



Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

April 2022

www.oswp.org

Upcoming Events

April 24, 2022
Carri Raven, Phalaenopsis Species:
From Mega to Micro
(more info as to location to come)

Looking Ahead

Meetings will continue on Zoom for now
May 15 2022 Dave Miller, Picking the Right Plant
June 19 2022 Edgar Stehli, Bulbophyllum
July 30 2022 OSWP Picnic
August no newsletter or meeting
Sept 18 2022 TBA

" UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES "

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

HOWEVER, we are on Zoom for meetings , and those interested non members could use the 'contact us ' section of the website to get a Zoom invitation

OSWP Officers

Co-President: Sheila Nathanson and Mike Lyse

Co-First Vice President: Kathleen Arria and David Springer

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Secretary: open

Treasurer: Janet Greenberg

What's Blooming Now

The Joy of Orchids



Co-President's Letter April 2022

Happy Spring and Happy Successful Show! Our 2022 show was lots of fun, we saw old friends and made new friends, acquired some new plants, and, most importantly, we were together.

We cannot thank those wonderful members who agreed to chair the committees that make the show work enough: Kim McClelland. Carol Panza. Tim Choltco. Jim Yamber. Janet Greenberg.

Mike Lysy. Demetria Marsh. Dave Miller. Kathy Collins. Natalie Rozum. Michelle & Dave Panusiuk. Katie Schuller. Chuck Oldenburg. Lance Chevrount. Carolyn Bolton. John Whiting. Nancy Kline. Norma Raiff, Jinghua Ou. Charlotte Momich.

Also, thank you to all those who signed up to work shifts on various committees. And those who were recruited by family members to help- we absolutely could not have succeeded without any of you. And special thanks to brand new member, Dave Motak, who performed various tasks in running the show, and contributed creative ideas during the planning stage. Way to go!

Going forward, our next meeting will be on April 24, a week later than usual to accommodate Easter Sunday . We are still debating the venue, and will eblast that information very soon, but our speaker, Carrie Raven of Orchidphile, who is an expert in phalaenopsis and other things, will be via Zoom.

And, if you have any interest in serving on our advisory board, or as an officer, please contact Sheila Nathanson msnsan@gmail.com, or Mike Lysy mykollysy@yahoo.com . Terms of service are one year, from July 1 to June 30, and may be re-elected for 2 consecutive terms. So, the entire board , advisors and officers, are done on June 30. If you expect and desire the OSWP to continue, please step up and offer to serve. Advisory board members are eligible to become officers.

If you wish to recruit a friend to share an officer job, that is permissible. The duties of each officer position are outlined in the by-laws, which are available on the website, OSWP.org.

Someone has to do it, it's not that hard, and boy, will we be grateful!

With much appreciation and gratitude,

Sheila Nathanson and Mike Lysy, co-presidents, OSWP

2022 OSWP SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

AOS Show Trophy...OSWP...Carolyn Bolton, John Whiting, and Crew
Orchid Digest Trophy...OSWP...Carolyn Bolton, John Whiting and Crew
People's Choice Award...Natalie Turicik
Best 25 Sq. Ft. Open Exhibit...Woodstream Orchids...Bill Goldner
Best 25 Sq. Ft. Amateur Exhibit...Natalie Turicik
Best 50 Sq. Ft. Open Exhibit...Mayfield Orchids...Bill Schuman
Best Amateur Table Top or Novice Exhibit...Don Ammon
Best Society Exhibit...OSWP...Carolyn Bolton, John Whiting, and Crew
Best Cattleya & Related Genera...Coilostylis ciliare...Windswept in Time...Edgar Stelhi
Best Cattleya & Guarianthe...Slc. Tutankamen 'Pop' AM/AOS...Chuck Oldenburg
The Richard Sipko Best Amateur Cattleya & Related Genera...Slc. Tutankamen 'Pop'
AM/AOS...Chuck Oldenburg
Best Paphiopedilum...Paph. Suberbly Wood...Wade's Orchids...Wade Hollenbach
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chids...Wade Hollenbach
Best Phragmipedium & Related Genera...Phrag. Penn's Creek Cascade...Phipps Conser-
vatory
The Charles Van Dyke Best Amateur Phragmipedium...Phrag. Elizabeth March 'Broadwa-
ters'...Carol Panza
Best Phalaenopsis & Related Genera...Phal. Freckle Girl...Mayfield Orchids...Bill Schuman
Best Vanda Alliance...Rntda. Sunrise'Wade's Orchids' HCC/AOS...Wade's Orchids...Wade
Hollenbach
Best Best Oncidium & Related Genera...Mps. Lennart Karl Gottling 'Red Rim'...Natalie
Turicik
Best Cymbidium & Related Genera...Cym. Scarlet Beauty 'After Dark' HCC/AOS...Mayfield
Orchids...Bill Schuman
Best Dendrobium Alliance...Den. kingianum...Sheila Nathanson
Best Pleurothallid...Stellis quadrifida...Phipps Conservatory
Best Miscellaneous Genera...Lyc. Spring Present...Carol Panza
Best Specimen Plant...Blc. Morning Song...Chuck Oldenburg

