



# Delaware Orchid Society

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**Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2012**  
**Speaker: Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids**  
**Topic: "Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture"**



Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.

His program teaches novice and advanced growers how a species grows in the wild, as well as how you can grow them and the hybrids in your own collection. Program is strong on orchid culture.

Pre-order information: See attached list included in newsletter. You may attach your request to any pay pal order and pay at the meeting, or just email requests to Alan (gcorchids@aol.com) and he will bring them to the meeting. NOTE: Mention DOS with your order and 20% discount applies to the "Limited Availability" listing attached. Discount code is GCOD and is case sensitive and note under shipping to bring to society and under remarks list the society.

## Important Message About September Meeting Location— Please Note

The September meeting will be held at a different location than we normally hold our meetings due to primary elections being held in Delaware.

DOS will be meeting at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Sts Peter and Paul at 1406 Philadelphia Pike in Wilmington Delaware 19809.

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## THE DELAWARE ORCHID SOCIETY

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**Delaware Orchid Society Meetings are held the second Tuesday each month (except June, July and August) at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 1006 Wilson Road, Wilmington, Delaware at 7 PM. Visitors are always welcome. June is our annual banquet held at another location (TBD) and July and August is our summer recess.**



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

## **DOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 11 DOS GENERAL MEETING**

**PLACE: UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF STS PETER AND PAUL - NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE**

Speaker: Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids  
Topic: "Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture"

### **SEPTEMBER 15 DOS POTTING CLASS**

**PLACE: DELAWARE SEED AND GARDEN SUPPLY**

**TIME: 10:00 AM—NOON**

### **OCTOBER 9 DOS GENERAL MEETING**

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SPEAKER: Steve Beckendorf  
TOPIC: "Lost and Found Ondotoglossums"

### **NOVEMBER 13 DOS GENERAL MEETING**

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SPEAKER: Jason Fisher  
TOPIC: "Neofinitia Hybrids"

### **NOVEMBER 15 ORCHID SEMINAR & REPOTTING CLINIC**

PLACE: DELAWARE SEED AND GARDEN SUPPLY  
TIME: 10:00 AM—NOON

### **DECEMBER 1 ORCHID SEMINAR & REPOTTING CLINIC**

PLACE: DELAWARE SEED AND GARDEN SUPPLY  
TIME: 10:00 AM—NOON

### **DECEMBER 11 DOS GENERAL MEETING**

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SPEAKER: Francisco Mirenda  
TOPIC: "Brazilian Laelias"

### **JANUARY 8 GENERAL MEETING**

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SPEAKER: Ty Triplett  
TOPIC: Aerangis

## AOS Corner

I hope your summer has been going well. Gearing up for the upcoming fall season, I thought I would focus on a few news items and reminders from AOS Headquarters.

1. The special supplement this year is on the genus *Cycnoches*, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society. The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members' donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226>). Donations of any size are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements.
2. Did you know that liability coverage for your meetings and shows is available through the AOS at a competitive fee? We are pleased to announce that we are again able to offer this benefit of affiliation for \$250. As last year, a single fee can now cover both your society meetings and your show. More information about this benefit and the procedure for procuring it may be found on the website under the Affiliated Societies tab [www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44](http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44)).
3. Another benefit of being an affiliated society is that your society can host one of the two meetings per year of the American Orchid Society's members and trustees meetings. Hosting the AOS as part of your annual show can be a rewarding experience for your society as well as taking your show to the 'next level' having international or national prominence. AOS is looking for locations for upcoming meetings starting in the Fall of 2014 and beyond. Other orchid Alliances that often join the AOS at many of these shows are the Orchid Digest, the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Phalaenopsis Alliance. These joint meetings are an incredible opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of orchids.
4. As fall is approaching, the AOS is getting this year's Orchid Source Directory ready for printing. Each affiliated society will be listed at no cost with the information on file with the AOS. If your society has changed your meeting locations, dates, times, addresses, website or email, please let Membership Services ([theAOS@aos.org](mailto:theAOS@aos.org)) at AOS know so the most up-to-date information is printed. In addition if you have an orchid related business and want to be included in the directory contact John Wrench at AOS ([jwrench@aos.org](mailto:jwrench@aos.org)) for the form. The cost for a business listing is \$150 and includes both the printed listing as well as our online directory. August 31 is the deadline for these listings.
5. Do you know what your society's renewal date is? Starting three months prior to expiration, a renewal notice for all membership levels is included in the magazine polybag. If you or your society happened to have missed these, we'd love to have you back. Please contact the office at [theAOS@aos.org](mailto:theAOS@aos.org) or by phone at 305-740-2010 to inquire about expiration dates.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

