



Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

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Upcoming Events

October 18 2020

Growing Orchids on the Windowsill

Looking Ahead

2020 – November 15

TBA

2020 – December 13

Christmas Party

2021 – January

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

OSWP Officers

Co-President: Sheila Nathanson and Mike Lyse

Secretary : Lance Cheuvront

Co-First Vice President: Kathleen Arria and David Springer

Treasurer: Janet Greenberg

Second Vice President: Timothy Choltco

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

What's Blooming Now

Dendrobium loddigesii

Dendrobium loddigesii is native to Laos, Vietnam, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan and Yunnan provinces of China and Hong Kong. In Laos, they grow in the Xieng Khouang area. They are usually found at an altitude of 1000-1500 m, but they were met even at an altitude of only 400 m. In China, they grow in the mountains in the east, at an altitude of about 1370 m of the Yunnan Province, on rocks 240 km southwest of Guangzhou in the island of Hainan and the Kwangtung Province. Near Hong Kong, they grow at heights of about 1000 m.

Light: level of 20000-30000 lux.

Temperature: The average temperature of the summer day is 75-77 ° F, the night 68 ° F, giving a daily difference of 4-5 ° F. These plants do not tolerate hot summer weather. In winter the average day temperature is 52-58 ° F, night 45-50 ° f, giving a daily difference of 4-5 ° C.

Growing media and repotting: *Dendrobium loddigesii* is best mounted on tree fern rootstock due to their creeping, hanging habit

Watering: This species must be constantly moist during the growing season from spring to autumn, but when new growths reach maturity in autumn, the amount of water should be gradually reduced.

Rest period: *Dendrobium loddigesii* requires a cold (50 ° F), dry rest to initiate flowering. If winter temperatures are low, the amount of water should be reduced and the plants should be allowed to dry between watering. However, they cannot stay dry for too long Fertilization should be reduced or eliminated.



Co-President's Letter October 2020

Fall really sneaked up on us- after a very hot and dry summer, we suddenly have nights dipping into the 40s, with nothing in between. I believe this is referred to as Pittsburgh. I hope everyone has moved their warmer growers inside, so you can move them outside again when things warm up again! But just keep in mind- it will keep changing, so if you have cold intolerant plants you treasure, just let them stay put inside until next summer. Our Zoom meetings have been successful- having our main speaker via Zoom has been a revelation ! Much easier for everyone, and the format still allows for live questions at the end. Our next meeting, October 18, will be via Zoom. Anyone who has not participated in the Zoom experience should give it a try. If I can do it, you can do it !

We will have a mini class at 1:30pm on growing and flowering nobile dendrobiums.

Dave Springer and Kathy Arria are working on a panel discussion on general orchid culture, with lots of opportunities for questions. Nancy Kline reported at our last meeting that we are still unable to resume Pfun at Phipps at this time, due to Covid restrictions. We miss our wonderful hands on experiences there, and are hoping to resume our work with Katie Schuller soon. If you have enjoyed the Zoom meetings, please share that with members you know who have not tried it yet. We have lots of room in a Zoom meeting, and you don't have to drive to Oakland !

Be well, stay safe, and continue to think orchids !

Sheila Nathanson and Mike Lysy



OCTOBER MEMBERS PANEL

Don't miss our October members panel, Windowsill Growing and Beyond. OSWP members, Lance Cheuvront, Brooke Decker, Demetria Marsh and Tammy Wurst will share how they each got started in orchid growing and how their collections grew. With pictures, talks and Q & A, it should be a great way to learn about growing orchids and about some of our members, too.

Regards

David

New Members Corner

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member(s) to OSWP:

Andrew Romanchik and Tianyin Chen

Val Robey and Kathy Collins

Membership Co-Chairs

Mini-class 2020 – October 18

1:15pm. Prior to the O.S.W.P. business meeting.

Nobile-type and other cold weather deciduous Dendrobium – Raj Popat

Please join myself and the O.S.W.P. for the mini-class prior to the October 2020 meeting.

