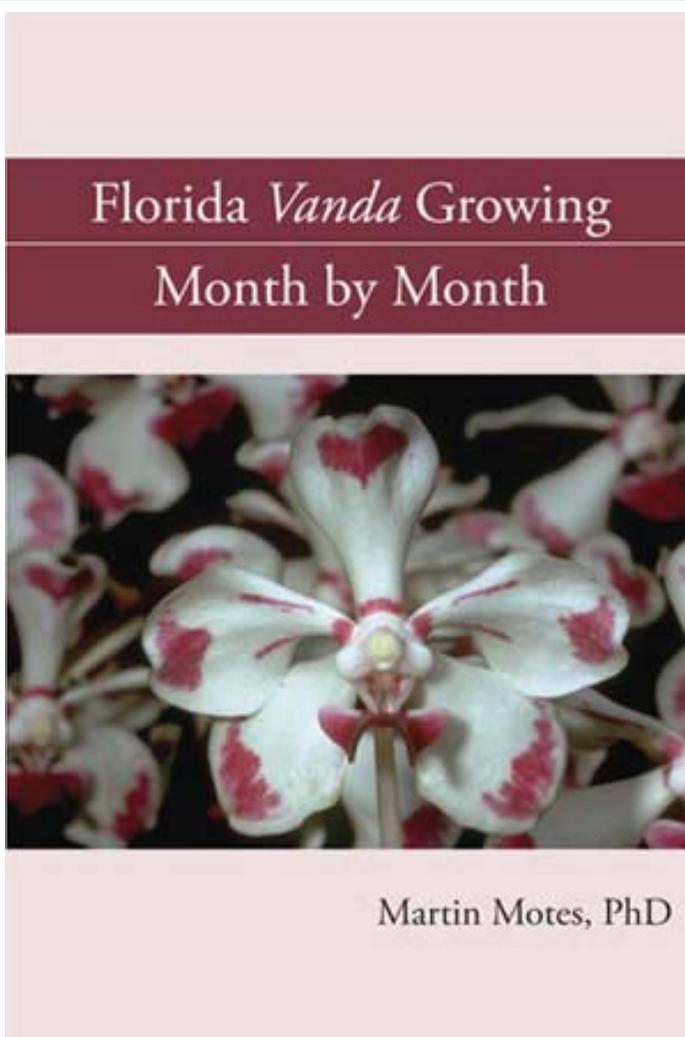
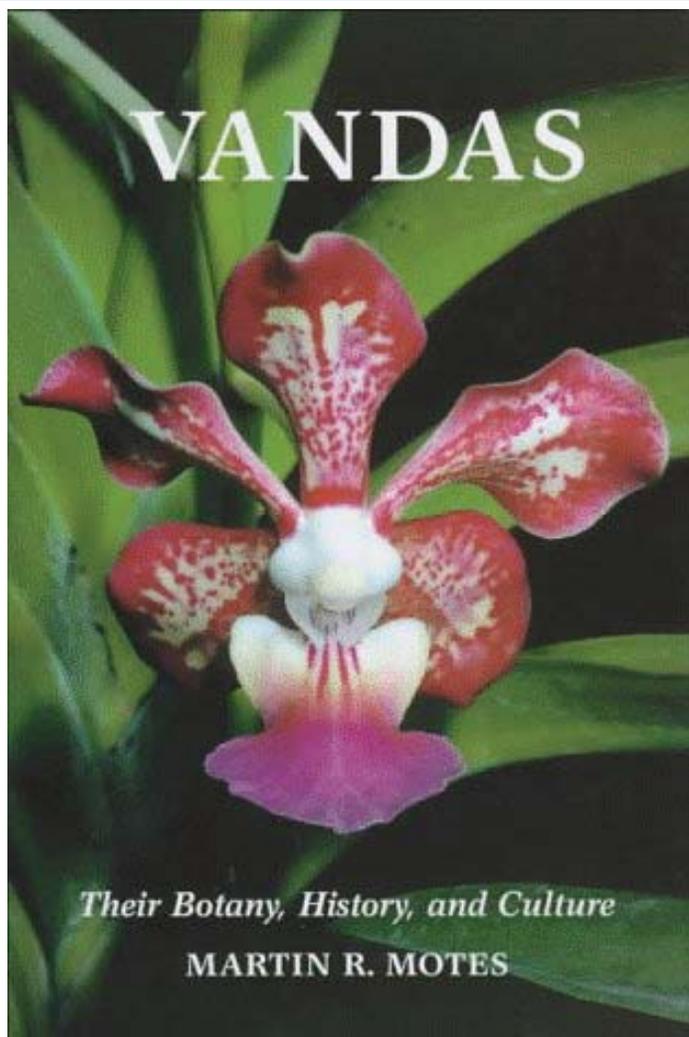
8/25 Art Chadwick From Chadwick and Sons Orchids - 'First Ladies and their
Cattlevas 1929 to present'

