



# National Capital Orchid Society Newsletter

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**There will be no meeting in October. Instead, we encourage all members to come to the Annual Fall Show and Sale at Behnke Nurseries in Beltsville, MD, during Columbus Day weekend. See below for the exclusive members' segment on Friday, October 9, 2015.**

## Next Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015

U.S. National Arboretum, Admin Bldg Auditorium  
24<sup>th</sup> & R Streets NE  
Washington, DC

## From the Show Chair:

First order of business ~~ Thanks to all volunteers who have helped with the preliminary work and those who have committed to help with the 68<sup>th</sup> Fall Show and Sale at the Behnke Nurseries. Some important changes from past practices are in place.

We will begin the **members' only segment** of our show with a free lunch on Friday, October 9, from 12:30 until 2pm. This will give you a chance to meet and visit with our AOS judging teams, and to have a leisurely visit with other members. The exhibits will be opened about 2 pm for a quiet look at the 24 separate exhibits. From 3 to 5:30 pm we will enjoy the advanced plant sale period. This change replaces the traditional preview party.

The sales area will begin operations each day at 9 am and close at 5:30 pm except for Monday when the closing is moved to 3 pm ~~ the end of the show. Our exhibit area will follow the same schedule with some tolerance on Sunday and Monday at 9 am for the photographers. Be certain to bring along close friends and neighbors to enjoy the public segment of our event.

Thanks to each of you who have worked with me in our society's events for the past 15 years. I recognize the tradeoffs for family and work obligations you so willingly made. These cumulative contributions made each event one of true value to the public and our fellow members.

--Joe Francis, Show Chair

(For your convenience, the Fall Show information is reprinted from the Web Site on pages 5 and 6)

## Membership Renewal Information

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2016. Don't wait till the last minute to re-up. A Renewal Application is on page 2. If you had any changes to your address, phone no., or e-mail address, please fill out the form. If there are no changes, just send a check, made out to "NCOS," to the address listed on the form. You may also pay at the Show, at the November meeting, or at the Holiday Party in December.

--Mary Rice, Membership Chair

## Upcoming Special Events

**Oct. 10-12: NCOS Annual Show and Sale, Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD**

**Dec. 14: Annual Holiday Party, National Arboretum, Washington, DC**

**Jan. 15-17, 2016: North Jersey Orchid Society 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Feb. 7, 2016 (Sunday): Annual Auction, Behnkes (date provisional)**

**Feb. 13, 2016 (Saturday): Paph Forum, USNA**

# NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY



## 2016 Membership Renewal Form for members whose contact details have changed

[Please print clearly]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name, Last Name

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name, Last Name

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name, Last Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Required: All NCOS communications are sent via email

### January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 Membership Dues

Category (check one):  **\$30 Single**  
 **\$30 Joint** (2+ at the same address)

Please make checks payable to **NCOS**.

**Mail to:**

**Mary Rice**  
**NCOS Communications Chair**  
**3213 Coquelin Terrace**  
**Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

# Show Table – September 20, 2015

(Species names are italicized; Photos by Jerry Rice)

## SPECIES:

1. *Goodyera schlectendaliana*  
**Linus Chen**
2. *C. (syn. Laelia) longipes*  
**Jeff Johnson**

## MINIATURE:

1. *V. (syn. Neofinetia) falcata*  
**Jay Tullos**

## NO GREENHOUSE:

1. Rlc. (syn. Potinara) Susan Fender 'Cinnamon Stick' AM/AOS  
**Marc Levenson**



2. *C. (syn. Slc.) Bright Circle*  
**Linus Chen**

## SMALL GREENHOUSE:

1. *Cochlezeella (syn. Cochleanthes) Amazing*  
**Jay Tullos**
2. *Psychopsis hybrid*  
**Sue Spicer**

