

Native Orchid Conference

Appalachian West Virginia & Pennsylvania

July 18 - 21, 2008

Conference Overview

Our seventh annual Native Orchid Conference will be held at the height of summertime in the mountains of Appalachia. West Virginia University in Morgantown will be our "home-base" providing comfortable meeting facilities, lodging and food service. Meetings will be held on the Evansdale campus in the Gold Room of Braxton Tower. The forests and pastures of central Pennsylvania and eastern West Virginia will provide us an opportunity to see as many as 20 species of blooming native orchids.

During the four-day duration of our conference, two days set aside for presentations will alternate with two field trip days. Speakers will include both professionals and dedicated amateurs and presentations are scheduled for Friday the 18th and Sunday the 20th. Field trip sorties will follow each presentation day and will take place on Saturday the 19th – into the woodlands of south central Pennsylvania, and Monday the 21st – into the wilds of east central West Virginia.

Field trip outings have been designed to work best for small groups, so we will likely break up into "carloads" of participants. Each group will be free to "customize" their field outings to focus specifically on those destinations with orchid species of greatest interest. Participants will be free to visit each site for as long or short a period of duration as desired before moving on to the next, or heading back home. Trips may be modified to be of any length from half day, to all day, or for the especially hardy, from dawn to dusk!

Registration will be limited to the first 100 people from whom we receive a completed application and payment. A conference registration application form is included for your use. There will not be any registration at the door. Feel free to copy and share conference information and registration forms with friends, or let us know of others who would like to get mailed copies.

The conference registration cost is \$100 US per person or \$175 US per couple. Lunch will be provided during the two days of meetings at the conference. Once we receive your completed registration, a confirmation notice along with further conference details, maps, and dorm information will be sent to you. For your advance planning there is some great on-line information available for Morgantown. The web address is noted on the reverse side of this flyer.

Our conferences provide the opportunity for participants to share information, visit new areas and gain knowledge together as a group. They allow you to renew old friendships, make new friends and enjoy the company of others who share a similar interest in our native orchids.

Come explore a new region with us and enjoy the fellowship of other orchid enthusiasts. We hope to see you in July!

Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, July 17

7:00 PM - 9:00: Early registration & reception

Friday, July 18

8:00 AM - 9:15: Registration & sales
9:15 - 9:30: Welcome
9:30 - 12:00: Presentations
12:00 - 1:30: Lunch (provided)
1:30 - 4:00: Presentations
4:00 - 5:00: Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, July 19

PA field trip: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 20

9:00 AM - 12:00: Presentations
12:00 - 1:30: Lunch (provided)
1:30 - 4:30: Presentations
4:30 - 5:00: Conference Wrap-up

Monday, July 21

WV field trip: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Purple Fringeless Orchid
(*Platanthera peramoena*)

Some of the Featured Speakers

- **Dr. Katherine Gregg** of West Virginia Wesleyan University. "Prolonged Dormancy - Is it worth the Risk?"
 - **James Bissell** of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, "Buying Natural Areas to Preserve Habitats and Rare Plants"
 - **Dr. John Freudenstein** of The Ohio State University. "Biology of the Coral Roots in North America"
 - **Dr. Larry Zettler** of Illinois College. "An update on efforts to propagate the epiphytic orchids of the Florida Panther NWR - with and without fungi"
 - **Dr. Douglas Jolley**, Heaters, WV & **Bernard Cyrus**, Ft. Gay, WV. "Appalachian Culture and Its Impact on Native Orchids"
- Special note: Bernard Cyrus is a WV State Champion dulcimer and banjo player who will be entertaining us with native Appalachian music.
- **Ryan Walsh**, Bowling Green State University. "Cypripedium Hybridization in a Prairie Woodland Ecotone"
 - **Clete Smith** of Pittsburgh, PA. "Roadside Botanizing Orchids from the Car Window"
 - **Tom Sampliner** of Cleveland, OH. "The Wanderings of a Western Great Lakes Orchid Nut"
 - **Dr. Hal Horwitz**, Richmond, VA. "In Praise of Native Orchids"

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To Be Held At:

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West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV

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Morgantown Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/3dzmym>

Miscellaneous Information:

Call For Presentations:

We will make time available during the conference for people who want to share information on native orchids that they have been studying. If you want to make a presentation (no more than 30 minutes long) or exhibit a poster paper, let us know on your registration form. We will follow up with everyone who indicates a desire to speak.

Sales Areas:

There will be an area and time available for folks who would like to sell orchid related items (books, plants, prints, etc.) during the conference. If you want to do this, please let us know when you send in your reservation. Space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited.

Cancellation Policy:

A 75% refund of the conference registration fee will be given if written cancellation notification is received before July 7, 2008.

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Our 7th annual conference is to be held at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV -the heart of Appalachia. WVU is located about one hour south of Pittsburgh, PA and is a fantastic, modern facility complete with all the amenities necessary for conference purposes.

WVU is situated at the center of the upper portion of the Ohio River drainage basin which is home to 60 species, 4 varieties, and 3 hybrid native or naturalized orchids. Conference field trips should provide participants with the opportunity to see at least 20 orchid species including more than a dozen which will be in bloom at the time of the conference.

The conference schedule will include an initial day of meetings or presentations on Friday the 18th followed by an all-day field trip on Saturday the 19th into the low mountains of southern and central Pennsylvania. Orchids to be expected in bloom on this trip include:

- *Epipactis helleborine*
- *Goodyera pubescens*
- *Goodyera tessellata*
- *Platanthera clavellata*
- *Listera smallii*



Yellow Fringed Orchid
(*Platanthera ciliaris*)

- *Malaxis unifolia*
- *Platanthera ciliaris*
- *Platanthera peramoena*
- *Spiranthes lacera* var. *lacera*

We will rest-up from our orchid outing as we resume presentations on Sunday the 20th and will finish the conference with a final day in the field on Monday the 21st. This trip will be into the Appalachian Mountains of east central West Virginia where we will visit the world famous Cranberry Glades Botanical Area. Participants will observe the following orchids in bloom:

- *Corallorhiza bentleyi*
- *Corallorhiza maculata* var. *maculata*
- *Goodyera pubescens*
- *Goodyera repens* var. *ophioides*
- *Platanthera clavellata*
- *Platanthera ciliaris*
- *Platanthera grandiflora* (a potentially new, unnamed variety/species)
- *Platanthera peramoena*

This is a beautiful area of the country, and we are sure that you will enjoy visiting "wild and wonderful" West Virginia.