



# National Capital Orchid Society Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**

North Chevy Chase Christian Church  
8814 Kensington Parkway  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Show table set-up begins at **3 p.m.** and **Show Table judging** begins at **3:30**. Meeting: **3-7 p.m.** This **IS** a members' sales event.

## June is Picnic Month!

Come join the fun as we wind up our 2015-2016 year with the traditional annual picnic and regular meeting on Sunday afternoon, June 26, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. (see sign-up sheet and driving directions, page 3). The venue this year will be the same as before, at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Parkway, in Chevy Chase, MD. As always, the picnic/June meeting will feature an orchid plant auction in lieu of a speaker. Bring a dish to share for 6-8 people to go with the freshly grilled burgers and other meats supplied by NCOS.



Members socialize after dining and before the auction starts at the 2015 picnic. Photo by Chrys Mavrides..

Be sure to bring with you any in-bloom or awarded plant divisions you want to contribute to the auction, either as an outright donation to NCOS (this is how we finance the picnic!) or to share the proceeds with the Society. Master auctioneer Eric Butler will officiate, so put aside this month's grocery money and bring it all to the auction, where you can plan on leaving it – and on having a great time in the process. Also, there will be a swap table – bring divisions of your out-of-bloom plants and/or other

orchid-related stuff to exchange for something new and different.



Gordon Slaymaker at the Show Table at the 2015 Annual Picnic.  
Photo by Chrys Mavrides.

Also, don't forget to bring your favorite in-bloom plants for the regular monthly show table. Gordon Slaymaker (above, doing the show table last year) will preside, as usual. See you there!!

-- Jerry Rice

## NCOS Members' Greenhouse Visits, July 9, 2016

This is a rare opportunity to see how some of NCOS's best growers grow their orchids and what they do with them for the summer. On July 9, you will have an opportunity to visit Joe Francis from 9am – 12 noon at 680 Dranesville Rd., Herndon, VA 20170. On the same day, you can then visit Gene Schurg from 1pm to 4pm at 1439 Laurel Hill Rd., Vienna, VA 22182.

Please RSVP by July 5 directly to Joe [jjfran1@verizon.net](mailto:jjfran1@verizon.net) or call (703) 437-9066 for a visit to the Francis' greenhouse.

Please RSVP by July 5 directly to Gene [gene\\_schurg@verizon.net](mailto:gene_schurg@verizon.net) or call (703) 928-1121.

### Upcoming Special Events

**June 26: Annual NCOS Picnic, North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD (see p. 3)**

**July 9: Greenhouse visits (see above)**

## MEMBERS' CORNER

**Tom Miranda**, long-time NCOS member, accredited AOS judge, and the Smithsonian Institution's orchid collection specialist, often brought a selection of orchid plants in flower from the Smithsonian's extensive collection to share non-competitively with NCOS members at the monthly show table. These photos are from the May 2016 meeting at the USNA.



### Sale item from Yasir Islam

Compact under -sink reverse osmosis system with storage tank, great for orchids! \$125 please contact Yassir at [yi35@cornell.edu](mailto:yi35@cornell.edu)

**Martha Knight** led a group of nine people from our society on the Annual Orchid Walk, May 7.



We walked along the Trillium Trail at the G.R. Thompson Preserve in Linden, VA. The weather was excellent for a walk and we saw more than 23 yellow ladyslippers,

*Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens* (top left), with many more coming out, and showy orchis (bottom left), too many to count, as well as many trilliums for which the trail is named. Attending were Jay and Carol Tullos, Jerry and Mary Rice, Bill and Deirdre Elbert, Martha Knight, and two guests: Martha's brother, Webster and his new son-in-law, Sylvanus.

Pictures courtesy of Bill Elbert.



Top, Tom explains the orchids he brought from the Smithsonian's collection.  
Below left, *Prominea*;  
Below right, *Angraecum sesquipedale*.

Pictures courtesy of Barry Woolf

National Capital Orchid Society Annual Rain-or-Shine  
**Regular June Meeting and PICNIC!!**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Same venue as last year! North Chevy Chase Christian Church,  
 8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

The June meeting will again be combined with the picnic, at the same location as last year. Events will include the monthly show table, supervised by Gordon Slaymaker, and the traditional picnic auction in place of a speaker with Eric Butler as auctioneer.

