

# NEPOS Notes

Northeastern PA Orchid Society Newsletter  
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## Meeting Date: 1 pm Sunday, November 2, 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: Jan and Troy

## **\*\*OCTOBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS\*\***

### **Best of Show Table**

Blc. Always Dream 'Yuki', exhibited by Jack Buziuk



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

Milt. Bert Field 'Eileen' HCC/AOS, exhibited by Nancy Sibio

(Sorry, no picture)

**Congratulations to the winners.**

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

I'll miss you all at the November meeting. Mary Beth and I will be on a cruise through the Panama Canal. Please plan to attend the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Marie and Nancy have a number of important topics to discuss. The main item that needs to be resolved is the Holiday Party. Unfortunately, we'll be unable to have the party at Jean's after all, so unless there are other alternatives, we'll have the party at the Fire House

as usual. I would expect that the people who volunteered for the decorations and clean up will still be available.

I'm sorry I'll miss Jack's presentation on how he grows his orchids. I expect it will be very interesting.

After my taxonomy presentation last month, a few of you made the suggestion that perhaps every month, we identify the taxonomy of some of the genera that we usually see. So, I've picked a few from the much longer list that I can print out for anyone that wants it.

Finally, over the past few months, we've run into time problems and we've skipped review of the show tables. I've asked Marie to ensure that it's included as part of the meeting. It's important to discuss all the business items we have, but we all can learn from the show table review, and I think we need to be sure to include it.

**Reminder: Please plan to arrive and set up in time to start the meeting at 1PM.**

See you at the Holiday Party. Happy Thanksgiving.

Regards,

Alan

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

### **October Results 11 people entered 24 plants**

#### *Class A*

1<sup>st</sup>: Den. Ignacious, Marie Jabyac;  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Den. Blue Violetta, Ruth Herman.

#### *Class B*

1<sup>st</sup>: Milt. Bert Field 'Eileen' HCC/AOS, Nancy; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Onc. Sweet Sugar, Marie.

#### *Class L*

1<sup>st</sup>: Blc. Always Dream 'Yuki', Jack; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Blc. Chyong Guu Chaffinch 'Ta-Hsin' AM/AOS, Jack

#### *Class M*

1<sup>st</sup>: Dtps. Black Butterfly Orchis, Joyce Jenkins;  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dtps. Alice's Yasmin, Betty Bunnell.

#### *Class N*

1<sup>st</sup>: Paph. Henrietta Fugiwara, Greta DeRocher;  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice, Greta.

#### *Class O*

1<sup>st</sup>: Neostylis Lou Sneary, Beth Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Masd. Keiko Komoda, Greta.



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

### **Points for November**

Betty Bunnell—29  
Jack Buziuk—105  
Lorraine Cole—5  
Susan Crane—33  
Greta DeRocher—107  
Alan Fenwick—40  
Connie Hathaway—18  
Ruth Herman—55  
Carol Homisak—96  
Marie Jabyac—51  
Joyce Jenkins—33  
Richard and Jan Jost—116  
Beth and Jeff Kasprzak—67  
Ruth Lloyd—30  
Julie Manson—5  
Dawn Mortimer—28  
Evelyn Napierski—5  
Jean Nudo—10  
Troy Prutzman—34  
Henrietta Schneikart—59  
Terri Shudak—39  
Nancy Sibio—66  
Marianne Williams—26



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

- November—Jan and Troy
- December—Christmas party



## **\*\*Minutes From October\*\***

Alan Fenwick presided. Fourteen members and all officers were present. The meeting was called to order at 1:30.

- AOS report (Jack): Oak Hill gardens has new offerings  
Carter and Holmes offer through 11/30—buy 10 plants, get free shipping/ handling. Also, for every 5 plants, get one free (their choice). It was suggested that the members could order plants, pooling the order, and the free plant(s) used for a raffle.
- Library report:
  - Terri generously donated two books to the library. Also, Ruth showed us the newest addition to the collection, an encyclopedia.
  - Greta suggested a purchase of DVDs with orchid slide show—motion was passed.
  - Orchid Wiz—due to the high cost and ongoing subscription, we need to discuss with Jan whether she can get us a discount.

### **Old Business:**

- Members volunteered for setup/cleanup of the holiday party:
  - Setup: Marie, Henrietta, Julie
  - Cleanup: Marie, Beth, Agnes
- The possibility of a mall show was discussed, but there's no new information.
- Julie is still waiting to reserve space at Frances Slocum S.P. for the 2009 picnic.

- Publicity: a group photo from the club's Longwood Gardens trip was published in the *Times Leader*. Marie needs email addresses for any other newspapers members think she should contact.

### **New Business:**

- Julie made a folder for the club to use as handouts, etc. in a tri-fold design. (Well done, Julie!) Betty suggested we see the club charter for "mission statement" information and the like.
- Betty mentioned that club members are invited to participate in a local horticultural society show at the end of June, 2009. It's located in a private home in Wilkes-Barre. Motion was seconded and passed. (Note: the NE Fair is June 23-28 2009)

After the break, Alan presented an interesting program on the Latin names of orchids, and their taxonomy. Alan's "Latin lesson" was very informative, although occasionally confusing (not Alan, the Latin!). It was good to finally know where the naming structure comes from and how it "trickles down." Thanks Alan!

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Sibio  
Secretary



## **\*\*Orchids in the News\*\***

New research offers clues to the origin of orchids. Santiago R. Ramirez of Harvard University wrote in the journal *Nature* that he and his colleagues discovered ancient orchid pollen on the back of an extinct species of stingless bee that had been preserved in amber from the Dominican Republic. Analysis indicated the bee dated to between 15 and 20 million years old. By analyzing the pollen, the team discovered that the most recent common ancestor of orchids dates back to about 80 million years.

Because orchids are composed entirely of soft tissue, and are concentrated in tropical areas where heat and humidity discourage fossilization, scientist haven't found any preserved as fossils.

In fact, many aspects of their evolutionary history remain unknown. This discovery constitutes both the first unambiguous orchid fossil and an unprecedented direct fossil observation of a plant–pollinator interaction.

Although, as the most diverse plant family on earth, it stands to reason

that orchids must have evolved a long time ago, this is the first scientific evidence that allows us to even begin to pinpoint when that divergence might have occurred.

<http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2007/09.13/99-orchid.html>

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