



Newsletter of the National Capital Orchid Society

NCOS Calendar of Events:

Monthly Meetings

- o **December 13th:** Holiday Party and Business Meeting
- o January 24th, 2022 Dave Roberts
- o February- No Meeting
- o March 21st, 2022
- o April 18th, 2022

Board Meetings:

- o January 16th, 2022

Society Events:

- o 42nd Paph Forum, January 22nd, 2022
- o NCOS Annual Show, February 19th – 22nd, 2022

December 2021



October 2021 People's Choice and Abbott award winner: *Dendrochilum wenzelii* Grown by Robin Collins.

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Members and their plants at the November Meeting



- Suzette Agans
- Barbara Fennelly
- Marc Levenson
- Zita Winzer
- Nicole Michels
- Robin Collins



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Meeting Details

Details on the December 13th Member Meeting.
The meeting will be held both in-person and virtually.

Schedule:

Doors Open at 6:45 PM
Show Table set up 6:45-7:30 PM
Plant Sales and Show Table Judging 7:30-8:00 PM
NCOS Business Meeting 8:00-8:15 PM
Speaker 8:15-9:15 PM
Clean up 9:15 PM
Departure by 10:00 PM

In-Person: The North Chevy Chase Christian Church requires that:

- All visitors be fully vaccinated
- People inside the building will be required to wear masks

Virtual: **Zoom**

- The Meeting will open with the opportunity for members to share what they have blooming and socialize virtually with each other.
- Once the speaker starts, all virtual members will be muted.
- Questions should be logged in the chat function during this time and will be relayed via the virtual facilitator.

December Meeting Overview

Join us at the December's Member meeting for a little festive cheer, comradery, and some important society business.

- We will start the evening with a member social hour (*bring a dish of finger foods to share*), member plant sale (NCOS members can bring divisions or plants to sell to each other), and show table.
- At 8:00 PM we will call the NCOS business meeting to order and elect a President and Director at Large.
- Following the election, NCOS member and AOS judge Gordon Slaymaker will provide a brief overview of the American Orchid Society judging and awards system, including our own National Capital Judging Center. We will then have a presentation of awards from 2020 and 2021. (Will there be member plants included? Watch the presentation to find out!)

2022 Slate of Candidates

President

Jason Gebbia

Jason Gebbia has been growing orchids on and off for almost 20 years but in earnest for 12 years. He is currently serving as Vice President on the NCOS board and is the Away Shows Chair. He lives in Brookeville, MD where he grows hardy terrestrial orchids in his garden and a collection of tropical orchids under lights in his basement.

Director at Large

Suzette Agans

Suzette Agans has served on the NCOS Board and as Program Chair for the last four years. During this time, she has regularly sought member input on topics and speakers. She has been growing orchids for about 10 years and joined NCOS about 9 years ago. She grows a variety of orchids in her house with a heavy emphasis on slippers.

Join Zoom Meeting

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2022 National Capital Orchid Society Show and Sale!

Preparations for the 2022 National Capital Orchid Society Show are well underway. We optimistically look forward to holding our show once again at Homestead Gardens. Homestead was a great host in 2020 and has enthusiastically invited us back. Here is location information:

Homestead Gardens
743 West Central Avenue
Davidsonville, MD 21035
<https://homesteadgardens.com>

Latitude: 38.922979635136166
Longitude: -76.62536358266442

And here is an overview of events by date and time:

Date	Activity
Wednesday, 02/16 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Early drop-off or set-up
Thursday, 02/17 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Exhibit installation and registration
Friday, 02/18 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	AOS and ribbon judging
Saturday, 02/19 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday, 02/20 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday, 02/21 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Open to the public
Monday, 02/21 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Teardown

There are many opportunities for you as an NCOS member to contribute to the success of the show. Here are some ideas:

- **Staging Setup** – We need 2 to 3 members to help pickup, deliver, and setup staging
- **Cart Brigade** – Keep a steady supply of carts at the ready to assist exhibitors with unloading their material and transferring it to the exhibit area

