

# ORCHID *newsletter*



News and information from the Maryland Orchid Society

April 2023

## *President's Message*

### THANKS!

Some of you may have noticed that I've been absent from MOS activities and not filling my Presidential duties for nearly the past two months (since mid-February). Hopefully, even more of you were oblivious to my being MIA, since we have an exceptional leadership team fully capable of filling my shoes. I stepped aside to deal with a personal health issue with full confidence that MOS would keep on keeping on without missing a beat.



By all indications that confidence was well placed! I missed the entire 2023 Show Season (terrible timing on my part, which I would have avoided, if possible!). With SEPOS still on the horizon, as I write this, my informants have reported that the first three shows, including our own, have come off very smoothly and successfully indeed. THANKS to all who made that happen (too many to name individually, but you know who you are)!

I also missed being present for a couple of monthly meetings, although our ZOOM capability allowed me to 'spy' on you all from a distance. Again, my absence may well not have been noticed! THANKS to the meeting team that makes them happen as smoothly and informatively as they do! But I also have a better, first-hand sense of some of the remaining weaknesses in those ZOOM connections. We'll see what we can do to spiff that up as we finish off our program year.

By the time you see this, SEPOS will have rolled past; I'll look forward to hearing how well it went! Besides our April meeting and its program (described in this Newsletter), we have an important activity on our year's calendar in our annual Workshop (Saturday morning, April 15, at the church where we meet). It's a chance for us to compare notes, share problems (and solutions!), and prove to our new members that we can be of service to them and their orchiding aspirations. I am hopeful that I'll be allowed out of my cage by then and be able to join you all in person again! THANKS in advance to those who are making that happen!

As always: Stay safe and healthy; grow beautiful orchids, and share them with us!

John Heinbokel  
March 28, 2023

## MOS April Speaker is Carri Raven-Riemann of the orchidPhile

**"Demystifying New Zealand Moss":** (Our most-asked-for presentation of all.)



With so many orchids being sold these days potted in New Zealand Moss, many growers find it a major challenge to deal with as relates specifically to watering and potting. Thanks to many years of visiting Taiwan, and the Taiwan growers' generous sharing of information, I've come to appreciate its amazing benefits over bark or other mixes, something I would have never imagined many years ago when we all first started working with moss. I've been surprised at how well it functions for almost all genera, from Phalaenopsis to those you wouldn't suspect like Cattleyas, Oncidinae and Dendrobiums. In this presentation, I'll cover the important basics of growing successfully in moss, from the quality of the moss to potting, watering and fertilizing, ending with a great instructional video made by a friend of mine in Taiwan demonstrating potting and mounting your orchids properly using this medium.

### About Carri

While still pursuing her career as a model and actress in Manhattan, Carri's involvement with orchids began over 40 years ago with her first Phalaenopsis orchid ~ a hobby that quickly got out of hand! Having served on the Board of Directors of the well-known Greater New York Orchid Society for over 20 years, she has also served on several American Orchid Society committees, among them being the Education Committee, Membership Committee and the Public Relations Committee.

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### Novice

1. Phal. Noid - Jonathan Coppola

### Homegrown

1. Blc. Mem. Grant Eichler 'Lennette' HCC/AOS - Bob Johnston
2. Tie C. *intermedia* var. *orlata* 'Crownfox' - Danielle Gent  
Den. Chocolate Chip - Arne Schon
3. Neo. *falcata* x *Aerides* Beni-Shibuki - Fay Citerone

### Greenhouse

1. Coel. *massaguenea* - Dr. Eric Wiles
2. Tie Cym. *Hawtescens* - Craig Taborsky  
*Aetherorhynca andreetae* - David Smith

### Cattleya

1. Lc. Golden Sands 'Elizabeth' AM/AOS - Bob Johnston
2. Tie Pot. Love Passion 'Orange Bird' - David Smith  
C. *intermedia* x Bc. Morning Glory - Dr. Eric Wiles

