



National Capital Orchid Society Newsletter

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Summer 2016

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Next Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016

U.S. National Arboretum
Admin Bldg Auditorium
24th & R Streets NE
Washington, DC

Arboretum gates are open at 6:30.
Show table set-up begins at **7:00 p.m.** and
Show Table judging begins at **7:30.**
Meeting: **8:00-10:00 p.m.**
This **IS** a members' sales event.

Important Notice Affecting Meeting Dates in 2017

Due to new requirements imposed by the National Arboretum, the Paph Forum is now scheduled for January 28 with set-up on the afternoon of January 27 in the Administration Building Auditorium and Administration Building Lobby.

The new requirement to avoid meeting on Federal Holidays will also affect our members meeting schedule.

Please make note of the following changes!!

The 2017 member meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month except for January and February. We will be meeting on January 30 to avoid Martin Luther King Holiday and to occur just after the Paph Forum. We will meet on February 27 to avoid President's Day.

The remainder of the schedule will return to the third Monday: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 25 (Sunday Picnic at NCC Church), September 18, and November 20. The annual Holiday Party will take place on the second Monday, December 11.

The Board meetings will occur on Monday evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm in the Administration Building Classroom. The dates for 2017 are January 9, March 6, May 1, September 11, and November 6. All members are invited to attend.

Road Trip and Nursery Visit Scheduled for August 20

We have arranged a road trip/nursery visit for Saturday, August 20th. This will include a morning visit to Little Brook Orchids in Lancaster, PA, lunch at mid-day somewhere TBD, then proceeding to Fishing Creek Orchids in Harrisburg, PA, in the afternoon. It is about a 2-hour drive from the north side of the Capital Beltway (I-95 to Baltimore) to Lancaster, so I'm figuring we would shoot to arrive there at around 10:00. We can go to lunch from about noon to 1:00, then drive to Fishing Creek, which is about an hour. If we also spend about 1-1/2 to 2 hours at Fishing Creek, we will leave around 3:30-4:00 for home. It takes about 2 hours (maybe a little longer) to return to the DC area from Steve's nursery.

Little Brook consists of 8 greenhouses containing thousands of plants, including both hybrids and species, all grown by Little Brook. John Pyfer of Little Brook has offered that our members will receive a 20% discount on plant purchases and 10% off on supplies during our visit. They have ample parking and are located near downtown Lancaster.

Fishing Creek, owned by Steve Male, who has exhibited and sold high-quality plants at NCOS shows for years, is not normally open except by appointment. A visit to his nursery will give us an opportunity to observe the growing conditions and techniques of a master grower.

We will be carpooling for this excursion, so anyone willing to drive should contact Roddy Gabel at former_zygote@hotmail.com, and I will assemble a list of drivers to be circulated with the next e-blast, so people can coordinate and find rides to get there.

--Roddy Gabel

Upcoming Special Events

Oct. 8-10: NCOS Annual Show and Sale, Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD

A Perfect Day for a Picnic!

Sunday, June 26, was sunny, warm (mid-80s), and perfect for the annual picnic at North Chevy Chase Christian Church in Chevy Chase. Thirty-five members and guests, including some recent new members, enjoyed the buffet, the show table, and



Eric holds the audience spellbound as he extols the virtues of a member's plant donated to the auction.
Photo by Jay Tullos

the performance of master auctioneer Eric (*Don't lose it for a buck!*) Butler. Lots of folks went away with new additions to their collections, and no one went away hungry.

The Show Table (see p. 3), presented by Gordon Slaymaker, featured 23 plants. Master grower Gene Schurg scooped up not only the Cattleya class blue ribbon for his very lovely *Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata var. carnea*, but the Abbott award and the peoples' choice award as well.

The Picnic Committee (Mike Bongiovanni, Eric Butler, Joe Francis, Mary and Jerry Rice, Gordon Slaymaker) want to thank everyone who contributed great food to the buffet. The Committee also wants especially to thank the generous donors of the 29 plants that were sold at auction, most of them as outright gifts to NCOS. The proceeds not only paid all the expenses of the picnic, but returned over \$400 to the General Operations budget of the NCOS, thus helping to defray the costs of our monthly members' meetings and other events.

—Jerry Rice

Show Table – June 26, 2016

(Photos by Zita Winzer; Species names are italicized)

SPECIES:

1. *Habenaria rhodocheila*
Gene Schurg

NO GREENHOUSE:

1. *Prosthechea Radia-cochlea*
Anne Hardman



2. (*V. sanderiana* v. *alba*) x
(*Christensonia vietnamica*)
Tatiana Tarasenko

SMALL GREENHOUSE:

1. *Brassia ochroleuca*
Jay Tullos

LARGE GREENHOUSE:

1. Ctsm. Ten Dragons
Jerry Rice
2. *Paph. Houghtoniae*
Gene Schurg

PAPHIOPEDILUM:

1. *Paph. laevigatum*
Jay Tullos
2. *Paph. Puppentanz*
Gene Schurg
3. *Paph. (Imperial Jade x armeniacum)*
Dan Gillespie

PHALAENOPSIS:

1. *Phal. Sin Yuan 'Golden Beauty'*
Jerry Rice



2. *Phal. (syn. Dtps.) Cherry Wine 'Newberry'*
Piret Lai-Neubacher
3. *Phal violacea*
Gene Schurg

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:

1. *C. (syn. L.) purpurata* v. *carnea*
Gene Schurg

**ABBOTT AWARD
MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD**



2. *Enc. diota*
Jay Tullos
3. *C. Hybrida (1859) - (loddigesii x guttata)*
Dan Gillespie

