



# Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

Oct 2018

[www.oswp.org](http://www.oswp.org)

## Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER 20th and  
21st  
OSWP Bazaar**

## Looking Ahead

2018 – November 18 Brandon Spannbauer  
Pleone: Terrestrial Orchids  
2018 – December 9 Holiday Party  
Timothy Choltco Sex, Lies, and Orchids.  
2019 - January 20 Thomas Sampliner The Orchids  
of Malaysian Borneo

OSWP meetings are held at the Phipps Garden Center on Shady Avenue and are open to members, their guests and the general public.

Program Calendar is also available at [www.oswp.org](http://www.oswp.org)

### OSWP Officers

**President: Demetria Marsh**

**First Vice President: Lori McDermott & Tim Choltco**

**Second Vice President: Sheila Nathanson**

**Directors: Don Ammon, Mike Lysy, Kim McClelland, John Whiting and April Arroyo**

**Secretary : Lance Chevront**

**Treasurer: Janet Greenberg**

## What's Blooming Now

## Miltoniopsis Lillian Nakamoto

This is one of the best Miltoniopsis for beginners and also one of the more unusual ones for its flowering. Miltoniopsis Lillian Nakamoto is the most tolerant Miltoniopsis for the summer period in Pittsburgh. It's main flowering season is from late January through to April or May.

These pure white flowers with the black eye are an eye catcher and has a nice rose fragrance. You will occasionally see Lillian with a little bit of pink blush above the black eye, this usually occurs if the flowers have developed during the cooler months of the year. As you can see by the photo that was taken in a much cooler conditions.

Miltoniopsis prefers a potting mix that retains moisture between watering but is free draining, as the last thing you want to do is sit a Miltoniopsis in water. Miltoniopsis do very well where their roots are kept cool during the summer months and have plenty of humidity around them, so the pot in pot technique is recommended. Pot in pot is where you place a terracotta pot (larger than your specimen orchid pot) in a tray of water, and then put gravel the inside of the terracotta pot, on which is placed your specimen orchid pot above the water level. The water will evaporate up through the terracotta pot and keep the roots cooler and surrounded by very high humidity, something that Miltoniopsis love.



Photo by Jim Yamber

**President's Letter October 2018**

Happy October!

Thanks to the great work of Jan Greenberg, Sheila Nathanson, Circe Curley and Donna, our printer, the OSWP membership directory is out. Please be sure to pick up a copy at the October meeting. They did a great job. A new feature is a page with contact information for the vendors who support our society. Don't miss it!

Thanks, too, to Nancy Kline, Tim Choltco and Jim Yamber, for talking with people in Cranberry at the Highmark Living Expo. Nancy, Tim and Jim brought their blooming orchids and hand-outs to interest attendees about orchids and the OSWP. Tim and Lance Chevront reprised these roles at the Monroeville Living Expo. Thanks very much!

Jinghua Ou, our new webmaster, would like to take pictures of our Show 'N Tell orchids at our meetings and post them on our OSWP website (www.oswp.org). If you have any thoughts about that, yea or nay, please let me know.

Eventually we may need to find a new place for our monthly meetings when Phipps Garden Center is under construction sometime in 2019. If you have any ideas, please contact me.

Looking forward to our October event: The Orchid Bazaar! Get involved! It's fun, we eat, and there is so much learning that takes place. The end product is the creation of so much beautiful, creative orchid art. Plus . . . there's the Swap 'n Buy. Let Tim know if you'd like to join in the learning and the fun.

Hope to see you on October 20th and 21st at our Orchid Bazaar,

Demetria

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- 2019 - February 17 T.B.A.
- 2019 – March 15-17 O.S.W.P. Spring Show**
- 2019 - April 28 New Members Panel

**Orchid Gems:** By: Norma Raiff October 2018. **Sheila Nathanson**

Do you know this about Sheila? Take the pop quiz by filling in the blanks. Then check them against the answers below!