### Phalaenopsis

1. Phal. Taida Blush 'Taida' - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Phal. Noid - Jonathan Coppola  
Phal. Pink on White - Wanda Kuhn
3. Phal. *mannii flava* - Jill Allen

### Paphiopedilum

1. Phrag. Saint Peter - Laura Sobelman
2. Tie Phrag. Nichole Tower - Chris Zajac  
Paph. Song of Love - Craig Taborsky
3. Phrag. *Longifolium* var. *gracile* - Bob Travers

### Dendrobium

1. Den. Australian Artist - Chris Zajac
2. Tie Den. *spectabile* - Dr. Eric Wiles  
Den. *loddigesii* - Brenda Logan
3. Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism' - Kathi Jackson

### Oncidium

1. Psy. Butterfly - Laura Sobelman
2. Tie Alca. Clownish 'Cotton Candy' - Dr. Eric Wiles  
Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence' x Gom. *Viperina* -  
Joel Graham
3. Tie Onc. Midas 'Willow Pond' AM/AOS - Fay Citerone  
Hwra. *puanani* 'Lava Burst' - Brenda Logan

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *Zygonisia Cynosure* 'Blue Bird' - Bob Travers
2. Bulb. *mastersianum* x Bulb. *cyclasepalon* - Mai Conaway

### Species

1. *Aergr. fastuosa* - Arne Schon
2. Tie Den. *delicatum* - Dr. Eric Wiles  
*Pths. alata* - David Smith
3. Coel. *ovalis* - Bob Travers

### Miniatures

1. Lpt. *bicolor* - Dr. Eric Wiles
2. Tie Lpt. *pohlitinocoi* - Arne Schon  
*Drya. cristata* - David Smith
3. Tie Den. *lichenastrum* var. *prenticei* - Bob Johnston  
*Scgl. punctulata* - Brenda Logan

### First Bloom

1. Cyn. *angustipetala* x Cyn. *gutatta* - Joel Graham

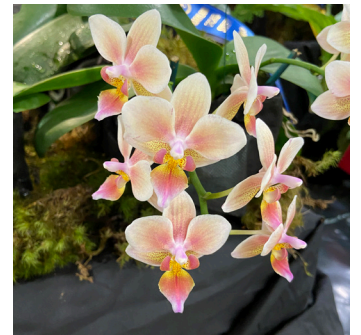
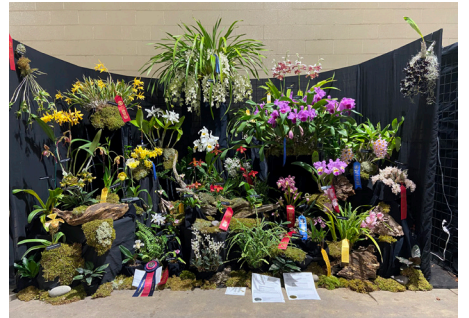
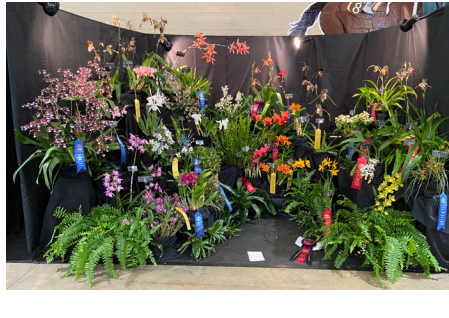
### Fragrance

1. Jum. *arachnites* - Dr. Eric Wiles
2. Tie. Epi. *conopseum* - Craig Taborsky  
Blc. Monilani Rainbow 'Marge' HCC/AOS  
- Bob Johnston
3. Rlc. Hsinying Mini Beauty - Wanda Kuhn

Thank you MOS for a spectacular show table full of 84 quality plants on the heels of our big show. The judges' choice for the evening went to Lc. Golden Sands 'Elizabeth' AM/AOS brought in by Bob Johnston. Other exhibitors not mentioned above were: Phuong Tran and Rich Kaste, Sally Over, Diane Elam, Dave Smith, Ellie Martin, Aaron Webb, Sarah Spence, Norm and Maria Zickuhr, and Clark Riley.

