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*I won't be at May's meeting.
If anyone wants to take pictures
to send me for the June newsletter,
it would be appreciated.*

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



Next Meeting May 11, 2010

Speaker: Carri Raven-Reimann

Topic: Mighty Multifloral Mini Phalaenopsis



Going from a BA in English Literature from Northwestern University - with a minor in Drama - to breeding, raising and selling orchids for a living was not in the career-goal plans for Carri Raven-Reimann, owner of the orchidPhile, a Stamford-based wholesale-only orchid business. A former New York model and actress, Carri began growing orchids in 1980 with the gift from her husband, Herb, of three orchid plants placed under the Christmas tree. And the rest - as they say - is history.

Carri was fortunate enough to begin her orchid collection with the Phalaenopsis (Moth) Orchid which was so easy to care for, and rebloom, that the "Orchid Obsession" quickly took hold. Frustrated with flowering house plants whose flowers never lasted, or plants that succumbed all-too-readily to spider mites, she started scouring Orchid Shows in the northeast for more orchids which could be grown easily on windowsills and under the eventual light-stands that she set up. Thirty years later, the collection numbers in the thousands, many of which have won Trophies and American Orchid Society (AOS) Awards.

The wholesale business began in earnest in 1988, when the first two greenhouses were erected, and the orchidPhile quickly became known for specializing in quality Phalaenopsis Orchids, although many other genera of orchids are also available. Many of the plants sold each year have been grown from flask size in the greenhouses (a process taking sometimes six to seven years to first flowering) and are available from selected florists and garden centers in Fairfield and Westchester Counties.

In addition to selling orchids wholesale, Carri participates in several orchid shows around the country, creating elaborate orchid displays and managing a sales table at each. Her orchids have been recognized with over 100 AOS flower awards, several botanical awards, and have garnered six cover pictures in the AOS monthly magazine *Orchids*, the cover picture of *Awards Quarterly* (the AOS magazine of recent orchid awards), plus being featured on the cover of the Beginner's Guide and in the AOS Membership brochure. Several times she has received the highly coveted AOS Show Trophy for Best Exhibit in Show, for Best Exhibit Design in Show, has consistently won trophies for Best Phalaenopsis in

THE DELAWARE ORCHID SOCIETY**Officers**

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Program	Mali Rao
Library	Grace Husted
Show Table	John Rogan
Membership	Vera Lee Rao
Hospitality	Lori Weaver
	Maryann Ozlanski
	Vicki Gawiak

News and Notes...

May 8th - Annual Banquet Meeting at Executive Banquet and Conference Center - See menu/location on page 4.

\$30 per person. Please RSVP to Joel Balogh by June 3, 2010

Show & Best Orchid in Show, and, in addition, received the ultimate & highly coveted honor of a First Class Certificate (FCC) for one of her flowering Vandaceous hybrids.

Each year, she also participates in several annual local events such as the Bartlett Arboretum's Winterbloom (Stamford) and the Garden Education Center's May Market (Greenwich) so that her plants can be obtained directly by an ever-growing group of local home orchid-growing enthusiasts. In addition, each spring and fall she is invited by the Garden Education Center to host a day of orchid sales. She also belongs to several local orchid societies and maintains a sales table at each meeting to help introduce new growers to orchids.

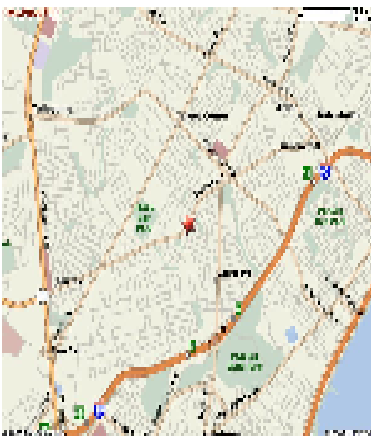
Her involvement in the orchid world extends beyond local boundaries to having served as a member of the AOS Education Committee, currently serving on their Membership Committee and fulfilling her duties as an AOS Accredited Orchid Judge. She, with seven other "Phal-aholics", co-founded the highly successful International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Inc. (IPA), an 800 plus-member international organization of Phalaenopsis enthusiasts. She served 18 years in several officer positions, having just completed her second term as President of that organization, now serving as a Regional Director for the New England. Her articles on Phalaenopsis hybridizing have been published in *Orchids* and the *IPA Journal*, and a feature story on her is slated to appear in an upcoming issue. Additionally, she has served as a Trustee of the Greater New York Orchid Society, served as Workshop Co-Chair for the Annual Greater New York Orchid Show, one of the largest in the world, previously held each spring at the Winter Garden in the financial district and, since the events of "9-11", at Rockefeller Center in midtown Manhattan.

