

# BUCKS COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

March 2025



## BCOS Meeting and Program

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Regular Meeting 7:30 pm

Show Table Setup 7:00 pm

Churchville Nature Center  
501 Churchville Lane  
Churchville, PA 18966

## An Evening With Waldor's

### David Off

David Off was born into the family orchid business in 1979. He grew up in a home on property adjacent to the greenhouses and was taught in a hands-on environment from an early age. He is currently a manager at Waldor Orchids. The Off family has been growing plants since

1925. In addition to his personal collection of several thousand plants, David oversees the care and maintenance of Waldor's renowned classic cattleya collection.

### WHO ARE WE?

We are a fourth-generation family-owned and operated orchid Wholesale/Retail operation Christian business offering orchid plants and orchid supplies in the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware area along with shipping in the continental US.

We specialize in potted **Intergeneric Oncidinae**, **Paphiopedilum**, **Cattleya**, **Phalaenopsis**, **Dendrobium**, **Cymbidium**, **Gift Plants**, **Gift Ideas**, and **Hobby Plants**.



Occasionally an orchid plant will bear a little plantlet off of its flower stem or pseudobulb. These little baby plants are often called a Keiki (Hawaiian for "baby").

Frequently we are asked what should be done when this happens. Keikis are seen more frequently on Phalaenopsis, Epidendrum, and Dendrobium than on other orchids. Keikis are genetically identical to their mother and will bear flowers that look like the mothers too!

### *Orchid Keikis - What is a Keiki?*

### Creating Your Own Keiki

If you would like to have a Keiki of your own to grow, Phalaenopsis equestris and its hybrids often produce such babies naturally and are fairly easy to grow. Plant hormones such as Clone ME! Keiki Paste can be applied to a node on the bloom stem or base to stimulate the growth of a keiki and KeikiRoot can be applied to stimulate root production. This product also works to stimulate nodes on bulbs of sympodial orchids to create new lead growths.



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*The Bucks County  
Orchid Society*

**OFFICERS**

Sandy Kern	President
Jean Norton	Vice President
Chuck Keiser	Treasurer
Open	Secretary
Jennifer Leah-Rosa	Newsletter Editor
Carl Gustafson	Awards Coordinator

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](http://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.

[For Other Orchid Societies](#)

and

[For Local Orchid Vendors](#)

***Are you Serious?  
Or'chid-ing?***



I don't know who needs to hear this, but you  
are a great orchid owner.  
That phal should have tried harder.

**When  
you buy  
your 1st  
Orchid**



**When  
you buy  
your  
237th  
Orchid**



**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](mailto: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.



## **FEBRUARY 2025 Windowsill Growers**

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
<b>Dendrobium</b>				
1st	Dendrobium	Yaya		Williams, Thora
2nd	Dendrobium	Bangkok Fancy		Kern, Sandy

<b>Miniatures</b>				
1st	Platystele	viridis		Gustafson, Carl
2nd	Dryadella	guatemalensis		Gustafson, Carl



Den Bangkok Fancy



Den Yaya



Mini Dryadella  
guatemalensis



Mini Platystele viridis



<b>Cattleya</b>				
1st	Cattleya	Compton Grand		Kern, Sandy

<b>Phalaenopsis</b>				
1st	Phalaenopsis	No ID		Paroly, Mitch
2nd	Phalaenopsis	Taida Sunflower Boy	"Taida Apollo"	Paroly, Mitch
2nd	Phalaenopsis	Fuller's Gold Stripes		Ginzburg, Lara
3rd	Phalaenopsis	Lioquin Hot Lip	"A19459"	Paroly, Mitch



Cat Compton Grand



Phal Taida Sunflower Box  
Taida Apollo



Phal Fullers Gold Stripes



Phal Lioquin Hot Lip  
"A19459"



# FEBRUARY 2025 SHOW TABLE

## Windowsill Growers continued

### Open

1st	Zygopetalum	Blue Velvet	Zaliska, Viktoriya
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### Species

1st	Dendrochilum	longifolium	Kern, Sandy
2nd	Phalaenopsis	schilleriana	Ginzburg, Lara
3rd	Phalaenopsis	leuddemanniana	Kern, Sandy



Spec Phal leuddemanniana



Zygopetalum Blue Velvet



Spec Phal schilleriana



Spec Dend longifolium

### Paphiopedilum

1st	Paphiopedilum	Virginia Creeper	Carrick, Dave
2nd	Paphiopedilum	gratrixianum	Carrick, Dave

### Vanda

1st	Gastrochilus	obliquus	Gustafson, Carl
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Paph Virginia Creeper



Paph gratrixianum



Gastrochilus obliquus

# FEBRUARY 2025 SHOW TABLE

## Greenhouse Growers

*And the  
Winners  
are...*

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
<b>Paphiopedilum</b>				
1st	Paphiopedilum	Leeanum		Keiser, Chuck
2nd	Paphiopedilum	Shapley Geisha x Sandra Mary		Keiser, Chuck



Paph Leeanum



Paph Shapley Geisha x Sandra Mary

### *Orchid Keikis - What is a Keiki?*

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#### **Repotting Your New Keiki**

Once a Keiki has roots of 1-3 inches, it is time to repot both the mother and the baby. We recommend planting both together in the same pot in fresh mix. When Keikis are very small they seem to do best in the same pot with the mother for the first year because the mother plant helps regulate moisture conditions in the pot. We snip off the Keiki about an inch or two down the spike (or stalk) and gently set the little plant next to the mother and encourage the roots to go downward and establish themselves in the pot. It's ok to bury a bit of the cut off flower spike with the keiki, usually we bend it straight down in an attempt to anchor the little one.

