### BUCKS COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER





# BCOS Meeting and Program Thursday, January 19, 2023

Churchville Nature Center 501 Churchville Lane Churchville, PA 18966 Show Table Setup-7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

#### **PROGRAM: COOKIES & CULTURE**

Join us for the Society's Annual Holiday Meeting, postponed last month due to inclement weather.

Members are asked to



bring cookies or a goodie for munching and your orchid growing knowledge, questions and friends for an evening of holiday cheer. Don't forget to bring your orchids in bloom for the show table.

This year we will have a mini-auction of approx. 13 surprise donated plants. In addition we are again going to have a round table discussion with several of our members speaking about the culture of their beautiful plants that are on the show table. As always, bring your own questions regarding the care and growing of your orchids. There will be plenty of expert advice available. Also, since there is no speaker with plants for sale, the meeting is open to members who want to sell or swap some of their own plants. Join us for a memorable evening of cheer and goodwill.

AOS Corner – JANUARY 2023 by Ed Weber (edwardweber0218@gmail.com)

To begin the new year I thought I would return to basics and review the awards our center gave during the December 2022 judging session. I also want to remind everyone that judging is a free and fun event open to anyone who wishes to attend. Our judges are very knowledgeable and are always willing to share their knowledge. Please join us on the second Saturday each month in the auditorium of All Saints Church at 1325 Montgomery Ave in Wynnewood. If you would like to be added to our email notification list please email edwardweber0218@gmail.com with the subject 'Please Add Me'. I will send out email notifications if we need to cancel our session for any reason. I hope we get to see some new faces!

In December we had a nice selection of orchids to review, thirteen in all. Here are the ones that we awarded. All photos are by Bayard Saraduke.



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Rhyncholaeliocattelya Princess Teresa 'Princess Michiko' AM (82) – Presented by Bill Keating – The judges appreciated the size of the flowers... 16 cm wide by 15.3 cm tall. The delicate shading of the coloration and the intensity of the golden throat also impressed. The arrangement of the flowers was nearly perfect allowing the viewer to see all aspects of the flower from nearly any angle. And the pleasant fragrance was an added bonus.



Unregistered hybrid – Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Pat Thrall x Jerry Rehfield) 'Sunset's Magenta' AM (82) – presented by center chair Mark Werther. Seldom do you get to see a flower as color saturated as this compact cattleya hybrid from Sunset Valley Orchids. The beautiful ruffled lip contrasts nicely with the white column and anther cap. As an unregistered hybrid, Mark must now have the cross registered with the Royal Horticulture Society before the award becomes permanent. Another one with a pleasing fragrance.



Onithocephalus gladiatus 'Spartacus' CHM (84) – also presented by Mark Werther and quite a departure from the orchids he usually grows! This specimen plant is only 15 cm across and is remarkably clean

and well flowered . The tiny flowers are not even half a centimeter in size! The plant is mounted on cork and grows pendently. As the first award to this species, it's identity must be confirmed by the AOS' Species Identification Task Force (SITF) before the award becomes final.



Oncidium Witch's Jewels 'Ivory Lips' AM (83) – presented by Sergey and Elena Skoropad (Associate Judges from the Northeast Judging Center) – This small plant was awarded because of the intensely deep coloration and the nearly perfect arrangement of the flowers on the branched inflorescence. The petals and sepals have a very pleasing ruffled edge and the color contrast between the lip, petals, and anther cap is excellent. As the plant grows and develops, we expect to see many more inflorescences and eventually an elevated award.



Paphiopedilum Freckles 'Show Stopper' AM (84) – also presented by Sergey and Elena Skoropad – a pleasing cream-colored waxy flower with spots neatly and symmetrically arranged is almost sure to get the judges' attention and this proves the point. Throwing 2 flowers on 1 spike doesn't hurt either!

In an upcoming AOS Corner we will meet the judges and get to know a little bit about them, what they like, and how they think about orchids. Stay tuned and have a very Happy New Year! **Ed Weber** 1edwardweber0218@gmail.com

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## ORCHIDS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS' 2022 HOLIDAY SHOW



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## North Jersey Orchid Society

Rutgers University SEBS

Floriculture and Teaching Greenhouse

**Annual Show & Sale** 

January 13-15, 2023

Friday Noon – 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

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## Deep Cut Orchid Society 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show February 3rd-5th, 2023

Dearborn Market
2170 Route 35 South, Holmdel, NJ
Fri-Sat 9am to 6pm
Sun 9am to 4:30pm

FREE admission, free parking, food on premises
Exquisite Orchid Displays, FREE lectures
AOS Judging Friday, Feb 3rd

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