PLEASE NOTE: This month, Fay will need the photos for the virtual show table by Tuesday, April 18th.

# MOS Show 2023





## 2023 Maryland Orchid Society Show Show Results

**For ALL MOS Show Results—Show Summary, Ribbon and Award Counts, Award Results, Member Exhibitors, and AOS Award Results—please visit <https://MarylandOrchids.org/Show2023/>**

### Division 1. Exhibit Classes - Hobbyist Exhibits

#### 3. Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)

Place	Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
1	7	Robert Travers	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)
2	3	Zajac, Drohan, and Spence	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)
2	4	Orchid Allies	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)
3	6	Team Brecojidila	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)
HM	5	Rawlings Conservatory	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)

#### Best Table-Top Exhibit

(The MOS Award; Sponsored by John Heinbokel)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
7	Robert Travers	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)

### Division 1. Exhibit Classes - Hobbyist Exhibits

#### 4. Hobbyist Exhibits, Small Floor (Up to 40-Square-Foot)

Place	Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
1	8	Sarah Hurdel	Hobbyist Exhibits, Small Floor (Up to 40-Square-Foot)

#### Best First-Time Hobbyist Exhibit

(The Shirley Jackson Memorial Award; Sponsored by Kathi Jackson)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
6	Team Brecojidila	Hobbyist Exhibits, Large Table-Top (Greater than 9-Square-Foot)

#### Best Hobbyist Exhibit

(The Dr. Alanah Webb Award; Sponsored by Aaron Webb)



Loc	Exhibitor	Entry
8	Sarah Hurdel	Hobbyist Exhibits, Small Floor (Up to 40-Square-Foot)



## New Beginnings: Our Spring Newsletter

The month of April derives from the Latin name Aprilis or from the verb aperire “to open”. During the month of April, trees and flowers begin to open continuing the flow of spring. In addition, this month is widely recognized for the celebration of the AOS Spring Members Meeting, Easter, Passover, Earth Day, spring cleaning, spring break as well as the dreaded Tax Day. If you have not planned an Earth Day event, we encourage you to look at what our Conservation Committee has to offer on our website.

In this month's newsletter, we bring you our Education Committee's call for orchid teachers; our Orchid Care Corner featuring basic culture, mites, and Orchids A to Z; upcoming webinars and our Affiliate Spotlight (new). We are grateful and appreciate every single Society affiliated with the American Orchid Society. Your affiliation enables us to continue to promote the appreciation of orchids to the world.

## Message from the Affiliated Societies Chair

Greetings Affiliated Societies, Spring is in the Air and Orchids Shows abound! As the recently appointed Chair of the Affiliated Societies Committee, I'd like to introduce myself. I've been an AOS Member for over 10 years... Four years ago, I embarked on the AOS Judging Program with my wife Chris and now we are Associate Judges.

I can vouch that the knowledge I've gained from the program, other judges, societies, and shows have been immense and the relationships we've built along the way are priceless. Now that you know a little about me, I'd like to hear from YOU... so I've added the Affiliate Spotlight section to the AOS Corner so we can learn more about your Society by sharing with our Affiliates. Thank you to our current President, Jay Balchan, for making the first contribution from the Houston Society. I'm here to help so please email me at [ARod@aos.org](mailto:ARod@aos.org) so we can get to know each other better. Alex Rodriguez - 305.812.7181

# COVID Recap, part C

July 9, 2022, National Capital Judging Center

Sarah Hurdel received an 84 point AM on her plant of *Pectabeneria* Thai Dancer 'Needmore Cotton Candy'.

August 6, 2022, National Capital Judging Center

Robert Griesbach received a 79 point HCC on *Phalaenopsis* Karine Herve 'Song Bird' (1). He also received a 78 point HCC on *Phalaenopsis* Marianne Schmoll 'Song Bird' (2).

