

# The ORCHIDIAN



## Newsletter of the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania – April 2024

### Letter from the Editor:

Hello Orchid Collectors, Lovers & Enthusiasts. Sorry I am a couple days later than usual with the newsletter, but I didn't want to rush it and we were away for a little while. Here we are, post eclipse, with the first edition of the Orchidian since the Orchid Show. What a wonderful show it was! Michelle and I would like to thank all of you for your help and look forward to meeting all the new members that Kathy and her crew acquired at the membership table this year. I will let Janet fill you in with all the details at the next meeting on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, but I can tell it was a huge success!

Well I will not keep you waiting any longer, please indulge in the following pages and, as always, if you have any special submissions you would like considered for a later edition of the newsletter please feel free to drop me an email and [LetsGrowOrchids@gmail.com](mailto:LetsGrowOrchids@gmail.com)

Thanks Again,

Dave Panasiuk



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

- Co-Presidents: Michelle and Dave Panasiuk
- First Vice President: Natalie Turicik; Mentor: 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

- **The Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Show and Sale will be taking place on April 13, 2024** at the Walkkill View Farm Market and Garden Center, 15 Route 299 West, New Paltz, NY 12561.
- **The Southern Tier Orchid Society's "Orchids at the Museum" is being held April 20 - 21, 2024** at the Roberson Museum and Science Center, 30 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905.
- **The Central Indiana Orchid Society Spring Show is being held April 20 - 21, 2024** at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46203.
- **Connecticut Orchid Society's "Spring into Orchids" is being held April 20 - 21, 2024** at the Bristol Senior Center, 240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT 06010.
- **South Carolina Orchid Society Show is being held April 26 - 28, 2024** at the Garden Clubs of Greater Columbia, 1605 Park Circle, Columbia, SC 29201.
- **The Genesee Region Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show and Sale is being held April 26 - 28, 2024** at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.
- **The West Shore Orchid Society Spring Show is being held April 27 - 28, 2024** at the Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH 44136.
- **Triad Orchid Society's "The Splendor of Orchids" is being held May 10 - 12, 2024** at The Caine Conservatory, High Point University, 708 College Drive W, High Point, NC 27260.
- **The Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale is being held May 17 - 19, 2024** at the Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117.



## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED SPEAKERS – Sheila, Nancy and Don

At this year's show as in other years we have an increase in membership and many with at least one new orchid. Now what do you do with that orchid? Maybe you also purchased something different from one or more of the vendors. The OSWP can help! The April speaker will be 3 members of the OSWP who grow in a different area; Sheila Nathanson grows in a greenhouse, Nancy Kline grows under lights (and in a window), and Don Ammon who grows at a window and a bit under lights. Discussions will be about how they grow, what they grow and the challenges they have overcome growing in their areas. They can answer your questions and offer suggestions to improve your success with growing and blooming orchids. Come and join the fun of growing orchids...and blooming them!

**Members will be permitted to sell plants at this meeting.**

**THANK YOU, COMMITTEE CHAIRS – Those who led at the show**

It is thanks to the following members who agreed, sometimes reluctantly, to plan, organize and execute a particular job vital to the show, that the 2024 show was a success. The entire society is deeply grateful to these members for their work. Here is a listing of these leaders, in alphabetical order:

Lori Beth Bloom.....Library Liaison, Trophies and Judges Thank You Cards  
 Carolyn Bolton.....Society Exhibit  
 Michelle Burton.....Education  
 Lance Chevront.....Security  
 Kathy Collins.....Membership  
 Beverly Dodson.....Helpers  
 Kim Frankenfield.....AOS  
 Photography  
 Aaron Goldman.....Hospitality  
 Janet Greenberg.....Hotel Liaison  
 Steve Grendinski.....Security  
 Leslie Kaplan.....Member Sales  
 Sherri Kinoshita.....Hospitality  
 Susan Levis.....Plant Parking  
 Bob Lusnak.....Exhibit and Vendor Planning/Layout, Storage  
 Demetria Marsh.....Publicity  
 Lori McDermott.....Garden Club  
 Publicity

Lisa McGough.....Publicity  
 Charlotte Momich.....Welcome Table  
 Dave Motak.....Publicity, Photography Backdrop  
 Sheila Nathanson.....Shirt Sales  
 Jinghua Ou.....Webmistress  
 Michelle, Dave and  
 Rosalie Panasiuk.....Raffle and Silent Auction  
 Carol Panza.....Judging, Clerks  
 Mary Ann Pike..... Welcome Table  
 Brian Powell..... Arts and Crafts, OSWP Brochure Design  
 Mona Rice.....Registration  
 Cam Schmidt.....Repotting  
 Holly Schrum.....Member Sales  
 Katie Schuller.....Repotting  
 Gary VanGelder.....Registration, Exhibit Planning  
 Abby Warhola.....Show  
 Photographer  
 Cindy Weiland.....Plant Parking  
 Tammy Wurst.....Helpers

We are truly in your debt- this could not have happened without you, nor would it have been so much fun!

