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## Meeting Schedule

• 7:00

Social Time and  
Showtable Set Up

• 7:30

Showtable Reviewing

• 8:00—8:15

Business Meeting

• 8:15—9:00

Program

• 9:00—9:25

Raffle Prizes



*Next Meeting September 14, 2010*

**Speaker: Duane Erdmann**

**Topic: "Orchid Trekking – Contrasting Northern and Southern Hemispheres"**

Having grown orchids for 35 years, you may be able to appreciate why Duane goes outside of his plant room and greenhouse to find more hobby excitement. Duane has traveled in many of the countries in our hemisphere looking for and photographing orchids. He and wife Judy started with Paphs, moved through Dendrobiums, and now are focusing on Restrepia, Zootrophion, and Scaphosepalum, but they haven't given up the many other genera along the way. Within the last years Duane added North American native orchids to his photo efforts. He'll share the differences in looking for and photographing orchids in the north and the south ... in a somewhat light hearted way. Duane and Judy Erdmann have been members of the DOS for over 20 years.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING PLACE CHANGED!!!

Due to mid-term elections polling the church will be unavailable on September 14th for our meeting so, it will be held at Father Oz's church about 5 minutes away from the regular meeting site.

[Sts Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church: Rectory](#) -  
1406 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington

*In memorium - Our local tri-state orchid societies world lost a number of members this summer including two of our own, Mr. Frank Tait and Mr. Paul Bernhart and DOS wishes to express condolences to both of their families. They will be sorely missed!*

**THE DELAWARE ORCHID SOCIETY****Officers**

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Hospitality	Lori Weaver
	Maryann Ozlanski
	Vicki Gawiak
AOS Representative	Lynn Fuller

*News and Notes...*

We are looking for a volunteer to chair the "Trips – (Bus, Van and General Educational) Committee"

October 12 - Hadley Cash on Complex Paphs

November 9 - Marguerite Webb on Miniatures

**AOS Corner By: Chris Rehmann**

Lynn Fuller, the new Affiliated Society Chairperson has given me this opportunity to introduce myself to each of the Affiliated Society members through the *AOS Corner*. I am your new AOS President and have the pleasure to serve each of you for a one year term.

Who am I? Well, I am an orchid hobbyist like most of you. I grow mainly Cattleya species with some multi-flora Paphiopedilums to take up the darker spaces in my green-houses. In order to support my "*orchid habit*," I own a Civil-Environmental Engineering firm located in southern New Jersey.

The Affiliated Societies are the backbone of the American Orchid Society. We all probably started as a member of a local society to find more information about these beautiful flowers called, orchids. My local society is the Sandpiper Orchid Society, located near Atlantic City, New Jersey. This great group of orchid lovers has assisted me in many ways to cultivate better orchids.

Walter Off, the co-owner of a local commercial orchid business helps to organize the Sandpiper Orchid Society and has been a tremendous assistance to new and long time growers. Walt provides information on local conditions that improve culture and eliminates the trial and error methods to find the right fertilizer for our local conditions. I am sure each Affiliated Society has a local commercial grower that is involved with their group. Support them so that they are there to provide the best cultural information for your area.

Many commercial growers provide discounts to AOS members. Ask them to see if they participate in this program. If you are like me, I pay for my AOS membership with discounts from orchid purchases.

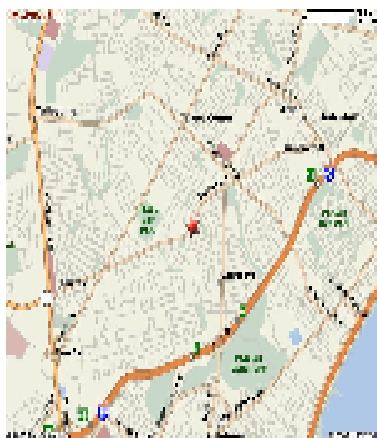
One of my initiatives is to provide better communication between the Affiliated Societies and the national organization. All too often, the AOS Trustees come to a Show that has been organized by an Affiliated Society, become engrossed in meetings and never mingle with our local members. After organizing the Show, raising funds to rent the venue needed, and all the backbreaking work to set up exhibits, it would be nice to be able to interact with your national leaders. It is my goal to encourage this discourse.

The Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium is being held in Virginia Beach, Virginia from October 27 – 31, 2010. This will be a great event. Please consider joining us at the Show. The hotel has given the event planners great prices so come for the week-end. There are international speakers from France and Germany. It is a once in a lifetime chance to hear their words of wisdom about orchid culture.

Thank you again for affording me the opportunity to serve you as President. It is a great Society of wonderful people. Join us. Become a member of the American Orchid Society.

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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.



**SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE****PLANT****GROWER****Non- Greenhouse****Greenhouse**

This is where YOUR plants have a chance to appear! All you have to do is BRING them! The more the merrier!

**Shared by Dan Gawiak:**

All,  
Planted this orchid outdoors in August 1996 this Bletilla Striata terrestrial orchid has been a faithful bloomer .

This year is the first time one of its flowers developed a seed pod. As you can see it grows near a rhododendron.