1. She's a long-time ardent opera fan who traveled to ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) to attend this year's Wagner Festival.
2. She loves dogs and currently has ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) adorable dogs of her own: a Shiba Inu (a small, affectionate Japanese breed considered a natural treasure), a Kai Ken (also a native Japanese breed), a really sweet pug, and her newest addition, a German Shepard puppy affectionately called "Izzie" (short for "Isolde" – as in Tristan and Isolde, a famed three act Wagnerian Opera).
3. She's an avid gardener and her home was recently featured on the ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Garden Tour.
4. She's OSWP's ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and is in charge of ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

Answers:

- 1 = Germany      2 = 4      3 =Pittsburgh Botanic Garden 2018 Town and Country Garden Tour  
4 = Second Vice President; Mini Classes

**How long have you been growing orchids?** Sheila's orchid journey started out as an unplanned venture that grew out of her general love of plants. And as we've probably all experienced, her casual interest eventually morphed into a much more multifaceted involvement. Sheila identifies herself as being a "serious" orchid grower for about 15 years. As her collection thrived and successes mounted, so did her skill and confidence.

**When did you join the society & why?** Sheila's involvement with OSWP began with a visit to our Spring Show. She then traveled down the familiar path of purchasing plants, attending meetings, and in 2010 she became an OSWP member. Sheila credits her current OSWP involvement to the fact that she felt our meetings were informative and, perhaps as importantly, to the friends she made. She eventually became a Pfun at Phipps volunteer. "It was so nice to do hands-on things. It was tailor made for my talents and I so benefitted from it."

And her extracurricular commitments didn't stop there. For the past two years, Sheila has partnered with Gary VanGelder to serve as Co-Chair of the Spring Orchid Show. "The second time was much easier" she recalls, "since I started to know what I was doing." To top it off, Sheila was recently elected to the position of OSWP's second Vice President.

**Current collection and growing environment:** As she admits, "I grow a lot of different types of orchids." As a start-out grower, Sheila tried to grow everything, but now she's "really into dendrobiums." "They're easy to grow and I grow them well, especially the Dendrobium Nobile types. "You can ignore them all winter when they are dormant...they don't bother me...they take a nice rest and then they bloom!"



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Her other favorites include *Cattleya skinneri*, which reliably blooms for her in April, and the beautiful purple-lipped *Miltonia binotii* - a natural *Miltonia* hybrid found in southeastern Brazil. Says Sheila of the latter: "It's simple to grow and I think it smells like cilantro". Her orchids thrive in her greenhouse for most of the year but she summers almost all of them outdoors. And here's where her creativity comes in: her beautiful and extensive back garden has a fenced-off small, to-the-side division: it's her combination orchid growing area and dog run! (In case you're concerned about dog poo-poo, the orchids are on really nice raised black plastic tables which she disassembles and brings back into the greenhouse after the summer.) Other orchids are grown throughout the garden, depending on their specific light needs.

**Funniest/weirdest mistake or experience: Have you ever experienced this?** As a newish grower, Sheila didn't pay too much attention to tool cleanliness. So she didn't clean out her pump sprayer a lot. And all of a sudden she discovered that she was killing a lot of plants. Uh-oh, "The leaves were rotting and covered with fungus." She finally looked in her sprayer and the inside was covered with slime and mold. So this is a cautionary tale: check your water source and its condition!

You might also be interested to know this about me: Sheila, a former nurse, is originally from Rhode Island but moved to Pittsburgh when her husband, Michael, a cardiologist, joined a practice here. They both love gardening and Michael's 40-year-old staghorn fern was one of the highlights of the Botanical Garden Tour. Together they've raised four, now adult, children. Sheila has this to say about our town: "It's a really nice place to live...it's a right-sized city, by which I mean it has everything you might need and so many wonderful things."

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE**

Reminder: The new fiscal year is approaching-07/01/18-06/30/19, and annual dues should be paid by July 1st.

NOTE: Members who joined from March 2018 thru June 2018 are considered paid thru June 30, 2019.

### **Important Notice:**

Effective immediately, because of rising costs, dues for MAILED NEWSLETTERS are increased from \$10 to \$15 additional dues.

### **New annual dues rates for mailed newsletters:**

Individuals \$35

Household \$40.

Dues for emailed newsletters remains the same at \$20 for Individual and \$25 for household.

Checks are payable to OSWP and mailed to Janet Greenberg, 150 Ammons Dr.,

McMurray, PA 15317 or via OSWP website, PayPal link.