How to get there: From I-495, take Exit 33 onto Connecticut Avenue, North (direction, Kensington). At the first traffic signal beyond I-495 (1 block), turn right onto Beach Drive. At the first 4-way stop sign, turn right onto Kensington Parkway. Pass under I-495 and continue several blocks to the Church (on right). Turn right just before the Church and follow signs to parking lot and from there to the Community Room.

**Picnic, show table and auction will be in the AIR CONDITIONED Community Room and/or the adjacent patio.**

Schedule of events: 2:00 - 3:00 PM room and show table set up (Come early - Help out!); 3:00 – 5:00 dinner, show table and swap table; 5:00 - 6:30 – auction; 6:30 – 7:00 clean up.

Auctions:     Members' Auction: NCOS Members can bring **awarded or in-bloom** plants to raise money for themselves and NCOS. Members receive 70% and NCOS receives 30% of the winning bid.  
NCOS Auction: NCOS will also have donated plant divisions to auction off, so bring your bidding spirit—and your checkbook! NCOS retains 100% of these bids, and it's a great way to raise funds for the Society! Not to mention that the auction proceeds pay for the picnic!

Show table: Exactly as it would be set up at the Arboretum

Swap table: Have an out-of-bloom or non-awarded plant you'd like to swap for another?? Maybe some fertilizer, extra potting stakes, or other orchid paraphernalia? Bring it along too. We'll have an "orchid swap" for those interested.

Food and drink: NCOS will supply beef hot dogs, bratwurst, pulled pork barbecue, hamburgers, soft drinks & bottled water, and dry goods. **Each member/family is asked to sign up to provide a dish to share: chicken, fruit, salad, a side dish, dessert, etc.**

To help plan and organize this event we're asking everyone interested to RSVP and indicate the type of dish you plan to bring. Please fill out the form below or provide the requested information in a brief e-mail note and send it to Jerry Rice ([jmricewas@aol.com](mailto:jmricewas@aol.com)) -- or leave a message at (301) 986-0659. RSVP is **not** necessary to attend, but it certainly helps us to plan.

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members that will be attending (including yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

Dish to share: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have special food requirements please let Jerry know.

**Alcoholic beverages are allowed if you choose to bring your own to share (sangria was a big hit one year!)**

*-- 2016 Picnic Committee: Jerry Rice (Chair), Mary Rice, Mike Bongiovanni, Eric Butler, Joe Francis, Chrissy Mavrides, Gordon Slaymaker (additional volunteers are very welcome!)*

# Show Table – May 16, 2016

(Photos by Barry Woolf; Species names are italicized)

**SPECIES:**

1. *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*  
Jerry Rice



2. *Liparis nutans*  
**Roddy Gabel Tie**
2. *Sarcoglottis sceptrodes*  
**Jay Tullos Tie**
3. *Bulb. falcatum* 'Red'  
**Barry Woolf**

**NO GREENHOUSE:**

1. Phrag. Stairway to Heaven  
**Neville Ward**  
**ABBOTT AWARD**



**SMALL GREENHOUSE:**

1. *Coel. tomentosa* (syn. *massangeana*)  
**Jay Tullos**



2. *Phal. mannii*  
**Linda Browne**

**LARGE GREENHOUSE:**

1. *C. walkeriana* 'Kenny' (syn. Snow Blind) AM/AOS  
**Gene Schurg**
2. Paph. Ken's Festive  
**Martha Knight**
3. Coel. South Carolina  
**Barry Woolf**

**ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE:**

1. Oncostele (syn. Odcdm.)  
Catatante 'Pacific Sunspots' AM/AOS  
**Barry Woolf**

**PHALAENOPSIS:**

1. *Phal. modesta*  
**Gene Schurg**
2. Phal. Linda Cheok  
**Linda Browne**



3. Phal. hybrid  
**Jay Tullos**

**PAPHIOPEDILUM:**

1. *Paph. villosum*  
**Suzette Agans**
2. *Paph. philippinense* v. *palawanense*  
**Roddy Gabel**
3. Phrag. (Asuko Fischer x Waunakee Sunset)  
**David Meadows Tie**

