

February 2012

Pinelands Orchid Society

<http://www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org>

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President's Message

The Philadelphia International Flower Show is fast approaching! Bayard Saraduke will share his expertise at staking and grooming at our February meeting, so all of our plants look like award winners at the Show! Earlier this month Bayard, Maurice Marietti, Ty Triplett, and I installed an exhibit at the PHS library in Philadelphia. It was a pleasure to watch Bayard as he tied and clipped and groomed the plants. If you happen to be in Philadelphia near the PHS Library at 20th and Arch Streets, stop in and check out the display of orchids from local clubs and growers. It will be there until February 9th.

As for the Flower Show, even if you don't have plants to exhibit, you can still get involved. We always need people to help with the entering and passing process for exhibitors. Talk to Christine Jacoby if you are interested, there are several days available.

The weather has not been terribly cold this year, and the sun is getting stronger. Be sure to keep an eye on your orchids close to the glass so they don't burn. Be careful not to turn plants in spike and bud, or you could have the flowers twist toward the light and ruin the presentation. If you are a *phal* grower, you should be enjoying them as they open now. Don't forget to fertilize blooming plants—they are working very hard! I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

Valerie

Monthly Meeting—February 7th, 2012

The next meeting of Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th** at Medford Leas, 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055

If your last name begins with the letters **A** through **F** Please bring a snack to share. The society will provide Hot and cold beverages.



Doors will open to accept Show Table Plants at 7:00 p.m.

Please Remember:

Show Table plants, along with their completed Show Table slips, must be on the Show Tables by **7:30 p.m. sharp** in order to be eligible for judging!

Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting and Announcements
7:45	Refreshments and Social Time!
8:00	Program Presentation
8:45	Show Table Critique

The Orchid Calendar

Enchanting Orchids: A PHS Plant Exhibition

January 23 – February 10, 2012

PHS McLean Library

Enchanting Orchids will be on view in the PHS McLean Library from January 23 through February 10 (Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm). The exhibit will present a wide array of stunning orchids, from easy-to-grow *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilums* to exotic *Oncidium* and *Cattleya* varieties. There will also be special orchid sale in the Library on February 9. See Page 3 of this newsletter for more information and a schedule of lectures and workshops.

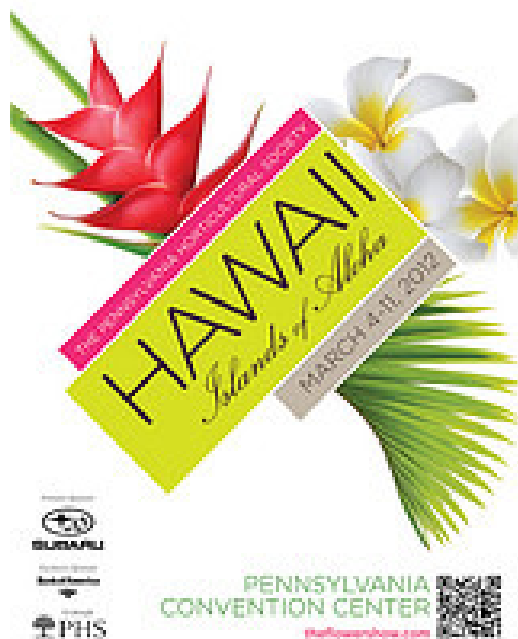


- **January 20 through March 25—Orchid Extravaganza at Longwood Gardens**—Escape the cold of winter during Orchid Extravaganza. Explore a magical world of orchids where thousands of colorful blooms drape from walls, flow from baskets, and form captivating archways in artful displays. Wander through our grand four-acre Conservatory where every day is a spring day.

New to Orchid Extravaganza: Taking inspiration from our Conservatory's arching windows, this year's Orchid Extravaganza features a new 13-foot living arch. Stand beneath this artful curved structure of 350 white *Phalaenopsis* and you'll feel your eyes drawn toward the violet orchid orbs suspended above the Exhibition Hall. Another new element of our orchid display, each of our six vibrant orbs features 120 orchids.

