BUCKS COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



APRIL, 2023

BCOS Meeting and Program Thursday, April 20, 2023

Churchville Nature Center 501 Churchville Lane Churchville, PA 18966 Show Table Setup-7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: A Retrospective of the 2023 SEPOS Orchid Show – Stuart Hughes



Setting up the BCOS Exhibit at the March 2023 SEPOS ahow.

Stuart Hughes will share his photos and insight into SEPOS' International Orchid Show and Sale held in Oaks PA March 31 to April 2, 2003. Besides BCOS, he is a member of SEPOS and GPOS (Greater Philadelphia Orchid Society) and is an experienced orchid grower and a retired science/ biology teacher so he can provide considerable information about the show and about orchids. Our members may also contribute to the discussion about the show and those plants that they entered into competition. If any BCOS member took a few pictures of their plants in the BUCKS exhibit that they would like Stuart to add to the presentation, please send them to stuhu2@comcast.com. Be sure to identify the plants and yourself. Member are invited to bring plants for sale and to also join Sandy and Frank at the Churchville Inn at 515 pm before the show for a bite to eat.

SEPOS International Orchid Show and Sale Awards for BCOS



Frank and Sandy Kern with the Bucks County Orchid Society exhibit at the 2023 SEPOS International Show and Sale.

The Bucks County Orchid Society was well represented at the SEPOS International Show and Sale at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks, PA), March 31 - April 2, 2023. BCOS won the blue (first) in their class (greater than 25 sq. ft. and less than 50 sq. ft.). In addition a number of orchids were awarded the following prizes.

- 1st Ren Brookie Chandler (**BEST OF THE BLUES**) grown by Charles Keiser
- 1st. Iwan. Apple Blossom (BLUE RIBBON) grown by Charles Keiser
- 1st Phal nandares 'Silver Schilleriana' grown by Clara Huntzinger
- 1st V Fuchs Delight Blue x Dr amek grown by Clara Huntzinger
- 2nd Epi ciliare grown by Bob Gore
- 2nd C nobilior v amaliae (FRAGRANCE) grown by Clara Huntinger
- 2nd Phal equestris alba grown by Mitch Paroly
- 2nd V Sunsi Glory 'Pink Lady' grown by Clara Huntzinger
- 2nd Fredclarkera After Dark grown by Sandy Kern
- 2nd Coel lawrenceana 'Ernie' CBM/AOS grown by Sandy Kern

Thank you members who helped with the set-up and tear down and to all members who contributed plants for the display. Even if your plant didn't win an individual award, it helped the Society win a first place in its class.

Cultivar

Grower

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Windowsill Growers Species/Cross

Cattleya Alliance			
1 st	Slc Jewel Box	Dark Waters	Dave Carrick
2 nd	No ID		Dave Carrick
3 rd	Lc Tropical Aura		Stuart Hughes

Classic Cattleya

1 st Blc Burdekin Wonder	Lake Land	Stuart Hughes
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Dendrobium

1 st	Den. Rainbow Dance	Stuart Hughes
2 nd	Den. Micro Chip x Nicia	Richard Kaplinski

Paph & Phrag Alliance

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1 st	Phrag Eric Young x kovachii	Mitch Paroly
1 st	Paph Maya Shirakawa	Carl Gustafson
2 nd	Paph Villosum	Richard Kaplinski

Phal & Dtps Alliance

1 st	Phal Lianher Focus	MP-1011-1	Mitch Paroly
1 st	Phal Denver Diva	Sun Kissed	Mitch Paroly
2 nd	Phal Chrysta Water		Sue Schneck
3 rd	No ID		Sue Schneck

Pleurothallid Alliance

1 st	Masd amabilis	Stuart Hughes
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Species

1 st	Phal equestris alba	Mitch Paroly
1 st	Dendrochilum formosanum	Stuart Hughes
2^{nd}	Macodes sanderiana	Stuart Hughes





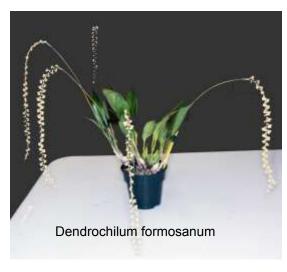




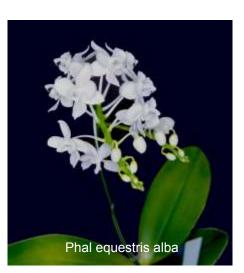




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Greenhouse Growers Species/Cross

Cultivar Grower

Cattleya Alliance

 1^{st} Lc Firedance Patricia Clara Huntzinger 2^{nd} Cattanthe Gold Digger Chuck Keiser

Open

1st Aerangis Zipper Clara Huntzinger

Paph & Phrag Alliance

1st Paph Invincible Chuck Keiser

Vanda Alliance

1st Ren Brookie Chandler Chuck Keiser









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AOS Corner - April, 2023

by Ed Weber (edwardweber0218@gmail.com)

Of all the awards given by the American Orchid Society the Award of Quality (AQ) is arguably the most difficult to acquire... and to photograph as well. I have been a part of the judging system since 2011 and this was the first time I was part of an AQ award.

The AQ is given to a group of not less than 12 plants of the same grex. Of the group at least 1 plant must receive or have received a flower quality award (HCC, AM or FCC). In addition, they must all have the exact same 2 parental clones. That is to say, they are all siblings. In most cases, unless the breeder set multiple pods on the same plant, they will have all come from the same seed pod.

The difficulty level is compounded by having to get that number of plants to all bloom and be in peak condition simultaneously! No wonder so few AQs are given each year!

In March 2023, the judges of the Mid-Atlantic AOS Judging Center were pleased to give an AQ to this group of plants presented by Art Chadwick of Chadwick Orchids. One of the hallmarks of Chadwick's business is creating and naming hybrids for famous people, including their First Ladies line of orchids. Other notable people to have had an orchid named for them by Chadwick are Princess Diana, Priscilla Presley, and Queen Elizabeth II. We can now include Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex, in that list.

Rhyncattleanthe Meghan Markle is a cross between Cattleya trianae and Rhyncattleanthe Bouton D'Or made and registered by Chadwick Orchids in 2019. We were presented with 13 individual plants, one of which had received an HCC in February and the other which received an AM at the March judging in conjunction with the AQ itself. Both of these were named for Harry and Meghan's children.





Rth. Meghan Markle 'Archie' HCC/AOS Photo by Bayard Saraduke



Rth. Meghan Markle 'Lilibet' AM/AOS Photo by Bayard Saraduke