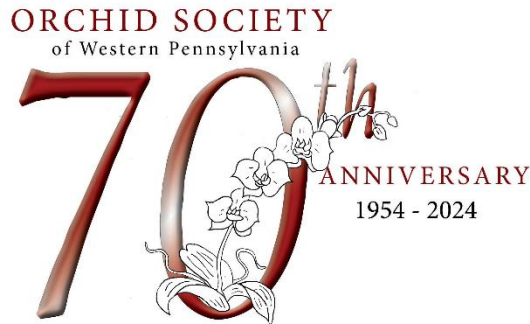


# The ORCHIDIAN



**Newsletter of the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania – February 2024**



## **OSWP MONTHLY MEETING – open to members, guests and the general public**

- Location: Spartan Community Center, 134 E. Elizabeth St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207
- Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - Doors open at 12:45pm; Approximate times: Mini Class at 1pm – Speaker at 3pm
- Mini Class: Successfully grow and bloom dendrobium after winter rest, by Sheila Nathanson
- Presentation: How to construct your show display by Carolyn Bolton **MEMBER SALES ALLOWED!**



## **OSWP OFFICERS – leaderships council and board of directors**

- Co-Presidents: Michelle and Dave Panasiuk
- Co-First Vice Presidents: Natalie Turicik and Carolyn Bolton
- Second Vice President: Zander Morrison; Mentors: Tim Choltco and Katie Schuller
- Secretary: Kathy Collins • Treasurer: Janet Greenberg
- Directors: Tim Choltco, Kathy Grajcar, Dave Motak. Chuck Oldenburg, Brian Powell



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**EVENTS SCHEDULE – happenings in Western Pennsylvania and surrounding areas**

- **Southern Ontario Orchid Society’s “Be My Valentine” Annual Show/Sale is being held Feb. 10 - 11, 2024** at the Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1P2, Canada.
- **Deep Cut Orchid Society Show is being held February 16 - 18, 2024** at the Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35 South, Holmdel, NJ, 07733.
- **The National Capital Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale is being held February 16 - 18, 2024** at Homestead Gardens, 743 West Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035.
- **Batavia Orchid Society's "Winter Wonders" is being held February 17 - 18, 2024** at Cantigny Park, 1S 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189.
- **Virginia Orchid Society's "Orchids: Let’s Celebrate!” is being held February 23 - 25, 2024** at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave, Henrico, VA 23228.
- **St. Croix Orchid Society's "Orchids Galore in '24" is being held February 23 - 25, 2024** at the St. George Village Botanical Garden, 127 George Rd, Frederiksted, VI 00840. Just seeing who’s paying attention. Yeah, that’s the Virgin Islands, just in case you might be ready for a vacation!
- **Greater Lansing Orchid Society Orchid Show is being held February 24 - 25, 2024** at the Michigan State University, Plant & Soil Sciences Bldg, 1066 Bogue St, East Lansing, MI, 48823.
- **Amherst Orchid Society Show is being held February 24 - 25, 2024** at the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St, Northampton, MA 01060.
- **The Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens "41st Annual Orchid Show" is being held February 24 - 25, 2024** at the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, ON, L7T 4H4, Canada.
- **New Hampshire Orchid Society's "Cosmic Colors" is being held March 1 - 3, 2024** at the Courtyard at Marriot, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063.
- **The 2024 Greater Akron Orchid Society Spring Show is being held March 2 - 3, 2024** at the Dayton Nursery, 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203.
- **The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show – United by Flowers is being held March 2 - 10, 2024** at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107.
- **Maryland Orchid Society Show and Sale is being held March 8 - 10, 2024** at the Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093.



**COMMITTEE CHAIRS – Volunteer Leaders**

**AOS/Culture Corner** - Nancy Kline  
**Facebook** - Lance Cheuvront  
**Garden Club/Library Liaison/Hospitality** - Carolyn Bolton  
**Library** – Lori Beth Bloom  
**Membership** Kathy Collins  
**Mini-class** Zander Morrison, Tim Choltco, Katie Schuller

**Newsletter** Dave Panasiuk  
**Orchid Gems** Norma Raiff & Pam Horter-Moore  
**Pfun/P-OSI** Demetria Marsh  
**Raffle** Natalie Turicik  
**Show** Sheila Nathanson, Norma Raiff & Janet Greenberg  
**Speaker** Carolyn Bolton & Natalie Turicik  
**Website** Jinghua Ou

OSWP

# OUR NEW OSWP LOGO!

By Lisa McGough



**February Monthly Meeting Presentation**  
**OUR GUEST: Carolyn Bolton**



**Info**

*As we prepare for another OSWP Orchid Show, it is time to refresh or learn the skills of creating your very own or combined Orchid Display.*



1. Bring your orchids for show & tell, such as this famous Cymbidium to your left.
2. Watch the expert display them as you would at your very own Orchid display table.
3. Remember, you have to start somewhere so bring your listening self to the party and maybe you will have your own display or some of your orchids in a common display for the March "Orchid Obsession" Show!





