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BCOS Meeting and Program Thursday, February 16, 2023

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear BCOS Friends,

This month's meeting will feature a mini auction, and a discussion of our show table. Bring your blooming plants!



We'll also plan for our display at SEPOS which runs from March 31 to April 2, 2023 at the Oaks Convention Center. Please let me know if you might have blooming plants that can be part of our exhibit. We also need people to help with set up on Thursday March 30, and teardown on April 2.

I look forward to seeing you this Thursday February 16, 2023 at the Churchville Nature Center. Some of us will grab a bite to eat at the Churchville Inn prior to the meeting. Please let me know if you will be joining us so that I can reserve a table large enough to accommodate our group. We usually meet there at 5:15. Thursday night is Burger Night, and separate checks are always available.

Can't wait to see your blooming plants!

Sandy

A Visit To The Naples Botanical Garden

I had the opportunity last month to visit the Naples Botanical Garden in Naples Florida. It is a beautiful tropical garden on 170 acres featuring plants from around the world, but primarily from southern Florida, the Caribbean and Mexico. Visitors can wander on their many trails or take guided tours of various topics and species. To me the highlight was their orchid collection which includes more than 1,600 species and hybrids and over 5,000 individual orchids, including the Ghost Orchid preserved in a wild like setting. Unfortunately it was not in bloom while I was there as it blooms there in July. Much of the collection is displayed in wild settings as well as the LaGrippe Orchid Garden. If you are in Naples, be sure to visit. The following are a few photos I took while there.
Richard Kaplinski



Brassavola nodosa x *nodosa*
'Mas Major' AM/AOS



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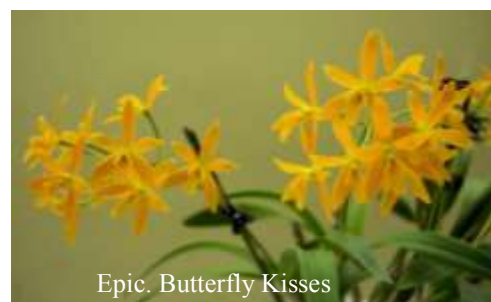
SHOW TABLE JANUARY 2023

Windowsill Growers

Species/Cross

Cultivar

Grower



Cattleya Alliance

1st	Epic. Butterfly Kisses		Sue Schneck
2nd	Rlc. Jokers Wild		Sandy Kern
3rd	Bc. Island Charm		Stuart Hughes

Dendrobium

1st	Den. Spring Dream	Appolon	Sue Schneck
2nd	Den. Unknown hybrid		Richard Kaplinski
3rd	Den. Tetragonum		Sandy Kern



Miniatures

1st	Den. Rigidum		Stuart Hughes
2nd	Sophrontella violacia		Stuart Hughes

Oncidium Alliance

1st	Oneda Chaculatum	Golden Pacific	Jean Norton
2nd	Wils. Space MineRed Rendezvous		Sandy Kern
3rd	Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite		Stuart Hughes

Open

1st	Fdk. After Dark	Photo JP-C	Jean Norton
2nd	Max. sanguinea		Deb Shull
3rd	Fdk. After Dark		Sandy Kern

Paph & Phrag Alliance

1st	Paph. villosum		Joan kopchik
2nd	Paph. wardii		Carl Gustafson
3rd	Paph. Unknown hybrid		Chuck Jones

Pleurothallid Alliance

1st	Masd. bennettii		Carl Gustafson
2nd	Restrepia sp.		Stuart Hughes
3rd	Lepanthes calodictyon		Stuart Hughes

Species

1st	Coel. cristata		Jean Norton
2nd	Rhyncostylis gigantea alba		Stuart Hughes
3rd	Coel. sp.		Deb Shull
4th	Dend. amethystoglossum		Sandy Kern

Vanda Alliance

1st	Angr. sesquipedale		Stuart Hughes
2nd	Angr. Crestwood		Stuart Hughes

Greenhouse Growers Species/Cross

Cultivar

Grower

Paph & Phrag Alliance

1st	Paph. Mount Toro		Chuck Keiser
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AOS Corner – February 2023

by Ed Weber (edwardweber0218@gmail.com)

January was another month of outstanding plants at the judging center. Out of 15 entries we gave 10 awards. Here they are for your viewing pleasure. All photos by Bayard Saraduke.