### **New Delaware Orchid Society Members:**

Karen Andress, Cochranville, PA

Peter Littleton, Garnet Valley, PA

Doris & Bill Simpson, Wilmington DE

**You may bring your membership renewals to the upcoming September meeting. Don't let your membership expire! We have a great year coming up—lots of new speakers and topics!**

## 2011-2012 SHOW TABLE POINT AWARDS

Place/Points	Recipient/Commentary
10 / 58	Bea & Sol Fenick: Newer members—1st time in top 10, some good things, especially late in season
9 / 68	Alfieri and Downs—1st time (in modern era) on list
8 / 143	Harry Kutch—was 7th last year, but made 50 more points than last year—making progress
7 / 145	Barry Woolf—new DOS member—1st time on list. Member from Maryland. Did not always bring plants but has great ones!
6 / 177	Steve Chang—5th last year—21 more points—does not always bring plants
5 /	Dave Emerson—Steady progress; 43 points more than last year. Highest Finish without greenhouse!
4 / 249	Vera Lee & Mali Rao—Always used to win, but more competition now
3 / 292	J. Rogan—Highest points so far, but not highest finish.
2 / 442	The Erdmanns—over 100 points more than last year; 150 points over 3rd place
1 / 444	Maryann Ulmann—131 points over last year; 2nd last year, 6th year before.

Congratulations to all the winners! 2012—2013 should be a competitive year with lots of fabulous plants!

Thanks to **all** the members who brought in their orchids last year. Keep up the good work!

### **DOS is looking for volunteers to:**

Help with the potting seminar on September 15

Sign up to bring refreshments to a meeting—better yet—volunteer to Chair the committee!

## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

September 9, 2012, **International Phalaenopsis Alliance “Focus on Phals” Day** Ballston Spa, NY (See registration form attached).

September 15, 2012, **DOS Orchid Seminar and Repotting Seminar**, 10 am- Noon, Delaware Seed and Garden Supply, LLC. Looking for volunteers to help out. Contact Pam Downs if available.

September 19, 2012, **Mid-Atlantic Judging Center**, Philadelphia Horticultural Center

September 27, 2012, **Susquehanna Orchid Society**, hosting Michael Sinn of Canaima’s Orchids, speaking on orchids of Brazil, Columbia and Venezuela

September 29, 2012, **24th Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers’ Forum**, Mt. Laurel, NJ (Early bird registration closes August 29, 2012) (see registration form attached)

October 5—8, 2012 **National Capital Orchid Society Show**, Washington, DC

October 6, 2012, **Deep Cut Orchid Society Auction**, Colts Neck firehouse Company #1, 86 Route 537, Colts Neck, NJ, Preview 9am—10 am; Auction 10:00 am—3:00 pm (rain or shine); refreshments and lunch available; free admission

October 26—27, 2012, **8th Annual Merritt Huntington Symposium**, Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA. Visit [mhsymposium.org](http://mhsymposium.org) for more information.

