

### 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 Oncidiniae, 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").

Orchid Keikis -What is a Keiki?

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!

### **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

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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.

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. 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

**Dendrobium** 

1st Dendrobium 2nd Dendrobium

Yaya

Bangkok Fancy

Williams, Thora Kern, Sandy

**Miniatures** 

1st Platystele 2nd Dryadella viridis guatemalensis Gustafson, Carl Gustafson, Carl



Den Bangkok Fancy



Den Yaya



Mini Dryadella guatemalensis



Mini Platystele viridis

Cattleya

1st Cattleya

Compton Grand

Kern, Sandy

**Phalaenopsis** 

1st Phalaenopsis2nd Phalaenopsis

2nd Phalaenopsis

3rd Phalaenopsis

No ID Taida Sunflower Boy

Fuller's Gold Stripes
Lioqulin Hot Lip

"A19459"

"Taida Apollo"

Paroly, Mitch Paroly, Mitch

Ginzburg, Lara Paroly, Mitch



Cat Compton Grand



Phal Taida Sunflower Box Taida Apollo



Phal Fullers Gold Stripes



Phal Lioqulin Hot Lip "A19459"

### FEBRUARY 2025 SHOW TABLE Windowsill Growers continued

Open

1st Zygopetalum Blue Velvet Zaliska, Viktoriya

**Species** 

1stDendrochilumlongifoliumKern, Sandy2ndPhalaenopsisschillerianaGinzburg, Lara3rdPhalaenopsisleuddemannianaKern, Sandy



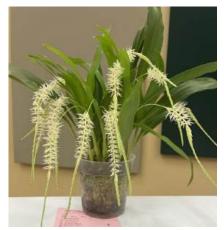
Spec Phal leuddemanniana



Zygopetalum Blue Velvet



Spec Phal schilleriana



Spec Dend longifolium

### **Paphiopedilum**

1stPaphiopedilumVirginia CreeperCarrick, Dave2ndPaphiopedilumgratrixianumCarrick, Dave

Vanda

1st Gastrochilus obliquus Gustafson, Carl



Paph Virginia Creeper



Paph gratrixianum



Gastrochilus obliquus

### FEBRUARY 2025 SHOW TABLE Greenhouse Growers



Genus

Species

Clone

Grower

**Paphiopedilum** 

1st

2nd

Paphiopedilum

Leeanum

Keiser, Chuck

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.













### 2025 Spring Show "Orchid Obsession"

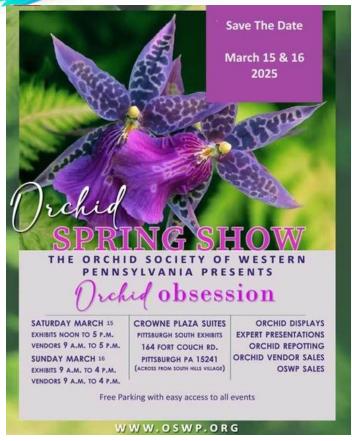
Saturday, 3/15/2025 Exhibits noon to 5pm, Vendors 9am to 5pm.

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





Southeastern
Pennsylvania
Orchid Society
International Orchid Show
& Sale

April 4 – 6, 2025

Oaks Expo Center

**SEPOS Show & Sale** 

### SEPOS International Orchid Show and Sale 2025 VENDORS

### **ORCHID VENDORS:**

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

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