THE MID-AMERICA  
ORCHID CONGRESS

## WE ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE MAOC!

We recently joined MAOC to participate in the Guido Braem Presentation on Phragmipediums. Eric Sauer, President of MAOC, gives us a short explanation of the benefits of joining the Congress:

The Mid America Orchid Congress is a group of orchid societies that have come together to help make each of our societies stronger by providing resources to improve leadership, orchid shows, volunteer involvement and increase membership. The MAOC also provides regular times to come together both in person and through online meetings to teach, share information, build friendships to learn about and protect these things we all commonly love.... Orchids!

Visit our new group at <https://midamericanorchids.org/welcome> and explore this new exciting organization!





## OSWP T-Shirt and Polo Shirt Sale

OSWP offers five styles of shirts for sale at [the Spring Show](#). To order these shirts before the show, please fill out [the order form](#) and pay via one of the following payment methods:

### Types of shirts:

1. T-shirts with OSWP logo - \$20 each (3 colors)
  - Sky blue •Heliconia •Pistachio
2. Turquoise short sleeve polo shirt with embroidered OSWP logo - \$35 each
3. Black long sleeve t-shirt with letter-size show poster on front - \$25 each

See pictures above for reference. Note: The colors represented are approximate.

## VISIT OSWP.ORG TO ORDER YOURS TODAY!

## The OSWP Spring Orchid Show Needs You

Ahh- late winter in Pittsburgh- the birds are singing, the ground is thawing, little green shoots are appearing everywhere- or we could have snow. If you anticipate needing a glimpse of spring, please plan to join the fun at the annual OSWP spring orchid show, Orchid Obsession.

Show dates are:       Initial Set Up- Thursday 3/14 from 4pm until approximately 7pm,  
                                  Major Set Up, Friday,3/15 from 8am until 6pm,  
                                  Open to the Public Sat. 3/16 from 9am to 5pm & Sun. 3/17 from 9am to 4pm.  
                                  Moving it all out: Sun 3/17 from 4pm until done. Last year: finished before 6pm.

Jinghua Ou has done a wonderful job setting up our online sign up tool, Sign Up Genius. It can be accessed through our website, OSWP.org.

Go down to "What's New". Click on ' Volunteer for the Spring Show'. You will arrive at the signup sheet- scroll down until you find the jobs you wish to volunteer for and enter your name and email address. You will then be on the schedule, and you will receive an email confirmation.

If you wish to sponsor a Trophy (\$25.) go back to "What's New?" and click " Donate to OSWP".

That will show you the list of available trophy categories.

The show is a large and important undertaking for the OSWP. It is our largest fundraising event, and also where we have the greatest exposure to the public, and therefore where we attract new members. New members are how we continue to flourish as a volunteer organization.

If you are new to the OSWP, please find an opportunity to get involved in the show- we have jobs for everyone! And, don't forget Hospitality. Volunteers, judges and vendors get fed for the three days, especially since a lot of us live at the show. Please volunteer to bring food, or donate.

We do not have cooking facilities or dishwashing at the hotel, so any food should be in a crockpot or similar plug in warmer, or food that can be kept at room temperature, such as salads.

The most valuable result of volunteering at the show is the opportunity to get to know others who share a common interest in growing orchids. Deep and lasting friendships can be made by being obsessed with these truly fascinating plants, and being able to share that with fellow orchid growers.

That's really the best part.

See you at the show!

Sheila, Janet and Norma

# ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



## ANNUAL SPRING ORCHID SHOW

March 17 & 18 2024

Crowne Plaza Suites Pittsburgh South  
164 Ft. Couch Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

The Orchid Society of Western PA's mission is to educate the public about the glories and pleasures of orchid growing. Each year several thousand visitors come to experience the sight of orchids blooming in profusion and to learn more about orchid growing and conservation.