1. *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* *Adria Marie Sheth* 'Chadwick' HCC/AOS – presented by Arthur Chadwick.



Honestly, who doesn't love a large *Cattleya* flower? The beautifully ruffled and delicate pink petals contrast nicely with the intensely colored lip... and those yellow eyes!

2. *Cattleya* *Priscilla Presley* 'Beverly Hills' AM/AOS – presented by Arthur Chadwick



Chadwick Orchids is known the world over for their amazing and often historic collection of *Cattleya*. This one caught the judges' attention for the interesting venation on the petals as well as the saturated golden yellow vs fuchsia lip. It also had a very pleasing fragrance.

3. *Phragmipedium* *Driftless* 'Cataract' AM/AOS – presented by Joan and David Rosenfeld



A product of Bill Goldner's (Woodstream Orchids) breeding program, this white miniature *Phragmipedium* is only 5.5-cm (2.16 in.) across. The entire flower is covered with fine

hairs giving it the appearance of velvet. The delicate pink pouch and the bright lemon-yellow staminode provide a feast for the eyes and the sequential flowering habit will provide the grower with many more flowers in the future.

4. *Phragmipedium* *Panther Run* '20-20' AM/AOS – presented by Joan and David Rosenfeld

Also from Bill Goldner is *Panther Run*. Bill names all his orchids for streams he has fished since he is an avid



fly-fisherman. Another nearly white miniature flower, this one is also velvety in appearance and demonstrates the sequential flowering habit. It looks like there is *kovachii* in there but there isn't. This

one has *schlimii*, *besseae* and *fischeri* to thank for its genetic makeup.

5. *Phragmipedium* *Asendorf Rose* 'Gray Winter Day' HCC/AOS – presented by Joan and David Rosenfeld

It's not often that we get to see three such interesting miniature *Phragmipediums* on the same day!



Clearly Bill Goldner knows what he is doing! The judges were a bit divided over the notches in the petals. Half liked them, half didn't. But in the end, it was that pouch

that pushed it over the edge. And who doesn't love a bright yellow staminode?

6. *Paphiopedilum* *villosum* 'Mr. Right' AM/AOS – presented by Elena and Sergey Skoropad.



A highly awarded grex, *Paphiopedilum villosum* can grow to be a large plant and have many flowers at one time. The dorsal sepal on this clone is beautifully colored and the synsepal frames the pouch in a pleasing way. Even the venation and undulation of

the petals are nicely symmetrical, a characteristic the judges look for in a flower.

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7. *Cattleya* Pink Topaz 'Waterford' FCC/AOS – presented by Bayard Saraduke



This cross between *Cattleya wittigiana* (formerly *Sophranitis*) and *Cattleya praestans* (formerly *Laelia*) is heavily influenced by the *wittigiana* parent in the flowers and the *praestans* parent in the plant morphology. The flowers explode with color and the whole plant is less than 8" tall. A real winner and the third First Class Certificate earned by our esteemed photographer! This was a real eye-catcher. Unfortunately, the judges were unable to convince Bayard to divide it up so we could all have a piece!

8. *Oncidium chasei* 'Pink Treasure' CHM/AOS – presented by Elena and Sergey Skoropad



For the second consecutive month we awarded a Certificate of Horticultural Merit. This award is given to a species that has: "outstanding aesthetic appeal that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology" according to the AOS Handbook on Judging. Beautifully mounted on cork and remarkably well grown, this plant is also well flowered with the flowers nicely distributed overall.

9. *Paphiopedilum* Hawaiian Peacock 'Dark Chocolate' HCC/AOS – presented by Elena and Sergey Skoropad



The dorsal sepal is amazing in and of itself, but just look at the color saturation on the petals and pouch! The intense green in the center offsets the cordovan segments in a most pleasing way. And the entire flower has a very waxy texture. A real winner!

10. *Paphiopedilum* Delta Breeze 'Winder Wonderland' AM/AOS – presented by Elena and Sergey Skoropad



Last but not least another beautifully marked and color saturated *Paphiopedilum* from our friends and fellow judges from the Northeast Judging Center. While this photo accurately captures the coloration, placing the flower in the sunlight made it even more impressive!

