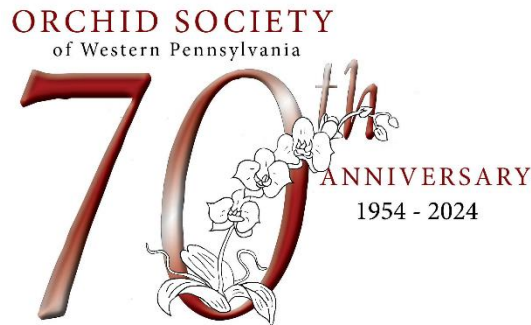


The ORCHIDIAN



Newsletter of the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania – June 2024



Letter from the Presidents:

Thank you to all of the members of the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania from the bottom of our hearts. When called upon for the roles of the organization’s Presidency, you must first ask yourself if there is something you can do to impact the future of the organization and will your leadership be of value. If so, you must take the position and begin working immediately.

It has been an honor to help implement new policies and procedures, literally move the organization after a challenging pandemic, and bring forward a different voice to be heard. We have learned so much from all of you and will take those experiences forward into new exciting opportunities to lead in our other beloved causes.

We are excited about the incoming Presidents, Demetria & Gary, and know that they will bring a growing fresh look to the OSWP as it thrives into the future. Please work hard with them to help make this the greatest Orchid Society. You should all be proud to be members!

Thanks Again.

Dave & Michelle Panasiuk

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EVENTS SCHEDULE – happenings in Western Pennsylvania and surrounding areas

- **The Baton Rouge Orchid Society's Annual Show and Sale is being held July 12 - 14, 2024** at the LSU Rural Life Museum, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Maryland Orchid Society Show and Sale is being held March 8 - 10, 2024
- **Central Iowa Orchid Society Speaker's Day is being held July 20, 2024** at the Johnston Lions Club Community Center, 6401 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, IA 50131.

As this is the off season, please visit the American Orchid Society for other Judging events around the country on their calendar of events if you are interested.



June 9, 2024 Meeting

Date: Sunday 06/09/2024

Location: Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood
134 E Elizabeth St, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Doors open at 12:45pm; Approximate times: Mini Class at 1pm – Speaker at 3pm

Mini-class: Demetria Marsh. Topic: How to grow paphiopedilums and phragmipediums in your home.

Speaker: Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids

Topic: World Orchid conference in Taiwan

Sales: Peter is bringing plants for sale (no member sales).

Bio:

Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

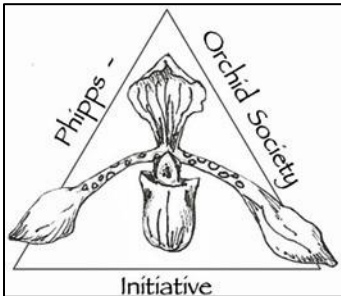
Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

Parking: Parking is free in the fenced in lot directly next to the Spartan Center and slightly down the hill across the street. Street parking is also available. We hope to see members new and old this Sunday, June 9th!

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY ORCHID SOCIETY INITIATIVE – Pfun volunteer work

P-OSI

A joint initiative between Phipps Conservatory and the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania to create and cultivate an orchid collection of note for enjoyment, education and research



June, 2024

Pfun at Phipps is our OSWP repotting efforts as well as doing the inventory of the Phipps orchid collection. We are also helping as the Clean-up Crew and whatever Giovanni needs. **We are now going to Phipps most Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:45AM - 12:45PM.** It's a great learning experience for all of us.

Our goal is to help Phipps grow their orchid collection to one of national note, as well as the growth of the Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection, a living museum of slipper orchids.

Be sure not to miss Phipps Summer Flower Show, "Under the Sea." It will be a wonderful way to welcome summer!

If you would like to join our Pfun/P-OSI efforts and haven't previously signed up with us, please let me know at the email address below. We usually set up the month's schedule by the 3rd or 4th week of the preceding month. We will probably scheduling our limited July work at the same time as our June work.

Thanks and looking forward to working and learning together. . . and having Pfun!

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MEETING MINUTES – May Monthly Meeting

Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania (OSWP)
Meeting - May 19, 2024

The meeting was held at The Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood.

As this meeting was designed to welcome in New Members who have joined in the current fiscal year, no mini-class was held.

The New Members Reception began at approximately 1:00 pm. Food was served and presentations were made by each of the Committee Chairs and a number of the OSWP officers.

As part of the President’s message, Michelle Panasiuk provided the slate of officers and Board Directors who will be voted on at the June meeting. They are as follows:

Co-Presidents: Demetria Marsh and Gary VanGelder

First Vice President: Carolyn Bolton and Brian Powell

Second Vice President: Zander Morrison

Secretary: Kathy Collins

Treasurer: Janet Greenberg

Board of Directors: Mike Lysy, Carol Panza, Mona Rice, Giovanni Giraldo, Bob Lusnak

Vacancies which need to be filled: Co-Show Chair to assist Beverly Dodson
Hospitality Committee Chair

Show and Tell: A number of members presented orchids they had brought to the meeting for the purpose of Show & Tell.

Raffle: There were 5 items available for the raffle. The plants were donated by Ten Shin Gardens following the spring show. The raffle raised \$188.

Speaker Presentation: Leon Gilcenstein provided a presentation entitled “Playing with Habenereas.”

Note that the next meeting of OSWP will be June 9th (instead of the typical 3rd Sunday of the month as that day is Father’s Day).

Submitted by: Kathy Collins, OSWP Secretary



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