

BUCKS COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

May 2025



BCOS Meeting and Program

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Regular Meeting 7:30 pm

Show Table Setup 7:00 pm

Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, PA 18966

Small Flowers: Big Pictures

Our May presentation will be "Small Flowers: Big Pictures". Macro photographs of small to miniature orchids, along with the What, Why, and

How of making macro photos. Our speakers will be Mitch Paroly and Carl Gustafson. Mitch has been growing orchids for more than 50 years. Carl has been growing orchids for less. Mitch grows orchids with flowers that you can see without magnification. Carl...doesn't. Mitch is an accomplished photographer, Carl makes big pictures of his small orchids. If you are familiar with Mitch and Carl's interactions at meetings, you know you'll enjoy this presentation.

Mitch's Story— I got hooked onto orchids about 50 years ago while visiting Disney world. In the airport, I saw a wire rack with small orchids hanging in mesh bags. I decided to give them a try. A few months later, it bloomed! I was hooked! I began photography while I was making stain glass projects, so that I could photograph them. I became AOS photographer for about 10 years. All my AOS photos were published in the AOS magazine.



Carl's story—Actually, I started pretty much the same way - I was a callow youth (about 21) when at the local garden center in the town in which I grew up (Ossining, New York, home of Sing Sing Prison - "Up The River") I found a rack of small orchids hanging in mesh bags. Some were stapled to cedar shingles. Some bloomed. I was hooked. I actually still have one of them.

I grew a mixed bag of orchids until I came under the malign influence of a devoted speciesist growing predominantly cool miniatures from the Andes who insisted on giving me plants.

*The Bucks County
Orchid Society*
OFFICERS

Sandy Kern	President	Dave Carrick	Program Chair
Keith Markowitz	Acting Vice President	Carl Gustafson	Awards Coordinator
Chuck Keiser	Treasurer	Jennifer Leah-Rosa	Newsletter Editor
Open	Secretary	Lisa & Tom McIsaac	Refreshments

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

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501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, PA 18966



Visit our website www.buckscountyorchidsociety.org
Or Facebook Bucks County Orchid Society

Other Societies and Vendors

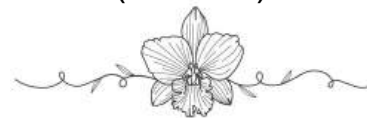
A list of other societies and vendors is now
exclusively available on the BCOS website or
click the links below.

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Affiliated with the
American Orchid Society (AOS)
and
South East Pennsylvania Orchid Society
(SEPOS)



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.





MARCH 2025 Windowsill Growers

	Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
Cattleya				
1st	Cattleya	Sierra Doll	"Squaw Valley"	Ginzburg, Lara
3rd	Cattlianthe	Molly Tyler		Carrick, David

Dendrobium				
2nd	Dendrobium	Stardust	"Firebird"	Ginzburg, Lara



SLC Sierra Doll Squaw



BLC Molly Tyler



Den Stardust Firebird

Paphiopedilum				
3rd	Paphiopedilum	delenatii		Gustafson, Carl

Phragmipedium				
1st	Phragmipedium	Sedenii	"Candidulum"	Shull, Deborah
2nd	Phragmipedium	gratrixianum		Carrick, David

Phalaenopsis				
2nd	Phalaenopsis	I-Hsin Jem		Ginzburg, Lara



Paphiopedilum delenatii



Phragmepidium Sedenii
"Candidulum"



Phragmipedium gratrixianum




Phal I-Hsin Jem

APRIL 2025 SHOW TABLE

Greenhouse Growers

And the
Winners
are...

Genus	Species	Clone	Grower
Cattleya			
1st Cattleya	walkeriana		Huntzinger, Clara
Dendrobium			
1st Dendrobium	canaliculatum		Keiser, Chuck
Phalaenopsis			
1st Phalaenopsis	No ID		Huntzinger, Clara



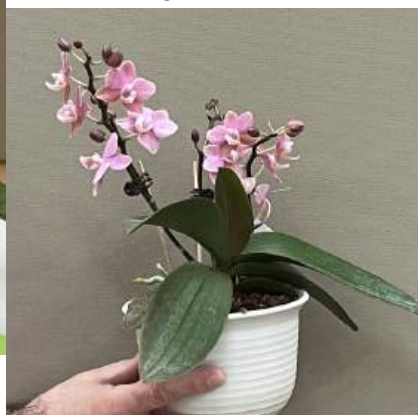
C Walkeriana



Den Canaliculatum



NoID Phalaenopsis -
fragrant



SEPOS hosts one of the largest International Orchid Shows in North America. BCOS has been represented for many years. 2025 was no different!

The April presentation was all about the SEPOS show with photos and commentary by our members who set up the BCOS display and attended. Lots of hard work and passion was rewarded when our BCOS display took second place overall in our class! That is a huge accomplishment! Additionally, seven members won a total of eleven individual awards for their orchids!!!