### Sponsorship/Ad Due date 03/01/24

The OSWP is a 501(c)(3) and is an Affiliated Member of the American Orchid Society

### Corporate Sponsorship

Includes 55" Monitor & Color Program Ad

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum 2-page color centerfold \$1,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Sponsor \$ 750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Back cover color ad \$1,000         | Incl Table Tents & Full Page Ad                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver (2) Inside covers color ad \$ 750 | <input type="checkbox"/> Repotting Sponsor \$ 400   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Room Sponsor \$1,000          | Incl Table Tents & Full Page Ad                     |
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### Program Ads

Black and white ad. Provide business card or artwork

- Whole Page \$100       Business Card \$25       Half Page \$50

### Contact Information

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Make checks payable to OSWP

Mail to Janet Greenberg, 150 Ammons Dr., McMurray, PA 15317  
or PayPal, OSWPtreasurer@gmail.com

Ads should be emailed in electronic PDF format to:

mona.rice@gmail.com or #412-477-2455



**OSWP Spring Show 2024 Individual Room Reservations  
Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh South  
164 Fort Couch Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15241(Upper St. Clair)**

**For best results, reserve by 02/13/24 12 AM**

Group Rates (net of applicable taxes):

RATE AND ROOM BLOCK - The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

- Thu 03/14/2024, Fri 03/15/2024, Sat 03/16/2024
- Rate- **\$124.00** Hotel determines room available at time of check in.

- The above rates are net non-commissionable and are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes, currently 14% and are subject to change without notice.
- Above rates apply to 3-days prior, 3-days post based upon availability.

***CHECK IN/CHECK OUT:***

Our check-in time is 4:00pm, check-out time is 11am. All guests arriving before 4:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available. There may be a charge for late check-out. Our Guest Services Department can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early when rooms are unavailable and for guests attending functions on departure day.

***Individual Cancellation Policy:***

Any cancellations within Failure to cancel a guaranteed reservation 24 hours prior to arrival date will result in a charge equal to one night's room and tax. from the date of arrival will be billed for one (1) nights room and tax. It is the responsibility of "OSWP" to inform all attendees of our cancellation policy.

***Standard concessions:***

- Complimentary High-Speed Wi-Fi in all Sleeping Rooms and Meeting Space.
- Complimentary 24 Hour Fitness Center.

***RESERVATION PROCEDURES:*** Individual Call-In

Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations. Please direct callers to 1-866-807-2819 or (412) 833-5300. Mention OSWP special group rate.

**RESERVATION CUT-OFF: The guest room block will be held until 12 AM 2/13/24**



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## Join Our All-Star Team!!

As get closer to March, the All Star Team is getting ready to leave the station.

Below is our phenomenal line up of Committee Chairs, Aka - **The All Stars**. We are so grateful for their willingness to help make this year's Show a truly outstanding success.

And you could be one of them! Contact one of us to volunteer

-- **The All Star Rooters:** Show co-chairs Sheila Nathanson ([msnsan@gmail.com](mailto:msnsan@gmail.com)), Jan Greenberg [Janetg150@verizon.net](mailto:Janetg150@verizon.net), and Norma Raiff ([normaraiff@gmail.com](mailto:normaraiff@gmail.com))<sup>i</sup>

## OWSP SHOW COMMITTEES

**Arts & Crafts:** Brian Powell  
**Education:** Michelle Burton  
**Exhibit Setup and Layout & Vendor Room**  
**Layout:** Bob Lusnak  
**Garden Society Liaison:** Lori McDermott  
**General Helpers:** Tammy Wurst, Beverly Dodson  
**Hospitality:** Alan Goldman, Sherri Kinoshita  
**Judging Clerks:** Carol Panza  
**Library Liaison:** Lori Beth Bloom  
**Membership:** Kathy Collins  
**Plant Parking:** Susan Levish, Cindy Weiland  
**Publicity:** Dave Motak, Lisa McGough  
**Raffle:** Dave & Michelle Panasiuk  
**Registration Exhibitors:** Gary Van Gelder, Mona Rice

