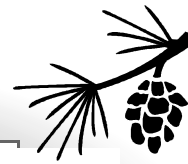


December 2005



## Pinelands Orchid Society

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### From the Officers & Trustees

Thank you to our members who arrived early at the November 1st meeting to help assemble the show tables, set up the chairs, and place their orchids in the correct classes for judging. This enabled the meeting to start and end in a timely manner which we all appreciated!

As the holidays and new year approach, your Officers and Trustees are busy planning the society's activities for 2006. A Committee has been formed to plan for our display in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society's Show & Sale in February. Now is the time to start preparing your orchids for the show!

Begin by identifying which of your orchids may be candidates for the exhibit and start grooming the leaves of the plants now. Look at your plants as though you are the judge. Remove all visible dead material and brown leaf tips. A soft cloth with a bit of lemon juice or milk helps to remove those water and fertilizer spots. For plants with emerging inflorescences, resist the temptation to move or change their positions relative to the light source so that the flowers will be facing the same direction. Be ready to gently tie the inflorescence to a stake to direct its growth in the most attractive orientation. At January's meeting and in our January newsletter, we will let you know how to prepare and submit your list of plants to the Show Committee so that labels can be prepared for our exhibit. The Show Committee welcomes your involvement in this show. There are lots of small assignments that one or two people can do that would help us and enable you to participate in your society's exhibit. Let Mike Scott, our SEPOS Show Chairman, know that you are interested and come out for a singular orchid experience!

Also on our list of things to do this year is the expansion of our monthly newsletter to include educational articles, a classified ads section for members wishing to sell/trade/give away orchid-related items, and travelogues submitted by members who have visited orchid nurseries or orchid shows in other parts of the country (or world!). In this issue, we present the debut of *On the Orchid Trail*, and we encourage you to submit your own articles for all of us to enjoy. We welcome your ideas and suggestions and look forward to working with you in the coming year!



#### \* Announcements \*

- For our newer members as well as our veterans, please take a moment to read the **Show Table Rules** that we have included in this issue of the newsletter. As you place your plants on the Show Table, let the Show Table Committee know if you have any questions.
- Copies of our **2005-2006 Membership List** will be available at the December meeting. Please take one and let Valerie Oldham know if there are any additions or corrections

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## Our Special Event for December: Our Annual Holiday Covered Dish Buffet



Come one, come all to our annual **Holiday Covered Dish Party** on Tuesday, December 6! The sign-up sheets were passed around at November's meeting. If you missed the meeting or didn't sign up at that time, please call or e-mail Christine and let her know what you will be bringing to the party. Set up begins at 6:00 p.m. **We need a few more hands** to help assemble the dining tables and chairs, so please come early if you can!

There is no speaker at December's meeting, but we do have Show Table. Remember: Show Table plants, along with their completed Show Table slips, must be on the Show Tables by 7:30 sharp in order to be eligible for judging.

## Reminder

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be: Tuesday, **December 6, 2005**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodland Fire Co. Hall, 524 Beechwood Ave. (off Chapel Ave. and Route 38) in Cherry Hill, NJ.

**We start setting up at 6:00 p.m.  
Come and help if you can!**



1. Agrosun Sunburst Light System: 20" x 16" x 6" Hanging Fixture with new 250-watt bulb, \$150.00.
2. Mylar—48" x 6' roll, new, \$20.00.
3. Humidi-Grow Trays—4 brown plastic 29" x 13", \$10.00 each.

Call Joan Biddle 856-235-2555

### Newsletter Submissions Deadline—December 15

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## The Orchid Calendar



- **Tuesday, December 6, 2005:** Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting. This is our annual **Holiday Covered Dish Party**. Come early to help us set up this festive event!
- **Friday & Saturday, December 9—10, 2005:** Waldor Orchids' Annual Holiday Sale. See web site for details and directions: [www.waldor.com](http://www.waldor.com).
- **Wednesday, December 21, 2005:** AOS Regional Judging, Mid-Atlantic Judging Center, Horticultural Center, No. Horticultural Drive & Montgomery Drive, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, at 7:00 p.m.
- **January 26-29, 2006**—Silva Orchids 18th Annual Open House, 635 Wayside Rd., Neptune N.J. 07753, 732-922-2635.
- **January 31, 2006**—Pre-entry deadline for Horticulture Classes (including orchids) in the 2006 Philadelphia Flower Show. *Beginner's Guide to Entering the Horticulture Classes* and Entry Form are available at [www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com).



