

**THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL
ORCHID SHOW
A Celebration of Orchids**

The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania (OSWP) will hold its annual orchid show on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 10 AM to 4 PM. The show will be held at the Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Avenue (Fifth and Shady). The show is open to the public and admission is free. Voluntary donations at the door are greatly appreciated.

This year's theme, A Celebration of Orchids, captures the amazing variety, beauty, and quantity of the orchids displayed in our show. Visitors will be inspired as they view the varied exhibits displaying hundreds of blooming orchids at their finest. Society volunteers and expert orchid growers will be on hand to answer questions about orchid cultivation, and free educational seminars will be held throughout both days of the show. In addition, an hourly raffle of plants and orchid- related items will be held.

One of the most popular features of our show is the Sales Area, where you may purchase orchids from a wide range of vendors brought in from all over the eastern United States. Many plants are perfect for the casual grower, and there is also a large selection of rare and unusual orchids.

We will again feature the Repotting Table. Visitors to the show will watch and learn as their orchid plant is repotted by an OSWP member. For pots under 6 inches, the cost for repotting is \$5. for larger specimens will be determined on a case-by-case basis. There is a limit of 2 pots per customer. Cost Members staffing the table are happy to provide recovery suggestions for plants that are not thriving.

Photographer's Opportunity: Sunday 9 AM to 10 AM, before the show opens to the public so that there will be clear access to the exhibits.

The orchid show is part of OSWP's educational mission and is always well attended. For more information about the orchid show, orchids, and the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania, visit www.oswp.org. For show-related questions, contact Gary VanGelder (412-638-9756) or Sheila Nathanson (412-343-9457).