*-Sheila Nathanson, Janet Greenberg, and Norma Raiff, 2024 Show Chairs*

## ORCHID SHOW PICTURES by Abby Warhola

Abby has MANY more pictures available from the Orchid show. Please visit her website at <https://abbywarhola.pixieset.com/oswp/> The following five photos were made available to us for reproduction.



## 2024 OSWP SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

AOS Show Trophy...Phipps Conservatory...Giovanny Giraldo

Orchid Digest Trophy...CPOS...Valdimir Dmitriyev, John Whiting

People's Choice Award...CPOS...Valdimir Dmitriyev, John Whiting

Best 25 Sq. Ft. Open Exhibit...Woodstream Orchids...Bill Goldner

Best 25 Sq. Ft. Amateur Exhibit...Sheila Nathanson

Best 50 Sq. Ft. Open Exhibit...Phipps Conservatory...Giovanny Giraldo

Best Society Exhibit...CPOS...Valdimir Dmitriyev, John Whiting

Best Cattleya & Related Genera...Epi. secundum 'Pretty Lady'...Carolyn Bolton

Best Cattleya & Guarianthe...Bc. Yellow Bird...Hossein Noorbakhsh

The Richard Sipko Best Amateur Cattleya & Related Genera...Bc. Yellow Bird...Hossein Noorbakhsh

Best Paphiopedilum...Paph. Alluringly Wood...Wade's Orchids...Wade Hollenbach

Best Phragmipedium & Related Genera...Phrag. Jason Fischer...Woodstream Orchids...Bill Goldner

The Charles Van Dyke Best Amateur Phragmipedium...Phrag. Wossner Fuchs...Holly Schrum

Best Phalaenopsis & Related Genera...Phal. Happy Dancer...Phipps Conservatory...Giovanny Giraldo

Best Vanda Alliance...Vanda divas...Windswept in Time Orchids...Edgar Stehli

Best Oncidium & Related Genera...Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'...Windswept in Time Orchids...Edgar Stehli

Best Cymbidium & Related Genera...Cym. Scarlet Beauty 'After Dark' HCC/AOS...Phipps Conservatory...Giovanny Giraldo

Best Dendrobium Alliance...Den. specio-kingianum...Phipps Conservatory...Giovanny Giraldo

Best Pleurothallid...Pths. convallium 'D & M'...Wade's Orchids...Wade Hollenbach

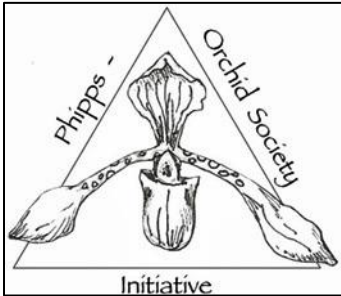
Best Miscellaneous Genera...Lyc. Absolutely Stunning 'Grantham's Glory' AM/AOS...Carol Panza

Best Specimen Plant...Rntda. Sunrise 'Shade Mountain'...Wade's Orchids... Wade Hollenbach

Best in Show...Den. specio-kingianum...Phipps Conservatory...Giovanny Giraldo

Prepared by C. Panza

## PHIPPS CONSERVATORY ORCHID SOCIETY INITIATIVE – Pfun volunteer work



April, 2024

## 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.

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.

Congratulations to Giovanni for 2 reasons: First, he has been promoted to Collections Manager (curator) for Phipps. He promises to continue to care for the orchid collection until someone else steps in as the Orchid Grower. Second, Phipps exhibit at our show won the AOS Show Trophy for the best exhibit. Giovanni wanted all the Pfunsters to know, without their help and hard work, it wouldn't have been possible. Congratulations and best wishes, Giovanni!

Be sure not to miss Phipps Spring Flower Show, "A Closer Look." It will be a wonderful way to warm up to Spring! It's there until mid-April.

**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!

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## MEETING MINUTES – March Monthly Meeting

The March monthly meeting is replace by the Orchid Show. Thank You!



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