



## OSWP Membership Application Form

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Circle one:

**Paper Newsletter:** Individual Membership \$20 Household Membership \$25

**Email Newsletter:** Individual Membership \$15 Household Membership \$20

**Must include a legible email address. Mail your form and check made out to OSWP to Richard Raiff, 106 Markham Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228, or contact at [oswp@comcast.net](mailto:oswp@comcast.net)**



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# ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

December 2011

Dear OSWP Members and Friends,

Wonderful things come in little packages was the theme of the November meeting. Lucinda brought such a large variety of plants to choose. Her talk sure did entice us to try one of more of her plants.

Thank you to Amy Cignetti for the wonderful recreation of her CSG in July on terrestrial orchids that can be grown in this area. Amy had wonderful handouts that she gave to those who attended. Please check the newsletter for more Mini Classes coming up.

December is Holiday Time and the OSWP is no different. The Holiday Party on December 11 will be no different. All are invited. Please see the article about the Holiday party for your suggested contribution to the celebration. There will be an orchid to win, plenty of food to eat and good company to enjoy! Please let Carolyn know you are coming...and what you are bringing...it is the courteous thing to do!

I am still looking for a home for our OSWP show supplies. I hate to have to spend hundreds of our hard earned dollars to store commercially. Looking forward we will need chairs for both the Auction and summer picnic. Think about these and let me know if you can help contact information: [boltoncs@comcast.net](mailto:boltoncs@comcast.net) or 4127140263.

Next program will be in January and then it is downhill ( or uphill depending on your perspective) towards the Orchid Show.

For those who will not be able to attend the Holiday Festivities of the OSWP have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and remember to...Think Orchids

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bolton  
[boltoncs@comcast.net](mailto:boltoncs@comcast.net)



## **Holiday Party!**

December 11, 2011, 2-5p

Come one Come all to...our Holiday Party

You're invited....to the OSWP Holiday Party!

When: December 11, 2010  
Where: Phipps Garden Center.  
Time: 2:00 Til 5:00

Traditionally the OSWP provides the baked ham, punch, soda, and paper products with the side dishes provided by the members in attendance!

What to bring???? The wonderful cooks in our membership will provide...

If you last name begins with...A-G Appetizer  
H-M dessert  
M-Z Pasta, potato or veggie

Decorations...What is an OSWP event is complete without blooming orchids?! Please, if you have something blooming, bring it along for our center pieces! We will add the holiday accessories.

To finish the event...If you can carry a tune, or not, please join us in a holiday sing-along. Remember what you may lack in ability you can make up in enthusiasm!

Lastly, let Carolyn Bolton know if you are coming and what you are bringing. You can contact her by email at: [boltoncs@comcast.net](mailto:boltoncs@comcast.net) or by phone 4112 714 0263.



# PHIPPS - ORCHID SOCIETY INITIATIVE

*Meeting, greeting and eating before the regular meeting*

The Phipps - Orchid Society Initiative (developing the Phipps orchids into a collection of “note”) members met before our monthly meeting to take the next steps which include tagging the vanda tribe, organizing our inner-team communication and planning for inventory adjustment: plants and culture. It's a great group of volunteers embarking on a journey requiring research, organization, hard work, learning and laughter. If you'd like to get involved, please contact us. We'd love to have you.

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412-630-8293

## No Phipps Phun for December

The Holidays are coming and we can easily find our own ways to have Pfun. So, considering this and the fact that the darkest days of winter are not the best time to repot orchids, we will be having no Pfun in December. Look for our January dates and remember, do not come unless you have checked first with me. There have been cancellations due to weather and I need to know who to contact.

If you need to contact me, I am very good about checking e-mails at nancyk412@gmail.com, also my cell phone is 412-367-1556. Thanks so much for the support through the year. Have a great Holiday Season and see you in January.

Nancy Kline

## Phipps News

I'd like to take this time for my end of the year thank you to all the great OSWP volunteers that have helped Phipps this year. Between the regular Phun repotting groups, the May Market sales teams, my weekly volunteers and the POSI groups for inventory, everyone has put in a tremendous amount of work and personal time. I must say that it has been a lot of fun too, It is all greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without you. A special thanks to Demetria and Nancy for coordinating it all.

I hope you all can come to see the beautiful holiday show, which is secondary to the orchids, of course! Now blooming in the Frank Sarris Orchid Room at Phipps are Dendrochilum (den droe KYE lum) orchids. They are commonly called golden chain orchids because of their pendulous flower spikes which have many small cream, yellow or even reddish colored flowers. Most of these orchids are found in Borneo and the Philippines. Many dendrochilums were discovered and named by a Dutch botanist, Johannes Smith, during the early 1900's. Current bloomers are magnum (called the large Dendrochilum) and cobbianum. My favorite species would have to be the very tiny filiforme, which is now in spike and will probably bloom within the month.

Thank you all again and here's to a wonderful holiday season. Georgia Wahl

## Classifieds :: Wanted/For Sale

Tim Choltco is looking for divisions of two Phragmipediums he sold about 10 years ago. These are plants he registered and lost in the flood of 2004. The two he is interested in are: Phrag Memoria Garren Weaver "Harbinger" and Phrag. Harbinger's Grasshopper "Harbinger". If you have divisions of one or both of these please contact him at [thanos15084@yahoo.com](mailto:thanos15084@yahoo.com).



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PLEASE BRING SOME GOODIES TO EACH OF OUR MEETINGS!

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE NO LATER  
THAN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH!



*Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer (gigantifolium x sanderianum)*  
Photo by Tim Choltco