In the past four years, she has traveled to Taiwan to serve as an AOS judge at their spring Taiwan International Orchid Society Show. Being at the forefront of current Phalaenopsis hybridizing, Taiwan has become a rich source of the new multi-floral miniatures and novelties which she offers for sale. Each spring she combs the nurseries in Taiwan for the newest of the new to offer her clientele.

In addition to running the orchidPhile, Carri devotes time to giving lectures and running workshops on "Orchid Growing in the Home" at the Garden Education Center of Greenwich, the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford, several Botanical Gardens in the north-east and to garden clubs from New Jersey to New Hampshire. As guest speaker to Orchid Societies across the country, her talks focus on her specialty, Multifloral-Miniature Phalaenopsis Breeding, on "The Best of the Best" from each year's show in Taiwan and on Phalaenopsis Culture in general.

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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.



APRIL SHOW TABLE

PLANT

GROWER

Non- Greenhouse

Onc Sharry Baby	Dave Emerson
Dtps Duki X (Bro. Love Rose X Bro. Love Sound)	Frank Tait
Lc Fire Dance 'Patricia'	"
Phal Baldan's Kaleidoscope	Harry Kutch
Lyc. Aromatic	Carolyn & Marsh Watts

Greenhouse

Masd. stigii	Vera Lee & Malli Rao
Drcla. Ripleyana	"
Masd. Copper Angel	"
Masd. venezueliana	"
Masd. (ignea X auropurpurea)	"
Aerangis citrate	"
Epi (Pacific Rose X Sun Valley)	"
Max. picta	Mary Ann Ulmann
Masd. (ignea X coccinea)	"
Onc. Robsan Orchids	"
V. Cwirat-Rattana	"
Phal. Pisgah	"
Phal. Sogo Anna	"
Odont. Praestans	"
Blc. Short Silk	"
Phrag Giganteum "Best Grown"	John Rogan
Paph Puppentanz	"
Den. Lavender Star "Best Grown"	"
C. guatemalensis	"
Unk. Phal	Steve Chang
Epi parkinsonianum	"
Den. Nestor	"
Ascda. Ampullaceanum	"
Cat. Anita Boyle	"



V. Cwirat-Rattana - Mary Ann Ulmann



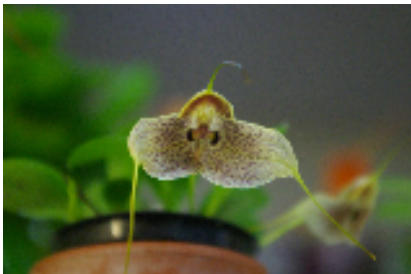
Aerangis citrate - Vera Lee & Malli Rao



Lc Fire Dance 'Patricia' - Frank Tait

Below:

Masd. Stigii - Vera Lee & Malli Rao



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

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Dendrobium 'Lavender Star' - John Rogan

Annual Banquet

Tuesday June 8th, 6:30 PM

6:30 Hors d'ourves & Cash Bar

Including Calamari Fritti & Asian Pork Shanks

7:00 Buffet Dinner

Capozzolis Signature Salad

Hand Carved Pork Italiano

Butterflied Pork loin stuffed with Prosciutto, Provolone Cheese, Spinach and Caramelized Onion

