



Delaware Orchid Society

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General Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Speaker: Karen Zolnay, Hawk Haven Orchids

Topic: "Orchid Propagation"

Karen Zolnay (Hawk Haven Orchids) Overview of Orchid Propagation: Flower to Plant. This informational PowerPoint presentation will touch on the key aspects of orchid propagation from pollination and seed preparation to sterile workspaces, flasking, and community potting. This is meant to give the beginner a good foundation in the basics of sterile culture and the confidence to try this interesting aspect of orchid culture, using easily found items in their own homes. There will be time made available for questions and answers, as well as plants and supplies for purchase.

Karen Zolnay has been involved in orchid growing since 1987 when she fell in love with exotic flowers while visiting Hawaii. Shortly after her return, Karen took up the hobby of growing and blooming orchids. Over the years, her experience and collection grew and, in 2005, Karen launched Hawk Haven Orchids.

Hawk Haven Orchids focuses primarily on the propagation and culture of Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, and Vanda orchids. Karen's collection consists of many heirlooms and species in these genera. Her orchids have been sold through local retail shops, garden centers, over the internet, and at local fairs and garden shows. She routinely gives workshops on various aspects of orchid culture for regional clubs and organizations. Karen is also active in several clubs and has won awards for her plants at orchid judgings.

Recently, Karen has embarked on an ambitious hybridization project to create vivid blue cattleya flowers and is a co-founder of an international internet-based forum dedicated to this endeavor. This project is a collaborative effort with many of the top hybridizing experts in the field. The blue color is quite difficult to achieve; many have tried with limited success. It is the hopes that through this collaborative effort, the team will be able to succeed within the decade!

Additional information on Karen Zolnay and Hawk Haven Orchids can be found on the internet at <http://mysite.verizon.net/hawkhavenorchids> or by simply googling "Hawk Haven Orchids".



Den Salaya—Dave Emerson

**Join some fellow DOS members
for dinner before the meeting at
Stanley's Bar & Grill
at 5:30– 5:45 p.m.**

**If you would like to join us, confirm
your attendance with Phyllis Railson
(302-475-6034)**

THE DELAWARE ORCHID SOCIETY

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**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

Doors open: 7:00 p.m.

Social/Judging 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 10, 2012 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker: Karen Zolnay. Hawk Haven Orchids

FEBRUARY 10 - 12, 2012 DEEP CUT ORCHID SHOW

DEERBORN MARKET, HOLMDEL, NEW JERSEY

FEBRUARY 14 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker: Bayard Saraduke, Pinelands Orchid Society

MARCH 4-11 PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

PLACE: PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER

MARCH 13 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker: To Be Determined

MARCH 23-25 INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE

PLACE: LONGWOOD GARDENS

APRIL 10 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

SPEAKER: TO BE DETERMINED

APRIL 14 ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 10:00 AM

MAY 8 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 PM

Speaker: Leon Glictenstein

JUNE 12- DOS BANQUET

PLACE: GREENVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

Speaker: David Off





Ornithocephalus bicornis - John Rogan 'Best Grown'



Vanda coerulea—Steve Chang



Phaph. Spicerianum—Winifred Steele-Burnett



Wils. Tiger brew—Dave Walsh

Thank you to all those who brought plants in for the Show Table. It has become a very impressive sight each month.

DECEMBER 2011 SHOW TABLE RESULTS

| GREENHOUSE | | |
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| Masd. limax | | Vera Lee & Malli Rao |
| Masd. hirtzii 'Xanthina' | | " |
| Masd. lintrricula | | " |
| Masd. leonardoii | | " |
| Masd. sotoana | | " |
| Masd. Joyce Stewart | | Mary Ann Ulmann |
| Lockhartia acuta | | " |
| Ascda. Susan Ong | | " |
| Christensonia vietnamica X Ascda. Aurantiacum | | " |
| Rdcdm. Flirtation | | " |
| Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite | | " |
| Epi. conopseum | | " |
| Eplc. Volcano Trick | | " |
| Onc. Carnival Costume | "Best Grown" | John Rogan |
| Ornithocephalus bicornis | "Best Grown" | " |
| Onc. Twinkle | | " |
| C. percivaliana 'Summit' | | Steve Chang |
| V. coerulea | | " |
| NON-GREENHOUSE | | |
| Den. Salaya | | Dave Emerson |
| Phrag. longifolium | | Dave Walsh |
| Wils. Tiger Brew | | " |
| V. (insigne X Golden Double) | | Harry Kutch |
| Paph. spicerianum | | Winifred Steele-Burnett |