Blc. George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS  
1st Prize—Maurice Marietti



C. Portiata 'Nellie' AM/AOS  
1st Prize—Kathleen Harvey



Paph. Mint Chocolate  
1st Prize—Frank Heiler

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Cycd. 'Wine Delight'  
2nd Prize—Donna Boyle



Dend. Mini Salaya  
1st Prize—Bob Bookbinder



Neost. Lou Sneary  
1st Prize—Christine Jacoby

## On the Orchid Trail—A Visit to **The Hollow, Orchids & Herbs**

There is a file on my desk marked *Orchid Nurseries To Visit*, and in that file is a clipping from the AOS *Orchids* magazine for **The Hollow Orchids & Herbs** located in Ithaca, New York. Just my luck, I was traveling to visit my son, a college student, just around the corner from **The Hollow**. This would be my chance for a side trip if Joane Molenock, the owner of **The Hollow**, would have me; she is open for visitors by appointment during the spring blooming season, and here it was, October, with little in bloom. No matter. I love the orchids that she specializes in – equitant oncidiums – and she agreed to have me visit. Perhaps I would discover some clues as to why so many of them have met their demise under my care.

True miniatures, only about three inches high with flowers in a wide variety of colors, the equitant oncidiums have recently been reclassified in their own genus, *Tolumnia*, (*Tolu.*), and crosses with *Rodriguezia* are now called *Rodrumnia* (*Rodr.*). What separates *tolumnias* from the other oncidiums is not their size, but the fact that they lack pseudobulbs. The term "equitant" means that leaves stand inside of each other in two ranks in a strongly compressed fan.

Joane grows her plants in a south-facing 60 x 20 greenhouse and pollinated her first equitants in the mid-1980s. She explains on her web site ([www.theholloworchids.com](http://www.theholloworchids.com)) that "I grow *tolumnias* in upstate New York, which is about as much a contrast to their native Caribbean area as one could imagine."



I expected to see her plants mounted and suspended high in the greenhouse in order to obtain the best exposure for her AOS award-winning flowers, but here they were neatly potted and sitting on ordinary benches, tagged with numbers that indicate the reciprocal crosses she has made, such as *Rdcm. Elite x Tolu.* *Sundown Reef HCC/AOS 'The Hollow'*, and *Tolu. Maple Dancer 'The Hollow' AM/AOS x (Rdcm. Spicely x Tolu. Orchidom My Gold)*. The latter came home with me along with several others I could not resist.

The culture I observed in her greenhouse is outlined on **The Hollow's** web site and includes: a potting medium consisting of coconut chips (washed several times), sponge rock, and a little sphagnum; a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20), since, in the dim Northern conditions of Ithaca, the higher nitrogen types provide for more green growth rather than blooms; collected rain water applied to seedlings daily and potted plants every third day; and intermediate temperatures. In nature, *tolumnias* grow on the outer branches of trees where they receive ample sunshine and free air movement. In this habitat, the plants dry off quickly after dew or rain. Soft rot kills plants quickly. This is probably caused by water being held in the 'fan' of the leaves. Over watering of potted plants is to be avoided, but mounted plants can be misted daily. The results of good culture is apparent in this photo of Joane's greenhouse in spring—lots of gorgeous 'dancing ladies' that seem to float above the leaves like tiny butterflies on 8 to 15-inch inflorescences.

