

# Delaware Orchid Society

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## September 14 Meeting

### Speaker: Bill Thoms

Renowned orchid grower, world traveler and internationally recognized speaker Bill Thoms will be presenting a talk on Bulbophyllums (the largest genus in the orchid world!)

Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed! Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for about 40 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (84 in over 26 genera, including 36 in the bulbophyllum alliance (capped off with a 96 pt. Certificate of Cultural Excellence for Bulb. Frank Smith 'The King').

Bill is the only person to receive Awards of Quality for Bulbophyllum hybrids as well as receiving the hybridizer's dream; an Award of Distinction for a new avenue of breeding (a Trias hybrid). Many of his crosses are winning awards around the country. The AOS has just added a yearly award named for him for the best Bulbophyllum exhibited.

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## DVOC Speakers Day

*Early Registration Ends August 15, 2011*

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers' Forum – September 24

The DVOC Speakers' Forum will be held again this year at Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ on September 24.

The speakers will be Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids, Waimanalo, HI; Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids and Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids.

Use the attached registration form for early-bird registration raffle by **August 15** and you may win one of three exceptional plans provided by our speakers. Registration cost is \$44 per person.

Vendors, in addition to the three speakers, will be Lois Duffin Orchids, Main Street Orchids, Sony Brook Orchids and J& L Orchids.

*Register for early-bird raffle by August 15, 2011.*



*Bulbophyllum A-doribil Candy 'Frank's Favorite' which earned Bill Thoms an Award of Merit of 87 points and a Certificate of Cultural Merit of 84 points*

The talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations so whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world.

His new book, Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY? will be available for purchase (\$44.95, but discounted for the members) and he will sign them for free!!-

## AOS Corner

I was not planning on writing an AOS Corner for the two summer months of June and July, but a number of requests to pass along to all the Affiliated Societies came through. I want to be responsive to all requests and keep the communication among all the Affiliated Societies open. If at any time your society has some news it wants spread around, just let me know and I would be happy to include it in my monthly column.

If your society is one that goes on hiatus for the summer, I hope you plan to have some type of activity for your members. It's a good time to visit each others' greenhouses or other growing spaces, brag about and share ideas on your successes, commiserate on your not so successful ones, be exposed to a different genre or just spend time together and talk 'orchid.' Day trips can also be a great way to bridge the gap of time over the summer. There is a listing of AOS shows in each *Orchids* magazine as well as a listing of them on the AOS website.

Hopefully by the time you have received this you have already checked your society information on the new website and if it is not correct, let AOS know (Pam Giust - [pgiust@aos.org](mailto:pgiust@aos.org)). They will be using that information to publish in the Orchid Source Directory. In addition to that, members of the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee have been contacting the societies to update their records as well. If you have

not made contact with a member of that Committee or have been unable to get back to them, feel free to send any corrected information to me at [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org). We are also updating society contact and meeting information as well as the AOS Representative, Society President and Newsletter Editor.

The next gathering of the Affiliated Societies Committee and traditional Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be held during the American Orchid Society Fall 2011 Members' Meeting in San Antonio, TX. The Alamo Orchid Society website ([www.alamoorchidsociety.org](http://www.alamoorchidsociety.org)) has all the information and information on registration. I hope at some point each of you will be able to make an AOS Members' Meeting. They are held twice a year all around the country.

**News Flash from Headquarters...** One of the benefits of being an affiliated society in the AOS is liability insurance coverage for affiliated societies' members, including non-AOS members, while attending AOS-sponsored functions (such as AOS judging events). In the past this coverage was \$500 per show. Effective July 1, 2011, a single certificate which now may be used for multiple events **is only \$250**. If you are interested, the application form is available from Pam Giust at AOS headquarters. Payment and completed information must be submitted to AOS 30 days prior to your event.

Have a great summer and happy growing.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Society Committee

## DOS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

First, the position of Librarian (assistance) is available. If you have any interest in assuming this very important position (or assisting), contact Scott Cunningham.

The Newsletter Editor is looking for a photographer to take pictures for use in the newsletter. If you would like to assist, please contact Lynn Fuller ([mlfuller@comcast.net](mailto:mlfuller@comcast.net)).

The Board is looking for some new, cool, ideas for trips, speakers, events the society members may be interested in doing. If you have any suggestions, contact Scott Cunningham ([scottdanielcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:scottdanielcunningham@gmail.com)).



*Bulbophyllum Crown Point 'A-doribil' which earned Bill Thoms a Highly Commended Certificate of 79 points*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 13 DOS BOARD MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 6:00 PM

To be held before meeting. RSVP Scott Cunningham.

### SEPTEMBER 13 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Type a description of your event here.

### SEPTEMBER 24 DVOC SPEAKERS FORUM

PLACE: WYNDHAM HOTEL, MT. LAUREL, NJ

TIME: 8:30 AM (SALES OPEN – COFFEE, TEA AND PASTRY)

10:00 AM – LECTURES BEGIN

SEE REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### OCTOBER 11 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker to be announced

### OCTOBER 8 - 10 NCOS SHOW

PLACE: NATIONAL ARBORETUM, WASHINGTON, DC

### OCTOBER 28 – 30 MERRITT HUNTINGTON SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: CAVALIER HOTEL, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

SEE THEIR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[WWW.MERRITTHUNTINGTONSYMPOSIUM.ORG](http://WWW.MERRITTHUNTINGTONSYMPOSIUM.ORG)

### OCTOBER 25-30 - AOS MEMBERS MEETING

PLACE: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

[WWW.ALAMOORCHIDSOCIETY.ORG](http://WWW.ALAMOORCHIDSOCIETY.ORG)

### NOVEMBER 8 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids

### DECEMBER 13 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker to be announced

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## **THE DELAWARE ORCHID SOCIETY**

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AOS Rep	Lynn Fuller



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



Check out our website!

[www.delawareorchidsociety.com](http://www.delawareorchidsociety.com)

Doors open: 7:00 p.m.  
Social/Judging 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting: 8:00 – 8:15 p.m.  
Speaker: 8:15 – 9:00 p.m.  
Show Table/Raffle/Door Prizes: 9:00



Winners of Annual Show Table Awards

## ***Some Annual Banquet Moments***



A view of the attendees during dinner



# *23rd Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council*

## *Speakers' Forum*

### September 24, 2011

#### Featured Speakers

Roy Tokunaga	H&R Orchids	Waimanalo, HI
Latouria & Nigrohirsutae Dendros <u>and</u> Roy's Newly Discovered Blossom Booster		
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Peter Lin	Big Leaf Orchids	Southlake, TX
Cutting Edge Phal Breeding		
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Fred Clarke	Sunset Valley Orchids	Vista, CA
New hybrids using Catasetum, Cycnoches, and Mormodes & The Fredclarkeara "Black Orchid"		

#### 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	Panel Discussion and Plant Raffle
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Sales Open

#### Vendors

Sunset Valley Orchids  
Big Leaf Orchids  
H&R Orchids  
Lois Duffin Orchids  
Main Street Orchids  
Stony Brook Orchids  
J&L Orchids

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).

**Register for our early-bird raffle by August 15, 2011 and you may win one of three exceptional plants provided by our speakers.**

### ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT IN FULL TO:  
MR. MICHAEL KAUFFMAN  
222 BLUE SCHOOL ROAD  
PERKASIE, PA 18944

MAKE 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 \$44.00 PER PERSON.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_