**Repotting:** Katie Schuller, Cam Schmidt  
**Security:** Steve Gredzinski  
**Shirt Sales:** Sheila Nathansan  
**Show Booklet:** Mona Rice  
**Sponsorship/Ad Procurement:** (*VOLUNTEER NEEDED*)<sup>ii</sup>;  
**Silent Auction:** Dave & Michelle Panasiuk  
**Society Exhibit:** Carolyn Bolton  
**Society Sales:** Leslie Kaplan, Holly Schrum  
**Storage:** Bob Lusnak  
**Tear Down:** Bob Lusnak  
**Trophy Awards & Judges Thank You's:** Lori Beth Bloom  
**Welcome Table:** Charlotte Momich, Mary Ann Pike

### Essential Team Supports

**AOS Photographer:** Kim Frankenfield  
**Branding:** Brian Powell, Abby Warhola  
**Facebook:** Lance Cheuvrant

**General Photographer:** Abby Warhola  
**Website:** Jinghua Ou

<sup>1</sup> If you would like to help during the show, please contact one of the Committee Chairs.

<sup>1</sup> Vacant Committee Position: *Sponsorship and Ad Procurement*: We need someone to coordinate and to answer questions about the procuring/following up with sponsorship and advertising asks. Mentoring available. If you are willing, please contact one of the Show Chairs.

## Signup Genius is Online !

Please take some time to look at the volunteer opportunities available on Signup Genius. This may be found on our Homepage under " What's New", with the heading " Volunteer at the Show". Also, under " Donate ", you may see which trophies need funding. \$25. gets your name on that trophy envelope!

Whatever you choose to do to participate in the show will be appreciated, and is so necessary to our success.

## Exhibitors Wanted

If you have any interest in exhibiting at our 2024 show, now is the time to notify Bob Lusnak, [LJR2000@zoominternet.net](mailto:LJR2000@zoominternet.net) . You can exhibit as a novice if this is your first time. If you do not have a lot of plants, you may enter a tabletop, or team up with a few members in the same situation. Carolyn Bolton will be teaching a mini class at the February meeting on building an exhibit, great way to pick up some tips. Try it once and you'll be hooked! But, tell Bob your intentions soon- he is making the exhibit room master plan.

**“Orchid Obsession” Vendors  
OSWP Spring Show 2024**

Ecuagenera USA Corp., Apopka, Florida

[www.ecuagenera.com](http://www.ecuagenera.com)

*Orchids, Tropical Plants*

*Deadline for Pre Order: February 27, 2024*

Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Etters, PA

PK Dennis

<https://www.kkorchid.com/>

*Orchid Supplies*

*Deadline for Pre Order: Order before March 12<sup>th</sup>. 10% preorder code is oswp2024*

Mayfield Village Orchids, Dayton, Ohio

Dr. William Shumann

*Orchids*

Maria Leng, Ohio

*Artist*

Ten Shin Gardens, Taiwan

Matthew Wei-Yi Chen (Matt)

<https://tenshinorchids.com/>

To view plant list see [www.tenshinorchids.com/list](http://www.tenshinorchids.com/list)  
*Orchids*

*Deadline for Pre Order is Feb 27, 2024*

Wade's Orchids, Middleburg, PA

Wade Hollenbach

<http://www.wadesorchids.com/>

*Orchids*

Windswept in Time Orchids, Broadview Heights, Ohio

Edgar & Kim Stehli

<https://windsweptorchids.com/>

*Orchids*

Woodstream Orchids, Huntington, MD

Bill Goldner

<http://www.woodstreamorchids.com/>

*Orchids*



## Carolyn Bolton and The OSWP Show Exhibit: What is it? Why should we care?

By Norma Raiff

One of the great pleasures of attending our show is being able to view a huge variety of colorful orchids that are eye-catching, artistically arranged, and create a sense of wonder.

Show displays include those arranged by individual(s), vendor exhibits, and Society Exhibits. All are expected to conform to a set of AOS standards – and yet to show creativity, imagination, artistic use of color, and to take our breath away.

Society exhibits consist of a display of plants that members are growing. Choosing which ones to include, making sure that expected conditions are met, and seeing that the ultimate product is artistically lovely falls to the Show Exhibit leader, Carolyn Bolton.

*Carolyn, how did you get started?*

I have been arranging exhibits since the late 80’s and 90’s. It seemed like a nice way to show off the plants that I grew. I partnered with another member, then did my own exhibit, then ended up working with Barbara Tisherman (a long time OSWP member, AOS judge, and winner of many awarded plants) who was an extremely good teacher. I learned by watching what she did, how she arranged the plants and grouped by color, and so on. I’ve been in charge of the OSWP Society exhibit for the past 4-5 years.