3. Phrag. Hanne Popow  
**Barry Woolf Tie**

**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:**

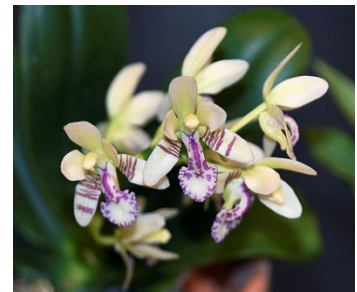
1. *C. skinneri* 'Casa Luna' AM/AOS  
**Gene Schurg**  
**MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD**



2. *C. Sea Breeze*  
**Nancy Mountford Tie**
2. *C. forbesii*  
**Barry Woolf Tie**

**MINIATURE:**

1. Promenea Limelight  
**Dan Gillespie**
2. *Dendrochilum microchilum*  
**Linda Browne**
3. *Sedirea* (syn. *Phal*) *japonica*  
**Barry Woolf**



**FIRST BLOOM SEEDLINGS:**

1. Phrag. (Waunakee Sunset x manzurii)  
**Susan Kulhavi**
2. Ren. Amayani  
**Dan Gillespie**

Our thanks to this month's judging team: Ken Meier & Yassir Islam. There were 41 plants on the show table. Special thanks to everyone who brought in plants.

## Societies and AOS

**Pennsylvania** - Southeastern  
Pennsylvania Orchid Society  
[www.sepos.org](http://www.sepos.org)

**Pennsylvania** - Susquehanna Orchid  
Society  
[www.susquehanna-orchid.org](http://www.susquehanna-orchid.org)

**Baltimore** - Maryland Orchid Society  
[www.marylandorchids.org](http://www.marylandorchids.org)

**Frederick** - Catocin Orchid Society  
[www.catocinorchidsociety.org](http://www.catocinorchidsociety.org)

**Montgomery County** -  
Rock Creek Orchid Club  
Chryss Mavrides (240-432-9248)  
JoBeth Roberson (240-385-6608)

**Alexandria** - Hollin Hills Orchid Society  
[www.hollinhillsorchidsociety.com](http://www.hollinhillsorchidsociety.com)

**Winchester** - Lord Fairfax Orchid  
Society – Zita Winzer  
[zitawinzer@me.com](mailto:zitawinzer@me.com)

**Richmond** - Virginia Orchid Society  
[www.vaorchidsociety.org](http://www.vaorchidsociety.org)

**Richmond** - Richmond Orchid Alliance  
[www.richmondorchidalliance.com](http://www.richmondorchidalliance.com)

**Delmarva** - Orchid Hobbyists of  
Delmarva: DE- Mary Sherwood (302-  
628-3416); MD- Lois (410-228-3804);  
VA- Bill (757-665-4108)  
[www.easternshoreorchidlovers.org](http://www.easternshoreorchidlovers.org)

**National** - American Orchid Society  
[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

## NCOS Events 2016 (updated 1 June 2016)

### Future CY 2016 Member Meetings

Members' meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month (except for June, July, August, October and December) at USNA. Gate opens at 6:30.

September 19: Mary Jo Gilsdorf (Subject to be determined).

November 21: TBD

December 12: Annual Holiday Party and Business Meeting

### CY 2016 Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held on January 4, March 7, May 2, September 12, and November 7 at USNA from 6:30 to 9:30.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### CY 2016 NCOS Special Events

February 7, Sunday: Annual Orchid Auction. Behnke's, Beltsville, MD.

February 13, Saturday: Paph Forum. All day event at the USNA.

February 19-21: VOS Show. Strange's Garden Center, Short Pump (Richmond), VA.

March 11-13: MOS Show. Timonium, MD.

April 1-3: SEPOS Show. Oaks, PA

April 9-10: CPOS Show. State College, PA.

May 7, Saturday: Annual Orchid Walk

May 7: AOS Judging, US National Arboretum

June 4, Saturday: Behnke Garden Party, Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD

June 4: AOS Judging and semiannual business meeting, US National Arboretum, Washington, DC

June 26, Sunday: Annual Picnic and Meeting, 3-7 pm. North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD

October 8-10: Annual Fall Show, Columbus Day Weekend

December 12: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/ Business Meeting