

NEPOS Notes

Northeastern PA Orchid Society Newsletter
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Meeting Date: 1 pm Sunday, October 5, 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: Nancy and Betty

Upcoming events:

SEPTEMBER—SHOW TABLE WINNERS

Best of Show Table

Magic of Mishima 'Volcano Queen', exhibited by Jack Buziuk



Second Best of Show Table

Lc. Amethystoglossa Ann Folis x Blc. Greenwich x Lc. Landate, exhibited by Jan/Richard Jost



Congratulations to the winners.

****PREZ SEZ ****

Welcome to fall everyone. We had a good meeting in September. Thanks to Richard for his help in dealing with our sick orchids. We only pitched a few.

We made progress in completing the program list for the coming year. Jan agreed to handle a program in January on Diseases, Pests (and killing them), and Fertilizer options. Greta agreed to show us how she grows orchids for a "This Old (Green) House for the March meeting.

There is one change in the program. Jack has agreed to switch with me, since I will not be at the November meeting. So, I will give the Latin Lesson program at the October 5th meeting and Jack will show everyone how he grows orchids at the November 2nd meeting.

We agreed to plan for a mini-show/clinic in May. Nancy agreed to lead a team for the project and we had several volunteers. She and her team—Ruth Lloyd, Susan Crane and Mubeen Mohuideen—will give us an update of planning at the October meeting.

We also agreed to have the holiday dinner catered by the Avoca Diner. Please be sure to return your menu form at the October 5 meeting. We need to know who plans on attending the holiday dinner and what your selections are. If you missed the September meeting, please contact Nancy for a menu form.

Finally, congratulations to Greta. Her Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara won Best of Show at the Bloomsburg Fair.

Regards,

Alan

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Program</u> | <u>Leader</u> |
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| Oct 5 | Latin Lesson | Alan |
| Nov 2 | This Old (Green) House | Jack |
| 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 ****

**September Results
12 people entered 32 plants**

Class A

1st: Odcdm. Pacific Skies 'Red Claw', Nancy Sibio; 2nd: Milt. Andrea West #1, Betty Bunnell.

Class B

1st: Lc. (Amethystoglossa Ann Folis) x Blc. Greenwich x Lc. Landate, J&R; 2nd: Pot. Miya's Radiance x Hawaiian Thrill, J&R.

Class C

1st: Milt. Spectabilis Moreliana, Greta DeRocher; 2nd: Dgmra. Hani 'Star of Unicorn' AM/AOS, J&R

Class F

1st: F10 No entry on registration sheet; 2nd: Den. Rinnapa x Jacqueline Concert, J&R.

Class G

1st: Blc. Magic of Mishima ‘Volcano Queen’, Jack; 2nd: Blc. Ronald’s Canyon ‘Temptation’ x Blc American Heritage ‘Tetra’ AM/AOS, J&R.

Class N

1st: Phal. Brother Jaspar, Carol Homisak; 2nd: Phal. Long Pride Treasure, Connie Hathaway.

Class O

1st: Ascocenda Meda Arnold, Alan Fenwick; 2nd: Mkra. Charkuan Pink, Carol.

Class P

1st: Ceratostylis rubra, J&R; 2nd: Habenaria rhodocheila, Betty.



****POINT STANDINGS ****

Points for September

- Betty Bunnell—21
- Jack Buziuk—87
- Lorraine Cole—5
- Susan Crane—33
- Greta DeRocher—91
- Alan Fenwick—40
- Connie Hathaway—18
- Ruth Herman—47
- Carol Homisak—96
- Marie Jabyac—38
- Joyce Jenkins—23
- Richard and Jan Jost—116
- Beth and Jeff Kasprzak—57
- Ruth Lloyd—25
- Julie Manson—5
- Dawn Mortimer—23
- Evelyn Napierski—5
- Jean Nudo—10
- Troy Prutzman—34
- Henrietta Schneikart—54
- Terri Shudak—39
- Nancy Sibio—53
- Marianne Williams—26



****Food List ****

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



****Minutes From September****

Alan Fenwick presided. Meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm. All officers were present, along with 21 members and no guests.