## LARGE GREENHOUSE:

1. *Cattleya pink hybrid*  
**Martha Knight**

## ONCIDIUM :

1. *Onc. Sweet Ears 'The Orchid Works'*  
**Linus Chen**

## PHALAENOPSIS:

1. *Vandachostylis Lou Sneary 'Lynette'*  
**Marc Levenson**



2. *Phalaenopsis hybrid*  
**Sue Spicer**

## CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:

1. Rlc. *Lawless Walküre 'The Ultimate'* AM/AOS  
**Marc Levenson**
2. Rlc. *Lake Murray 'Mendenhall'* AM/AOS  
**Jerry Rice**
3. Bc. *Hoku Gem 'Freckles'* AM/82  
**Charles Little**

## PAPHIOPEDILUM:

1. *Paph. Transdoll*  
**Jay Tullos**

2. *Paph. (Ang-Thong x niveum) x niveum*  
**Linus Chen**
3. *Paph. concolor*  
**Roddy Gabel**

## DENDROBIUM:

1. *Dendrobium, white hybrid*  
**Charles Little**  
**ABBOTT AWARD**



2. *Dendrobium Woo Leng*  
**Martha Knight**

## FIRST BLOOM SEEDLING:

- 1, *Paph. godefroyae-leucochilum*  
**Roddy Gabel**

Our thanks to this month's judging team, Tom Mirenda and Gordon Slaymaker. There were 28 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  
Chrissy Mavrides (240-432-9248)  
JoBeth Roberson (240-385-6608)

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

**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.org](http://www.richmondorchidalliance.org)

**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)

## WHOOPS!

The Arboretum management forgot that the NCOS was meeting on Monday, September 21 and had already set up the auditorium for another activity. We had to use the classroom and the Show Table had to be set up in the reception area.

## NCOS Events 2015 (updated 1 Oct.) (dates firm unless otherwise noted)

### Future CY 2015 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.

October 10-12: NCOS Annual Show

November 16: Jay Tullos, NCOS member, will speak on the 2015 Native Orchid Conference meeting and field trips held June 1-3, 2015 at Gorham, NH

December 14: Holiday Party

### CY 2015 Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held on January 5, March 2, May 4, September 14, and November 2 at USNA from 6:30 to 9:30.

### CY 2015 NCOS Special Events

February 8, **Sunday**: Annual Orchid Auction. Behnke's, Beltsville, MD.  
**Note change in day of week**

February 14, Saturday: Paph Forum. All day event at the USNA.

February 20-22: VOS Show. Strange's, Richmond, VA.

March 6-8: MOS Show. Timonium, MD.

March 28-29: LFOS Show. Winchester, VA.

April 10-12: CPOS Show. State College, PA.

May 16: Orchid Walk. Thompson Preserve, VA.

June 6, Saturday: Behnke Garden Party.

June 28, **Sunday**: Annual Picnic and monthly Meeting. North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD.

October 10-12: Annual Fall Show, Columbus Day Weekend

December 14: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/ Business Meeting.



**68TH ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015**  
**BEHNKE NURSERY COMPANY**  
**11300 BALTIMORE AVE, BELTSVILLE, MD 20705**  
**(301) 937-1100**  
[WWW.BEHNKES.COM/WEBSITE/](http://WWW.BEHNKES.COM/WEBSITE/)

On Columbus Day weekend, the National Capital Orchid Society will present its 68th annual Orchid Show at the Behnke Nursery Company -- "**Present Orchids!**": Celebrating 68 Years FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC! Plan to visit, bring friends, see thousands of unique orchid plants in bloom, partake in our educational lectures, meet our 'Orchid Doctor' to answer questions, visit our Sales Area with top-quality vendors for plant and supply sales, unique orchid-themed gifts, and MUCH MORE! Fall is one of the best blooming seasons for orchids in DC, so come prepared for a wonderful selection of orchids to see and buy!