Chicken Alicia

Boneless Breast filled with Mushroom & Herb Stuffing and Sauce Supreme

Grilled Seasonal Vegetables

Exotic Roast Potato Blend - Gold, Sweet, Purple

Lobster Ravioli in a Sun Dried Tomato Alfredo

Fried Banana Carmel Cheesecake



Conveniently located on Route 896, just south of Newark, DE in between I-95 and Route 40 at the entrance to the Penader Corporate Center

Announcing the first annual

SHORE ORCHID FESTIVAL

Friday, July 23 • Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25, 2010
10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Held at Silva Orchids

Guests to include:

Andy's Orchids	Little Brook Orchids
Arcadia Glass House	Main Street Orchids
Blue Moon Pottery	Oakhill Gardens
Brennan Orchids	Orchid Phil
Cal-Orchid	Parkside Orchids
Canalma Orchids	Piping Rock
Celebrate Orchids	Silva Orchids
Fishing Creek Orchids	Story Brook Orchids
J & L Orchids	Waldor Orchids
Just Pat Orchids	Woodstream Orchids

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Come for a day or enjoy a "Jersey Shore Weekend"



Dear Members,

As I mentioned last meeting, Adelaide Sundin passed away last month. A memorial service will be held for her on **Saturday May 8th** (on what would have been her 94th birthday). The Service will take place at 1 PM at Christ Episcopal Church in Wilmington Delaware with a Reception to follow in the adjacent fellowship hall. Doreen Moore reports that Olof, her husband, is doing well and that a family friend had suggested they would like to see some of the DOS attend.

If it does fit into your schedule, please consider celebrating the remarkable life of this amazing woman. Directions to the Church are appended below (but many of you may know the church as the one very near the back entrance to Hagley Mills and accessible off of route 100 /Buck Road).

Condolences may also be sent to:

Mr. Olof Sundin
132 Hedge Apple Lane
Wilmington Delaware 19807

Best Regards
Scott



Dear Members of the Delaware Orchid Society,

It is that time again. Every 2 years we elect our Officers and 1/2 of the Board of Directors. As is our custom (and in our by-laws), we publish our nominating committee's proposed slate of candidates to our membership for comment and questions at our monthly meeting in April, and then vote on that slate (with any amendments) the following meeting (May). The goal of that process is that our new Officers and Board members are in place for the June Banquet.

If you have any comments or questions about this slate, please feel free to talk to any of the board members or officers about them. We look forward to an excellent new season with increasing membership and orchid-centric amusement for all.

DOS Officer Candidates (for 2010-2012):

President - Scott Cunningham (re-election for another 2 year term)
Vice President - John Rogan (re-election for another 2 year term)
Treasurer - Joel Balogh (re-election for another 2 year term)
Secretary - Nancy Sato (new)

New Board Member Candidates (2010-2014):

Dave Emerson
Olivia Landis
Lynn Fuller



Ascoc. Ampullaceanum - Steve Chang

Current (and continuing) BOD members (and not up for election until 2012)

Frank Tait
Dan Gawiak
Marie-Christine Viallet

The following is a list of current committee chairs. As they are not "elected" positions, we will not vote on these positions during the May meeting, but at this point in our thoughts and process they deserve special recognition for all the work they have done over the past years. (PS Where noted we are looking for additional help or replacements):

AOS Representative - Lynn Fuller
Library - Grace Husted (we are looking for a volunteer to take over from Grace)
Show Table - John Rogan
Membership - Vera Lee Rao, Scott Cunningham
Newsletter (and Banquet coordinator) - Brad Billet
Hospitality - Lori Weaver (we are looking for a volunteer to help out here in general)
Maryann Ozlanski
Vicki Gawiak
Program Committee- Mali Rao & Scott Cunningham (we are looking for a volunteer to help out here in general)
Trips - (Bus, Van and generally Educational) Janet Bernhardt

.....and lastly we would like to thank those members who will be revolving off the Board. Their contributions over the last 4 years have made our society better in countless ways.

These members are :

Barry Wohlstenholme
Janet Bernhardt
Vera Lee Rao

kind regards and see you next Tuesday evening

Scott