Prepared by C. Panza

Help needed for West Shore Orchid Show at Strongsville, Ohio

Carol Panza and I are looking for helpers for the West Shore Show April 22- 24 both for set up and tear down. Thanks.. They can contact Carol Panza at panzacarol@gmail.com or Carolyn Boltin at boltoncs@gmail.com. We do have a few volunteers already

Orchid Gems

Orchid Gems – Hands on for a Sustainable Environment: Gary Worthington

By Pamela Jean Horter-Moore

You might remember recent news from Phipps that one of their orchids -- *Paphiopedilum gratrixianum* 'Phipps Best' -- was awarded a CCE/AOS of 91 points at the AOS judging in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This was a culmination of effort from Phipps horticulturalists and Society members who have helped to grow the Phipps' orchid collection through the years. The winning orchid was nurtured by Gary Worthington, the horticulturalist who replaced Katie Schuller as Phipps Orchid Manager. Taking on orchids was just another opportunity for Gary. During his five years at Phipps, he maintained the Center for Sustainable Landscapes, a 2-acre native planting, as well as the rooftop garden. "It's always a challenge keeping a rooftop garden looking nice without constantly watering," Gary says. Gary left Phipps earlier this year to take the position of Maintenance Account Manager for Eichenlaub, Inc., a premier landscaping company. The orchid collection at Phipps remains in good hands with Giovanni Geraldo, who holds a PhD in botany and has a large orchid collection of his own. As Maintenance Account Manager for Eichenlaub, Gary supervises the crew, and oversees the design, construction, and maintenance of landscaping projects at client sites, ensuring that the ultimate plans of the landscape design are realized. During my conversation with Gary for this "Orchid Gems," I was immediately aware of his broad perspective when it comes to the outdoors. Like many of us, Gary can look back on his college years as a strong foundation and starting-point. A native of Meadville, Pennsylvania, Gary shed his hometown roots after high school and spent a year studying sustainability at Arizona State University. He then decided he would prefer to go to a smaller school with a more personal feel. Returning to Meadville, Gary was induced by his friends to attend nearby Allegheny College, where he majored in Environmental Science. This field of study was well-suited for Gary. The curriculum of the Environmental Science and Sustainability department centered around the concept of sustainable agriculture, and included studies in integrated pest management (IPM), plant science, and soil science. Over the years, Allegheny College has gained a reputation within Phipps for producing excellent horticulturalists. Moreover, the school's mission of providing students with a well-rounded education induced Gary to explore different disciplines. He has a double major in Psychology and a minor area in Values, Ethics, and Social Action. Following college, Gary spent two years at Bongard Nursery & Landscaping in Jupiter, Florida. While he was there, he was able to experience the whole gamut of nursery management and plant maintenance, from customer sales and consultations to the care of nursery stock and propagation of tropical plants. "The owners allowed experimentation and gave me a lot of leeway. My time there can almost be called an internship. I'm still very close with them, and we remain friends," Gary remarks.



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Hoping to repeat that positive experience in the state of California, Gary worked for Bay Maples Wild California Gardens, a water-wise landscaping company that specialized in rainwater retention and stormwater management. However, family matters forced Gary and his wife Chrissy, a native of Vandergrift, to return to western Pennsylvania.

With his experience at Bongard Nursery and Bay Maples, Gary had the perfect segue into his position as horticulturalist at Phipps Conservatory, where his experience with tropical plants, stormwater management, and sustainability was a good fit. There, he expanded his knowledge of tropical plants, networked with nurseries, and developed an appreciation for the native plants of Pennsylvania. As Maintenance Account Manager at Eichenlaub, Gary has an opportunity to broaden his scope. There is a lot to consider. At a client's site in Fox Chapel, for example, he might be called upon to come up with a solution for stormwater, which not only washes soil and mulch off property, but pollutes waterways as well. Gary practices sustainable landscaping, and this includes selecting the correct plants for the environment. Some landscapers, for example, might be tempted to select invasive plants because they are easy to grow. Gary, however, is careful to consider the environmental, as well as the aesthetic, impact of his designs and decisions.