- **Judging Clerks** – We need 6 to 8 members to help with clerking and other judging activities
- **Exhibition** – Loan your plants and/or help install an exhibit. This can be done either individually or as a group. Start preening your plants now.
- **Speakers** – We have access to a great classroom space and need up to 10 members to provide 45- to 60-minute presentations. You can even give the same talk more than once.
- **Hospitality** – We need 2 to 3 members at a time to greet visitors, answer questions, and give impromptu tours of the exhibit area
- **Floor Walkers** – We need 1 to 2 members at a time to keep an eye on the sales area when open
- **Teardown** – We need 2 to 3 members dedicated to show teardown
- **Customers** – If no other job suits you, then at least show up to enjoy the exhibits and buy some orchids

Please address offers to volunteer and questions to Show Chair Gary Smith at orchid.impaired@gmail.com.





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Message from the President: Roddy Gabel



Greetings of the season! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and I wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays. As I write this, our annual NCOS holiday party is only 10 days away, and I'm looking forward to

spending a pleasant evening with my orchid friends. We will have a brief--but important!--bit of business to conduct, namely the election of a new President and Director at Large.

This is my last message as NCOS President, since the January message will come from my successor. I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the support and cooperation of the other board members, past and present, including not only other officers but committee chairs and Past Presidents, who have all contributed to the successful operation and management of the society. I also want to thank other members who have stepped up to assist with various tasks and/or supported the society through their attendance at events, donation or purchase of plants, or in other ways. There are too many to name individually, but I'm grateful to all who've given of their advice, time, helping hands, financial support--all contributions large or small. I hope you will continue to give the same support to my successor and the other board members as we start the New Year. Happy Holidays!



*Grown by Jason Gebbia
Phragmipedium Cape Sunset*



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Clay Pots Available to Members

We were contacted by Tim Flynn, son of Dr and Mrs. Peter Flynn, former NCOS members, to see, if we could help them recycle about 200 clay pots we thought it would be a great idea to keep them out of the local landfill and make them available to our members. Barbara made the trip out to Reston to pick up the pots, prior to the sale of the Flynn's home.

Did you know that the high-quality terracotta pots from Italy are predominately made in the 2 towns of Impruneta and Siena, in Tuscany near Florence? The cost of importing these pots has gotten very high and the shipping costs more than the pot. There are terracotta pots made in other countries such as China, but many would argue the Italian ones are better.

Currently the pots are in Barbara Fennelly's garage in Rockville, MD and they are offered on a First come, first served basis. Cost based on size:

- Small (2"-4") \$1 each
- Med (5"-7") \$2 each
- Large (8"-12") \$3 each
- There is also a large assortment of hanging hardware, very reasonable price to be determined.

Contact information for Barbara:
973-769-6396



Away Show Season is Just Around the Corner!



In 2022 we are planning on supporting three other regional societies with the room to possibly support more but we need your help to make that happen. We need three to four volunteers per show to:

- Transport Plants to the show location and set up a display.
- Breakdown the display after the Show is complete and transport plants back to the DMV.

These are important events that help create a vibrant regional orchid community. Your help and plants are needed to make it a winning and rewarding event for both NCOS and the host society.

NCOS Away Show Calendar:

- Susquehanna Orchid Society (25 sqft)
 - Hershey, PA
 - February 2nd (Set Up)
 - February 6th (Take Down)
- Maryland Orchid Society (50 sqft)
 - Timonium, MD
 - March 9th (Set Up)
 - March 13th (Take Down)
- Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (25 sqft)
 - Oaks, PA
 - March 31st (Set Up)
 - April 3rd (Take Down)

If you are able to help, email Jason Gebbia at JasonG1799@gmail.com or Membership.NCOS@gmail.com



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The NCOS Fall Membership Campaign is underway with 2022 membership renewals due by January 1, 2022. **So far, over 65%** of our members have renewed for 2022. If you haven't done so yet, take a moment and renew today. Also, please consider giving a gift membership to a friend or family member this holiday season.

We are offering several **Promotions** that will run throughout the Campaign:

1. New Member Referral & Gift Membership

- Each existing member who refers a new member whose payment is received by December 31, 2021, will be entered for a chance to win a \$40 visa gift card and each existing member who purchases a gift membership for a new member by December 31, 2021, will be entered for a chance to win \$40 visa gift card.