I've learned a lot. For example, it's a group project and can take a really long time to assemble. And often you don't know what members are going to bring in. So we struggle with balancing the need for displaying a variety of orchids, screening some plants out, and being flexible enough to include a last minute show-up that is too good to ignore even though we may have to rearrange the plant groupings. Sometimes members will also bring over noteworthy plants that they cannot use in their own exhibits.

There's a whole lot of rules about accessories. One is that the focus remains on the orchids. We therefore use black fabric to hide the pots and to drape over the exhibit's structural elements where appropriate. To make the process easier we try to cover all the plant pots beforehand and we ask participants to send us a list of plants they expect to bring in so that we can create individual labels. Another dilemma involves decorative items: in or out? In the past I used a large green plant in my display until I overheard the judges criticize it because it diverted attention from the orchids.

We're also selective. Obviously we screen out plants that show bugs or signs of virus, or which are disfigured or only have minimal blooms (although this varies with the type of specific plant or hybrid). And if they meet all our criteria but we are out of space or for other reasons, we display them in the designated plant Overflow Area so that they can still be judged and awarded ribbons.

And once things are preliminarily positioned, our volunteers stand back and take the time to discuss which might be better displayed, whether the colors flow, and where we should leave a "quiet space" so that the eye is not overwhelmed.

*Why should members sign up to help?*

If you're looking for pragmatic knowledge, sign up! You don't need prior experience. And your hands-on learning promotes appreciation of the other displays. Exhibits follow certain rules, similar to those governing flower arranging. Finally, you not only gain firsthand knowledge but you also get to mingle with fellow OSWP members. So it's both a friend maker and a knowledge builder.

Hopefully this experience will also encourage you to consider building your own exhibit. You only need 4-5 blooming plants – and you can always borrow them from others.

*And how successful have the exhibits been?*

The OSWP exhibits have a truly remarkable track record. We have been repeatedly awarded the AOS Show Trophy and the Orchid Digest trophy.

And it's a big deal! The Awards Quarterly describes the AOS Show Trophy as "the most prestigious trophy awarded on a regular basis by the American Orchid Society's judging system. Its... kind of like having the Oscar, Emmy and Tony Awards, all wrapped up into one."

We also travel to other Society shows, such as those in Akron and West Shore, Ohio. It's a way of showing off – and to also know that other societies will reciprocate by coming here as well.

*Final words.*

Putting an exhibit together is a lot of work, but it's really fun and you feel a lot of satisfaction once its completed.

MARCH  
16 & 17  
2024



*Orchid*  
**SPRING SHOW**

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTS

*Orchid* **Obsession**

**SATURDAY MARCH 16**  
EXHIBITS 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.  
VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

**SUNDAY MARCH 17**  
EXHIBITS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

**CROWNE PLAZA SUITES**  
PITTSBURGH SOUTH  
164 FORT COUCH RD.  
PITTSBURGH PA 15241  
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ORCHID REPOTTING  
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Free Parking with easy access to all events

**ADMISSION \$5 (MEMBERS & UNDER 18 FREE)**

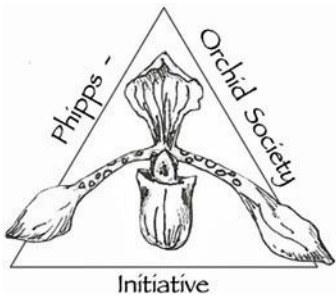
**WWW.OSWP.ORG**

## PHIPPS CONSERVATORY ORCHID SOCIETY INITIATIVE – Pfun volunteer work

### 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.

February, 2024



Pfun at Phipps is our OSWP repotting efforts as well as doing the inventory of the Phipps orchid collection. We are also helping as the Clean-up Crew and whatever Giovanni needs. **We are now going to Phipps most Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:45AM - 12:45PM.** It's a great learning experience for all of us.

Our goal is to help Phipps grow their orchid collection to one of national note, as well as the growth of the Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection, a living museum of slipper orchids.

At the Paph Forum, a longtime conference of Slipper enthusiasts in DC, Giovanni took many ribbons and an AOS award at the AOS judging, which also occurs there.

Pleurothallis leptotifolia received an AM/AOS with 83 points. The new cultivar name is 'Phipps' Gold' So the plant is now Pleurothallis leptotifolia 'Phipps' Gold' AM/AOS Congratulations to Phipps, Ben, Giovanni and the Pfun/P-OSI team!!!!