- **Tuesday, January 31st—Last day to register online or by mail** for entries in the Competitive Classes of the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show. Any questions about online/mail registration? Call Christine Jacoby by phone 609-220-3210.
- **Saturday, February 4th**—Shop at **Meadowbrook Farm** on February 4th to enjoy fabulous savings on tropical plants for your home. Choose from a selection of amazing orchids, beautiful begonias, unusual cacti & succulents, cool carnivorous plants, and more! Save 20% on all indoor plants (PHS members save 30%). One day only!

2012 PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL
FLOWER SHOW



- **Tuesday, February 7th—Pinelands Orchid Society's** monthly meeting at Medford Leas Continuing Care Retirement Community. Program: **Just in Time for Show Season! — Grooming & Staking Clinic.** Using some of his own plants, as well as plants brought in by members, Bayard Saraduke will lead tonight's program focusing on preparing your plants to look their best on the show table.
- **Thursday, February 9th—Sunday, February 12th—Deep Cut Orchid Society's Winter Show** at Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ. See Page 4 of this newsletter for more information. Don't miss it. . .it's a great day and well worth the trip!
- **March 4th through 11th—2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show: Hawaii—Islands of Aloha.** Visit <http://theflowershow.com> for more information.
- **March 23rd through 25th—International Orchid Show & Sale at Longwood Gardens.** Enter a world of dazzling orchids showcased by the best collectors and growers from Hawaii to South America. Stunning exhibits fill the Conservatory and a wide array of orchids are for sale. Enjoy the American Orchid Society-judged show, guided tours, informative talks and a sales pavilion like no other. Sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS).

Enchanting Orchids: A PHS Plant Exhibition will open on January 23 and run through February 10, 2012. Admission is free.

Are there any flowers more passionate and mysterious than orchids? Part of the world's largest family of plants, orchids can be found all over the planet, from steamy jungle habitats to cold mountainous regions. Hawaii in particular is known for its gorgeous orchids.

The *Enchanting Orchids* exhibition will present a wide array of plants, from easy-to-grow *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilums* to exotic *Oncidium* and *Cattleya* varieties. These stunning plants, grown by Flower Show experts from the Pinelands Orchid Society, will warm up a cold winter's day and give everyone fresh ideas for growing orchids at home. The exhibition will also get you in the mood for the [2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show Hawaii: Islands of Aloha](#). (By the way, you can purchase Flower Show tickets in the Library.)

One myth is that orchids are fussy and difficult to grow, but as you'll learn at this exhibition, many are quite happy as houseplants and will re-bloom for years on end. During the run of *Enchanting Orchids*, PHS will offer lectures and workshops by orchid experts in the McLean Library, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103:



Orchids of Ecuador Wednesday, January 25 6:00-7:00 pm

Did you know that orchids are very common in Ecuador? And while 4,000 species are already classified botanically, many more await official recognition. Join us as Flower Show exhibitor and orchid hobbyist Maurice Marietti tells us all about South American orchids. Orchids grow in all ecosystems, but the majority are found in the humid cloud forest and rain forests of the country. You can find them growing on trees, on rocks, or rooted in the soil.

Orchids: Not Your Ordinary Flower Wednesday, February 1 6:00-7:00 pm

PHS staffer Grace Asperin will give a brief introduction to orchids, explaining what sets them apart. She will discuss different genera and their distinguishing physiological qualities. Basic orchid care (watering, fertilizing, re-potting, etc.) will also be discussed.

PHS Plant Clinic: How to Re-Pot a *Phalaenopsis* Wednesday, February 8 6:00-7:00 pm

Orchids are the second largest potted plant crop in America. Chances are, if you're buying an orchid, it's a *Phalaenopsis*, also known as the moth orchid. Valerie Oldham will give a seminar on how to re-pot *Phalaenopsis*, so you can enjoy your orchid for many years to come. Valerie is a PHS member and active in the orchid community.

