

# NEPOS Notes

Northeastern PA Orchid Society Newsletter  
September 2008

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Meeting Date: **1 pm Sunday,  
September 7, at the firehouse**

### From Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Points South

1. Take I-81 N to Pittston Exit #175 to Rte 315 N
2. Proceed 1 mile on Route 315 N to the 4th traffic light (including light at bottom of I-81 exit) and turn right onto Suscon Road;

### From Scranton, Binghamton and Points North

1. Take I-81 S to Dupont Exit #175-B to Rte 315 N
2. Proceed 1/2 mile on Route 315 N to the 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Suscon Road;
3. Proceed 1/2 mile up Suscon Road and make the first left onto Commerce Road (@Grimes Industrial Park);
4. Proceed 1/2 mile, turn right at sign for Pittston Fire Company

### From Pennsylvania Turnpike, Interstate 476

1. Turnpike to Wyoming Valley Interchange, Pittston exit onto Route 315 North; Follow steps 2-4 above.

Refreshments: Carol and Marie

Upcoming events:

## **\*\*AUGUST—SHOW TABLE WINNERS\*\***

### **Best of Show Table**

Cym. Solar Flare, exhibited by Richard/Jan Jost



### **Second Best of Show Table**

Blc. Dora Louise Capen, exhibited by Greta DeRocher



**Congratulations to the winners.**

**\*\*PREZ SEZ \*\***

I hope you're all enjoying your summer. We didn't have as many members at the August meeting as I would have liked. Those of us that were there enjoyed an educational presentation by Troy on Mounting Orchids. Thanks, Jack, for donating the "test sample" for Troy's use. The auction of the final result netted our society another \$15 or so. As I pointed out at the meeting, we have a reasonable cushion in our treasury now and enough to be looking for new books, special projects, or possible speakers. If you have ideas for new books to add to our library, please let Ruth know. Please bring other ideas to the next meeting.

We spent most of the business meeting on a list of candidate programs for the coming year, the Christmas Party, and the Picnic for 2009. Please see the draft list. I've penciled in candidates for leading some of the programs. At the next meeting, maybe we can get more ideas for programs and more volunteers. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember:** the program will be "What's wrong with this orchid?" Bring your sick plants for Richard's review. Invite your friends who may also be dealing with a struggling plant or two. Let's not waste our opportunity with Richard by only having one or two plants for him to look at. Pick several that you have questions about—maybe one that hasn't bloomed in a year, one that you are not sure needs repotting, one with droopy leaves, whatever. But be sure to bring one that you are prepared to sacrifice to the orchid gods—you know that Richard will have that recommendation readily at hand.

Regards,

Alan

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sep 7	What's wrong with this orchid?	Richard
Oct 5	This Old (Green) House	Jack
Nov 2	Latin Lesson	Alan
Dec 7	Christmas Party—at the Fire Co.	(Nancy getting catering info)
Jan 4	Election of Officers; Diseases, Pests & Killing Them, Fertilizers	Jan (?)
Feb 1	Getting Started in Orchids	TBD
Mar 1	This Old (Green) House	Greta (?)
Apr 5	Invited Expert or Greenhouse?	TBD
May 3	Show of some kind? Orchid clinic for the public?	TBD
Jun 7	Plant sale	
July 5	No Meeting (Picnic moved to Sep 12 when it is cooler)	
Aug 2	What's wrong with this orchid?	Richard
Sep 12	Picnic at Francis Slocum St Park, 1:00	Julie

**\*\*SHOW TABLE \*\***

**August Results  
12 people entered 32 plants**

*Class A*

1<sup>st</sup>: Phal. Chionei Bukalha x Big Rose x Phal. Hawaiian Clouds Lake View, Carol Homisak;  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Phal. violacea var coerulea, Ruth Herman.

*Class C*

1<sup>st</sup>: Milt. Andrea West #1 yellow, Marie Jabyac;  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Tied: Wils. Pacific Perspective Hot Stuff, Milt. regnelli var. citrina, both Greta.

*Class D*

1<sup>st</sup>: Blc. Dora Louise Capen, Greta; 2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Caudebec 'Carmela' x C. Atalanta, R&J

*Class E*

1<sup>st</sup>: Brs. Sheptins Stars, R&J; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brsdm. Fangtastic 'Bob Henley,' Troy Prutzman.

*Class H*

1<sup>st</sup>: Masd. Ted Khoe, Susan Crane;  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Cym. Solar Flare, R&J.

*Class I*

1<sup>st</sup>: Ascocenda Ned Arnold, Henrietta Schneikart; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thrixspermum sp, R&J.

*Class L*

1<sup>st</sup>: Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy', Nancy Sibio; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Oncda. Space Noez (Onc. sphacelatum x Cda. Noezliana), R&J.



