

BUCKS COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

January 2025



BCOS Meeting and Program

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Regular Meeting 7:30 pm

Show Table Setup 7:00 pm

Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, PA 18966

Orchid Growing Insights:

Webinar and Open Forum

January serves as a perfect opportunity to give your orchids a little extra care. After a quick informative webinar on orchid care, we'll open the floor for an interactive discussion where you can explore tips, solve plant problems, and connect with fellow orchid enthusiasts.

It is a great moment to assess your orchids needs. That sounds like a fantastic opportunity for everyone to share knowledge and troubleshoot any plant-related challenges

By encouraging everyone to share your personal experiences, it will create a vibrant exchange of ideas and solutions. You might walk away with new strategies, or even inspiration for trying something different in your own orchid-growing routines!

The January meeting will include refreshments and Show tables for Windowsill and Greenhouse orchids where you can display blooming plants from your collection. This is your time to show-off those beautiful blooms!

Where to Place your Indoor Orchids



Orchids are cherished for their exotic beauty and delicate appearance, making them a favorite among houseplant enthusiasts. However, the location of your orchid within your home can significantly impact its health and longevity. Placing an orchid in the wrong spot can lead to premature wilting and even death. Here are a few places you should avoid if you want your orchid to thrive and rebloom with vibrant colors.

Worst Places to Place an Orchid

The Kitchen - While the kitchen may offer good light and seems like a cozy spot for decoration, it is fraught with hazards for orchids. Frequent temperature fluctuations, along with heat and steam from cooking, can stress the plant.

Ethylene gas emitted by ripening fruits like apples and bananas can also accelerate floral aging. Moreover, exposure to common household chemicals used in kitchen cleaning can be harmful.



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*The Bucks County
Orchid Society*

OFFICERS

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Meetings are held 7:30 pm on the third
Thursday of each month (except July and
August) at :

Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, PA 18966

Visit our website:
www.buckscountyorchidsociety.org

Other Societies and Vendors

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

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Are you Serious? Or'chid-ing?



Why did the orchid refuse to date the
dandelion? Because he said he was one-of-a-
kind, but she knew he was just easily
propagated!

What does a detective orchid say? "I've got a
phalenopsis... this looks like foul play!"

What's an orchid's favorite type of music?
Anything but ork-estral... they like their tunes a
little more unique!

My orchid is going through a rebellious
phase... It's refusing to bloom where it's
planted.

I told my friend all about my orchid obsession.
He said, "Dude, you need to branch out!"

I tried to write a song about orchids, but I
didn't have the roots for it. Turns out, I'm better
at growing them than serenading them.

Why are orchids such bad liars? Their stories
are always so trans-parent!

You know, orchids are incredibly epiphytic...
They just don't give a dam where they grow!

What do you call an orchid that's always
getting into trouble? A vandal!

Why are orchids so dramatic? Because they
thrive on aerial attention!



EDITORS NOTE

Contributions to the newsletter will be greatly appreciated. Please submit relevant
news, photos, awards or information relating to the Society, its members, the care
and culture of orchids to the Editor at BCOrchidSocietyEditor@gmail.com. You can
also submit orchids and orchid related items for sale.

Please submit your copy by the first day of the month.

DECEMBER 2024 SHOW TABLE

Windowsill Growers

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
Cattleya				
1st	Unidentified			Carrick, Dave
2nd		Momilani Rainbow	Waldor	Schneck, Sue
3rd	Unidentified			Paroly, Mitch
HM	Rhyncholaeliacattleya	Emma Leilani	Volcano Queen	Carrick, Dave



Rhynccattleanthe
Momilani Rainbow



Dendrobium Bangkok Fancy



Rlc Emma Leilani
"Volcano Queen"

Classic Cattleya

1st	Rhyncholaeliacattleya	Nacouchee	Mission Valley	Carrick, Dave
1st	Rhyncholaeliacattleya	Jennifer Off		Nakonechny, Vera
2nd	Brassocatanthe	Punakea	Lee	Nakonechny, Vera

