

Pinelands Orchid Society

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P.O. Box 954, Voorhees, NJ 08043 December 2004

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 7:30pm at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill. The meeting will be our annual Covered Dish Dinner. Please bring a main dish, a side dish or a dessert. If you did not sign up at the last meeting, please call Marge Felton to coordinate your dish. Please remember, there is *very limited* oven space at the fire hall, so try to bring your hot dish in something that will keep it warm. There are a few outlets near the buffet table for crockpots. If you can come early to help with set up, please let Marge know. She can be reached at 856-816-1006. The club will provide soft drinks and coffee.

Traditionally we have an expanded raffle or even a mini-auction at the December meeting. If you have any healthy, pest free plants you would like to donate, please bring them along.

Also, we will have our regular Show Table.

As we move into the winter months, more orchids are blooming, so don't be shy about sharing your plants with the rest of the club.

Remember, it's all about learning together!

We will be publishing our membership list and the results of the surveys in the next newsletter. If for some reason you have not paid your dues, please see Valerie at the December meeting.

South Jersey Orchid Society is holding their annual Holiday Banquet on Saturday December 4 at the Wyndham Mount Laurel hotel. The speaker will be Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, and he will speak about the Search for *Kovachii*, the new phragmipedium species. There is a registration form attached. The cost for non-

South Jersey OS members is \$40.00. Please contact Barbara Inglessis at 856-722-0393 for availability and your entree choice

In the coming months, several local vendors will be having sales. Parkside will hold their 12th Anniversary Sale November 26-28. Waldor Orchids, in Linwood, NJ, will hold their Holiday Sale December 3-4. And in the New Year, Silva Orchids, of Neptune, NJ, will hold their 17th Annual Open House January 27-30.

Please take a moment to check out our website. The address is at the top of the newsletter. Member John DeGood has done a terrific job, and he updates the site each month with pictures from the meetings and the new newsletter. It has information about the club, past newsletters, and links to other orchid sites. Check it out, and enjoy!

Each month during the year, the MidAtlantic Judging Center meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park. The meeting begins at 7:00.

Plants are judged, and often there is a slide show of recent awards. Going to the meetings is a great way to see the best new breeding and unusual species.

Bob Taylor has become the regional distributor for Aussie Gold, a potting medium for orchids. It is based on diatomite, which does not break down like bark or moss. He will have bags for sale at the meeting. For more information, you can go to the Aussie Gold website at www.aussie-gold.com Or call Bob at 609-859-2181.

HELP WANTED:The club is looking for someone to take over the Newsletter Editor job. Computer and desktop publishing knowledge are helpful. If you are interested, please see Valerie at the meeting, or call her at 856-985-0187.

Events

November 26-28, 2004 Parkside Orchid Nursery 12th Anniversary Sale.

December 3-4, 2004 Waldor Orchids Holiday Sale, Linwood NJ Ph. 609-927-4126.

December 7, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society Holiday Covered Dish 7:30 pm at the Woodland Fire Co, Cherry Hill, NJ.

January 27-30, 2005 Silva Orchids 17th Annual Open House Neptune, NJ Ph. 732-922-2635

February 10-13, 2005 SEPOS Show and Sale, King of Prussia Mall

March 6-13, 2005 Philadelphia Flower Show

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