- Secretary’s report: No changes
- Treasurer’s report was given by the Treasurer and accepted.
- AOS Rep: none
- Website: Jan will try to update after Bloomsburg Fair if possible. Linking with other greenhouses in addition to Jungle Paradise was discussed. It was suggested that if any linking was done it would be reasonable to link to only those in the area.
- Library: Located in cabinet. See Ruth Herman to borrow or return books or tapes.
 - o Ruth mentioned that there has been little activity in the library. Please remember, these resources are available to all members at no charge.
 - o Greta suggested purchasing the New Encyclopedia of 800 species for \$59.95. Jan motioned—Laurie seconded.
 - o Jan mentioned that she can order the Orchid Wiz at a special price. It is a database of all registered orchids, genetic parentage, awards, culture, etc. It would be a valuable asset for the club. Possible drawback is that it is on disk. No decision was made.

Old Business:

- Holiday Party was discussed. Avoca Diner will cater. Nancy handed out the menu forms for members to indicate if they will attend or not and to make menu selections. Cost will be between \$7.50 and \$10.00 per person + tax. Beverages to be decided later.

- Julie will make a reservation in mid-October at Francis Slocum State Park for next year's picnic in September.
- Monthly programs were further finalized. October program will be a Latin lesson from Alan. November will be Jack Buziuk on how he grows his orchids.
- Beth brought in the two plants for new members that she has been “plant-sitting” for a few months. It was decided to raffle off the plants.

New Business:

- The topic was introduced of having other local clubs such as garden clubs or the Bonsai Society come to our meeting and do a demonstration and perhaps we could do the same at one of their meetings and possibly generate interest in our club and hopefully get new members. Susan Crane, who is a member of the Bonsai Society, will see if there is any interest in doing something like this.
- A mall show was further discussed with a committee formed comprising of Nancy, Ruth Lloyd, Susan Crane and Mubeen Mohuidden. Committee will give a progress report each month either at the meeting or in the newsletter. Date of show to be determined after the new year since the mall doesn't have their 2009 calendars yet.
- Plant raffle winners: Agnes Reggie and Dawn Mortimer
- Program: What's Wrong With This Plant—Several members brought in plants with various problems ranging from “scale” to “needs repotting” to “pitch-it”. Only two plants got the “pitch-it” verdict. Not bad!

Much thanks to Richard for his expert advice and all members who brought in plants.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sibio
Secretary

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****Editor's Notes****

It seems like the classes in the plant shows have become a little random. Maybe we should make up some new number cards so it's easier to assign numbers to plants, and so we don't run short in some categories.

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****Field Trip Report****

On Saturday, September 27 I took a trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (<http://www.bbg.org/>), in spite of the rainy weather. I'd read in the NY Times that a rare orchid, *Grammatophyllum speciosum*, also called the Tiger Orchid, was in bloom in one of the greenhouses. It was indeed blooming, and was very pretty, although a little hard to see because the plant is hanging about 10 feet in the air over a pond. I estimate the plant was about 8 ft across, in a wooden basket about 2 ft wide. According to the article, it took several people and a crane to repot it.



The Tiger Orchid
© Brooklyn Botanic Garden

In addition to the Gramm, there were several other orchids in bloom—mostly vandas. They were in baskets or mounted, hanging from racks right under the greenhouse roof. Because of the ponds in the greenhouse, the humidity must have

been close to 100%. All the orchids looked very robust and happy, with big, thick roots massing all over. There was even a cymbidium potted in the same manner. Although it wasn't blooming, it looked very healthy.

I also saw several clumps of a Chinese terrestrial orchid—some kind of Bletilla—in the rock garden. Several of the plants had seed pods on them. I wanted to sneak one home, but I was good! No doubt the garden staff will plant them once they've ripened.

The botanic garden is well worth a trip to the Outer Boroughs, whether you're an orchid lover or just a plant person.

Beth



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)