Dendrobium

2nd	Dendrobium	Bangkok Fancy		Kern, Sandy
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Rhy. Nacouchee
Mission Valley



Stelis pusilla

Minatures

1st	Stelis pusilla			Gustafson, Carl
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Oncidium

1st	Oncidium	Heaven Scent	Redolence	Schneck, Sue
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Onc. Heaven Scent

DECEMBER 2024 SHOW TABLE

Windowsill Growers Continued



Phalaenopsis

1st	Phalaenopsis	Chia E. Yelin	Ginzburg, Lara
2nd	Phalaenopsis	Unidentified (Candy-striped)	Gustafson, Carl
3rd	Phalaenopsis	Unidentified (White)	Gustafson, Carl

Species

1st	Coelogyne	viscosa	Kern, Sandy
2nd	Ludisia	discolor	Kern, Sandy



Coelogyne viscosa



Phal. Chia E. Yelin



Phal. unidentified
(Candy-striped)

DECEMBER 2024 SHOW TABLE

Greenhouse Growers

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
Cattleya				
1st	Cattleya	Big Ben	Blue Mountain	Keiser, Chuck
2nd	Cattleya	walkeriana		Keiser, Chuck
2nd	Cattleya	Chongkolnea		Keiser, Chuck

Paphiopedilum

1st	Paphiopedilum	spicerianum	Keiser, Chuck
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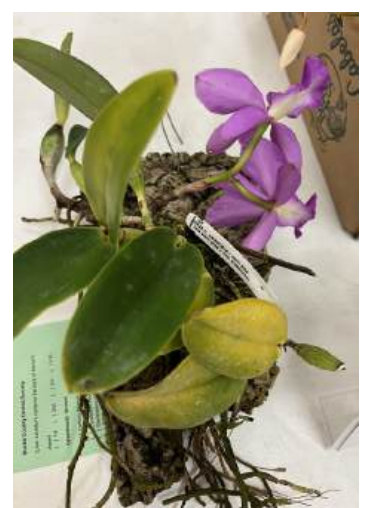
Cattleya Big Ben



Cattleya Chongkolnea



Paphiopedilum
spicerianum



Cattleya walkeriana

Where to Place your Indoor Orchids *Continued from page 1*

A Drafty House



Drafty Locations - Areas near frequently opened doors or windows can expose orchids to drafts and fluctuating temperatures, which they particularly dislike. These conditions can dry out the plant and reduce humidity levels, which are crucial for their health. Ensure your orchid is placed in a stable environment away from such airflow.

The Bathroom - Bathrooms are not as good as you might think. If they were humid at all times, they'd probably be covered in mold unless you've got a fan blowing all the time. A half-hour of humidity, while not nothing, isn't all that helpful.

Near Heat Sources - Keep your orchid away from radiators, heaters, and air conditioning units. The direct heat and dry air from these sources can create an inhospitable environment, causing the orchid's delicate leaves to dry out and yellow.

Unheated Areas in Winter - Many Dendrobiums (and other Himalayan plants) appreciate (or need) cold, dry winters. These are ideal for example, for Nobile-type dendrobiums, Cymbidiums, many Coelogynes, and many from the neotropics, where there is a cool, dry, winter - such as the western area of Mexico, for example.

Ideal Orchid Locations

Living Room - Maybe the best place to put an orchid is in the living room. It's a subtropical plant that likes to be in a spot with a lot of daylight, which in most homes is the living room. Be careful not to place an orchid in direct sunlight, because the leaves can get sunburned. Make sure not to place it near heating or in a draught either: the ideal room temperature for an orchid is between 15 and 25 degrees.

Bedroom—Indoor plants provide a calming environment and therefore are ideal for the bedroom. Waking up with such an exotic plant on the bedside table provides instant happiness! Just like in the living room, most bedrooms receive a lot of daylight. A good spot for an orchid!

Office - Both home and corporate offices can be great locations, provided they have good indirect light. Research has shown that plants can have a positive impact on productivity. Plants in the workspace can increase productivity by up to 15%! People also complete tasks faster, without the quality deteriorating. In addition, plants have a positive effect on your concentration, because they reduce noise by 8%. Enough reasons to fill your desk or home office with a beautiful collection of orchids, right?

