

# Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

July 2020

[www.oswp.org](http://www.oswp.org)

## Upcoming Events

July 26 2020

# Picnic

**at Phipps Garden Center**

## Looking Ahead

2020 – August	No Meeting
2020 – September	TBA
2020 – October	TBA

OSWP meetings are held at the Phipps Garden Center on Shady Avenue and are open to members, their guests and the general public. Program Calendar is also available at [www.oswp.org](http://www.oswp.org)

### OSWP Officers

**Co-President:** Sheila Nathanson and Mike Lyse

**Co-First Vice President:** Kathleen Arria and David Springer

**Second Vice President:** Timothy Choltco

**Directors:** Brooke Decker, Peg Kalupanov, Jinghua Ou, Aaron Vitron, Tamara Wurst.

**Secretary :** Lance Chevront

**Treasurer:** Janet Greenberg

### What's Blooming Now

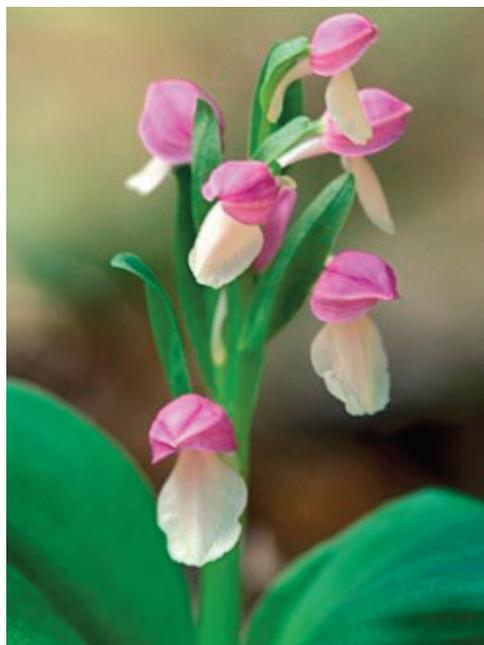
### Showy Orchis- *Gelaris spectabilis*

Orchids are a special species of wildflower that have a 'symbiotic' or cooperative relationship with the fungii in the forest around them. This relationship is very important for the survival of the orchid. The fungii give nutrients to the orchid's seeds, and the orchid's roots help to protect the fungii. There are 36 species of orchids in the Great Smoky Mountains. These are some of the more commonly seen orchids:

Showy Orchis- *Gelaris spectabilis*

Showy orchis is a spring wildflower. They have two long and egg-shaped basal leaves with the flowering stalk itself having no leaves. Each flower has a pink or lilac hood with a white lip.

Photo from **Great Smoky Mountains web site**  
<https://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm>



## Co-President's Letter July 2020

You may or may not be aware that the OSWP has two consecutive year term limits for most officers. Therefore, Demetria Marsh, who has served ( once again ) bravely, patiently, pleasantly and intelligently as President these last two years, gets to take a well earned rest. I know we speak for the entire society when we say " Thank You " .

The past few months have been a trial for us all, and Demetria never wavered in her commitment to making sure the OSWP remained intact. We appreciate all her efforts, especially learning to navigate ZOOM, so even if we can't be together right now, we could see and hear each other on our devices.

Mike Lysy and I, Sheila Nathanson , will attempt to continue the fine work Demetria did to grow and nourish the OSWP. It will probably be a challenge to have a normal inperson meeting anytime soon, but we will closely follow developments in the pandemic to gauge when we might be able to resume monthly meetings.

Our next meeting may be the annual picnic, scheduled for Sunday, July 26. Notification of place and time will be sent in an e-blast.

This is all uncharted territory- we want to maintain the society, with all our meetings

and activities, but we need to be safe.

Be safe and well, and think orchids.

Mike Lysy and Sheila Nathanson



### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE**

**Fiscal Year 07/01/20-06/30/21.**

**(Does not apply to those who joined at Spring Show or libraries in 2020)**

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*Just sign into OSWP.org. Go to memberships and Use the buttons to pay via PayPal. No need to sign in to PayPal. Select " Pay with Debit or Credit Card".*

o **OR WITH OWN PAYPAL ACCOUNT:**

*Use email address and choose "Friends and Family" (no fee assessed OSWP).*

**2. Send check payable to "OSWP" to Janet Greenberg, 150 Ammons Dr. McMurray, PA 15317-3212.**

**3. Submit "OSWP" check at a regular monthly meeting to Treasurer, Janet Greenberg**

# Great Lakes Judging Center Educational Seminar

## June 2020

Nearly all of the information presented has been collected from other public sources. It can be easily accessed after the meeting.

Questions can be directed to Dave Miller at [dcmjpsmil@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpsmil@aol.com).

St. Augustine Orchid Society at [www.staugorchidsociety.org](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org)

Click the “Problems” link at top to access Pest, Disease & Environmental sections.