9/22 Linda Wilhelm - The Magnificent Stanhopeas

10/27 Harry Phillips from Andy's Orchids

11/24 Tom Mirenda - Smithsonian Institute

12/8 Christmas Party



Meet Martin Motes

author of *Vandas: Their Botany, History, and Culture*, *Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month*, *Florida Vanda Growing*.

Martin Motes is a second generation orchidist who has been growing orchids for 55 years. He is president of Motes Orchids, a major producer of vandas. He has bred hundreds of new hybrids, for which he has received scores of American Orchid Society awards including three FCC's and three Awards of Quality. His hybrids received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the 18th World Orchid conference in Dijon, March 2005. One hybrid garnered the trophy as "Best Vanda in Show". Other hybrids have won medals in previous WOCs as well as at the European Orchid Conference. Additionally numerous of his hybrids have been recognized by the Royal Horticultural Society and in other international judging venues. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge.

Martin's frequent articles have appeared in *The Fairchild Garden Bulletin*, *The Kew Bulletin*, *The South Florida Orchidist*, *The Orchid Digest*, *The Orchid Review*, *The Malayan Orchid Review* and *Orchids*.

Martin was an assistant professor of English at Wright State University for several years and has taught at the University of Miami and Miami-Dade Community College. He spent nine years as the director of horticulture therapy at Grant Center Hospital and was a consultant on horticulture therapy for the Hospital Corporation of America.

A native Floridian, Martin has lived most of his life in Miami, Florida, but also spent 6 years in Ohio and 2 years in Yugoslavia as a Senior Fulbright lecturer at the University of Kosova. He has traveled extensively in the Mediterranean and has observed wild orchids in Ambon, Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Britain, the Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Florida, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Java, Malaya, Maluccas, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Venezuela, the Virgin Islands and Yugoslavia.

Martin has been interviewed by both print and TV journalists on topics ranging from community issues in southern Florida to horticultural therapy and orchids. He is an appointed member of the Miami-Dade Agricultural Advisory Board.

Martin has twice taught *Vanda* Production and other topics at the University of Florida Orchid Short Course in Gainesville. He has worked as a consultant in various capacities to the extensive orchid industry in South Florida. He teaches classes at Fairchild Tropical Gardens which in addition to Orchids include Growing Asiatic Vegetables, and Great Tasting Tomatoes for South Florida.

As many as 20 lectures a year fills Martin's busy schedule. In the past this has included national orchid conferences in the US, Britain and Australia. He was a featured speaker at the World Orchid Conferences in Rio, Dijon, Kuala Lumpur, where he chaired the Hybridizer's Forum and was a panel member at the Commercial Grower's Forum and in Singapore. He is scheduled as Key Note Speaker at the South African National Orchid Conference in September 2012. He publishes a monthly news letter "*This Month in Your Orchid Collection*" geared to the special needs of orchid growers in South Florida and other tropical regions.

He initiated the Redland and Tamiami International Orchid Festivals, South Florida's two largest Orchid events.