**SHOW SCHEDULE**  
**(SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH)**

|          |                |  |
|----------|----------------|--|
| Saturday | 9 AM - 5:30 PM | Sales area open to the public              |
|          | 9 AM - 5:30 PM | Exhibits open to the public                |
| Sunday   | 9 AM - 5:30 PM | Exhibit* and sales area open to the public |
| Monday   | 9 AM - 3 PM    | Exhibit* and sales area open to the public |
|          | 9 AM - 3 PM    | Sales area open to the public              |
|          |                | *9 - 10 AM Exhibit photography period      |

**EDUCATIONAL LECTURES**

Throughout the show, one hour educational lectures will be presented, covering topics of interest to orchid hobbyists.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015**

|          |             |   |
|----------|-------------|---|
| 10:00 AM |             | Guided Exhibit Tour                             |
| 11:00 AM | Joe Francis | <b>Do Orchids have Bad Hair Days?</b>           |
| 12:00 PM |             | Guided Exhibit Tour                             |
| 1:00 PM  | Barry Woolf | <b>What Orchids Eat &amp; Related Topics</b>    |
| 2:00 PM  |             | Guided Exhibit Tour                             |
| 3:00 PM  | Ken Meier   | <b>Beyond the basics - Ways to grow Orchids</b> |

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015**

|          |                   |   |
|----------|-------------------|---|
| 10:30 am |                   | Guided Exhibit Tour   |
| 11:30 am | Ken Meier         | <b>Picking the Right Orchid for Your Environment</b>                    |
| 1:00 pm  | Peter Tobias      | <b>Fun Conserving Orchids in the Wild, Orchid Conservation Alliance</b> |
| 2:00 pm  |                   | Guided Exhibit Tour   |
| 3:00 pm  | Stephanie Jarrell | <b>The Dirt on Repotting your Plants</b>                                |



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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015**

1:00 pm                      Gene Schurg                      **Home Orchid Growing 101**

There will be guided tours of the exhibit area by senior members of the NCOS immediately following the classroom lectures. Start times will be posted outside the exhibit entrance.

**ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS!*****Back by popular demand: Orchid Show Photo Sessions***

Sunday, October 11, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Monday, October 12, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Photograph rare and exotic blooming orchids set in spectacular museum-quality displays without the worry or space constraints due to crowds of visitors. Each session gives you early access to the Orchid Show Exhibit Area before it opens to the public.

**MEMBER SALES**

NCOS members who volunteer at least one full day (or equivalent) at the Show can sell plants through the Member Sales spot in the sales area. [Additional information](#) about member sales.

**SHOW VENDORS**

Plants and/or orchid supplies will be sold by Arbec Orchids, Fishing Creek Orchids, J&L Orchids, NCOS Member Sales, Orchid Enterprise, The Orchid House, The OrchidPhile, Quarter Acre Orchids and Woodstream Orchids. Art products will be sold by Sunisa's Clay Flowers. More detailed information about some of these vendors is available on the following websites:

- Floradise Orchids / [www.floradise.com](http://www.floradise.com)
- J&L Orchids / [www.jlorchids.com](http://www.jlorchids.com)
- Orchid Enterprise / [www.orchidenterprise.com](http://www.orchidenterprise.com)
- OrchidPhile / [www.facebook.com/orchidphile](http://www.facebook.com/orchidphile)
- QuarterAcreOrchids / [www.quarteracreorchids.com](http://www.quarteracreorchids.com)
- Woodstream Orchids / [www.woodstreamorchids.com](http://www.woodstreamorchids.com)

Plant registration information will be sent via email directly to each exhibitor's point of contact before the show (on or about September 15th). Please plan to pre-register your plants before show weekend. Questions on plant registration should be directed to Gary Smith ([orchid.impaired@gmail.com](mailto:orchid.impaired@gmail.com)).

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact:  
Joe Francis [jjfran1@verizon.net](mailto:jjfran1@verizon.net) or Nancy Burns [nburnsva@gmail.com](mailto:nburnsva@gmail.com) .