2. Member Renewal

- For each member renewal payment received between November 24 and December 31, 2021, the member will be entered for a chance to win a \$30 visa gift card

The Board is looking forward to an exciting year ahead, and we hope you will continue to support the NCOS Community.

PayPal instructions [HERE](#)

Pay by check instructions [HERE](#)



1. *Potinaria Dean's Gold* Grown by Barbara Fennelly
2. *Brassavola nodosa* Grown by Marc Levenson
3. *Vanda No ID* Grown by Robin Collins

Photos Dan Gillespie



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NCOS Announcements and News

- If you have an idea for a topic or speaker for an upcoming monthly meeting please let the Programs Committee know by emailing Zita Winzer (zitawinzer@me.com). Your input will help us create an engaging and rewarding program.
- Thank you for your help! So many great pictures have come in, but **we need more** to keep the newsletter and the website packed with pictures. You can use this [form](#) to send pictures or send them to membership.ncos@gmail.com.
- Don't forget to **support NCOS on Amazon Smile**. We are now a registered charitable organization. Once you select NCOS as your giving partner, Amazon donates a portion of what you spend to the NCOS.
- The first quarter of 2022 is shaping up to be packed with volunteer opportunities. Please consider helping out with:
 - Our Annual Show and Sale
 - The Paph Forum
 - An Away ShowThese are great ways to support the Society, meet fellow members and growers, learn about orchids, and have fun.



Welcome New Members!

William Haskell, Maryland

Priscilla Magee, Washington DC

Nicole Michels, Washington, DC

If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter, let Jason Gebbia know (jasong1799@gmail.com) and we can include your piece in an upcoming newsletter.



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NCOS Member Brag Board



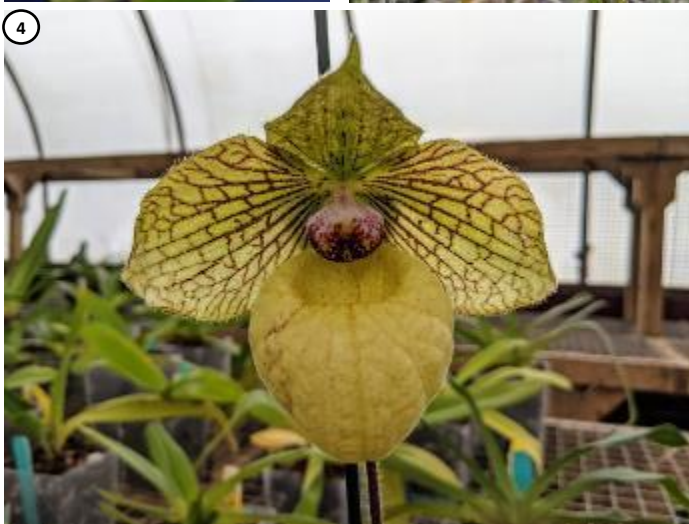
Grown by Robin Collins
A collection of unnamed Vanda



Grown by Bill Elbert
Hanging is Bc Nakornpathome Silver 'Deirdre' AM/AOS
Below from left to right are Stenoglottis Venus 'Jamboree', Sc Beaufort 'Elizabeth', Zelemnia Midas 'Willow Pond', Habenaria Hampson, Bulbophyllum thurum, Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Fishing Creek', and Dendrobium cuthbertsonii.



NCOS Member Brag Board



Grown by Al Pickrel.

1. Blc. Chyong Guu Chaffinch 'Ta-Hsin'
2. Blc. Golden Chieftain 'Akukii' AM/AOS
3. *Epidendrum porpax*
4. *Paphiopedilum Fanaticum* 'Scar'



Grown by Nick Brand.

1. *Coelogyne rochussenii*



Grown by Jason Gebbia.

