



Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

April 2023

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Upcoming Events

April 16 , 2023
Clark Riley, In person
"My 50 Orchid Mistakes and
How To Fix Them". .

Looking Ahead

May 21 Sarah Hurdel returns on Habinaria culture
in person and habinaria sales

" 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

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What's Blooming Now

OSWP Exhibit 2023 Show



Co-President's Letter April 2023

Hi Everyone,

While it's still too soon to report any numbers, I can confidently say this year's show was a great success! Guests got to enjoy award winning exhibits, learn about orchids from expert OSWP members, try their luck at the raffle table, have their own plants repotted to perfection, and so much more! There were lines to make purchases at the vendor tables and our very own member sales table nearly sold out! I am grateful to have spent the weekend with old friends and getting to know so many others. It was exhausting and wonderful and I wish it could have lasted longer! Thank you all for sharing your time, knowledge, and friendship. I can't wait until we do it again next year!

Starting with our next meeting on April 16th, the OSWP will be meeting at the Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood at 134 E Elizabeth St in Pittsburgh. As you know, our long-time meeting location, the Phipps Garden Center, is scheduled for renovations. The Spartan Center is a former elementary school that has been beautifully renovated. There is ample free parking and located only a few miles away from the Garden Center. I will be sure to send more information as the date approaches.

Thank you,

Michelle and Dave Panasiuk

Co-Presidents, OSWP

Up Coming Shows & open house

Windswept in Time Orchids, 8066 Skyline Dr., Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

440-838-5757 Call first

2023 Open House Event Spring May 27 & 28 11a.m. -5 p.m.

Windsweptorchids.com

West Shore Show April 23 & 24 2023

at Ehmfelt Recrational Canter 18100 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Thank You, Committee Chairs

Well, that was a great show- plenty of plants, activities, friends and food. Now that I'm almost caught up with watering, repotting my new acquisitions and laundry, this is the time to express deepest thanks and profound gratitude to all those who stepped up when asked (begged) to chair a committee, and those who volunteered their valuable time to work on the multitude of jobs required to produce a beautiful show, and to all of the sponsors thank you.

AOS Photography.....Kim (Incomparable) Frankenfield
Clerks(And lots more).....Carol Panza
Education (The One and Only).....Tim Choltco
Exhibits(My Friend and Yours)Jim Yamber
Financial (The \$\$\$\$ Guru).....Janet Greenberg
Hospitality (The Host with the Most)Mike Lysy
Helpers (And Endlessly Helpful)Demetria Marsh
Judging (Someone's Gotta Do It).... Dave Miller
Membership (The Very Persuasive)....Kathy Collins
OSWP Craft Table (The Artistic)..... Brian Powell
Plant Parking (A Great Team)... Cindy Weiland and Susan Levish
Publicity (Wonderful and Talented)Dave Motak
Raffle and Silent Auction (Our Presidents) ..Michelle and Dave Panusiak
Registration (The Endlessly Patient)Tim Choltco
Repotting (A Dynamic Duo).. Katie Schuller and Cam Schmidt
Social Media (And Plant Security)Lance Chevrount
Society Exhibit (Wonderful Team).....Carolyn Bolton and John Whiting
Society Member Sales (A Big Job,Well Done)Leslie Kaplan
and Holly Schrum
Trophies (Ensuring Prize Funding-Yay!)Joyce Turkaly
Vendors (Cat Herder).....Norma Raiff
Web Mistress (Many Jobs Well Done).....Jinghua Ou
Welcome Table (Smiling All Weekend!)....Mary Ann Pike

In addition to the Committee Chairs, there are many members who showed up and worked hard to do myriad tasks, and for that we are grateful.

This is what it's all about- coming together with a common goal of spreading the word about the fun and camaraderie of the OSWP(and getting first dibs at the vendor tables). We did a spectacular job and I am exhausted, but happy.