As my visit to **The Hollow** came to an end (my son on the cell phone saying "Mom... where are you?"), I didn't have the chance to hear Joane elaborate on two other points of culture that intrigued me – her use of predatory insects for control of orchid pests (nearby Cornell University's School of Agriculture provides information on this\*), and a statement on her web site that "A Hawaiian orchid grower told me that orchids need music." Joane plays Beethoven and Mozart, so I wonder how my new *tolumnias* will adapt to the likes of Miles Davis and Ray Charles. We should know in the spring when they are blooming in time, I hope, for our society's annual auction and I shall have to part with some of them.

In the meantime, do put **The Hollow** on your list of orchid nurseries to visit in upstate New York, and you can see Joane Molenock's dancing ladies at the Genesee Regional Orchid Society Show and Sale in Rochester, New York, on April 26-27, 2006.

- Christine Jacoby

Internet sites related to *tolumnias*:

[www.orchidlady.com/orchidgarden/2001-09/index.html](http://www.orchidlady.com/orchidgarden/2001-09/index.html)  
[www.bellaonline.com/articles/art30279.asp](http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art30279.asp)  
[www.nepenthes.com/equicare.htm](http://www.nepenthes.com/equicare.htm)

\*[www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/biocontrol](http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/biocontrol)

EQUITANT  
ONCIDIUMS  
(*Tolumnias* &  
*Rodrumnias*)

SEEDLINGS  
MATURE  
PLANTS

SEASONAL  
LIST

THE HOLLOW, ORCHIDS & HERBS  
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*Tolu. Sundown Reef*  
'The Hollow'  
HCC/AOS

# Pinelands Orchid Society Show Table Rules

At each regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society, there will be a Show Table on which members may display plants. The Show Table will be judged by the Show Table Committee and individuals selected from the general membership. Plants will be judged according to the following classes and rules:

## Competitive Classes:

Cattleya	Cattleya-miniature	Cymbidium	Dendrobium
Oncidium Alliance	Paphiopedilum	Phalaenopsis	Phragmipedium
Vanda	Misc. Species	Misc. Hybrids	Arrangement
Artistic	Novice		

The Arrangement class includes arrangements of orchid plants or cut orchid flowers.

The Artistic Class includes orchid-related artwork.

The Novice class is open to those members who have been growing for three years or less, or who have won less than five blue ribbons or 15 points on the show table. When a member reaches 15 points, he or she may no longer participate in the Novice class.

There is also a non-competitive Open class for recently purchased plants and for those who wish to exhibit their plants without competing.

Plants will be further separated by growing conditions. Blue Show Table slips indicate a windowsill grower, and white indicate a greenhouse grower.

## Rules:

- All plants to be judged must be registered and on the Show Table by the start of the meeting (7:30 p.m.).
- Registration slips must be complete and legible and must be the standard form supplied by the club.
- Dues must be paid before a member can exhibit.
- Plants must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months to be entered in the competitive classes.
- Once a plant receives an award, the same plant may not be re-entered into the competitive classes unless it has a new inflorescence.
- Plants must be free of disease and pests.
- In each competitive class, judges may award any number of plants, including none, based upon individual merit.
- Classes may be combined or separated at the discretion of the judges, depending upon the quantity of available plants on any one night.

## Recognition:

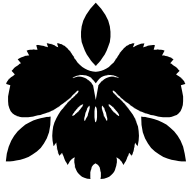
- Winners will be announced during the Show Table critique and in the following month's newsletter.
- Members with the highest overall point totals during the period of September through June will receive awards at the June meeting.

## Ribbons and Points:

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| • Special Award (Purple Rosette)   | 10 Points |
| • First Place (Blue Ribbon)        | 3 Points  |
| • Second Place (Red Ribbon)        | 2 Points  |
| • Third Place (White Ribbon)       | 1 Point   |
| • Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon) | ½ Point   |

## Exhibition in Shows:

To encourage members to contribute plants to be used in Pinelands Orchid Society displays, two points will be awarded for each plant used in a display. In addition, if a plant is awarded a ribbon at a show, the exhibitor will receive the standard number of points for the ribbon. We currently participate in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show and the Philadelphia Flower Show. POS does not enter an exhibit in the Philadelphia Flower Show, but members will receive two points for each plant entered in the competitive classes.



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