Welcome to our newest DOS members:

Rosann Ferraro, Earlvilve, MD

Janice Milheim, Chadds Ford, PA

Upcoming Meeting
of Interest—January 26

Philadelphia Botanical Club at their January 26 meeting will have Melissa McCormick, Research Scientist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center discuss **Orchids and Their Fungi: What Do We Know and What Do We Need to Know?**

The meeting will begin at 7:30 and will be held in the Marvin Comisky Conference Center, Blank Rome LLP at One Logan Square (at the corner of 18th and Cherry Streets in Philadelphia). Enter from the 18th Street courtyard behind the Four Seasons Hotel. Finding the entrance is not straightforward, so if you have not been there before, we recommend that you take a look at our [map](http://www.ansp.org/hosted/botany_club/meeting_location.html) at http://www.ansp.org/hosted/botany_club/meeting_location.html

Onc. Carnival Costume 'Best Grown'
John Rogan



AOS Corner

While surfing AOS website for a topic for this month's AOS Corner, I came across a little known project of the, the Species Identification Task Force (SITF) AOS (in full disclosure, I have to admit it is little known by me probably because I am not a judge). SITF is under the supervision of the Judging Committee of the AOS and its mission is to try to improve and simplify the processing of awards, with the goal of ensuring that awarded species are correctly named. Members of the Task Force are not necessarily taxonomic experts but individuals who use reference material to confirm the identity of submitted awards. When the SITF collective expertise and reference collections are not adequate, members of the task force turn to a network of qualified experts.

The discussion on their website goes on to describe that the "task force replaces the previous cumbersome identification and verification procedure, which often involved shipping plant material to a taxonomic expert. The SITF, using today's electronic communications capabilities and readily available high quality digital images, hopes to facilitate the process of identifying awarded plants and to get the process done in a timely manner. Most awarded species do not need a taxonomist for identification, if reference material is available.

When reference material is not available we use taxonomic experts who are willing to give opinions based on digital photographs. Occasionally awards will require in depth investigation by a taxonomic specialist, and SITF coordinates this when it is required." Their webpage also provides links to a

variety of other resources which any orchidist would find interesting to explore. To find out more about the SITF check out their site at <http://www.aosforum.org/sitf> - you should all enjoy exploring this site.

This SITF page on the AOS website is an example of the vast amount of information on the AOS website.

We are in the middle of an exciting show season and I hope you all will try to support the shows in your areas. Some that are on my radar screen for this year will be the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show. AOS will again be putting in an exhibit at this world renowned event. Last year 265,000 attendees visited this show over its 7 days. The theme this year is *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. A committee has been put together and we will be soliciting plant material and volunteers for 'manning' the site. Another show is the Spring Members' Meeting of the AOS. This will be hosted by the Wichita Orchid Society. More information on these two shows (including how to register for the Members' Meeting) will be forthcoming on the AOS website under Events.

Hope you all had a great holiday and New Years.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

Future Regional Orchid Events

January 18, 2012—Mid-Atlantic AOS Judging—Fairmount Park Horticulture Center, 100 N. Horticultural and Montgomery Drs., Philadelphia, PA , 7:00 pm

February 9-12 -Deep Cut Orchid Society Show, Dearborn Market, 2170 Route 35, Homdel Twp., NJ. Contact: Faye Arnett, 4 Nolen Dr., Millstone Twp, NJ 08510; (732) 786-8583; farnett@gmail.com.

February 15, 2012—Mid-Atlantic AOS Judging —Fairmount Park Horticulture Center, 100 N. Horticultural and Montgomery Drs., Philadelphia, PA , 7:00 pm

March 4–11 – Philadelphia International Flower Show—PA Convention Center

March 9-11 - Maryland Orchid Society Show, Maryland Home and Garden Show, Timonium Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD. Contact: William Scharf, 7768 Fulton School Rd., Felton, PA 17322; (410) 456-1794; willworks@hughes.net.

March 30-April 1 – Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.