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## **BCOS Meeting and Program**

**Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024**

**Regular Meeting 7:30pm**

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

### **PROGRAM: Steve Arthur - His greenhouse and how to recognize and prevent viruses**

Steve Arthur began growing orchids over thirty years ago. His current greenhouse in Graniteville, SC covers about 5,000 square feet of growing area. He grows a “mish-mash” of things but tends to focus on Cattleyas and has been making crosses for years. In his greenhouse lab, he also does contract work (such as sowing and harvesting seeds) for other nurseries. Steve is affiliated with Carter & Holmes, frequently selling plants for them at the big Florida shows, and is currently their Lab Manager. He is also an accredited AOS Judge, and once a month, Steve drives to and from Graniteville to Greensboro to attend judging. If you visit Steve’s business, you enter his greenhouse via a large meeting room where his local orchid society meets and where he conducts classes on growing orchids. This meeting room is also home to sixteen birds— mostly Macaws but also Yellow Winged Parrots and Quaker Parrots. He purchased each of the birds while at orchid shows.



### **AOS Corner – Feb. 2024**

**by Ed Weber (edwardweber0218@gmail.com)**

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the members of the Bucks County Orchid Society played host to the American Orchid Society for an outreach judging session. The session was arranged by Northeast J/C judge Deb Bodei and led by Mid-Atlantic J/C Chair Mary Jo Gilsdorf. The judges participating were Mary Jo Gilsdorf, Paul Sheetz, Michael Bowell, Deb Bodei, and Ed Weber, all of whom are fully accredited judges.

Outreach Judging is a novel idea that allows a society to have AOS judges demonstrate the process of judging orchids by actually judging orchids from their show table at one of their regular meetings. It allows individuals who may not have the ability to attend AOS judging to see how the process works. It also allows individuals who never received an AOS award to have that opportunity. Based on the feedback everyone involved enjoyed the program. For the judges it was a fun way to share exactly what it is that we do and explain the process as we progressed. When you do something for long enough you start to do it without thinking about it and having to explain the process while doing it was a refreshing change of pace.

To begin the evening, the judges perused the plants on the show table and selected a number of potential candidates. Across the front of the room, the panel of judges sat facing the audience while Mary Jo led the session from in front of the table. Ed Weber was on the research station which is responsible for looking up prior awards and projecting the results on the screen for all to see. The discussion proceeded as we examined the first flower (see below) in great detail. It was an interesting exercise because there are no prior awards to this cross. When this happens the judges will explore the parents that comprise the cross and make the determination as

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## SHOWTABLE AWARDS - Jan., 2024

### WINDOWSILL GROWERS

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
<b>CATTLEYA ALLIANCE</b>				
1st	Epicat	Butterfly Kisses	Mendenhall	Sue Schneck
2nd	Eplc.	Don Herman	'Spots'	Dave Carrick
3rd	Bc.	Binosa	'Keylime'	Dave Carrick

### CLASSIC CATTLEYA

1st	Bc.	Nacouchee Mission Valley		Dave Carrick
2nd	Pot.	Elegant Dancer	'Rouge'	Dave Carrick
3rd		NOID		Sandy Kern

### CYMBIDIUM

1st	Cym	NOID		Sandy Kern
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### DENDROBIUM

1st	Den.	Oriental Smile		Sue Schneck
2nd	Den.	NOID		Ray Pascali
3rd	Den.	kingianum	'Madame'	Dave Carrick

### ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

1st	Oip.	Onolicious	'Vivid'	Deborah Shull
2nd	Onc.	NOID		Dave Carrick
3rd	Onc.	NOID		Sue Schneck

### PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

1st	Phal.	Denver Diva	'Sun Kissed'	Mitch Paroly
2nd	Phal.	NOID		Dave Carrick

### PAPH and PHRAG ALLIANCE

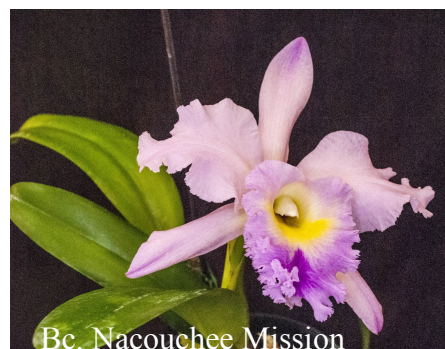
1st	Paph.	Dire Wolf 'HOF' x Paph Hilo Green	'WOW'	Deborah Shull
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### OPEN

1st	Coel.	lactea		Sandy Kern
2nd	Coel.	lactea		Sandy Kern

### SPECIES

1st	Max.	sanguinea		Deborah Shull
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## SHOWTABLE AWARDS - Jan., 2024

### GREENHOUSE GROWERS

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
<b>CATTLEYA ALLIANCE</b>				
1st	Schom.	rosea		Chuck Keiser
2nd	Bc.	Punakea	'Lea'	Clara Huntziger
<b>CLASSIC CATTLEYA</b>				
1st	Catt.	walkeriana		Clara Huntziger
2nd	Catt.	nobilior	'Amalie'	Clara Huntziger
<b>MINIATURES</b>				
1st	Bulb.	miniatum		Chuck Keiser
<b>VANDA ALLIANCE</b>				
1st	Darwinara	Charm	'Blue Star'	Clara Huntziger



Schom. rosea



Max. sanguinea



Darwinara Charm 'Blue Star'



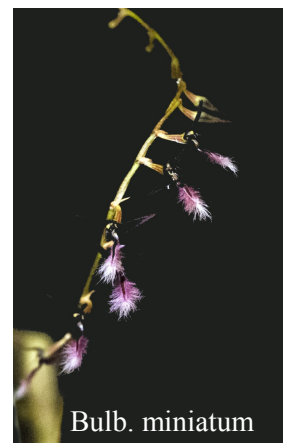
Den. Oriental Smile Fantasy



Den. NOID



Oip. Onolicious 'Vivid'



Bulb. miniatum

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to whether or not the hybrid represents the parents well enough to be considered for an award. In this case it was determined that it did, and a nomination was offered. The plant received an HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) of 78 points. The plant was then photographed as all AOS-awarded plants are and returned to the judges for processing. This includes making and recording meticulous measurements of all aspects of the flower, and in some cases the plant itself. An exhaustive description of the flower is then created and becomes the official description for the award. The members of the audience were very interested in the process and asked a number of excellent questions.



*Phal. Denver Diva 'Sun Kissed' HCC/AOS Photo and plant by Mitch Paroly*

Shown here, Phalaenopsis Denver Diva 'Sun Kissed' HCC/AOS was presented by Mitch Paroly, a long-time photographer to the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center. It was his first award. Congratulations, Mitch!

If you would like to have an outreach judging session at your society, or to learn more about the process, I encourage you to contact any AOS judge who will be happy to help you get the process started.

Respectfully submitted,

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**WILDFLOWER SPOTTING IN WINTER?**

**By: Rebecca Bowen, Conservation Science and Ecological Resources Division Chief, DCNR's Bureau of Forestry**

Did you know that winter can be a great time to observe orchids? Some species of orchid have evolved a survival strategy where leaves come out in winter, and are referred to as a "winter leaf orchid" or a "hibernal leaf orchid" (hibernal means occurring in winter).

Puttyroot (*Aplectrum hyemale*) and crane-fly (*Tipularia discolor*) orchids are two winter leaf orchids in Pennsylvania



Puttyroot orchid's leaf is a green oval, covered with white pinstripes running from stem to tip. It has a pleated look to it and sometimes a purplish tinge to the edges.

The name comes from a paste made from crushing the roots that may have been used by Cherokees as a baby food. Puttyroot also is called "Adam-and-Eve" because the new year's root (Eve) forms attached to the previous year's (Adam).