#### **Leaving Keiki with Mom**

We may also choose to leave the baby on the parent and both will bloom in due time which can be very pretty. Shown here is our species *Phal amabilis* which has two Keikis on each of two old bloom spike. These keikis formed on the mother plant after it bloomed the previous year. We chose to leave them on the mother plant and they bloomed along with the mother the next year. Each keiki has one bloom spike and the mother plant has two new bloom spikes. The orchid above, from our private collection, has since been repotted with the two keikis together in a pot and the mother plant in another pot.



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## **Under Light Orchid Culture at the Swartz Brewery, Edition 2.0.—A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Adaptation of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Structure**

Albert V. Tamashausky gave an informative presentation that described how he grows miniature orchid varieties, under lights, in the remnants of the historical Swartz Brewery located in Oxford, Warren County, New Jersey. He talked about building your own light fixtures and creating an ideal environment in a very unique location of an attached subterranean “cave”, 8 feet below the surface that served as a “lagering” chamber for the beer. Here is a sampling of his miniature orchid species native to Papua New Guinea.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

### 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*

<b>SATURDAY MARCH 15</b> EXHIBITS NOON TO 5 P.M. VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.	<b>CROWNE PLAZA SUITES</b> PITTSBURGH SOUTH EXHIBITS 164 FORT COUCH RD. PITTSBURGH PA 15241 (ACROSS FROM SOUTH HILLS VILLAGE)	<b>ORCHID DISPLAYS</b> EXPERT PRESENTATIONS ORCHID REPOTTING ORCHID VENDOR SALES OSWP SALES
<b>SUNDAY MARCH 16</b> EXHIBITS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. VENDORS 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.		

Free Parking with easy access to all events

[WWW.OSWP.ORG](http://WWW.OSWP.ORG)

**SEPOS** INTERNATIONAL  
ORCHID SHOW & SALE  
APRIL 4 - APRIL 6, 2025

Thousands of  
Orchids on Display  
Free Guided Tours  
AOS Judging

**INTRODUCING THE  
SEPOS MARKETPLACE**  
Renegade Winery - Tastings & Sales  
Grand Fromage - Gourmet Cheeses  
Sweet Ashley's - Fine Chocolates  
Knight Blooms - Handcrafted Jewelry  
Gary's Minis - Unusual House Plants

PRESENTED BY THE **SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY** | [SEPOS.ORG](http://SEPOS.ORG)

JOIN US **APRIL 4** FROM **12 - 6 PM**  
**APRIL 5** FROM **9 AM - 6 PM**  
**APRIL 6** FROM **10 AM - 4 PM**

AT THE **EXPO** **AT BARK**

**SAVE 20%**  
PURCHASE TICKETS  
AT [SEPOS.ORG](http://SEPOS.ORG)

Southeastern  
Pennsylvania  
Orchid Society  
International Orchid Show  
& Sale

April 4 – 6, 2025

Oaks Expo Center

[SEPOS Show & Sale](http://SEPOS.ORG)

# *SEPOS International Orchid Show and Sale*

## 2025 VENDORS

### ORCHID VENDORS:

Andy's Orchids	CA	Ecuagenera	Ecuador
J & L Orchids	CT	Little Brook Orchids	PA
Seed Engei	Japan	Taida Orchids	NJ
Tropical Exotique	Thailand	Wade's Orchids	PA
Waldor Orchids	NJ	Wilson Orchids	Taiwan
	Woodstream Orchids	MD	

### *NEW THIS YEAR*

**Afri Orchids   South Africa   Oceanside Orchids   CA   Orchid Classics   VA**

### OTHER:

*Bergen Water Gardens*   NY

**Exotic tropical plants:** Carniverous plants, Lotus, Water lilies, Nepenthes, Orchids (specializing in Vandaceous species & hybrids); ***Jingdezen Pottery***

*Kelly's Korner Supplies*   PA

**Orchid Growing Supplies:** containers and mounting supplies, fertilizer, potting media, disease control, watering tools, lights, books and more

*Arcadia Glasshouse*   OH

**Greenhouses:** Manufacturer of high quality, standard and custom sized greenhouses; glass or polycarbonate; professional installation available

### *NEW THIS YEAR*

## *THE SEPOS MARKET PLACE*

*Sweet Ashley's*   PA

**Fine Handmade Chocolates**

*Knight Blooms*   NJ

**Handcrafted Orchid and Floral Jewelry**

*Renegade Winery*   PA

**Unconventional, urban concept winery**

tastings - purchase by the bottle or case

*The Grand Fromage*   PA

**Quaint Gourmet shop** - features select domestic and imported cheeses; charcuterie

*Gary's Specialty Plants*   PA

**"Mini" plants for "mini" gardens, windowsills, terrariums**  
begonias, gesneriads, streptocarpus, succulents, toolumnia

**CONTACT YOUR FAVORITE VENDORS FOR PRE-ORDERING DISCOUNTS AND INSTRUCTIONS**