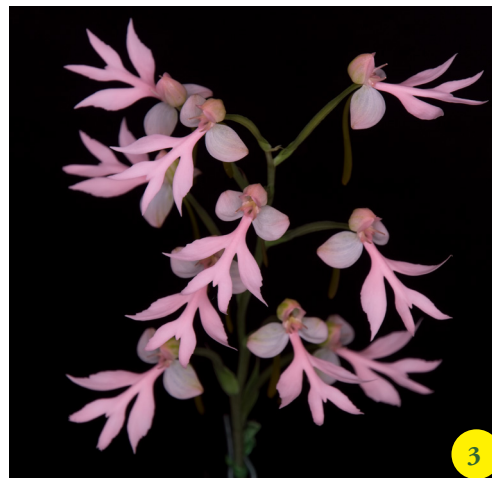
Sarah Hurdel received an 80 point AM on *Habenaria* House Finch 'Needmore Flutterby' (3).

Mai Conaway received an 80 point AM on *Paphiopedilum* Chi Hua Dancer 'Mai Storm' (4).

September 3, 2022, National Capital Judging Center.

Joel Graham received an 84 point AM on *Habenaria* Memoria Ruth Bader Ginsburg 'Jurisprudence' (5).

Sarah Hurdel received an 80 point AM on *Pectabeneria* Little Angel 'Needmore Sugar'. She also received an 82 point AM on *Habenaria* Mayfly 'Sparkler' (6) as well as an 89 point Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) on her plant of *Habenaria medusae* 'Owen' (7).



## MOS Member Update

### MOS Welcomes New Members ...

Karen Blandford and Jonathan Herz  
Linda Dove  
Amy Hornberger  
Eileen Catte  
Yvette May  
Sofia Xouri  
Vincent Russo  
Lori Bivins  
Cindy Wolek



Sarah L. Spence,  
Membership Chair

## MOS 2023 Calendar

April 15, 2023 – Spring Workshop (9am – 2pm; Volunteers Needed)  
April 20, 2023 – Monthly Meeting  
May 18, 2023 – Monthly Meeting  
June 15, 2023 – Monthly Meeting  
July 20, 2023 – Virtual Show Table  
July 27, 2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting (David & Margaret Smith's home)  
July – August 2023 – Annual Picnic (Date and Place still TBD)  
August 17, 2023 – Virtual Show Table



Have you ever considered becoming an  
American Orchid Society Judge?

We invite you to  
come learn with us

[judges@aos.org](mailto:judges@aos.org)

## MOS Vice President's Message

### Lets Talk About Donations to MOS and Tax Time

The only major source of income for the Maryland Orchid Society is from our Annual Auction. Members contribute to this effort by donating plants to the auction to raise funds for the Society and receive a letter from the Treasurer/Auction Chair for the value of the plants sold as a charitable contribution that can be used at tax time. This applies also to the regular monthly meeting for auction plants donated in total.

There are certainly other ways to give by simply writing a check for donation to the Society and receiving a charitable contribution letter.

For those of us who are retired and have an IRA and have reached that point when you are required to take your IRA Required Minimal Distributions (RMD), you have another opportunity to give. It is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A QCD provides direct financial benefit to the Society and provides a benefit to you in the form of reducing your taxable income from your RMD. You will have to work with the holder of your IRA as this requires direct distribution from your IRA directly to the Qualified Charitable Organization (MOS). We would encourage you to speak with your advisor if you would consider this option.

Please note this also can be used in conjunction with a religious affiliation or any other qualified charitable organization.

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## Local AOS News

March 9, 2023: Maryland Orchid Society Show  
Sarah Hurdel's plant of *Paphiopedilum Philip's Song*  
'Wade's Regret' received an 83 point Award of Merit  
(AM). Her exhibit 'Sarah's Style' also received a 91  
point Artistic Certificate from the American Orchid  
Society.

May 6, 2023, Monthly meeting of the National Capital  
Judging Center

The monthly meeting of the National Capital Judging  
Center will be held at the Saint James United Methodist  
Church (12470 Old Frederick  
Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104)  
starting at noon.



