



Delaware Orchid Society

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Meeting: **Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

Speaker: Steve Beckendorf

Topic: **"Lost and Found Odontoglossums"**

Steve Beckendorf will talk about his trips to an isolated mountain range in Colombia to find two odontoglossum species, *Odm. nevadense* and *Odm. naevium*, that had not been seen in the wild for over 40 years. In addition, there was only one plant of each species in cultivation, and they were self-sterile so it was impossible to propagate them. So it was necessary to go looking for them. The quest involved misleading clues, but also moments of serendipity. In the end, the search was successful; both species have now been rediscovered and are being propagated.



Odontoglossum crispum

Steve started growing orchids in the early 1980s and quickly became fascinated by *Odontoglossums* and their close relatives because of their beauty and variety. They had a glamorous past as the most sought after plants in the orchid frenzy that gripped Europe in the 19th century. In addition, excellent hybrids were available from growers and hybridizers on the West Coast.

He soon realized that few of the species in this group were readily available and began collecting them for propagation and use in hybridizing. His attempt to find unusual or lost species has led to many trips to the cloud forests of Mexico & South America.

Steve currently grows about 50 *Odontoglossum* species and another 30-40 of their relatives, along with lots of odont hybrids and a smattering of other cool growing genera. He is currently the President of the *Odontoglossum* Alliance.

He is passionately involved in orchid conservation and is a member of the AOS Conservation Committee and a director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA).

As a geneticist and developmental biologist at the University of California, Berkeley, Steve has worked on the mechanisms that define tissues and organs in early animal embryos. Because of this background, Steve has been interested in several of the scientific aspects of orchids, including molecular taxonomy and deceptive pollination strategies.

Finally, Steve is a Probationary Judge in the Pacific Central Judging Region. He has numerous AOS awards, including recent CCEs to *Pleurothallis mirabilis* and *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*.

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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

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

OCTOBER 9 DOS GENERAL MEETING

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

OCTOBER 19-21 SESQUEHANA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW —DOS EXHIBIT

PLACE: STAUFFERS AT KISSEL HILL, ROHERSTOWN RD, LANCASTER, PA

NOVEMBER 13 DOS GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPEAKER: Jason Fischer
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



Milt. spectabilis
Barry Woolf—"Best Grown"

AOS Corner

What are the responsibilities of AOS Representatives? It is a requirement for affiliation with AOS that both the society and the AOS Rep be current members of the AOS. The AOS Reps are typically appointed by their society president or society board. The AOS Rep's primary responsibility is to communicate activities of the AOS to their societies. Some Reps keep up to date with the activities of AOS through the monthly magazine *Orchids* or by visiting the website on a regular basis and then pass this information on to the board, newsletter editor or the membership at a meeting. The Reps also can communicate any news or concerns of their society to the AOS through the Affiliated Society Committee at affiliated_societies@aos.org. We suggest they say something about the AOS to the entire membership at each meeting, and make sure there are AOS applications available to their members. If your society's Rep has changed this season, please communicate that change to the AOS.

Call for nominations. The AOS Nominating Committee is accepting applications for consideration as trustees in the American Orchid Society. If you know of someone who would be interested in being considered as Trustee on the Board of Trustees (or if you are interested), forward their information and background (and perhaps any reasons they might be an asset to the Board of Trustees) to the Chair of the Committee, George Hatfield at nominating_committee@aos.org. Contact George as well if you have any questions regarding the requirements or qualifications for a Trustee. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of vetting and ranking nominations received and providing a slate of candidates for election at the Spring AOS Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013.

Celebrate Orchids, Celebrate Life! Portland Orchid Society AOS Members Meeting and Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. A great line up of speakers and vendors are planned. For more information and registration, visit www.portlandorchidsociety.com. The Affiliated Societies will be having their tradition breakfast on Friday morning. This breakfast is the societies' opportunity to discuss their activities, ask questions or get advice of a number of officers and trustees of AOS as well as enjoy the company of each other and talk of our hobby of orchids.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

DOS and Susquehanna Orchid Show

Adrian Ross, Dave Emerson, and Duane Erdmann have volunteered to put an exhibit in the **Susquehanna Orchid Show** on our Society's behalf. The dates for this show in the Lancaster area are October 19-21 with set-up the day before. This is the first time we have exhibited in their show that anyone can remember. We have only asked for a table top exhibit which is about 25 sq. ft. Consequently, we need no more than two dozen nice plants, but we do need about two dozen nice plants. If you have some to display, please contact one of the men to arrange for its/their transportation. You might even consider bringing it/them to the next meeting, October 9, if the blooms will last. Please help our first outing be a beautiful one.





Stanhopea (hernandesii x platyceres)
Mary Jo Gilsdorf—Best Grown



Asco. Avant Gold X (Ascda. Bangkhuntian Gold X Ascda. Fuchs Gold)
Mary Ann Ullmann



Den. Unknown—Harry Kutch



Colm. Wildcat 'Rainbow'
Barry Woolf



Cadetia taylori - Barry Woolf

SEPTEMBER 2012 SHOW TABLE RESULTS

GREENHOUSE

Stanhopea (hernandesii x platyceres) “Best Grown”	Mary Jo Gilsdorf
Den. magnum	Mary Ann Ulmann
Vasco. Pine Rivers ‘Redland Sky’	“
Asco. Avant Gold X (Ascda. Bangkhuntian Gold X Ascda. Fuchs Gold)	“
Asco. James Smith	“
Milt. spectabilis “Best Grown”	Barry Woolf
Cadetia taylori	“
Colm. Wildcat ‘Rainbow’	“
Brasilorchis schunkeana	“
Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn ‘Royal Flare’ AM/AOS	John Rogan
Phal. speciosa	“

NON-GREENHOUSE

Phal. Christina’s Delight	Harry Kutch
Ascda. Pralor ‘Barbara Elmore’ HCC/AOS	“
Den. unknown	“
Pyp. Kalihi	“
Paph. Unknown	Bee & Sol Fenick
Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara	Janice Milheim

Please Note:

Sign up to bring refreshments to a meeting.

Borrow a book from DOS’ growing library. Contact Vicki the day or so before a meeting and tell her what you would like to borrow. A listing of titles is included in this mailing.

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

October 5—8, 2012 **National Capital Orchid Society Show**, Washington, DC “Orchid Jubilee—Celebrating 65 Years

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 17, 2012, **Mid-Atlantic Judging Center** (7:00 pm—10:00 pm), Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Center

October 19-21, 2012, **Susquehanna Orchid Society Show**

October 26—27, 2012, **8th Annual Merritt Huntington Symposium**, Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA. Visit mhsymposium.org for more information.

November 13—18, 2012 **AOS Members and Trustees meeting, Portland, Oregon**. Visit www.portlandoregonsociety.org for information and registration.



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



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