He is currently working on a monograph of the genus *Vanda* with David Roberts and Lauren Gardener of Kew, with whom he has described several new species and a new genus.

To get away from the orchid greenhouse, Martin reads and occasionally, writes poetry, tends his vegetable garden, and fishes.

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The Detling Report



We had a total of 34 members at the June meeting (two joined at the meeting), and no visitors. We welcomed Elizabeth and Laura Carter (in above photo), as our newest members. Elizabeth was Peggy Baker's best friend, so Debra considers Elizabeth and Laura as a part of her family.

Before the meeting, Elizabeth and Laura together had a total of 13 orchids. After winning two of the auction items and receiving several of Melissa's and Paul's Phals as gifts, their collection has started to grow. MOS also continues to grow because of our wonderfully generous members who share their orchids, magazines, knowledge, and time.

Bill and Nancy Detling



Above: *Vanda falcata* (formerly known as *Neofinitia falcata*), is a Vandaceous orchid from Japan has contributed to intergenerics such as *Neostylis* and *Darwinara*

AOS Corner – June 2013

The Houston Orchid Society and SWROGA have been featuring kid friendly activities at their orchid shows. The AOS Education Committee, through Sandy Stubbings and Susan Dally, has started posting a ‘Kids Corner’ on the AOS Website. The May and June postings can now be found under the News and Archive sections of the website ([link to the June article](#)). These articles are worth mentioning because they talk about their efforts in engaging children. I had the opportunity to see the featured photo wall at the Portland Orchid Society show last November and can attest that it is just not for kids! The ‘Kids Corner’ hopes to continue throughout the year. They would be interested in hearing how your society has ‘shared your love of orchids with kids.’ If your society has had success with some kid-oriented activity, let them know at education_committee@aos.org.

The Fall Members and Trustees meetings will be held between the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, November 15-17. Special AOS rates apply for the hotel and will be available only through October 15. A link for registration for the meeting and hotel registration should be on the AOS website shortly, as well as more information on the featured speakers and vendors.

Over the summer, the Affiliated Societies Committee will be updating the information to be published in the Orchid Source Directory. We hope to contact all societies either by email or phone to confirm or update each society’s record. I hope you have all been enjoying the electronic *Orchids*.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



Memphis Orchid Society Show Report for 2013

The members of the Memphis Orchid Society once again splendidly hosted their annual show and sale 17-19 May, 2013, which marked the 30th consecutive year for our show. Fifteen members of the Memphis Orchid Society (Debra Baker, Bayer, Brem, Chappell, Detling, Garner, Giles, Holzer, Mallory, Memphis Botanic Garden, Mills, Potts, Tipton, Valentine, Wilson) participated by providing 117 orchids which were collectively arranged in a 112 sq. ft. exhibit by Charles and Susan Wilson with special construction assistance from Fenwick Chappell, Paul Garner and Jack Tipton. The show competition included about 297 entries among 10 exhibitors. Memphis members collectively won 59 ribbons (30 Blue, 15 Red, 14 White) with every Memphis member receiving at least one ribbon. That is about 50% of Memphis' entries receiving ribbons and once again shows how wonderful our members can grow.

The Joan Levy Memorial Trophy for Best Grown Paphiopedilum was awarded to the Memphis Botanic Garden for Paph Susan Booth ‘Thrice Magnifico’ AM-CCM/AOS, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy was awarded to Marcus Valnetine for Phal corningiana and the Best Paphiopedilum Trophy was awarded to Charles and Susan Wilson for Paph Magic Lantern ‘Chasus’ FCC-CCE/AOS (photos below, left to right).



The Peggy Baker Memorial Trophy for Best Cattleya was awarded to Charles and Susan Wilson for C. Tropical Pointer ‘Susan’s Chasus’ HCC/AOS, the Sue V. Chappell Memorial Trophy for Best Dendrobium and Best Specimen Plant Trophy to Charles and Susan Wilson for Den wassellii ‘Chasus’ CCE/AOS, Trophy for Best Cymbidium Class to Charles and Susan Wilson for Eulophia guineensis, and Best of Epidendrums to Charles and Susan Wilson for Epidendrum schlechterianum (photos below, left to right).