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## The Bucks County Orchid Society

### OFFICERS

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Chuck Keiser  
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*Secretary*

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Meetings are held 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month (**except July and August**) at the Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966

### *Other Societies and Vendors:*

A list of other societies and vendors is now exclusively available on the BCOS website.

<http://041d544.netsolhost.com/WordPress/library/other-orchid-groups/> for other societies and <http://041d544.netsolhost.com/WordPress/library/local-vendors/> for vendors.

Visit us on the web at:

[www.buckscountyorchidsociety.org](http://www.buckscountyorchidsociety.org) or on [Facebook](#)

Congratulations to BCOS member Bob Gore! His beautifully grown coelogyne wenzelii RHG' (named after his Dad) was awarded a Certificate of Cultural Merit at the AOS judging on Feb 10, 2024. The plant was formerly known as dendrochilum wenzelii.



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## How to Spot Winter Leaf Orchids



*Puttyroot and cranefly orchid leaves are often found in large groups. (Photo by Scott Martin, used with permission.)*

Both plants can be found in deciduous or mixed forests and bottomlands, often in acid soils. You often see these leaves in large groupings, but it is thought that one plant produces only one leaf.

When you think about it, a winter leaf makes sense -- plenty of sunlight is available without a leafy overstory shading it out and no competing neighbors.

The leaf photosynthesizes all winter long, storing carbohydrates in its root or corm. The plant produces only one leaf, which dies back in summer and is gone by the time the plant flowers during May to August.

Orchids can live underground in their root for years, only blooming when the conditions are right.

Cranefly orchid flowers are small and greenish-purplish color; and puttyroot orchid flowers are small and drab tan color. The flowering stalks are slender and the plants can be easily overlooked in summer, with lots of other vegetation around.

The bright green of the leaves in winter is the best way to identify these plants. Why not visit a [state forest](#) or [state park](#) near you and see if you can find them?

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## **DUES ARE NOW DUE**

Dues for calendar year 2024 are now due. Dues are only \$20 per year and go to support the Society and its educational and charitable activities. See Chuck Keiser, Treasurer, at a meeting or send dues to Chuck at 163 North Forsythia Dr., Levittown, PA 19506. (Please include name, address and phone with your remittance.)



**25<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

# Orchid Show and Sale

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>



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Don't miss the biggest ORCHID EVENT of the year!

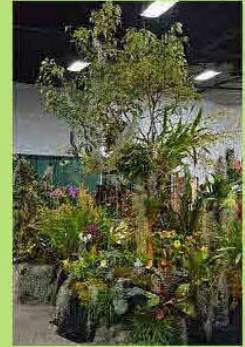
[deepcutorchidsociety.org/show](https://deepcutorchidsociety.org/show)



2024 PHILADELPHIA  
**FLOWER  
SHOW**

**MARCH 2-10**  
AT THE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CONVENTION CENTER

# SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sale Returns to the Oaks Expo Center April 5 - 7, 2024



## HOURS

Friday 4/5  
Noon - 6 pm

Saturday 4/6  
9 am - 6 pm

Sunday 4/7  
10 am - 4 pm

## TICKETS

**\$15 at door**

Children Under 12 Free!  
**Save 20% online!**

## VENUE

**Oaks Expo Center**  
100 Station Ave  
Oaks, PA 19456

[Directions Here](#)

## PARKING

**Unlimited  
Free  
Parking**

**Note: Your PayPal receipt is your ticket. Please retain it (hard copy or on a device) and present it upon entry.**

## LODGING

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn - Oaks, PA. This 4 1/2 star hotel is located a mere 1,200 yards from the EXPO Center, and offers the following discounted rates for Orchid Show visitors and participants:

King bed- \$149

Two Queens- \$159

Call **(610) 650-0880** for reservations; select option "0" (operator) and give the group code SEO.

## VENDORS

[Vendor List](#)

## FREE TOURS

**Sign up at show**  
[More info here](#)

**Enjoy an exciting orchid weekend - tickets valid for entry all three days !!**