While at Phipps, Gary had an opportunity to meet and work with members of the OSWP. Following Katie Schuller as Orchid Manager, Gary found it only natural to become a member of the Society.

"I had some experience growing orchids, and I thought I was good at it.

"But I didn't join only for the orchids; I wanted to be around people who shared my enthusiasm for plants." Gary has ten orchids, and is hoping to create more space around his home to expand his collection. He is particularly fond of the spring-blooming *Dendrobium nobile*, and *Dendrobium lindleyanum* in particular, which handles winter and cold better than other varieties.

"I am confident that I can grow orchids at home, but I think it is important to remember that most of us are not growing in a greenhouse environment. Outside a greenhouse setting, growing entails struggling against difficult conditions, much different from those in Phipps Conservatory.

"Too many growers beat themselves up for their failures when they're setting their expectations too high. There is no need to do that. This is why it is important to select plants that suit your environment." Being outdoors and working with his hands is the ideal life for Gary. He loves to hunt and fish, and he and Chrissy are scuba divers who plan their vacations around the sport. They look forward to the warm months, so they can go boating with their friends and family on Conneaut Lake, Lake Erie, and the Allegheny Reservoir. A handyman like his father, Gary loves cars and trucks. He has built the engine of his old pickup truck from the ground up, as comfortable with working with his hands indoors as he is outdoors. Gary and his wife Chrissy live in New Kensington.

AOS Award Winners at 2022 OSWP Show Congratulations to all winners this year.

We had a very productive show this year with almost twenty-five plants and exhibits evaluated for AOS awards.

AOS Show Trophy is given to the best overall exhibit based on appearance, arrangement and quality of plants. The show trophy ballot is comprised of a maximum of 100 points divided into the categories of Appearance, Plant Quality, Plant Variety, and Labeling. Our winner was OSWP Exhibit 'The Joy of Orchids' ST-85.

AOS Silver Certificate Award is given to any exhibit achieving 85 or more points in the AOS Show Trophy balloting. The OSWP Exhibit was awarded the SC-85.

Orchid Digest Exhibit Trophy is awarded separately by a vote of participating judges to any participating amateur exhibit. This year's winner was OSWP Exhibit.

AOS Flower Quality Awards are given to plants of distinguished flower quality and of very good plant quality. Judging is based on a 100-point scoresheet and the resulting award is based on the average points scored with the high and low scores no more than six points range. HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) 75-79 pts, AM (Award of Merit) 80-89 pts. and FCC (First Class Certificate) 90-100 pts. are the categories. All divisions, progeny, and mericlones of these plants must carry this designation on each plant.

AOS Cultural Awards are given to growers of plants of exceptional quality for their type, genus, and species/hybrid. Judging is based on a 100-point scoresheet and the resulting award is based on the average points scored with the high and low scores no more than six points range. CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) 80-89 pts and CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) 90-100 pts. are the categories. Unlike quality awards, cultural awards are given to the plant grower and not the plant so divisions, progeny, and mericlones should not carry this designation.

JC (Judges Commendation) is an award that covers a myriad of topics from exhibits to plants. It is awarded based on a 75% consensus vote of the judging team members.

Our winners.

OSWP Exhibit 'The Joy of Orchids' SC-ST/AOS coordinated by John Whiting and Carolyn Bolton with a score of 85 pts. This exhibit also received the Orchid Digest Exhibit Trophy for the society orchid arrangement. Thanks to all who contributed their time and plants to make this possible.

Natalie Turicik Exhibit 'Psanky' JC/AOS noted for its clever arrangement of quality orchids and objects, hand-painted eggs in this case. Adding objects to orchid exhibits is quite a difficult task to not distract the viewer from the orchid flowers and arrangement.

Stelis quadrifida CCM/AOS awarded to Phipps Conservatory with a score of 83 pts.

Dendrobium Hawaii Spectacular 'Fair Orchids' HCC/AOS awarded to Kim Feddersen and Fair Orchids with a score of 76 pts.