## **Chairpersons**

AOS Nancy Kline

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Holiday Party Carolyn Bolton

Hospitality Carolyn Bolton

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Membership Val Robey

Newsletter Jim Yamber

Orchid Show Sheila

Nathanson, Gary Van Gelder

Pfun Nancy Kline

P-OSI Demetria Marsh

Website Jinghua Ou

## Program for our Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21, 2018

# OSWP ORCHID BAZAAR

Calling all orchiholics!!!! In lieu of a typical October Orchid Festival, A MOCK ORCHID SHOW is planned for October 20th and 21st. Like the 2016 Watch-It-Grow Orchid Show, members will be given the opportunity to try their hand with building a tabletop exhibit while teamed with one or more experienced members. During the 2016 event, we had a HUGE overflow table of plants and the exhibits were amazing. This was Mortimer's first appearance as an OSWP regular. We hope to build on that experience!

PLUS we will have a SWAP 'N BUY!

### SATURDAY, October 20th

12-2pm: Bring your blooming orchids for the exhibitors to use in their exhibits and bring in your Swap 'N Buy orchids. It's a special early bird time to sell, buy and trade.

2-5PM: The exhibit teams will work together to build their own tabletop exhibits. Snacks will be served, as always.

### SUNDAY, October 21st

12-2pm: All call for Swap 'N Buy and see the exhibits.

2pm: Our regular meeting will take place. The program will be a discussion of the exhibits.

3:30pm: Refreshments and the final sales for the Swap 'N Buy.

4pm: Exhibit breakdown

### SIGN UP !

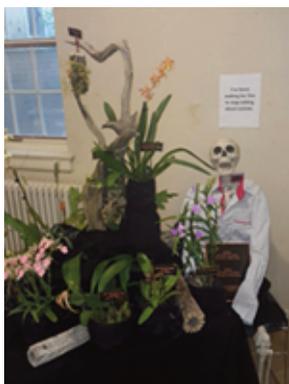
Contact Tim Choltco [harbingerorchids@yahoo.com](mailto:harbingerorchids@yahoo.com) (814-574-2551) to let him know you would like to learn to exhibit or to mentor.

Plants . . . bring your blooming orchids by 2pm on the 20th of October.

Please let Tim know if you have a card table you can bring to the Garden Center on that Saturday.

This is an excellent, no pressure, FUN opportunity for members to be involved in the creative process that is part of our yearly show. Think of this as a practice run for our 2019 March OSWP Orchid Show!

Here are two photographs from the 2016 – O.S.W.P. Orchid Festival. This is what happens when the society pulls together to teach our newer members.



**71st National Capital ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW!**

**Saturday, October 6 through Monday, October 8, 2018**

**at BEHNKE NURSERIES COMPANY,**

**11300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20701**

On Columbus Day weekend, the National Capital Orchid Society will present its 71st annual Orchid Show at the Behnke Nurseries Company FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC! Plan to visit, see thousands of unique orchid plants in bloom, enjoy educational talks, visit our Orchid Doctor to answer questions, visit our Sales Area with 10 top-quality vendors for plant and supply sales, and MUCH MORE! Fall is one of the best blooming seasons for orchids in DC, so come prepared for a wonderful selection of orchids to see and buy! SHOW SCHEDULE:

(Saturday, Oct. 6 through Monday, Oct. 8)

Saturday and Sunday 9 am 5:45 pm Exhibit and sales area open to the public

Monday 9 am 3:00 pm Exhibit and sales area open to the public

**FREE EDUCATIONAL TALKS:**

**Saturday, October 6**

10:00 am Guided Exhibit Tour  
11:00 am Sarah Hurdel Orchids 101 The Basics  
12:30 pm Roddy Gabel Get Comfortable with Slippers  
1:30 pm Guided Exhibit Tour  
2:30 pm Stefanie Jarrell The Dirt on Repotting Orchids

**Sunday, October 7**

10:00 am Guided Exhibit Tour  
11:30 am Ken Meier Choosing the Right Orchid for Your Home  
1:00 pm Guided Exhibit Tour  
2:30 pm Stephanie Jarrell The Dirt on Repotting Orchids

**Monday, October 8**

12:30 pm Gene Schurg Home Orchid Growing The Basics

TEN (10) SHOW VENDORS!

