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# newsletter

A newsletter for the members of the Maryland Orchid Society

June 2008



## president's message

This month's meeting will be our last MOS meeting until September — so bring your blooming plants for the Show Table, join the Education Corner discussions and enjoy hearing Walter Off of Waldor Orchids and his son, David, talk about “real” orchids (as Merritt Huntington used to call *Cattleyas*).

We will be starting our “new” year of Orchid Society activities in September and our membership chairman, Marilyn Lauffer, will be sending out membership renewal notices in August. If you would like to be more active in the Society be sure to let Gary

Smith or Bill Scharf or one of the Committee Chairs know—they are already starting to plan activities for 2008-2009!

Ann Lundy

### NEW MEMBERS

The MOS would like to welcome the following new members:

Joseph Hamilton  
Timothy Scott  
Lorna Imperial-Seidel  
Jamesene Randall

## Walter and David Off to Speak About Collecting Quality *Cattleyas* in the 21st Century

Walter Off and his son David (the second and third generations of the Off family to grow and sell orchids as Waldor Orchids) will be speaking on “Collecting Quality *Cattleyas* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. Waldor Orchids in Linwood, NJ, is the largest orchid nursery in the Delaware Valley and its amazing orchid displays at the Philadelphia Flower Show have wowed hundreds of thousands of show-goers over the years. (My first orchids came from Waldor Orchids’ sales tables at the Philadelphia Flower Show!). They have been known for their *Cymbidiums* and *Cattleyas* for decades and they have maintained a collection of virus-free large-flowered historic *Cattleyas*. Walter

Off has also developed a line of mini-*Cattleyas* over the decades. Read more about the history of Waldor Orchids (and how the orchid growing business has changed...) at [www.waldor.com](http://www.waldor.com).



*Slc.* Jewel Box  
‘Beverly’ AM/AOS  
(*C. aurantiaca* x  
Anzac)



*Blc.* Ranger Six  
‘A-Ok’ AM/AOS  
(Nacouchee x *C.*  
Empress Bells)



*Blc.* Golden Sands  
‘Elizabeth Off’ AM/AOS  
(Ermine x *Lc.*  
Luminosa)

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*Phal.* [Empress X (Pink Festival X Elisa Capitola)]  
- Suzanne Gaertner



*Phal.* Sandra Splash - Janet Kaiser



*Paph.* Pinocchio - Mathew Asch

## Novice

1. *Phal.* [Empress X (Pink Festival X Elisa Capitola)] - Suzanne Gaertner
2. *Phal.* Sandra Splash - Janet Kaiser
3. *Paph.* Pinocchio - Mathew Asch



*Paph.* Lady Isabel - Mark Robbins



*Brs.* Rex - Marilyn Lauffer

## Home Grown

1. *Paph.* Lady Isabel - Mark Robbins
2. Tie *Brs.* Rex - Marilyn Lauffer  
*Paph.* S. Gratrix - Bill Scharf
3. Tie *Phrag.* Super Grande - John Dunning  
*Iwna.* Apple Blossom 'Golden Elf' - Nancy Duggan



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## Greenhouse Under 200 Square Feet

1. *Den.* (*obtusisepalum* X *oreodoxum*) - Eric Wiles
2. *Paph.* Song of Love - Lou Vadorsky
3. *Phal.* Brother Purple X *Dtps.* Brother Love Rosa - Les Kirkegaard



*Den.* (*obtusisepalum* X *oreodoxum*) - Eric Wiles

## Greenhouse Over 200 Square Feet

1. *Den.* *brymerianum* - David Smith
2. *Max.* *tenuifolia* - Cy Swett
3. *Phal.* *lueddemanianna* - The Adamses



*Phal.* Brother Purple X *Dtps.* Brother Love Rosa  
- Les Kirkegaard

## Cattleya

1. *Epi.* *floribunda* X *Enc.* *cordigera* - Eric Wiles
2. *Slc.* Jewel Box - Les Kirkegaard
3. *Epi.* *parkinsonianum* - Cy Swett



*Max.* *tenuifolia* - Cy Swett



*Phal.* *lueddemanianna* - The Adamses

## Phalaenopsis

1. *Phal.* Mistral's Sunrise Flame 'Thomas' - Mark Robbins
2. Tie *Dtps.* Mem. Lillian Reynolds - Wendy Keene  
*Phal.* Smart Thing - Bill Soyke
3. Tie *Phal.* Newberry Snowdrops - Chris Zajac  
*Phal.* (Fortune Buddha X Brother Ramanin) - John Dunning

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Slc. Jewel Box - Les Kirkegaard

## Oncidium

1. *Onc.* Mendenhall - Chris Zajac
2. *Brsdm.* Fly Away 'Miami' - Cy Swett
3. *Bllra.* Tahoma Glacier 'Sweet Sugar' - John Dunning

## Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium

1. *Paph.* Prince Edward of York 'Tomcat' AM/AOS - Mark Robbins
2. *Phrag.* Young Lindley - Sue Spicer
3. *Paph.* (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - The Lundys



Phal. Newberry Snowdrops - Chris Zajac

## Miscellaneous Hybrids

1. *Ascda.* Princess Mikassa 'Blue' - Les Kirkegaard
2. *Den.* Woon Ling - John Dunning
3. *Den.* Nora Tokunaga - Eric Wiles