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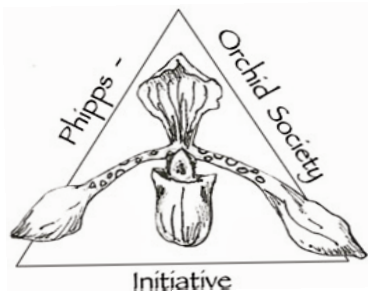
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Dave Miller, AOS Judge
April, 2022



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.

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At the Greater Akron Orchid Show the first week of March, Carolyn Bolton and Carol Panza lead an OSWP team that set up a beautiful orchid exhibit. Several orchids were given American Orchid Society (AOS) awards. Among them were two orchids from Phipps: Paph. Assiniboine 'Phipps Majesty' AM/AOS and Paph. Gene Hausermann 'Phipps Twilight' AM/AOS. Both received AM's, Awards of Merit, at that show.

At our own Orchid Show in mid-March Phipps entered their own exhibit with Hawai'i as the theme. Their miniature orchid, *Stelis quadrifida* was awarded a CCM, Certificate of Cultural Merit. So it is now *Stelis quadrifida* 'Phipps Sunshine' CCM/AOS. These AOS awards are a wonderful tribute to everyone who has helped grow the Phipps' orchid collection, in particular, the Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection: Georgia Wahl, who laid the foundation; Katie Schuller, who further developed the orchid culture; in this last year, Gary Worthington, and in the last few months, Giovanni Giraldo with Ben Dunigan's guidance. And, of course, a big pat on the back to P-OSI and Pfun:, the Phipps administration and the OSWP, who have always worked together to grow the collection in so many ways. Great teamwork! Congratulations, all!

Back to work:

Thanks to Ben, Giovanni, Margie Radebaugh and Deb Knorr, we are now welcome back to help at Phipps. Right now, our mission is to repot the cymbidiums or whatever other orchids Giovanni needs. We are going to Phipps most Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30AM – 12:30PM. For our first visits we must stop in at the Volunteer Office with proof of vaccination, ID, and wearing a face mask always. If you would like to join our Pfun efforts and haven't previously signed up with us, please let us know at the email addresses below. We are using 3 members each date, with at least one being a more experienced grower.

Thanks and looking forward to working and learning together.

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Pfun	Nancy Kline
P-OSI	Demetria Marsh
Raffle	Natalie Turicik
Show	Sheila Nathanson, Norma Raiff and Janet Greenberg
Speaker	Kathleen Arria and David Springer
Website	Jinghua Ou

April Speaker Carri Raven-Riemann

Our Speaker for our April meeting will be Carri Raven-Riemann. Carri has a long history in the orchid world, including being a founder in 1990 of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Inc., serving 20 years on the Board of Directors of the Greater New York Orchid Society and as a member of a number of the American Orchid Society committees, including the Education Committee, Membership Committee & the Public Relations Committee. She became an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1998. Beginning in 2007, she has traveled to Taiwan each year to serve as an AOS Judge for their annual Taiwan International Orchid Show (TIOS)

Carri's involvement with orchids began over 40 years ago with her first Phalaenopsis orchid ~ a hobby that quickly got out of hand! At last count her collection numbered in the thousands, ranging from very young plants to orchids in full bloom.

As a "boutique" commercial grower for 37 years, Carri focuses her orchid business, the orchidPhile, on being able to offer her clients the newest in cutting-edge Phalaenopsis species and hybrids in addition to other orchid genera which grow happily under the same conditions as Phalaenopsis. Of increasing importance to her clients is vivid color, heavy substance flowers that will provide them with long-lasting displays, fragrance and multitudes of flowers with more compact growth and spike habits. In the last two years she has also seen Taiwan's increased interest in breeding some new & more unique inter-generic hybrids utilizing Phalaenopsis as one parent

Carri's talk, "Phal. Species: From Mega to Micro", will focus on the most readily grown Phal. species, their habitat, & then translating that to what their cultural needs are when grown "in captivity", which also provides helpful cultural guidelines when some of these species are in the close breeding background of today's modern classic & novelty Phalaenopsis hybrids.



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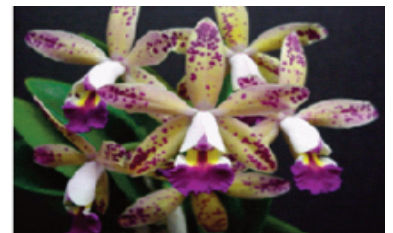
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Upcoming 2022 speaker

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More to come for the future programs for 2022



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**The American Orchid
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motivated orchid
enthusiasts to join the
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