All info can be accessed via the individual topic (Pests, Diseases or Environmental) or by going directly to the “Overview of Pests & Diseases” and then selecting your choice of topic.

Each major topic in this section has a downloadable reference for products to control your problem.

AOS at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

From the main page, under “All About Orchids” click on “Orchid Care” or “Orchid Pests & Diseases” to gain access to select information.

Back to “All About Orchids” click on “Webinars” and watch “Orchid Diseases and Their Management” March 2015. Other webinars available are “Orchids – Pests and Their Management” and Part 2 of the same from March 2014.

If you are an AOS member, find articles on Orchid Care in Orchids magazine.

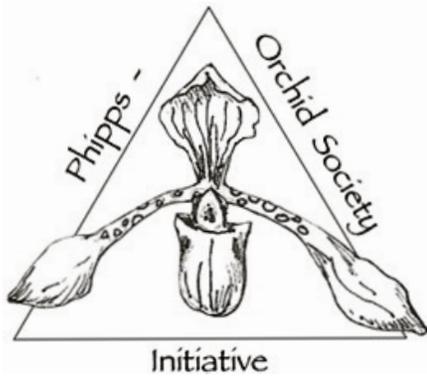
All published magazines are available online to AOS members to view or download.

The book The American Orchid Society Guide To Orchids and Their Culture is in print and discusses orchid care.

The book Orchid Pests and Diseases by James Watson is sold out in the AOS store but is available via retail outlets

June 19, 2020 2020 Great Lakes Judging Center Educational Seminar reference.docx





## P-OSI

A joint initiative between Phipps Conservatory and the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania to create and cultivate an orchid collection of note for enjoyment, education and research.

July, 2020

Since 2011, Phipps and the OSWP, desiring to continue to work in collaboration to create a signature orchid collection with a public display space in the Frank Sarris Orchid Room and coinciding educational and display programs, have formally worked together on the initiative we call P-OSI. (See above for mission statement. Thanks to Nancy Kline for the acronym and Vicki Strod for the logo.)

Our goals include: To encourage sharing and exchange of plant species, exhibits, scientific materials, publications and information of mutual interest with an aim to expanding the use, reach and value of both organizations.

To work in cooperation to develop an orchid collection of national significance with special focus on Slipper Orchids or Cypripedioideae. Toward this goal, the parties agree to accessioning and de-accessioning to develop the collection economically, updating to continually improve the orchid culture.

In the past several years, through amazing teamwork within the OSWP and with Phipps, we have taken an inventory and updated it (huge efforts), continuously improved orchid culture, helped with accessioning and de-accessioning orchids in the collection improving the quality and importance of the collection, and, established the Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection of Phipps Conservatory, a “Living Museum of Slipper Orchids” at Phipps, which has attracted international note.

While we have been on hiatus for several months, soon we will be back to work.

If you'd like to be a part of this phenomenal team effort, contact us! We'd love to have you for Pfun and P-OSI! It's a wonderful learning experience for all of us, a great way to give back to the community and to help make Pittsburgh someplace even more special.

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## Pfun at Phipps Still Watching and Waiting

I thought we would be back by now but Phipps is opening slowly for volunteers. Things should open up soon and I will let everyone know when we can return to our favorite place.

Stay well and in touch.

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## Wonderful news!

Cristina Eyler, her husband, Michael, and their children, Joao and Jose, welcomed their newest member, Julio, born on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is doing well! Congratulations and all good wishes to the Eyler family.



Special delivery

## Mini Class Introduction: Timothy Choltco

These classes are usually informal... occasionally there will be a PowerPoint presentation. They are the basis for learning how to grow orchids, as they are taught by local growers who have excelled with each individual group of orchids. The classes are usually 30-40 minutes and are held just prior to the meeting, usually 1:15pm.

As the Second Vice President and person in charge of finding speakers, I hope to fill these positions with people who will have topics on how to grow the major groups of orchids *Cattleya*, *Oncidium*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Phragmipedium*, etc. I also hope to have people to discuss preparing your plants for the OSWP spring show (the February meeting) and other topics like terrariums, etc. If there is a topic of interest to someone contact me and I'll see if it is feasible.

## Current Committees Chairs,

AOS	Nancy Kline	Orchid Gems	Norma Raiff, Pam Horter-Moore,
Culture Corner	Nancy Kline		Cristina Eyler
Facebook	Lance Chevront	Pfun	Nancy Kline
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**Upcoming 2020 speaker**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 26, 2020

**OSWP PICNIC**

**at Phipps Garden Center**

See you in July

More to come for the future programs for 2020



**WANTED**

THE AMERICAN ORCHID  
SOCIETY JUDGING PROGRAM  
IS SEEKING HIGHLY  
MOTIVATED ORCHID  
ENTHUSIASTS TO JOIN THE  
JUDGING RANKS.  
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