Dan

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**YOUR OPINION NEEDED!!**

AOS Cares! initiative was circulated late July to all affiliated societies, their AOS representatives as well as to the AOS Judging Centers. It is a joint project of the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee and Membership Committee who will be responsible for collecting the results, preparing and distributing a report of its findings. I hope you will share this short survey with your society members at your earliest opportunity. We are interested in responses from *all* society members, *not* just AOS Members. A copy of the letter from our President, Chris Rehmann, which includes the short survey, has been put on the Affiliated Societies Blog which can be found on the AOS website.

The next AOS Members and Trustees meeting will be held in conjunction with the Merritt Huntington Symposium, October 28-31, 2010 in Virginia Beach, VA. I personally would like to invite you to the traditional Affiliated Societies Breakfast to be held on Friday, October 29 at 7:30 a.m. This breakfast will provide an opportunity for us to meet each other, share ideas and/or to brag about any of your society's successes or ongoing projects. To register for the symposium and the breakfast, visit the website at [www.mhsymposium.org](http://www.mhsymposium.org).

The Innovative Society Survey that was conducted last spring also has been posted on the AOS website on the Affiliated Societies blog and the Affiliated Societies' Facebook page. I think you will all agree there are some great ideas in the report that your society will find useful. If you would like to share copies of it with your members, you can download from this link Innovative Societies Survey or go to [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) - Affiliated Societies – AffSoc Blog. A special thank you to those who participated in this survey and a big thank you to the Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society for spearheading the project.

I look forward to working with you and your society throughout the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions for improvements or comments on the AOS Corner, feel free to contact either me or Susan Taylor directly. My email is [mlfuller@comcast.net](mailto:mlfuller@comcast.net) and evening phone is 302-594-0765. As well, you can always write to me directly through [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org).

Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



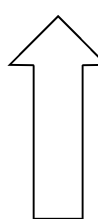
**Don't forget to  
bring your  
blooming  
babies for all  
to enjoy!**

## Delaware Orchid Society

*c/o 505 N. DuPont Road  
Wilmington, DE 19807*

We're on the web!

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



And.... Speaking of the web, we've got a new website! Be sure to take a look as it has a much improved design and will be updated regularly with new and exciting information!

Dear Friends,

Frank always looked forward to attending DOS meetings and functions. Even when he could no longer drive, so many of you went out of your way to drive him to the meetings. He loved his orchids but even more so, loved his fellow hobbyists.

His passion for the hobby was so infectious, he mentored me into the hobby so you will continue to see me at as many meetings as I can manage to attend.

Thank you all for your support and friendship of Frank during his illness - so many beautiful notes and cards. I have read them all. Thank you for honoring Frank in his final services.

It was especially poignant to have our church's altar adorned with orchids lovingly grown in members' greenhouses (Vera Lee and Steven Chang) and masterfully arranged by Bryan Herring. What a tribute!

Gratefully,  
Donna

**Saturday, September 11th—International Phalaenopsis Alliance 2010 Fall Focus on Phals Day** at Parkside Orchid Nursery. This day long event includes speakers, roundtable discussion, a mini-auction, refreshments, and a catered lunch, all for only \$15. Visit their web site for more information: [www.parksideorchids.com](http://www.parksideorchids.com)

The Delaware Valley Orchid Council has lined up great speakers for the Saturday September 25 forum in Mount Laurel NJ. Sam Tsui will talk on multifloral paphiopedilum, Tom Nasser will present us unusual orchids and John Odom will talk about his new cattleya book. Breakfast and lunch is included in the \$39 fee. There will also be orchids for sale. We will be carpooling from the church. Departure at 8 AM to return around 5PM. Check the website for more information.





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Dear Fellow Orchidist,

**AOS CARES!** The American Orchid Society cares about *YOUR* opinions and *YOUR* needs. We want to hear from you whether or not you are a current member.

We are ready to listen so please use the bottom of this page to note the 2-3 things you think AOS *does RIGHT*, and the 3-4 things you feel we *need to WORK ON*. Return this to your society's AOS Representative or President who will make sure we receive your response and you may be absolutely certain we will pay close attention to your message to us. Of course, you are welcome to return this directly to me. Thank you so much for taking the time to let us hear from you. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you at a future orchid event.

Best personal regards,

Chris Rehmann  
President  
150 Golden Eagle Drive  
Hammonton, NJ 08037

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**What are we doing right?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**What should we work on to better serve you?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**Would you like to help us better serve our orchid community?  
Tell us what you would like to do.**

- 1.
- 2.

Name & E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State OR Orchid Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an AOS Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Thank you.*

## Featured Speakers

**Sam Tsui**

**Orchid Inn  
New Multifloral Paphs and Their Culture**

**Bloomington, IL**

**Tom Nasser**

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**Carolina Orchids  
My Favorite Unusual Orchids**

**Fort Mill, SC**

**John Odom**

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**Odom's Orchids  
The Cattleya Orchid**

**Fort Pierce, FL**

### 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

**Orchid Inn  
Carolina Orchids  
Odom's 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 20, 2010 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:  
MS. MARRIANNA OCCHIUZZO  
140 COLUMBIA AVENUE  
PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DVOC

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT  
SORRY.....NO REFUNDS

YES! I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND. ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK  
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