Additional Care Tips

Orchids thrive in indirect light, ideally near an east or west-facing window.

Avoid repositioning the orchid frequently; find a good spot and keep it there.

Ensure the orchid has space and isn't cramped against walls or other plants.

By understanding these dos and don'ts, you can create an optimal environment for your orchid, allowing it to thrive and beautify your home with its stunning blooms.



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President's Message

Dear BCOS Members,

I want to wish you a happy and healthy New Year with many blooming orchids!

I hope you're all staying warm, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 1/16/25. Frank and I will be at the Churchville Inn at 5:15 for a bite to eat. If you'd like to join us, please let me know so that I can reserve a table.

The December meeting was very festive and filled with holiday cheer! There was a delightful spread, with everyone getting to enjoy both the personal touches of homemade snacks and the indulgence of store-bought favorites. Several people even dressed up special for the occasion

On a sad note, Alma Bannett is no longer with us. She and her husband Roger have been members for over 15 years. Alma's specialty was beautiful Phals that she and Roger grew in their greenhouse. Our condolences to Roger and family. In November, we also lost Wayne Braddock after a lengthy illness. Wayne and his wife Daria loved all orchids, and they were very supportive of our auctions. Our condolences to Daria and family.

Stay healthy my friends!

Sandy



Sandy & Bob Gore
December 2024

Upcoming Area Events



North Jersey Orchid Society
Annual Show and Sale
January 17 – 19, 2025
Fri: Noon – 5 pm
Sat: 10 am – 5 pm
Sun: 10 am – 4 pm
Rutgers University Cook
Student Center
59 Biel Road,
New Brunswick NJ

[NJOS Annual Show and Sale](#)

North Jersey Orchid Society
Rutgers University SEBS
Floriculture and Teaching Greenhouse
Annual Show & Sale
January 17-19, 2025

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

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Cook Student Center
Rutgers University
59 Biel Rd
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Upcoming Area Events



For the Love of Orchids 2025 Annual Orchid Show and Sale Susquehanna Orchid Society

Open to the Public:

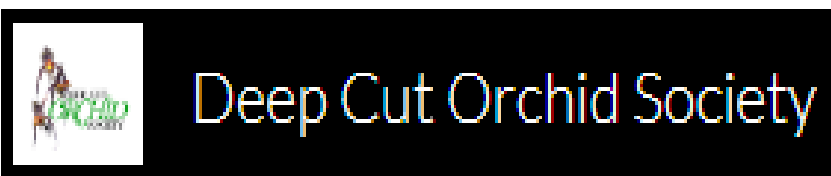
Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2, 2025 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Susquehanna Orchid Society presents its Annual Orchid Show and Sale,
“For the Love of Orchids”

We are so fortunate and grateful to have the Milton and Catherine Hershey Conservatory as our generous hosts again this year.

The conservatory provides a prestigious location for our annual show. More than 1,000 orchids representing dozens of varieties will be on display, including rare species and unique hybrids. Daily orchid show tours and informational sessions will take place in the exhibition and Garden Cottage. In addition, vendors will have orchids for sale; various orchid societies will have showy displays that will be judged onsite and presented with awards.

Included in admission to Butterfly Atrium; free for Hershey Gardens members.



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Orchid Show and Sale
February 16th, 17th, 18th



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Saturday - 9am-6pm,
Sunday 9am-4pm

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2025 Spring Show "Orchid Obsession"

Saturday, 3/15/2025

Exhibits noon to 5pm,
Vendors 9am to 5pm.

Sunday, 3/16/2025

Exhibits 9am to 4pm,
Vendors 9am to 4pm.

Location

Crowne Plaza Suites
Pittsburgh South
164 Fort Couch Rd.
Pittsburgh PA 15241

Save The Date
March 15 & 16
2025

Orchid
SPRING SHOW
THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTS
Orchid obsession

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SUNDAY MARCH 16 EXHIBITS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.		

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