

MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



Bc. Star Ruby 'Kirsch' AM/AOS x C. bicolor (photographed by F. Brem)

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Message from the President



Hi All,

Change is in the air, not only for the seasons but also for our society. I cannot divulge everything here but hopefully we will have some big announcements at this month's meeting. We have a lot of new members, so we are growing. New people to build relationships with, to share plants with, and to teach them our craft and learn from their experience. There is nothing as great as fresh blood coming into our society to keep us ever moving forward. We are working on transitioning board members, which is also a positive thing. The details are not finalized yet but it looks promising that there will be a new president and vice president/program chair in the near future. I'm not writing a farewell column just yet, but I am optimistic that I will have a little bit more time to devote to my recently expanded family, and you all will have someone who can devote more time to helping our society grow and prosper.

As you'll see in the program schedule, we had a change in speakers this month. First, as promised in June, then again in July, I will finally be doing a green growers session for our members that are new to growing orchids or anyone who just wants to come and be reminded of a few things they may have forgotten. This will be held at 1:00pm before the meeting. I promise I will not flake out this time. I have posted to our Facebook page link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/626240354116985/> are you on Facebook? If not, you should. Next, we are delighted to have our own Charles and Susan Wilson deliver a presentation. Charles and Susan have been cherished members for a long time and I have always considered them the heart and soul of our group. I am really excited to get a chance to learn from their vast well of expertise and experience this month. I promise that it will be a meeting not to be missed so please make every effort to attend. You may just regret it if you don't.

Thanks,

Forrest



Lc. Sagarik Wax 'Silk Ball' (photographed by F. Brem)

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MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY 2014 CALENDAR

August	08/24	2:00	Charles and Susan Wilson	A Potpourri on Orchids
September	09/28	2:00	Fred Clark	Mini and Compact Cattleyas
October	10/26	2:00	Barry Jones, AOS Judge	Space Saver Orchids
November	11/23	2:00	Dr. Randy Bayer	Growing Orchids in Growth Chambers
December	12/07	2:00	-	Memphis Orchid Society Holiday Party

Visitor and Membership Report



We had a good turnout at our July meeting with 33 members, five visitors, and one guest speaker. Our visitors included Jimmy's and Grady's friend Dare Bauer. Dare, who has visited on several occasions, brought a friend, Berry Parks. Other first time visitors were Kara Freeman, Mary Bauer, and Brown Burnett. We were glad to have you all, and hope you will visit again.

Larisa Voin (pictured above) joined MOS at the meeting, becoming our "newest" new member. We are delighted to have you, Larisa, and look forward to seeing you again in August.

We have added 15 new members since the show in May. As summer comes to a close and we all return to routine, we hope to have record attendance at our upcoming meetings. See you all at the August meeting.

Bill and Nancy



C. harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen' (photographed by M. Garner)

July Meeting Minutes

Vice President Jimmy Harwell opened meeting. Visitor report we had five visitors. Our visitors included Jimmy's and Grady's friend Dare Bauer who brought a friend, Berry Parks. Other first time visitors were Kara Freeman, Mary Bauer, and Brown Burnett. Larisa Voin joined MOS at the meeting, becoming our "newest" new member. Gary Sysak also officially joined after attending the May show. Refreshments were provided by Jim and Roberta Price and Ellen Watson for drinks.

Speaker Mark Reinke of Marble Orchids gave a presentation on Decoding Dendrobiums. The growing range is India, Himalayas, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia to North and East Australia and New Zealand between high elevations to sea level. 3 characteristics: 1) Inflorescences produce side nodes off stems; 2) Flowers on fully mature growths; 3) Growths can flower repeatedly over several years. Watering-wean water around Halloween thru Spring with no fertilizer. Antennatum you can water all year. Anosmun water summer/fall with low water in winter months (Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr) with even temperatures. Nobile water summer/fall with low water in winter months (Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr) temperatures 50 to 90.

Show and Tell: Plants from Melissa Garner, Chuck Pintner, Marcus Valentine and Randy Bayer. Plant of the Month was Paph Ho Chi Minh from Melissa Garner.



C. Marjorie Hausermann (photographed by M. Garner)

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.

2014 MOS REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

DATE	SWEETS	SAVORIES	DRINKS
January 26	Nancy Detling	Debra Baker	Randy Bayer
February 23	Forrest Brem	George Bond	Doug Mallory
March 23	Mark Mills	Mark Mills	Annette Mautz
April 27	David Potts	Chuck Pintner	Leanne Burton
May	MOS Show – No regular meeting		
June 22	Susan and Eric Kuhnel	Forrest Brem	Don & Rory Theeuwes
July 27	Roberta & Jim Price	Roberta & Jim Price	Adrian Giles
August 24	Laura & Elizabeth Carter	Laura Evans	Judy Holzer
September 28	Susan Wilson	Barbara Baker	Fenwick Chappel
October 26	Dorothy Goode	Ronnie & Susan Young	Andy Nguyen
November 23	Beverly Tipton	Paul & Melissa Gamer	Rory Theeuwes
December 7	Holiday Party		

Thanks to the members who submitted tips for cleaning pots.

Tips from Members on Cleaning Clay Pots and Plastic Pots

From Dr. Randy Bayer

Mix 1 gallon bleach with 9 gallons of water; soak pots for 3 hours. Drain off bleach solution and replace with water; let sit for several days. Remove dirt with scrub brushes and water then put aside to dry.

A drill brush works great on clay pots, especially on the inside.



From Bill and Nancy Detling

Clean pots with soapy water to remove dirt/bark particles. Soak in 10% bleach solution (1 part bleach and 9 parts water) for a minimum of 10 minutes. Rinse well with water.

Note: 10% is the recommended concentration to kill viruses and bacteria. Stronger is not better! A stronger concentration may not be as effective, as it may not be able to penetrate the cell wall as well.

From Adrian Giles

I have three ways to sterilize pots.

1. 10% bleach soak(over night) for clay pots only
2. In the oven at 550 for at least 5 hours
3. I soak plastic pots that has been cleaned, in a 10% solution for at least 10 minutes

From Chuck Pintner

For plastic pots, I wash in hot soap and water and scrub with a stiff bristled brush. If there is any deposit that the brush does not remove I will try to dissolve it with vinegar. If this doesn't work just throw the pot away. After rinsing the cleaned pot with hot water and allowing it to dry, I spray the pot with a disinfectant such as Lysol or a similar store labeled product. Allow the pot to air dry and it's ready for reuse.

For clay pots I do essentially the same thing including the disinfectant spray. An alternative to the spray disinfectant for clay pots is to soak the cleaned pot in water and put it in the microwave on high for about one minute. CAUTION: ALLOW THE POT TO COOL IN THE MICROWAVE. DO NOT TOUCH IT UNTIL COOLED AS YOU WILL RECIEVE A BAD BURN!!! The microwave method will work for pots up to about 6 inches.