For additional information, contact Louis Ross -- [ncos.dmv@gmail.com](mailto:ncos.dmv@gmail.com)

**Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Board Meeting** 09/16/2018

Attendees •President: Demetria Marsh

Co-First Vice President: Timothy Choltco

Second Vice President and 2019 Show Co-chair: Sheila Nathanson

Treasurer: Janet Greenberg

Secretary: Lance Chevront

Directors: Don Ammon, Kim McClellan, John Whiting, Mike Lysy

Co-Show Chair & Former President: Gary VanGelder

The meeting was called to order at [12:34pm] by Demetria Marsh, President

12:40pm Discussion weighing pros and cons of shortening the 2019 show schedule to three days, points made on both sides.

12:52 Motion was made by Mike Lysy to keep the show at four days. The motion was seconded by Sheila and passed unanimously.

12:55 Demetria opens discussion on asking a suggested donation from visitors at the 2019 show. Pros and cons of different methods of encouraging donations from those attending the show were weighed, but in the end the decision was made to keep the advertising and the show signage stating "Donations Appreciated" During the discussion Janet reviewed the OSWP cash and investment balances.

1:00pm Lance moved to keep the donations request as used in previous years, John seconded. Passed unanimously

1:05pm Gary suggested involving local garden clubs to the 2019 show in the form of a flower arrangement category. This will be looked into and discussed further at a future meeting.

1:11 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lance. Passed unanimously

# 12th Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium

Presented by an alliance of his orchid friends in Virginia

November 2 & 3, 2018

The Founders Inn and Spa

5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA

757-366-5700

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Symposium: Friday, November 2, 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

6:00 PM Buffet Dinner (included in registration), Cash Bar and Plant Sales

7:15 Introduction - Rob Griesbach

7:30 - Linda Thorne – Merritt Huntington, Forever in Our Hearts

8:30 - Panel Discussion

Symposium: Saturday, November 3, 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM

8:45 Introduction - Rob Griesbach

9:00 - Mark Reinke - "Decoding Dendrobium: the Surprising Orchids You Thought You Knew!"

Plants to be entered for AOS Judging by 10:00 AM

10:30 - Sam Tsui - "Multifloral Paphiopedilum and their Culture"

Buffet Lunch (included in registration) and plant sales 12:00- 1:00 PM

1:30 David Off – “You Bred What?”

2:15 - Linda Wilhelm – The Real Miltonias

3:15 - Judging Awards Presentation

## VENDORS:

Waldor Orchids - [www.waldor.com](http://www.waldor.com)

Orchid Inn - [www.orchidinnusa.com](http://www.orchidinnusa.com)

Marble Branch Farms - [www.marblebranchfarms.com](http://www.marblebranchfarms.com)

Seagrove Orchids - [www.seagroveorchids.com](http://www.seagroveorchids.com)

Woodland Orchids - [www.woodlandorchids.com](http://www.woodlandorchids.com)

Orchid Classics - <https://www.facebook.com/orchidclassics/>

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Combination(\$75) \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Huntington Memorial Symposium

Return to: Joanne Bryan, 932 Darby Rd, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

\*For additional information and Online registration go to: [www.mhsymposium.org](http://www.mhsymposium.org)

The Founders Inn and Spa rate for Huntington Symposium: \$99 Plus Tax

## NEW LOCATION FOR 2019 OSWP ORCHID SHOW

As much as most of us do not like changes, sometimes they are handed to us. The need to find an alternative location for our annual spring show is one of those changes. We were unable to secure a firm commitment from the Garden Center for our 2019 show due to their plans to renovate that property. This required exploring alternative options.

Our thanks goes out to all the members who offered suggestions. Our thanks especially goes out to the team of diligent members who researched the suggested alternative venues, and many many more. After extensive weighing pros and cons of all options, the search team, the OSWP board, and show chairs decided Artsmiths Gallery in the South Hills made the most sense to host our 2019 spring show.

This facility is a recently renovated former hardware store, and is located at 1635 McFarland Rd, Pgh, 15216. It is approximately five minutes from the Ft Pitt Tunnels. It boasts plenty of free parking, 2 spacious downstairs gallery spaces, a classroom, and an upstairs cafe. There are several accessible restrooms, and an elevator. It is a lovely facility to host our show, and it will not require navigating side streets in an unfamiliar section of town.

This is a big change for the society, but if we have all hands on deck we will have a successful show. When those volunteer clipboards start getting passed around, don't be shy about getting involved. It takes us all, working together, to run a great show.

We are sure there will be unforeseen challenges to this 2019 show, but we know our members will pull together to make it a great success.