**\*\*POINT STANDINGS \*\***

**Points for August**

- Betty Bunnell—10
- Jack Buziuk—72
- Lorraine Cole—5
- Susan Crane—28
- Greta DeRocher—81
- Alan Fenwick—30
- Connie Hathaway—10
- Ruth Herman—42
- Carol Homisak—83
- Marie Jabyac—38
- Joyce Jenkins—18
- Richard and Jan Jost—91
- Beth and Jeff Kasprzak—52
- Ruth Lloyd—20
- Nancy Sibio—43
- Dawn Mortimer—23
- Evelyn Napierski—5
- Jean Nudo—10
- Troy Prutzman—34
- Henrietta Schneikart—44
- Terri Shudak—31
- Marianne Williams—26



**\*\*Food List \*\***

- September—Carol and Marie
- October—Nancy and Betty
- November—Jan and Troy
- December—Christmas party



**\*\*Minutes From June\*\***

Alan Fenwick presided. Meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm. All officers were present, along with 13 members and no guests.

- Secretary's report: No report for July/August
- Treasurer's report: Dawn will try to do a projection of expenses for the coming year by next meeting.
- AOS Rep:
  - o Greta—none
  - o Jack—correspondence from Oakfield Gardens Orchids, 9/26–28. Worth the trip if you can make it.
- Library: Ruth Herman is requesting that any past due books please be returned.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- The quilted tote bag that was generously donated by Betty Bunnell will be the first prize at a special raffle starting now & ending at the December party. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and sold at every meeting until the drawing.
- Hoosier's is going out of business in Oct. 2008. Offering 33% discount for any orders placed online.
- Jan and Richard have 50 Cattleya hybrids coming in.
- Program schedule for next 12 months: Alan made up a list of possible topics for programs. Some dates were discussed and agreed on with volunteer speakers from the group. Some dates are still open to change.
- The Christmas party will be at the hose company with possible catering. Nancy will look into some catering menus and who would deliver.

- The 2009 picnic has been changed from the summer months to Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Francis Slocum State Park at 1:00. Julie will look into reserving a pavilion.
- The club agreed not to participate in a competitive display at the Bloomsburg Fair.
- CPOS (hope I got it right this time!) September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is their orchid auction. Several members will be carpooling down with Alan.
- Refreshment break at 2:10 and voting
- Program: Troy gave a very informative and entertaining program on mounting orchids. He had quite an elaborate setup, but his talk certainly proved out why he brought so many supplies with him. He had a good variety of plants and materials to use. A plant generously donated by Jack was mounted and then raffled off. I believe Jean Nudo was the winner. We certainly would welcome Troy as our speaker anytime. Great job!

**Special note:** Former club member Bill Lumley recently died. The club donated \$25.00 in Bill's name to the Lutheran Church which was forwarded on to the donor association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sibio  
Secretary



### **\*\*Editor's Notes\*\***

I was sorry to miss Troy's presentation on mounting, but something came up at the last minute. Hope he does another presentation soon!



### **\*\*Secretary's Notes\*\***

To all my fellow Orchid Club friends/members: I am very pleased to announce that I have had a change in my name from Nancy McGinty to Nancy Sibio (via divorce).

Regards,  
Nancy

### **\*\*Outing Reports\*\***

The Parkside Orchidfest was held on July 26 & 27 this year. Our orchid club was well represented at the sale. There was the Hawley group with Greta, Ruth H., Dave, and Carol. The Wilkes-Barre group with Jack, Jean and Marie. My group included Susan, Ruth L., Betty, Laurie and myself. Beth and Jeff came down solo (more room for plants!). I'm going strictly on memory here so forgive me if I've left anyone out.

The vendor tent was, of course, full of beautiful orchids; not to mention the five Parkside greenhouses. The crowd wasn't overwhelming so you were able to get up close & personal with the orchids, making it all the more difficult to make a decision and choose your favorites. It seemed that we all just happened to take a lunch break at about the same time so everyone had a chance to take a rest, do some chatting and compare notes.

Judging by everyone sitting with their bags & boxes at the end of the day, waiting to load their cars, it would be a fair assumption to say that we all went over budget on that outing. Susan can't wait to go back to Parkside for the one she hesitated on and now regrets not buying. I think we've all done that.

By Nancy



The annual Orchid Club picnic was held at Jan & Richard's on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Those of us who were able to make it had a wonderful time in spite of the sweltering hot weather. Food was plentiful and delicious with many desserts, my favorite part. And, of course, plenty to drink. It was nice to just relax and have some great conversations with some great friends. Everyone spent much of the time seeking shade and browsing the many

orchids that Richard had for sale. I doubt that anyone left empty-handed.

My grandson Bryce (9 yrs. old) attended and was fascinated by the 5 dogs and many cats. He was even venturing down to the house by himself just to pet the dogs. Bryce was so hot that he got Troy to hose him down during the day. Beth & Jeff came prepared with Beth's big brimmed hat

and an umbrella table. Jeff, who is supposedly not the orchid person, was seen walking the greenhouse with an armful of plants!

Many thanks to Jan & Richard for their hospitality.

By Nancy



### Special December Raffle

The Orchid Club will be holding a special on-going raffle starting at the September 2008 meeting with the drawing to be held at the December 2008 meeting.

1st prize Hand-quilted Tote Bag  
(Donated by Betty Bunnell)

2nd prize Embroidered Towel Set

3rd prize \$10 Wal-Mart Gift Card

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00  
Jean Nudo will be selling tickets at each meeting.

Buy a ticket at every meeting thru December  
and multiply your chance of winning!!  
(Proceeds benefit the Orchid Club General Fund)