See You All Soon,

Sheila Nathanson, Janet Greenberg, and Norma Raiff, Show Chairs

Exhibits of the OSWP Spring 2023 Orchid Show



West Shore Society



Woodstream Orchids



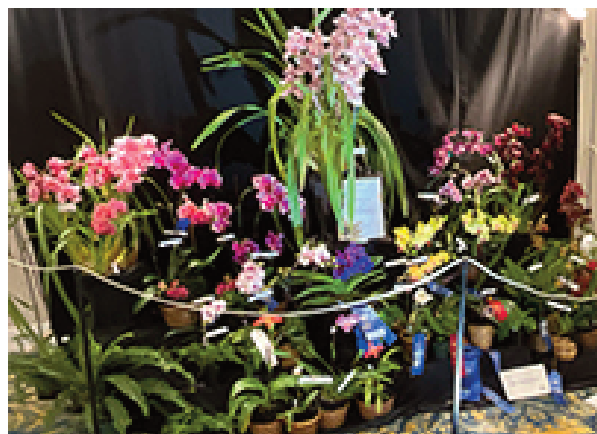
Akron Society



Windswept In Time Orchids



Wade Orchids



Mayfield Village Orchids



John Whiting



Phipps Conservatory



Bob Oldenburg



Don Ammon



Sheila Nathanson



AOS Awards for the OSWP Exhibit

2023 OSWP Spring Show Trophy Awards

Special Exhibit Class Trophies

AOS Show Trophy: The most outstanding exhibit of orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect. Classes 1 thru 10a

Orchid Digest Corporation Show Trophy: Amateur exhibit, 25 square feet and over, showing high plant quality and excellent culture. Classes 6-10a

People's Choice Award: To the exhibit judged by the visiting public as the best exhibit of the show. Classes 1 thru 10a

Best Exhibits for orchid plants in flower

Best Open Exhibit: (25 square feet): Class 1

Best Open Exhibit: (more than 25 sq. feet):
Class 2-5

Best Society Exhibit: Classes 6 thru 8

Best Amateur Exhibit: (25 square feet):
Class 9

Best Amateur Exhibit: (50 or more sq. feet):
Class 10

Best Table-Top or Novice Exhibit: Class 10a

Best Plant Class Trophies

Best Cattleya Related Genera (11-16)

Best Cattleya and Guarianthe (17-27)

Best Paphiopedilum (28-42)

Best Phragmipedium & Related Genera (43-47)

Best Phalaenopsis & Related Genera (48-62)

Best Vanda Alliance (63-78)

Best Oncidium & Related Genera (79-86)

Best Cymbidium & Related Genera (87-89)

Best Dendrobium Alliance (90-96)

Best Pleurothallid (97-103)

Miscellaneous Genera (104-110)

Best Specimen (113)

Special Plant Class Trophies

The Richard Sipko Best Amateur Cattleya & Related Genera (11-27)

The Charles Vandyke Best Amateur Phragmipedium (43-47)

Best In Show (all plant classes)

AOS Award Winners 2023 OSWP Show

Congratulations to this year's AOS Winners.

OSWP society exhibit received AOS Show Trophy and AOS Silver Certificate with a score of 85.
Phragmipedium Nitidissimum 'Rayber' CCM/AOS to Phipps Conservatory with a score of 81
Paphiopedilum Alluringly Wood 'Wade's Orchids' AM/AOS to Wade Hollenbach with a score of 80

Rodrumnia Blushing Bride 'Windswept's Magic' HCC/AOS to Edgar Stehli with a score of 78
Cymbidium Pink Floss AM/AOS to Bill Schumann with a score of 82.

Dendrobium Specio-kingianum CCM/AOS to Phipps Conservatory with a score of 81

OSWP Show Outreach and Education

This year's record-breaking show attendance is the product of numerous efforts by our in-house media expert, Dave Motak, and those social network-savvy OSWP members who used social media to educate and inform. Thank you all.