### Orchid Digest's

I was notified that the Orchid Digest's last issue this year is a Paphiopedilum Issue with a new checklist and covering all the newly discovered paphs. I have been told that it is their largest effort to date at over 110 pages, and I expect it will be worth keeping in your library. It will sell individually at \$40.

If you do not already belong, now is the time for you to go online at [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org) and enroll for a membership. The deadline is December 1, 2018; after that you will have to buy an individual copy of this special paph issue. The whole year is only \$39! You cannot beat this deal to get it as part of your membership.

Barbara Tisherman



## **Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Membership Information DUES: 07/01/18-06/30/19**

The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania (OSWP) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving orchid enthusiasts. Our purpose is to stimulate interest in the exchange of information about the culture, conservation, and exhibition of orchids. Membership is open to everyone, whether they grow orchids or just want to learn more. Visit us at [www.oswp.org](http://www.oswp.org)

### OSWP Membership Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse/other family member \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues calculation: (check all that apply)

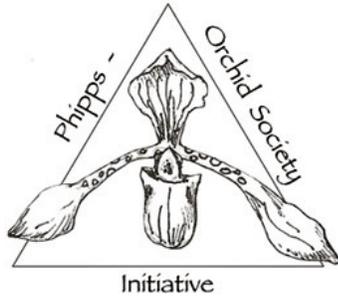
Individual Membership \$20

Household Membership \$25

Additional fee for paper newsletter: \$15

Total dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to OSWP

Or PayPal, via OSWP.org, Dues PayPal link,  
Or PayPal, using email address: [OSWPtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:OSWPtreasurer@gmail.com)  
PayPal-Please click on "Friends and Family" or fee assessed OSWP  
Mail your completed form/check to:  
Janet Greenberg, 150 Ammons Dr., McMurray, PA 15317



# P-OSI

A joint initiative between Phipps Conservatory and the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania to create and cultivate an orchid collection of note for enjoyment, education and research.

October 2018

After completing the Phipps physical orchid inventory, we are on hold for a bit.

When the set-up for the Phipps Fall Show is completed, Katie and company will work on getting the inventory in the database. Then the P-OSI leaders can see what is needed to help make the collection super special. If you have ideas, let us know.

If you'd like to be a part of this phenomenal team effort, contact us! We'd love to have you for Pfun and P-OSI! It's a wonderful learning experience for all of us, a great way to give back to the community and to help make Pittsburgh someplace even more special.

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## **Pfun at Phipps in September**

We have only one potting date for October, Thursday the 25th. Looking for 3 volunteers to work at 9:30 until about 12:30 or so. We have had only one date the past 2 months as Katie is working on the Fall Show. Should return to our normal 2 dates soon. There are name tags in a box in the beige cabinet in GH 1. Please take one and add your name. These can be taken home and used when you return. Also helpful in the cafe or the gift shop when you request your 20% discount.

We also have some of our orange 'Volunteer Parking Permits' in that same box in that cabinet. Take one if you need one. As always, contact me if you are available. We begin typical Pfun work at 9:30 and finish around 12:30. Lunch at the Cafe is always an option. If you are working at any other time than Pfun, please let me know your hours. These figures are reported to Phipps' volunteer coordinator and they help both OSWP and Phipps. If you have begun working with Katie in the greenhouses, you can contact her with your availability. Katie would love to hear from you if you have the time, she may have an opportunity for you: [kschuller@phipps.conservatory.org](mailto:kschuller@phipps.conservatory.org)

If you have any questions, email me at [nancyk412@gmail.com](mailto:nancyk412@gmail.com) or call 412-367-1556.

Thanks for your help.

Nancy Kline



## **Mini-Classes**

No Mini Class this Month



Orchid Society of Western  
Pennsylvania

First Class Mail

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the propagation, horticulture and  
preservation of orchid species and  
hybrids through research, education  
and scientific endeavors

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**Upcoming 2018 speakers**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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October 20 and 21, 2018  
**OSWP Bazaar**

More to come for the future programs for 2018 and 2019



**WANTED**

THE AMERICAN ORCHID  
SOCIETY JUDGING PROGRAM  
IS SEEKING HIGHLY  
MOTIVATED ORCHID  
ENTHUSIASTS TO JOIN THE  
JUDGING RANKS.  
TEAMWORK, WILLINGNESS  
TO LEARN AND ENTHUSIASM  
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