Raj Popat has offered to discuss the culture of Nobile-type Dendrobiums and other similar deciduous Dendrobiums. These Dendrobiums prefer / NEED a cool to cold dry period fall – spring in order to set their buds. A lot of failure to flower these plants is due to growing them too warm and not permitting them their normal dormancy. These orchids put out quite a display of color on leafless or nearly leafless canes. Raj is an expert level Dendrobium grower, as exhibited by his plants often found exhibited in the O.S.W.P. display and the O.S.W.P. show and tell table.

Please join myself and the rest of the O.S.W.P. for this presentation prior to the regular O.S.W.P. meeting.

Timothy Choltco

2nd Vice President and all around decent sentient being.



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General Meeting via Zoom 09/20/20

- 1:30pm Tim Choltco presented a wonderful and well received mini-class on Habenaria Orchids.
- 2pm. Co-President Mike Lysy called the meeting to order.
- 2:02pm Treasurer Janet Greenberg gave the treasury report.
- 2:05 Tim Choltco announced that the mini-class for October would be Sheila Nathanson discussing Nobile type Dendrobiums and that November's mini-class will be Mike Lysy discussing Cattleya culture.
- 2:08 Webmaster Jinghua Ou gave an update announcing that the OSWP webpage had been moved to a new company but it would not affect users, just administrators.
- 2:10 Nancy Kline reported nothing new with AOS and reported that OSWP is in communication with Phipps about returning the Society's volunteers to work in the orchid collections but Phipps is still declining to allow volunteers in the conservatory.
- 2:13 POSI chair Demetria Marsh announced that Katie the head orchid grower at Phipps was awaiting recommendations from the team leads of the POSI Phipps inventory project. She also announced that the POSI project with special emphasis on the Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection will be featured in articles in the Orchid Digest Winter 2021 issue and also the Slipper Orchid Journal Winter issue.
- 2:20pm Demetria Marsh acknowledged new member Tianying Chen and welcomed him to the Society.
- 2:24 Co-President Sheila Nathanson spoke about the OSWP's recent orchid swap & sale event and said that it was well received and enjoyed. She also suggested that we might consider making it an annual event.
- 2:30 Show & Tell was spectacular as always but a bit different with the zoom meeting. Brooke Decker had compiled photos sent in by members and shared them with those attending!
- 2:45 Kim Feddersen presented a marvelous program entitled Growing Vandaceous Orchids in the Northeast.

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.

Nancy Kline

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Orchid Digest Speaker's Day symposium

Hello fellow TOS members!

I am passing this invitation to the annual Orchid Digest Speaker's Day symposium. The lineup of speakers is amazing and Orchid Digest is one of the absolute best orchid publications anywhere in the world. Additionally, I can't believe is the deal they have offered for new members to Orchid Digest. This organization is all about passing on orchid information to the public and orchid conservation. Please consider attending this symposium on October 31st... you will love it! Additionally, if you want to receive the quarterly Orchid Digest publication, simply become a member. Absolutely every edition of the publication is superb!

Thank you for your consideration and love of orchids...

Hadley Cash

Orchid Digest International Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience

All speakers live via Webinar

October 31, 2020 12:30 - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration Fee: \$30

Register at the URL below!

All registrants will be entered in a raffle for prizes donated by our sponsors and for new or renewals of memberships to the Orchid Digest.

Lou Jost

Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of Unique Biodiversity

Alek Zaslawski

Beautiful Brazilian Mountains and the Orchids that Grow There

Andrea Niessen

Orchids in Nature in Colombia

Lourens Grobler

My 10 favorite African Orchids



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Alek Zaslawski



Lourens Grobler

Register URL

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9204476238212594445>

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Mini-class	Tim Choltc	Speaker	Kathleen Arria and David Springer
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Upcoming 2020 speaker

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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More to come for the future programs for 2020