1. *Dendrobium Red Emperor*



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NCOS October Show Table

Details from November's show table are on page 12, Photos by Dan Gillespie



1. Phalenopsis No ID
2. Paphiopedilum Lady Isabel (syn Lady Isobel)
3. Cattleya Steven Oliver Fouraker
4. Habenaria roeblienii x medusi
5. Dendrobium Trudy Brandt x Odon Blue Angel

6. Phragmipedium Noirmont
7. Phalenopsis violacea var. indigo
8. Oncidium Maculatum
9. Cattleya No ID



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Monthly Culture Checklist

- ☐ Many plants are well into their inflorescence development. Make sure they are clear of obstructions (like other plants leaves) that will cause the spike to bend or distort as it grows.
- ☐ Be mindful of your watering as media can stay wetter longer during cooler months.
- ☐ If you are growing cattleyas, you may have begun to see flower sheaths forming as your plants prepare to bloom. In some cases, depending on the species in the background, the sheaths will begin to yellow. Don't cut them off; in many cases this is a normal occurrence.
- ☐ Be on the lookout for pests. While all can be damaging, things like mealybugs and aphids can be particularly frustrating when they attack newly forming flowers, distorting or destroying them before they open.

For more resources check out the culture page at [AOS](http://www.ncos.us).

Culture Column: Mealybugs

The bane of many a grower, mealybugs are at the least a nuisance and at worst a pest that can critically damage a plant. Their ability to tuck into small areas of a plant make them difficult to find and control. They can also live and hide in the potting media of your plant, reappearing after you have thought you had controlled the outbreak. Luckily, with the right combination of treatments, you can control and eliminate an infection.

Description:

Mealybugs are a soft-bodied scale that are covered in a white waxy coating that protects them. They range in size from 1/20th of an inch to 1/5th of an inch. They retain their legs throughout their lifecycle allowing you easily differentiate them from scale or other similar insects.

Life Cycle:

Females go through 3 stages progressing from immature to mature. One generation goes from immature to mature every one to three months and in an established population you can have multiple generations with staggered maturation times making them difficult to control.

Habit

Mealybugs are surprisingly mobile and will seek out feeding areas often hiding under leaves, or more concerning for a grower, around roots or in potting media. This behavior makes control a challenge since one or two well-hidden insects can quickly restart an infestation. They are a sucking pest, using their mouth parts to pierce the plant and suck the juices out. This will lead to reduced vigor and the injuries can open the plant to infection. They also produce honeydew (a sugary secretion) that can host secondary infection or attract other pests.

Control

Once a population is established, chemical control will be required with multiple treatments every 10-14 days until you have caught up to the populations' reproduction cycle. A systemic insecticide coupled with something like Orthene can be an effective management strategy. Oils and soaps will work but you will need to be diligent ensuring you have full coverage of the pests since only insects that are covered in the material will be killed. Soaps and oils have no residual efficacy. If you need to employ a more powerful chemical to control your pest outbreak, be sure to wear appropriate protective equipment and be sure to follow the label's instructions and make sure you have good ventilation when applying.



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Member Meetings Archives

Links to past presentations:

April 2021:

- Tom's African Adventures
- Tom Mirenda

April Mini Workshop

- Help! Bugs are Eating my Orchids.
- Sarah Hurdell
- Password: %+&R=9Sr

May 2021:

- Orchids from flask, an economical way of growing your collection.
- Clark Riley

July 2021

- Growing Semi-Hydro
- Linus Chen

September 2021

- Big Flowered Cattleyas
- Art Chadwick

October 2021

- Epidendrums: Amazingly Diverse...Wonderfully Worthwhile
- Dr. Bill Goldner

November 2021

- Brazilian Orchid Habitats: The Amazon
- Francisco Miranda

National Capital Judging Center



The National Capital Judging Center has reopened!

American Orchid Society Judges will be meeting each month to evaluate, and award outstanding flowers grown by our local enthusiasts.

Temporary Location:

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

Dates:

- December 11th at 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Show Table Results