And it takes a community. Thus, a recently highlighted strategy was to systematically arrange for informal community talks accompanied by orchids in bloom.

Throughout March, and continuing into April, these members provided outreach. Our approaches varied, but the focus was on OSWP's mission, orchid education, responding to audience "what ifs", and being enthusiastic about our show.

- Tim Choltco: Upper St. Clair Library; Bethel Park Library; Frank Sarris Library; and Pittsburgh Today Live
- Demetria Marsh: Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall; Sewickley Public Library; Pittsburgh Today Live
- Norma Raiff: Mt. Lebanon Public Library, St. Catherine's Guild (St. Louise de Marillac Church); Encore on the Lake (senior community scheduled for April); Friendship Village (scheduled for April)
- Chuck Oldenburg: Peters Township Library
- Gary VanGelder: South Park Library

Others pitched in as well by following through on inquires, disseminating show-related material, and whose very presence spoke of OSWP camaraderie.

- Joyce Turkaly
- Janet Greenberg
- Rich Raiff

Finally, a profound thanks to those who generously shared blooming orchids to "perk up" the discussions. Thank you to Hossein Noorbaksh, Phipps Conservatory, and Sheila Nathanson. You trusted us with your treasures and their real-time presence provided that extra "oh my gosh."

Norma Raiff

Thanks to the generosity of local restaurants for their food donations for the Spring Show hospitality room.

- Pizzaz Italian Restaurant, 2850 Washington Rd, Peters Twp.
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 1819 Washington Rd. USC

Your patronage of these restaurants is appreciated, and please be sure to thank them for their food donation for the orchid show.

Jerry is the owner of Pizzaz Italian Restaurant and I'm sure would enjoy the feedback. And, please tell Bj's to thank the kitchen manager.

Janet Greenberg

OSWP April 2023, thanking trophy sponsors

TROPHY SPONSORS:

OSWP and the trophy awardees are grateful for the following trophy sponsorships, for the March OSWP Spring Show awards:

\$25 Judging Trophies:

- Jinghua Ou- 2
- Taylor Slaughter- 3
- Denny & Karen Licht- 4
- Bill Schumann- 6
- Sheila Nathansan- 2
- Brien & Demetria Marsh
- Jim & Teddy Emberg
- Norma Raiff
- John Whiting
- Janet Greenberg

\$75 AOS Trophy:

- Barbara Tisherman

Thank you for your generous support of the OSWP orchid show! Special thanks goes out to Trophy Chair, Joyce Turkaly, for her diligent work in ensuring that the sponsorships were covered, and in handling the documents.

OSWP SPRING SHOW PROGRAM BOOKLET SPONSORS:

OSWP is grateful for our generous program booklet sponsors. Many are repeat corporate sponsors, small business sponsors and especially the OSWP member sponsors. Thank you for everyone's diligent work in obtaining these sponsors.

Mini-Class- April 16, 2023

Taking Your Orchids Outside presented by Nancy Kline

Please join us prior to the meeting at 1pm for an orchid mini-class. These half hour classes are for new or experienced orchid growers, and they are taught by your fellow orchid society members. An overall great way to learn and get to know your fellow orchidophiles. In this talk, Nancy will reveal how to safely prepare your orchids for a summer outside. Nancy has been an active member of the society for long time. She is always available to answer orchid questions at every meeting. She has very valuable information to share with us. Hope to see you there!

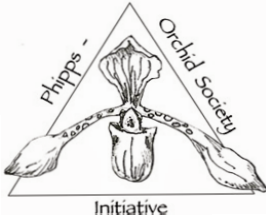
Dr. Clark Riley, April Speaker "60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes"

Dr. Riley has spoken to the OSWP 2 previous times, 2004 and 2013.

I remember them as being very enjoyable.