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In 1990 Carri was one of the original "gang of five" who founded and formed the 32-year old International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Inc. (IPA), serving first as Membership/Corresponding Secretary, then First Vice President, President, Regional Director for New England, New York and eastern Canada and currently as Director. In 2004 Carri was honored with the IPA Award of Distinction for her contributions to the world of Phalaenopsis Orchids.

Since becoming an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1998, Carri has also had the privilege of judging both national and international orchid shows. Beginning in 2007, she has traveled to Taiwan each year to serve as an AOS Judge for their annual Taiwan International Orchid Show (TIOS), with the 2019 show being her 13th anniversary year of judging that amazing show. She also served as a permanent member of the AOS/TIOS Coordinating Committee in charge of organizing AOS judging for this annual international show.

In 2018 and 2019 the TIOS Show chose to focus exclusively on preparation of International Judging for the 2020 WOC in Taichung, Taiwan, for both Ribbon and Medal Judging, without the inclusion of AOS judging. She was privileged to be invited as a VIP, along with two other fellow AOS judges (Carlos Fighetti and Alan Koch), to serve as a Team Captain for those two shows and work with TOGA on all the details involved in judging the now rescheduled Taiwan WOC. But due to Covid the WOC was canceled twice so she was further involved with helping set up the new rules and procedures for the 2021 Virtual Judging of the Taiwan WOC in addition to serving as an invited Judge via the web.

As a "boutique" commercial grower for 37 years, Carri focuses her orchid business, the orchidPhile, on being able to offer her clients the newest in cutting-edge Phalaenopsis species and hybrids in addition to other orchid genera which grow happily under the same conditions as Phalaenopsis. Of increasing importance to her clients is vivid color, heavy substance flowers that will provide them with long-lasting displays, fragrance and multitudes of flowers with more compact growth and spike habits. In the last two years she has also seen Taiwan's increased interest in breeding some new and more unique intergeneric hybrids utilizing Phalaenopsis as one parent.

She participates in orchid shows year 'round, along the east coast, New England and eastern Canada, creating an exhibit at each and managing her sales tables. She also has traveled across the country and around the world as an international speaker to orchid societies and Symposiums on various topics involving the genus Phalaenopsis.

At last count her collection numbered in the thousands, ranging from very young plants to orchids in full bloom. So despite her BA from Northwestern University in pursuit of what her parents considered a necessary stepping stone to an "important career", she maintains that we never really know where life is going to take us!

Fay Citrone, MOS Program Chair



# Spring Is Coming and So is the Maryland Orchid Society Spring Orchid Workshop

Mark, your calendar and save the date. Saturday April 15, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the MOS normal meeting location:

Woodbrook Baptist Church  
25 Stevenson Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
Lite refreshments will be provided.

While the workshop is open the public, we would encourage MOS members to also register for the workshop. The presentations will pique the interest of the new orchid enthusiast as well as experienced orchid growers.

Our presenters, Bob Travers and Dr. Clark Riley, have close to 100 years of combined experience raising orchids, and both have been members of the Maryland Orchid Society since 1988.

**Bob Travers - An introduction to Orchids – a not-too-technical overview.** This includes what makes an orchid different from other flowers, how do they grow, general distribution around

the world. Next an overview of introductory Orchids, including Lady Slippers, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium and Oncidium.

**Dr. Clark Riley – 60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes (and how to fix them).** Clark has vast experience in growing Orchids from growing in the Home, in the basement, dreaming of a greenhouse - researching and then building one with multiple environments, and establishing home garden spaces capable of supporting Hardy Orchids in our Maryland Climate. Perhaps we can learn to avoid some of his mistakes. Clark's presentation will conclude with a Potting Demonstration.

There will be a Volunteer sign up sheet at the March meeting.

We will need help with Room set-up and Clean-up, Refreshments, Registration/ check in, and Greeters to welcome attendees.