## Species

1. *Schoenorchis gemmata* - David Smith
2. *Masd. infracta* 'Harford' AM/AOS - The Adamses
3. Tie *Phal. parishii* var. *lobbi* - Bill Scharf  
*Lyc. brevispatha* - Bill Ellis



*Paph.* (Supersuk X Raisin Pie) - The Lundys

## Miniature

1. *Pths. grobyi* - David Smith
2. *Aergs. luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta* - Bill Scharf
3. *Platystele stenostachya* - Eric Wiles



*Den.* Woon Ling - John Dunning



*Schoenorchis gemmata* - David Smith



*Aergs. luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta* - Bill Scharf

## First Bloom Seedling

1. *Phrag.* Mini Grande - The Lundys
2. *Phal.* (Brother Precious Stones X Sally Taylor) - Mark Robbins
3. *Phal.* (*schilleriana* X Petite Kisses) - John Dunning

## Fragrance

1. *Ang. leonis* - David Smith
2. *Max. tenuifolia* - Barbara Buck

The Judges Choice of the Evening was *Paph.* Prince Edward of York 'Tomcat' AM/AOS, exhibited by Mark Robbins. The judges were Gary Smith, Becky Weiler and Craig Sherman. There were 117 plants on the show table!



*Paph.* Prince Edward of York 'Tomcat' AM/AOS, - Mark Robbins

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Field trip sorties will follow each presentation day and will take place on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> – into the woodlands of south central Pennsylvania, and Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> – 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"

# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Orchid Conference

Appalachian West Virginia & Pennsylvania , July 18 - 21, 2008

## To Be Held At:

Braxton Tower on the Evansdale Campus  
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.

## Appalachian West Virginia & Pennsylvania Overview

Our 7<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> followed by an all-day field trip on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and will finish the conference with a final day in the field on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

# 2008 Native Orchid Conference Registration

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag Preference (s): \_\_\_\_\_

I Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday presentations \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday field trip  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday presentations \_\_\_\_\_ Monday field trip

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like information on or a reservation form for University housing.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like space to sell items at the conference. (If checked yes, please indicate what you want to sell. Space will be limited.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to present a talk or make a poster presentation at the conference. (If checked yes, please list the topic and overview of your talk on the back of the form. If schedule time is available, talks will be limited to 30 minutes.)

Note: If you check yes on either of the last two items above, someone from the conference will follow-up with you by phone or email to discuss details.

## Optional Credit Card Payment (please read note below)

Check Which Type of Card: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard

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Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form along with your payment to:  
Native Orchid Conference  
P. O. Box 29010  
Greensboro, NC 27429-9010

Note: The conference cost is \$100 US per person or \$175 US per couple. Payment can be made by check or money order drawn on a US bank or by credit card and must be included with this registration form. Payment receipt will be acknowledged in writing. For your convenience we can now accept VISA or MasterCard payments for the conference; however, there is a charge associated with

these transactions. To cover this expense, we will add a \$5.00 processing fee per transaction. With your signature you agree to this fee unless you state otherwise. **There is a 75% refund of the registration fee available if written cancellation notice is received prior to 4 July 2008.** Please make checks or money orders payable to: Native Orchid Conference, Inc.

# Central PA Annual Orchid Seminar

AUGUST 10, 2008 7:30 am – conclusion  
Harrisburg, PA

## SPEAKERS:

- Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids will speak on *Catasetinae* culture and the current Awards standards
- Steve Shiflett from Floradise Orchids will give us some tips on *Vanda* culture both in the home and in the greenhouse.
- John Dunkleberger, an accredited AOS judge will give us an update on Miniature *Cymbidiums*, their breeding and culture as well as recent awards
- Leon Glicenstein of Hoosier Orchids will delight us with jewel orchids

## VENDORS:

- Sunset Valley Orchids
- John Dunkleberger
- Hoosier Orchids
- Floradise Orchids
- New Earth Orchids

## AOS JUDGING

IF YOU GET YOUR CHECK TO VALERIE LOWE BY THE JUNE MEETING, YOUR COST IS ONLY \$20.00!!!! MOS WILL PICK UP THE REST.

Valerie Lowe is collecting registrations up until June 25. If you register on or before that date, the MOS will subsidize \$10 of the \$30 registration fee for its members. Send a check for \$20 made payable to Central PA Orchid Seminar, with the registration form to Valerie at 17 Maxa Court, Baltimore, MD 21220.

Otherwise, registration including lunch, is \$30 until June 30, 2008, \$35 until July 31, and \$40 until meeting day. Please remit check to:  
Central PA Orchid Seminar • PO Box 1726 • Harrisburg, PA 17105

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Chance for a  
Reduced  
Rate!

## calendar

### Next General Meeting

June 19, 2008

- 7:00 p.m. Show table set up
- 7:15 p.m. Education Corner
- 7:30 p.m. Judging begins
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting begins
- 8:15 p.m. Program begins

The Maryland Orchid Society meets at the First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore MD. It's our last meeting of the fiscal year. Please bring in your flowering orchids for the show table!

### National Capitol Judging Center

July 5, 2008 Noon

National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC. Sue Burgess, Program Director

### Next MOS Board Meeting

July 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm. David's house. Food will be served at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## New MOS Officers for 2008-2009

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election at the June meeting.

### Office

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Controller  
Secretary  
Directors

### Nominee

Gary Smith  
Bill Scharf  
Patti Kelt  
Lee Lundy  
Sarah Spence  
Steve Adams  
Don Forester

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