Be sure not to miss Phipps Orchid and Bonsai Show, "Into The Mist." You'll see so many orchids in bloom, it's amazing!

**If you would like to join our Pfun/P-OSI efforts and haven't previously signed up with us, please let me know at the email address below.**

Thanks and looking forward to working and learning together. . . and having Pfun!

Demetria Marsh

[Demetria117@gmail.com](mailto:Demetria117@gmail.com)

412-848-4349

## Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania (OSWP)

### General Meeting

Jan. 21, 2024

The meeting was held at The Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood.

A mini-class presented by Carol Panza regarding the optimal time for repotting catasetinae (Freclarkeara, catasetum, clowesetum and cycnoches) orchids.

The business portion of the general membership meeting was called to order at approx. 2:00 pm by President Dave Panasiuk.

The meeting began with an advisement to the membership that the OSWP Board has voted to approve OSWP's membership in the Mid America Orchid Congress for a one year introductory rate of \$45. (Future year membership will be considered after this trial membership as the regular annual rate is significantly higher for groups.) This initial membership was triggered by our desire to participate in a Phragmedium presentation that will be taped and provided to the OSWP membership via email once the link becomes available. Watch for an email blast. Carol Panza will be our representative to this group.

The Nominating Committee of Sheila Nathanson, Norma Raiff and Jim Yamber is currently active and looking for nominees for all Officer positions and Board members. Norma advised that (other than Zander Morrison) the entire slate of officers and board members is open for the coming year. Consideration is being given to revising the OSWP Bylaws to change the terms of office to 3 years from 2, and to stagger the terms so that not all positions will be open in the same year. As required by the OSWP Bylaws, the required 60 day notice of intent to revise the Bylaws was made at this Jan. 21, 2024 meeting. Candidates will be presented at the April meeting.

Update from the Spring Show Committee (Sheila Nathanson, Norma Raiff and Janet Greenberg) regarding the preparations for the 2024 Spring Show.

- Due to family issues, Demetria Marsh is unable to Chair the Publicity Committee and the Chair position is vacant. Anyone with contacts at the PG or Tribune who can assist in getting an article about the show placed in one of these papers is asked to contact a member of the Show Committee,
- Tamara Wurst has agreed to Co-Chair the Helpers Committee. An additional Co-Chair for the Helpers is needed.
- Brian Powell completed work on branding handouts that include the new OSWP logo and were available at the meeting. (Thank you, Brian – they are beautiful!)
- Members are encouraged to consider who they might be able to contact for sponsorship opportunities.
- Sign-Up Genius is now active on-line for OSWP members to sign up for volunteer slots to assist at the Show.



- Gary VanGelder noted that now is the time to plan for and advise the Committee if a member is able to place an orchid exhibit in the show. It only takes 4 or 5 blooming plants to create a table top exhibit. (Carolyn Bolton noted that the February meeting will include a mini class on how to create an exhibit.)

### Reports:

- Newsletter: It was noted that articles are due on the 20th of the month. Submissions should be sent to Dave Panasiuk at: Letsgroworchids@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Michelle Panasiuk presented the Treasurer's report.
- Pfun: Sheila noted that OSWP continues to volunteer at Phipps. OSWP volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Hospitality: Carolyn noted that contributions of snacks for OSWP meetings at the Spartan Center are always welcome. Carolyn also noted that there will be an opening for Hospitality in the coming year. OSWP members are encouraged to consider taking on this role as Carolyn has done for 10 years.
- Orchid Gems: Norma indicated that the next article will be related to the 2024 Spring Show.

### Miscellaneous:

The membership was advised of the passing of Mike Lysy's mother.

A number of members presented orchids they had brought to the meeting for the purpose of Show & Tell.

2024 OSWP meeting dates at the Spartan Center:

Feb. 18, 2024,      April 21, 2024,      May 19, 2024,      June 9, 2024,      Sept. 15, 2024,  
 Oct. 20, 2024,      Nov. 10, 2024

A request was made to have all meeting dates posted on the OSWP website.

It was noted that no decision has yet been made as to the location of the 2024 Summer Picnic.

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. and was followed by the guest speaker, Deb Boersma, who gave a zoom presentation entitled "Tiny Slippers aka Miniature Paphiopedilums." Deb was able to provide this zoom presentation from her home in Ontario, Canada

Submitted by: Kathy Collins, OSWP Secretary



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