Species	Name	Owner
1	<i>Dendrichilum wenzelii</i> 'Fishing Creek'	Robin Collins
2	<i>Coel. sanderiana</i>	Suzette Agans
3	<i>Phrag. Dalessandroi</i>	Jason Gebbia
3	<i>B. nodosa</i>	Marc Levenson
No Greenhouse	Name	Owner
1	<i>Paph. Lady Isabel</i> (syn. <i>Lady Isabel</i>)	Jason Gebbia
Small Greenhouse	Name	Owner
1	<i>C. Stephen Oliver Fouraker</i>	Zita Winzer
First Bloom Seedlings	Name	Owner
1	<i>Hab. roeblenii</i> x <i>medusa</i>	Suzette Agans
2	<i>Phrag. St. Owen</i>	Jason Gebbia
Novice	Name	Owner
1	<i>Phal. No ID</i>	Nicole Michels
Oncidium	Name	Owner
1	<i>Onc. maculatum</i>	Robin Collins
2	<i>Onc. Heaven Scent</i> 'Sweet Baby'	Suzette Agans
Cattleya	Name	Owner
1	<i>Cattleya</i> NO ID	Robin Collins
2	<i>Pot inaria</i> Dean's Gold	Barbara Fennelly
3	<i>Blc. Ports of Paradise</i> 'Emerald Isles'	Marc Levenson
	<i>Catt. violacea</i> x <i>Enc. seibodii</i>	Barbara Fennelly
	<i>C. Bowringiana</i>	Suzette Agans
Phalaenopsis	Name	Owner
1	<i>Phal. violacea</i> var. <i>indigo</i>	Jason Gebbia
2	<i>Vanda</i> NO ID	Robin Collins
Phragmipedium	Name	Owner
1	<i>Phrag. Noirmont</i>	Jason Gebbia
Dendrobium	Name	Owner
1	<i>Den. Trudy Brandt</i> x <i>Odon Blue Angel</i>	Marc Levenson



Grown by Suzette Agans/ Photo Dan Gillespie
Coelogyne sanderiana



American Orchid Society News and Events

Do you love Orchids?
Have you ever thought about becoming an
American Orchid Society Judge?



Have you ever thought about becoming an AOS Judge?

The American Orchid Society Judging Program is willing to teach you to become an AOS Judge and is actively seeking orchid enthusiasts.

If You

- *Have a love of orchids*
- *Want to learn more about orchids*
- *Are willing to contribute to the long-term health AOS and its Affiliated Societies*
- *Desire to teach the public about orchids*

Then Contact the AOS Judging Program at judges@aos.org for more information about how to become an AOS Judge.



Although [The Orchid Marketplace™](https://marketplace.aos.org/) is a curated collection of the world's top orchid, and related product vendors that offer a **minimum 5% discount** to ALL active AOS members, it is accessible to all orchid fanciers whether or not they are members. You will want to encourage everyone to browse this program often to look for Orchids, Jewelry, Books, Potting Media and more!

When members sign up for a two-year AOS membership they get **\$30 off a minimum \$100 purchase** from each Elite Partner (terms and conditions may apply). If you aren't a member, become an AOS members now to take advantage of this new member benefit.

This new, improved program will replace the Orchid Source Directory. It is designed to be mobile friendly, and fully searchable by keyword/genus, location, or featured products. <https://marketplace.aos.org/>



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Other Orchid Resources

Neighboring Societies

- Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.sepos.org
- Susquehanna Orchid Society
www.susquehannaorchid.org
- Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.facebook.com/CentralPAOrchidSociety
- Maryland Orchid Society
www.marylandorchids.org
- Catoctin Orchid Society
<https://catoctinorchidsociety.weebly.com>
- Lord Fairfax Orchid Society
 - Zita Winzer zitawinzer@me.com
- Virginia Orchid Society
www.vaorchidsociety.org

Other Orchid Resources

- Orchid Digest
www.orchiddigest.com
- Slipper Orchid Alliance
www.slipperorchid.org
- International Phalaenopsis Alliance
www.phal.org
- American Orchid Society
www.aos.org
- Orchid Conservation Alliance
www.orchidconservationalliance.org
- Smithsonian Gardens
www.gardens.si.edu
- Missouri Botanical Garden
www.missouribotanicalgarden.org
- Mather's Foundation
<https://orchid.foundation>

NCOS 2022 Board Committee Chair Openings

Committee Roles (Appointed)

Finance Chair: Lead the finance committee and work collaboratively with the Treasurer to manage the finances of the society.

Away Shows Chair: Coordinate the society's efforts in attending, installing, and breaking down orchid displays at other societies' shows.

Show Table Chair: Organize the monthly show table including, maintaining supplies, selecting judges, and presenting results.



Grown by Marc Levensen/ Photo Dan Gillespie
Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isles' FCC/AOS

If you have any questions about or are interested in or know of someone who would be great in one of the roles above, please email membership.ncos@gmail.com