DENDROBIUM:

1. *Den. (Nagasaki x Star Sapphire)*
Kathleen Snyder

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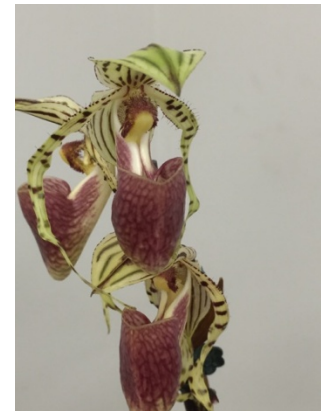
1. *Podangis dactylocera*
Piret Lai-Neubacher



2. *Restrepia cuprea*
Roddy Gabel

FIRST BLOOM SEEDLINGS:

1. *Paph. supardii*
Roddy Gabel



2. *Restrepia cuprea*
Dan Gillespie

Our thanks to this month's judging team: Nancy Meares and Gordon Slaymaker. There were 23 plants on the show table. Special thanks to everyone who brought in plants.

Societies and AOS

Pennsylvania - Southeastern
Pennsylvania Orchid Society
www.sepos.org

Pennsylvania - Susquehanna Orchid
Society
www.susquehanna-orchid.org

Baltimore - Maryland Orchid Society
www.marylandorchids.org

Frederick - Catocin Orchid Society
www.catocinorchidsociety.org

Montgomery County -
Rock Creek Orchid Club
Chryss Mavrides (240-432-9248)
JoBeth Roberson (240-385-6608)

Alexandria - Hollin Hills Orchid Society
www.hollinhillsorchidsociety.com

Winchester - Lord Fairfax Orchid
Society – Zita Winzer
zitawinzer@me.com

Richmond - Virginia Orchid Society
www.vaorchidsociety.org

Richmond - Richmond Orchid Alliance
www.richmondorchidalliance.com

Delmarva - Orchid Hobbyists of
Delmarva: DE- Mary Sherwood (302-
628-3416); MD- Lois (410-228-3804);
VA- Bill (757-665-4108)
www.easternshoreorchidlovers.org

National - American Orchid Society
www.aos.org

NCOS Events 2016 (updated 1 July 2016)

Future CY 2016 Member Meetings

Members' meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month (except for June, July, August, October and December) at USNA. Gate opens at 6:30.

September 19: Mary Jo Gilsdorf will speak about "Orchids of Costa Rica"

November 21: Bill Goldner, NCOS Member, will speak about "Miniature Phrags"

December 12: Annual Holiday Party and Business Meeting

CY 2016 Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held on January 4, March 7, May 2, September 12, and November 7 at USNA from 6:30 to 9:30.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

CY 2016 NCOS Special Events

February 7, Sunday: Annual Orchid Auction. Behnke's, Beltsville, MD.

February 13, Saturday: Paph Forum. All day event at the US National Arboretum.

February 19-21: VOS Show. Strange's, Richmond, VA.

March 11-13: MOS Show. Timonium, MD.

April 1-3: SEPOS Show. Oaks, PA

April 9-10: CPOS Show. State College, PA.

May 7, Saturday: Annual Orchid Walk

May 7: AOS Judging, US National Arboretum

June 4, Saturday: Behnke Garden Party, Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville, MD

June 4: AOS Judging and semiannual business meeting, US National Arboretum, Washington, DC

June 26, Sunday: Annual Picnic and Meeting, 3-7 pm. North Chevy

Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, MD

October 8-10: Annual Fall Show, Columbus Day Weekend, Behnke Nurseries

December 12: Holiday Party/Awards Ceremony/ Business Meeting, US National Arboretum



Phragmipediums - The Hybrids and How to Grow Them

Glen Decker

Piping Rock Orchids Galway, NY

Understanding Phalaenopsis Species



Carlos Fighetti

Past President of AOS Guaynabo, PR

Orchids...Hawaiian Style



Sheldon Takasaki

Carmela Orchids Hakalau, HI

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ
From NJ Turnpike: Take exit 4 to Rte. 73
South.

From I-295: Take Exit 36A to Rte 73 South
(Berlin).

Schedule of Events

- **8:30 am - 10:00 am** **Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open)**
- **10:00 am - 11:00 am** **Guest Lecture**
- **11:00 am - 12:00 noon** **Guest Lecture**
- **12:00 noon - 1:15 pm** **Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch**
- **1:15 pm - 2:15 pm** **Guest Lecture**
- **2:15pm - 3:15 pm** **Guest Lecture**
- **3:15 pm - 4:00 pm** **Plant Raffle/Sales Open**

Vendors

- **Waldor Orchids**
 - **Stony Brook**
Lois Duffin
- **Main Street Orchids**
- **Sheldon Takasaki**
- **Carlos Fighetti**
 - **Glen Decker**
 - **Allen Black**

Register for our speakers forum by August 29, 2016 and you are automatically entered into The Early Bird Raffle with a chance to win a gift certificate valued at \$125.



Advance Registration Required

Return the bottom portion of this form along with payment in full to:

Michael Kauffman

222 Blue School Road

Perkasie, PA 18944

Checks payable to DVOC

Your check is your receipt. Sorry....NO refunds!

Yes! I (we) plan to attend. Enclosed is my check

for _____ registrations at \$52.00 per person

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____ (Please print clearly)

All Questions Should BE ADDRESSED TO MITCH PAROLY AT: HILOLIP@aol.com