## Gold Country Orchids Limited Availability

Angraecum didieri	Miniature species 2 inch BS	\$12.50
Bulbophyllum tingabarinum	Bright red-orange miniature BS	\$12.50
Cattleya araguaensis	Miniature species 2 inch BS	\$12.50
Cattleya kerrii	Miniature species very rare 2 inch NBS	\$15.00
Cattleya lueddemanniana v. coerulea	4 inch BS	\$25.00
Ceratocentron fesselii x Tubecentron Niu Girl	Orange miniature Vandaceous BS	\$12.50
Ctna. Starrlyn	Rose and lavender Mini-cat for the home BS	\$10.00
Dendrobium lamyaiiae	orange miniature in bud	\$15.00
Dendrobium oligophyllum	Miniature species 2 inch BS	\$12.50
Dendrobium tannii v. alba	Miniature related to bracteosum BS	\$12.50
Dyakia hendersoniana	Fragrant mini Vanda large 2 inch BS in spike	\$20.00
	Small 2 inch in spike	\$12.50
Laelia cinnabarina	Sibling cross 2 inch BS	\$15.00
Laelia flava	Superb cross 2 inch BS	\$15.00
Laelia harpophylla	Great cross out of Brazil 2 inch BS	\$20.00
Laelia milleri	Sibling cross of the red form 2 inch BS	\$20.00

# *24th Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers' Forum*

## September 29, 2012

### Featured Speakers

Harry Phillips	Andy's Orchids Fascinating Miniatures	Encinitas, CA
Roger Cole	Arbec Orchids The New Rodrumnia Alliance (Tolumnia & Rodriguezia)	Queen Anne, MD
Courtney Hackney	Hackneau's Art and Orchids Classic Cattleyas	Jacksonville, FL
Chris Rehmann	Immediate Past President of The American Orchid Society Future of The AOS	NJ

### 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	Guest Lecture
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Plant Raffle/Sales Open

### Vendors

Andy's Orchids
Arbec Orchids
Hackneau Orchids
Lois Duffin Orchids
Stony Brook Orchids
Waldor 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 29, 2012 and you are automatically entered into The Earlybird Raffle with a chance to win an orchid valued over \$125.**

### Advance Registration Required

Return the bottom portion of this form along with payment in full to:

Michael Kauffman  
222 Blue School Road  
Perkasie, PA 18944

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print clearly)

# The Susquehanna Orchid Society Monthly Meeting



**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16TH 1:30 PM**

## Canaima's Angels

Growing up, Michael Sinn hiked the jungles of Brazil, Columbia and Venezuela and is well know for his award winning cattleya breeding and conservation efforts. Michael will spend the afternoon presenting a photographic journal of his years hiking in the Canaima National Park and other areas of the Amazon. Although we will receive culture tips on many indigenous jungle species, our focus today will be on the beautiful masdevallias. With over 500 species, these high altitude plants can be quite a challenge to grow. Join us today for some first hand insight with someone who lived there.

- Follow Michael Sinn through his early years growing and collecting orchids in Venezuela.
- See the natural tropical habitats where masdevallias and other orchids thrive and learn how to replicate these conditions in your home or greenhouse.
- Ask Michael about his nursery business Canaima's Orchids.
- See the variety of select plants that Michael will bring for purchase. One might be just right for you!



**Free Admission  
Light Refreshments Served**

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**8th Annual  
Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium  
October 26th & 27th**

**Speakers**

*Alan Koch - Gold Country Orchids*

*David Off - Waldor Orchids*

*Roy Tokunaga - H & R Nurseries, Inc.*

*Marguerite Webb - J & L Orchids*

*AOS Judging Forum headed by Rob Griesbach*

**Vendors**

*Gold Country Orchids, H&R Nurseries, Inc., J&L Orchids,  
Orchid Enterprise, Inc. and Waldor Orchids*

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Friday, October 26th**

7:00pm Welcome - Rob Griesbach

7:15pm - 8:15pm Roy Tokunaga

8:15pm - 9:30pm Roy Tokunaga and Alan Koch

**Saturday, October 27th**

8:45am Welcome - Rob Griesbach

9:00am - 10:30am Dave Off

10:30am - Noon Marguerite Webb

Noon - 1:00pm Buffet Lunch and Plant Sales

1:00pm - 2:30pm AOS Judging Forum

2:30pm - 4:00pm Alan Koch

4:00pm - 6:00pm Plant Sales - Open to Public

**Location:**

Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel

42nd Street & Atlantic Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA

Website and Registration: [mhsymposium.org](http://mhsymposium.org)

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*Note the new  
meeting location for  
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ONLY —*

**Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
of Sts Peter and Paul  
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