At the age of six, 1957, Clark got his first plant, a [probably collected] *Cypripedium pubescens* from a perennial nursery. The plant died a miserable death in a short time, but not before blooming and cementing a life-long love of orchids. He has labored ever since to make amends by promoting the sound cultivation of orchids. He grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species, Clark talks about the mistakes he's made and the plants he's killed like every other orchid grower and — most importantly — how he's changed his culture to overcome these difficulties. He grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species, and ladyslippers, Brazilian *Laelias*, and specialty *Phalaenopsis*, often from seed. He was the producer for the book and CD of *Proceeding of the North American Native Terrestrial Orchid Conference*. He is a member of the Maryland Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society. He can be reached at DrRiley@aol.com or visit his web site at <http://cyps.us>. This practical digital talk features his *Top Ten Cultural Mistakes (and how to fix 'em)*". The program is 45 to 50 minutes in length depending on questions.





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.

April 2023

Happy Spring and a special welcome to our new OSWP members!

Pfun at Phipps, a vital part of the OSWP's volunteer work at Phipps, is repotting orchids as well as doing the inventory of the Phipps orchid collection. The Pfunsters are also helping as the Clean-up Crew. We usually have Pfun on several Mondays and Thursdays from 9:45AM – 12:45PM. One or two more people are needed on the Mondays, 4/3 and 4/10. If you would like to have some Pfun, please let us know at the addresses below.

If you don't think you have the expertise to repot orchids or work on the inventory, you can help with orchid greenhouse clean-up. It's a great learning experience for all of us.

If you would like to join our Pfun/P-OSI efforts and haven't previously signed up with us, please let us know at the email addresses below. We are using at least 4 members each date, with at least one being a more experienced grower.

(If it's your first visit, you must stop in at the Volunteer Office with proof of vaccination and ID and sign a photo release.). We are NO LONGER REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE MASKS!

Congratulations to Phipps on the 2 Certificates of Cultural Merit they were awarded by the American Orchid Society at our show. The two orchids were: Phragmipedium Nitidissimum and Dendrobium Specio-kingianum. Great growing!

Don't miss the Phipps Spring Flower Show: Five Senses of Splendor! The dates are March 18th thru April 15th.

BE SURE NOT TO MISS the PHIPPS USED ORCHID SALE on Saturday, April 1st (no fooling)!

10AM to 1PM in the outdoor garden or, if the weather is yucky, in the production head house. Orchids (many of them still in bloom) from the winter orchid show selling at single digit prices.

Looking forward to working and learning together and having Pfun!

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Current Committees Chairs,

AOS	Nancy Kline	Orchid Gems	Norma Raiff, Pam Horter-Moore,
Culture Corner	Nancy Kline	Pfun	Nancy Kline
Facebook	Lance Cheuvront	P-OSI	Demetria Marsh
Garden Club/Library Liaison		Raffle	Natalie Turicik
Hospitality	Carolyn Bolton	Show	Sheila Nathanson, Norma Raiff and Janet Greenberg
Library	open	Speaker	Carolyn Boltin and Natalie. Turicik
Membership	Kathy Collins	Website	Jinghua Ou
Mini-class	Tim Choltc and Katie Schuller		
Newsletter	Jim Yamber		



First Class Mail

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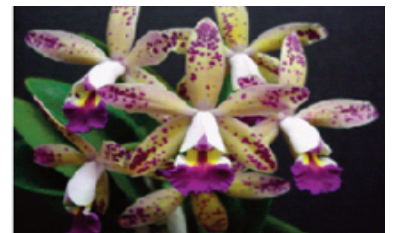


American Orchid Society
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Upcoming 2023 speaker

April 16
Clark Riley,
“My 50 Orchid Mistakes and
How To Fix Them”.
In person.

More to come for the future programs for 2023



WANTED

The American Orchid Society Judging Program is seeking highly motivated orchid enthusiasts to join the judging ranks.

Work with other such people and help maintain our awards programs and educational efforts.

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