We hope that you will come and join us for monthly judging! It's a great time and a wonderful learning experience for all!

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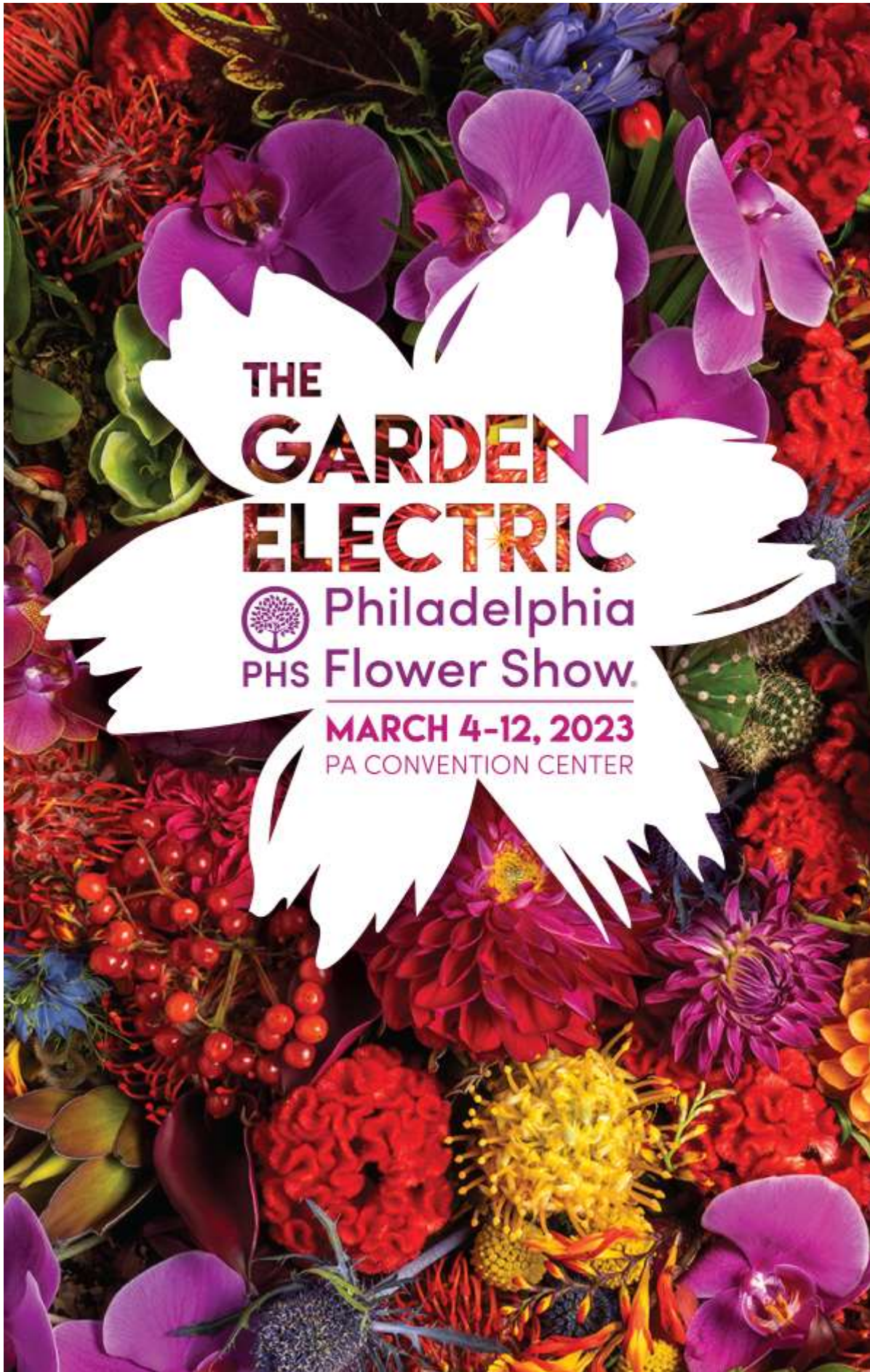


Rth. Young Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction'



Wilsonara Joe Vanilla 'First Out'





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 **Philadelphia
PHS Flower Show.**

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