Submitted by Bob Travers

# ORCHID



# WORKSHOP

## Registration Form

The Maryland Orchid Society is presenting a workshop on orchid repotting, growing, culture, and care.

# Saturday, April 15, 2023

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Woodbrook Baptist Church • 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212

Lectures, demonstrations, and discussions in orchid growing and repotting.

**Admission is \$10 per person and includes refreshments. The workshop is open to the public.**

Please RSVP by **April 12, 2023**. For questions email **MarylandOrchid.VP@gmail.com**.

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Please make checks payable to **Maryland Orchid Society** and mail with your registration form to:  
Travers, 5338 Norrisville Road, White Hall MD 21161

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting Ready to Put Your Plants Outside

Spring is officially here. We will still see — feel — some chilly days and nights, but now is the time to plan your orchids' summer vacation. Your plants will benefit greatly from a well-managed summer outdoors. The safe outdoor time typically starts around Mothers Day in the MidAtlantic. The warm and bright days — much brighter than our human indoors — and cool nights — cooler than most humans enjoy — will boost the plant's food production and growth. Natural rain watering is also highly beneficial.

But, there are some hazards to guard against:

1. Don't go from dim light to sunshine too quickly. Chances are your plants aren't currently adapted to direct sun, for instance. Leaves can scorch when suddenly exposed to intense light, and that scorch will never heal. You can permanently lose leaves, setting the plants back. Move them progressively into brighter light until you get that nice slightly yellow green color or a nice purple tinge to the leaf and pseudobulbs.

2. Don't set plants directly on the ground or deck. All sorts of creepy-crawlies would love to feast on your orchid roots. The idea spot would be on a wire mesh or expanded metal shelf. This also makes it easy to water heavily when the rains don't come often enough. Setting the plants up higher also reduces the danger of damage from cats, dogs, and other roving animals.



3. Be sure your pots are well drained. Your pots should have plenty of holes or slots in the bottoms or sides so that water can't accumulate.

One easy way to accomplish these precautions is to hang the plants on a tree branch or fence if available.

These precautions are well worth it in return for reinvigorated plants come autumn.

## Miscellany

An Every-Once-in-a-While (Monthly?) Item of Potential Interest to the MOS Membership

Have you run into a resource that provides some useful information or just an oddity related to our passion for orchids? Please share that discovery with your friends and colleagues of the MOS. Please submit your findings to John Heinbokel (jheinbokel@hotmail.com), for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

## New Japanese Orchid Discovered

We skipped a month of Miscellany in March while I was distracted by other personal matters, but we're getting back up to speed now, albeit with an almost embarrassingly easy 'discovery.' This account of a new *Spiranthes* species discovered in Japan was recently documented by CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/17/asia/japan-new-species-orchid-scn/index.html>).

Just be glad I didn't indulge in my other easy option – reprinting last year's April Fool's column!

Submitted by John Heinbokel, March 28, 2023.



A newly identified species of orchid found in Japan was named *Spiranthes hachijoensis*.

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The *MOS Newsletter*, published monthly by the Maryland Orchid Society September through June, shares the latest news of our orchid community.

We invite articles, notices, etc., for inclusion in our newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the first day of each month.

The MOS brings together people interested in orchids to promote and encourage orchid culture, preservation, education, propagation, hybridization, and all other orchid-related activities of interest to its members. Benefits of membership include a subscription to the Newsletter (e-mail and web), voting rights, borrowing privileges from the MOS Library, monthly guest speakers, local judging, door prizes, and much, much, more!

If you are interested in orchid culture and would like to meet others with similar interests, we cordially invite you to join the ranks of Marylanders already enjoying the benefits of membership in the Maryland Orchid Society.

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The MOS meets at the Woodbrook Church, 25 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, MD 21212, the third Thursday of each month, September through June. The Show Table setup begins at 7 p.m. followed by judging at 7:30 p.m. The Education Corner and Library open at 7:15 p.m. The program commences at 8 p.m. and adjourns at approximately 9:30 p.m. Members may also attend via Zoom.