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Next Meeting February 9, 2010

Speaker: *Duane Erdmann*

Topic: *"Zootrophions- Stomping around the arctic in search of orchids and avoiding polar bears"*

Our resident *Restripia* expert is at it again, this time with another unique orchid worthy of consideration for your collections - the *Zootrophions*. Duane has been a valuable fixture in the Delaware Orchid Society for many years and he and his wife Judy, both share a passion for some of the more exotic species and successfully do it all - greenhouse, windowsill and under lights.

Growing Tip of the Month - Leise Butler Oak Hill Gardens *Going Green*

"Going Green" seems to be the politically correct thing to do these days. Here at Oak Hill, we "went green" the day we opened our doors for business almost 37 years ago. That's the beauty of growing orchids; many of your supplies can simply be sterilized and re-used.

Any of your pots (clay and plastic) and trays can simply be dipped in a 10% bleach solution to kill bugs or mold that they may be harboring. The plant labels we sell are made of a strong, thick plastic. If one writes on them with a #2 pencil, the image lasts for years without fading and they can simply be erased and re-used.

All our knives, razor blades and clippers we dip in a Trisodium Phosphate (TSP) solution to disinfect and sterilize them between uses. TSP can be found at the hardware store. We also sell small bags of it here for \$2.00.

Old broken clay pots we smash up and use for potting large Vandas. The broken pieces support the plant and hold a bit of moisture for the root systems. It works just as well as the clay pellets at no cost!

We put all of our old potting material and dead leaves, etc. on a compost pile out back. After two years we mix the composted 'soil' with a bit of peat and perlite to make a wonderful tropical houseplant soil. It also is great for your vegetable garden.

Old grapevine, hardwood pieces, driftwood and even used cedar shingles from your roof can be used to mount orchids.

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Meeting Schedule

• 7:00—7:30

Show Table Entries

• 7:30—8:00

Show Table Review/
Refreshments

• 8:00—8:15

Business Meeting

• 8:15—9:00

Program

• 9:00—9:25

Show Table Commen-
tary, Raffle, and Door
Prizes

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News and Notes...

Upcoming speakers:

- March 9th - Stig Dahlstrom - "Orchids from the land of the Tunder Dragon"
- April 13th - Peter Tobias - The Orchid Conservation Alliance and its Projects
- May 11th - Carrie Raven-Rehman - Paphs
- June 8th - Somewhere... we're going to have our annual banquet!

The Library Lady....

If you fancy learning more about Zootrophions after the February program, you can consult Dodson's Native Ecuadorian Orchids or Alec Pridgeon's Genera Orchidacearum - Epidendroideae -- both of which will be at the Library Table for you.

If you have questions about caring for your orchids in this cold weather, consult The Four Seasons of Orchids and its section on "Winter-Flowering Orchids".

No matter what type of orchid you are growing or want to grow, there are Culture Sheets-- for all types of orchids and published by AOS--available at the Library Table for any DOS member to take home.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to consult--
The Library Lady



The one thing you don't want to skimp on is your potting material. Fresh, new bark should always be used when repotting your orchids. Old, used or decaying bark causes root rot and should never be re-used. It is better off composted.

Oak Hill Gardens is probably one of the "greenest" businesses around. We collect rain-water in a large cistern and use it to water our plants We re-use grocery bags and cartons from our local stores to package plants. We use boxes from the food we consume at home to insulate shipping boxes during cold months (order from us often enough and you'll get an idea just how much junk food we eat!). Greg even collects his own belly button lint and uses it for insulation to plug small greenhouse leaks!

Be creative - wash, sterilize and reuse as many of your supplies and possible. This will help to prolong the life of the giant orb that we inhabit. It will also free up some cash so that you can buy a new plant or two to add color and beauty to your life! -- Liese

SAVE THE DATE!!!