There were 32 orchids pulled for special American Orchid Society judging with 12 of them coming from 7 Memphis growers (Bayer, Chappell, Holzer, Memphis Botanic Garden, Mills, Valentine, Wilson). Eleven orchids received AOS flower awards with 2 going to Memphis growers Charles and Susan Wilson for a 90 point Certificate of Cultural Excellence for *Den wassellii* 'Chasus' CCE/AOS and an 80 point Award of Merit for *Phalaenopsis* Susan Wilson 'Chasus' AM/AOS (photo below left). Kamran Kiani received two Artistic Certificates from the American Orchid Society for his incredible wooden orchid carvings of *Paphiopedilum* Magic Lantern and *Dendrophylax lindenii* (photos below, center and right).



The Memphis Orchid Society exhibit received a blue ribbon in its class, Trophy for Best Society exhibit, the Dr. Fenwick Chappell Trophy for Best Society Exhibit, the Orchid Digest trophy for Best Society Exhibit, the American Orchid Society Show Trophy and an 86 point Silver Certificate.

We would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful members of the Memphis Orchid Society who once again have given of themselves to insure the show is successful. We received many compliments on how helpful our members were from loading and unloading to registration and staffing sales tables – and did we mention the cooking! Your ever helpful and happy spirits keep the energy going! We certainly believe a good show is a reflection of a good membership – and the Memphis Orchid Society membership reflects the best!

Thanks! Charles and Susan



Cymbidium Camelot (Dryad x pumilum) "The only Cymbidium that has grown well for me in Memphis" - Forrest Brem

This has not been a good year to get HTC to blossom here in the Memphis climate. Generally the plants are doing well regarding growth, but several plants that have blossomed previously from the group sent to me by Andy Easton for experimenting in the Memphis climate have shown no indication of blossoming this year to date. I have had only one start to spike recently, a Cymbidium Kanran Album x ensifolium album var. 'New Horizon'. That plant has started 2 spikes which will have a number of very pale yellow blossoms with no markings due to the album variety. That HTC has been quite prolific in blossoming several times during the year, but unlike most standard cymbidiums, the blossoms last for a shorter period of time. The standard cymbidiums are also showing good growth and due to their space requirements, I am going to be forced to give some plants up due to lack of space.

Eric Kuhnel (ericfishing@hotmail.com)

Feature Orchid - July 2013



Calopogon is a delightful deciduous terrestrial genera containing 5 species. Most species occur in the southeast United States but two range all the way up to Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada. These are one of the easier terrestrials to grow and requires acidic media (such as a peat, sand, perlite mix), constantly damp conditions, and a cold winter rest. Some people grow them in pots then overwinter the dormant corms in the refrigerator! However they are hardy and given the right soil could be happily grown outdoors too.

MOS Announcements:

- The dates have been set of 16-18 May 2014 for next year's show. Member suggestions for a show theme are welcome - just send to Charles and Susan Wilson at MemphisOrchids@gmail.com.
- Items from Debra Baker: Fertilizer is now available at \$4.00 per bag. 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.
- This months snacks are being provided by Susan & Charles Wilson; Adrian Giles is providing drinks. We really appreciate it!!! For the August 25 meeting, Paul & Melissa Garner will provide snack; we need a volunteer to provide drinks.

Orchid of the Month Registration Form

Orchid of the Month Voting Form

Exhibitor:

Genus name:

Species/hybrid name:

Cross info (optional):

Class (circle one):

1 - New growers, small collection, you have never or rarely won the Orchid of the Month

2 - Experienced growers, large collections, you win your share of Orchid of the Month

Cultural Info (optional):

Misc. Info (vendor, fragrance, why it's special. Optional)

Exhibitor	Orchid
Class 1:	
Class 2:	
Exhibitor	Orchid
Class 1:	
Class 2:	
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