Images and videos of the displays were featured with members sharing their thoughts on how they put the display together, how plants were selected and arranged, and how the layout was designed.

Individual contributions were recognized as well as how great everyone worked together to create such a stunning display!



Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show Results for Bucks County Orchid Society





President's Mes-



Dear BCOS Members,

Team effort and plant donations made a very successful auction on Saturday, May 3rd with a profit of almost \$1,300. People had fun and are very happy with their new babies. We were having so much fun, we completely forgot to take pictures. Sometimes the best memories are the ones you bring home with you!

Special thanks to Lisa McIsaac who started the spreadsheet, and to Jennifer Leah-Rosa who finished it and operated the PowerPoint the day of the auction. Mitch Paroly and Keith Markowitz were superheroes with organizing setup and keeping track of plants. Bob Gore assisted with plant handling and commentary. Kudos to Chuck Keiser and Jean Norton who kept track of numbers and money.

Special thanks to our members who donated plants: Joan Kopchik, Clara Huntzinger, Mitch Paroly, Keith Markowitz, Jean Norton, Chris Hermann, Carl Gustafson. The following vendors were amazing with their generous donations: Waldor Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, 808 Orchids. Please continue to order from these vendors. As we all know, they have wonderful plants.

One of our members successfully bid on a historical plant donated by David Off of Waldor Orchids. If you want to see this *C. warsczewicii* alba 'Firmin Lambeau' in bloom, David tells me that it's mid/late summer. The flowers can be up to 12" across! Right now, his huge vanilla vine is blooming... definitely worth a trip to see that!

Don't Forget: End-of-Year Banquet – June 19, 2025!

Bring your favorite dish to share! BCOS will provide beverages and dessert.

Each family will receive a blooming orchid to take home. It's a fun, festive evening to celebrate the year together—don't miss it!

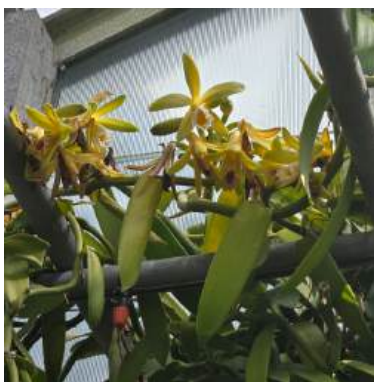
I hope to see you at our next meeting on 5/15/25. Carl Gustafson and Mitch Paroly will have an interesting presentation for us. As usual, if you want to join a few of us at the Churchville Inn prior to our meeting, please let me know so that I can reserve a table large enough to accommodate us.

Happy growing!

Sandy

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Blooming vanilla vine at Waldor Orchids



Annual Pot-Luck Dinner Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 19, 2025 7:30 pm

Join us for a delicious evening filled with great food, community spirit, and blooming orchids at our Annual Pot-Luck Dinner and Awards Ceremony! This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your culinary skills and enjoy the company of fellow members and guests.

Potluck Dish Assignments:

- **Last names A–L:** Please bring a **main dish**
- **Last names M–Z:** Please bring a **side dish or salad**
(*Next year, the assignments will be reversed.*)
Please bring enough to serve 4–6 people.

Every member family will receive a blooming orchid!

Guests of members are welcome!

Provided by BCOS: Paper goods, flatware, sheet cake, water, and soda

Note: County regulations prohibit alcohol.

There will be a **show table** to display plants, but **no speaker** at this event.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Your Invitation!

Join us for this Outstanding Online Event
Mark Your Calendar—Set Your Device Reminder

To Register
Scan QR



American Orchid Society
7th CULTURE DAY

Sunday, May 18, 2025
11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. EDT

This Event is Recorded for all Registrants to View at their Leisure

ORCHIDS—From Seed to Success

Door Prizes!
Must be online day
of event to be eligible
4 Guest Speakers
4 Great Topics

- **Orchid Pollination - In Nature and at Your Kitchen Table** Explained by **Adam Karremans**, Director of Lankester Botanical Garden
- **Can I Make My Own Hybrid?** Demonstration of flasking, deflasking and compots, by Hobby Growers and Hybridizers, **Keith and Dina Emig**
- **Brassavola-Cattleya Alliance Novelty Hybrids** Tune in to meet **Allen Black** and understand his dedication to this group of orchids
- **Easy to Grow and Bloom Hybrids** Presented by **Manny Aybar**, accomplished hobbyist, AOS Judge, and AOS award winning exhibitor

Online Registration Required—Only \$40



The Long Island Orchid Society
in conjunction with
Planting Fields State Historic Park
Presents the Tenth Annual

Long Island Orchid Festival 2025

Orchids & Vendors from Around the World
May 30th-June 1st, 2025
9a.m. to 5p.m.

Planting Fields Arboretum
State Historic Park
Horticulture Center

1395 Planting Fields Road
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

For more information, please visit
longislandorchidsociety.org
or
plantingfields.org