D.O.S. Annual Auction

Saturday April 17, 2010 Doors open at 11 - Auction at 12:00

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Meetings are held the **second Tuesday of each month (except July and August)** at **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 1006 Wilson, Wilmington at 7 PM. Visitors are always welcome.**



JANUARY SHOW TABLE

PLANT

GROWER

Greenhouse

Masd. empusa		Vera Lee & Malli Rao
Masd. portillae		“
Masd. tubiliflora		“
Masd. asterotricha		“
Masd. Keiko Komoda		“
Masd. stenorhynchos		“
Bulb. cupreum		“
Dendroch. ecallosum		Duane & Judy Erdmann
Dendroch. wenzellii		“
L. finckenianum		“
Paph. wardii Album		“
Paph villosum		“
Blc Princess Teresa	“Best Grown”	John Rogan
Dendroch. tenellum	“Best Grown” (tie)	“
Onc. splendidum		“
Blc. Pamela Hetherington		“
Ctism. Pileatum		Janet Bernhardt
Blc. Maikai Mayumi		“
Lc. White Spark		“
Den. Pam Tajima		Henrietta Reiter

Windowsill/Lights

Cal. masuca		Dave & Ginger Emerson
Cal. Deep Rose		“
Brsdm. Shooting Star		“
Burr. Stefan Isler		“
Oncda. Chaculatum		“
Colm. Wildcat		“
Den. Upin King		Frank Tait
Colm. Wildcat		“
Onc. Twinkle		“
Sc. Elizabeth’s Kiss		“
L. anceps X Lc. Momilani Rainbow		“
Blc. Good News		“
Pot. Free Spirit		“
Den Salaya Candy		Harry Kutch
Vulk. Fall In Love		“
Bllra. Tropic Tom		“
Bllra. Marfitch		Dan Gawiak
Dtps. Sun Tye Diamond		Duane & Judy Erdmann
Rstp. Antennifera		“
Rstp. Species		“



Burr . Stefan Isler ‘Lava Flow’

Dave and Ginger Emerson

Parkside Events:

Saturday Feb 6th:

Farmers Market!

Saturday Feb 13:

Intro to Home Orchid Growing

Saturday Feb 20:

Miltoniopsis Seminar

All events begin at 10

parksideorchids.com

Don't forget to bring your blooming babies in for all to enjoy at the show table!

February 4th - February 7th — Deep Cut Orchid Society’s Show & Sale

At Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information,

go online to <http://sites.google.com/site/deepcutorchids/Home/events/show>

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The 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show - Passport to the World

The upcoming Flower Show is going to be a special one on many levels. Most obvious is the name change. In 2010, PHS will present the Philadelphia International Flower Show, an acknowledgement of the Show's global scope, participation, and reputation, which have been growing for years.

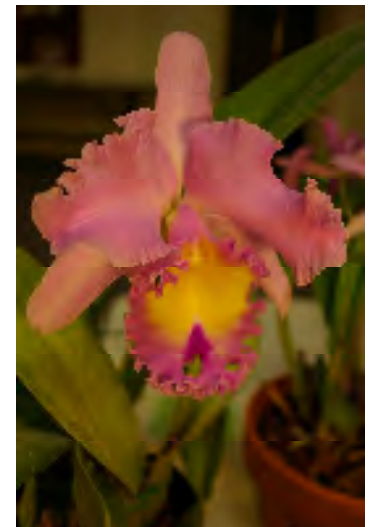
The internationally inclusive Flower Show is also meant to include you, the first-time exhibitor with one plant or the experienced exhibitor with many entries. Competing in the Horticult, the mini-Olympics of horticulture, is an experience you'll never forget!

For easy guidance on how to be a part of the 2010 Show, you can go to the official Show web site and download the Exhibitor's Guide and the step-by-step User's Guide for registering your plants online. Preregistering your plants by January 31st is strongly encouraged so that your official entry cards can be prepared in advance. In addition, you will receive a mailing from PHS in advance of the Show with instructions for where and when to bring your plants on entry days.

To go directly to the Flower Show site to view the Exhibitor's Guide and User's Guide, go to:
<http://www.theflowershow.com/Exhibits/ccinfo.html>

At Longwood Gardens: Orchid Extravaganza – January 23 through March 31

Immerse yourself in a dazzling world of orchids as Longwood transforms its Conservatory into a lush oasis showcasing the divas of the plant world. Highlights include a romantic Valentine's Dinner in the Conservatory, family-friendly OrKID Days, the Jazz Club featuring Grammy-winning trumpeter Terence Blanchard and vocalist Jane Monheit, a Clivia Show, a celebration of Samuel Barber with Curtis on Tour, and the return of the International Orchid Show and Sale in March.



Above - Blc Pamela Heatherington

John Rogan

Below: Blc Princess Teresa