Indoor Orchid Photography—Tips & Tricks! Thursday, February 9 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

Join *Green Scene* editor Pete Prown as he discusses tips for taking photos of flowers indoors, using both natural, flash, and reflected light. He'll also talk about close-up macro techniques and working with "what you got"—making the most of the lights, elements, and backgrounds available.

Tropical Plant Sale Thursday, February 9 9:00 am-8:00 pm

On the penultimate day of the exhibit, purchase exquisite orchids to add life and color to your home. There's no better way to get excited for March's Flower Show — *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha!*

Questions? Call 215-988-8800.

National Capital Orchid Society

34th Annual

Orchid Auction



Saturday, **February 11th**, 2012 ~ 11AM to 4PM
Bidder Preview: 10:00am

Behnke Nurseries Co.
11300 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville MD, 20705
301-937-1100

Free Admission
Lots of very rare and unusual orchids.
This is one of the largest Orchid Auctions
in the country.
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A Note from the Newsletter Editor

Please be sure to inform our society Secretary/
Treasurer, John DeGood, of any changes in your name, address, telephone number, or email address. Monthly newsletters and society announcements are sent each month to email addresses only, so it is very important for us to have your correct email address!

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* Driving directions to Medford Leas Continuing Care Retirement Community can be found on their web site: www.MedfordLeas.org

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If you know of any member who would appreciate receiving a "get well" note or condolence card during the year, please let Anita McGann know.

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**Annual Show and Sale
Dearborn Market
Holmdel, New Jersey**

February 9–12, 2012



Held in Dearborn Market's 10,000 square foot greenhouse, the Deep Cut Orchid Society Winter Show is the largest orchid show and sale in New Jersey. It is an AOS sanctioned show and hosts many displays from orchid societies and professional growers from the area. This is the time of year when orchids are at the blooming peak and you will see hundreds of beautiful orchids covering a wide variety of orchid genera. And it's **Free!!** There will be free group guided tours throughout the week, and information on growing orchids. The show also includes a large sales area of the growers attending the show.

It is nice to brighten up a dreary February day with the sights and smells of beautiful and colorful orchids.
Ample parking and food on the premises.

**For more information, visit www.deepcutorchids.com
or call Dearborn Market at 732-264-0256**



AOS Corner

Lynn Fuller
Affiliated Societies Committee Chair



We are pleased to announce that the American Orchid Society is once again staging an exhibit at the Philadelphia International Flower Show to be held March 4 - 11, 2012 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The PIFS theme this year is Islands of Aloha – Hawaii.

All who participated last year feel the 2011 AOS Exhibit was a tremendous success in awards, promoting AOS (procuring new members) and promoting the hobby of orchids in general. This is your exhibit. We are asking again for your assistance.

Michael Bowell of Create A Scene is our designer again this year. The AOS Exhibit theme and description is:

“Sharing in the Spirit of Aloha” A tropical retreat awaits visitors where they can see, touch and smell the beauty of Orchid flowers ‘up close and personal’. American Orchid Society members share their plants, knowledge and expertise to all who wish to learn about these exotic beauties. AOS members from around the country are involved in the staging and staffing of this interactive exhibit with the goal of spreading their infectious enthusiasm to all who will listen. Features include artistic compositions of potted and mounted specimens of exotic species, old and modern hybrids along with a supporting cast of rare and exotic tropical plants. Miniature orchids in terrariums shall enamor with their delicate forms, brilliant colors and architectural detail. Ongoing demonstrations shall further the AOS goals of supporting Orchid Culture, Education and Conservation.

Generally our needs are:

Blooming orchids. Last year the plants belonging to individuals were the highlight of the exhibit. Visitors were simply amazed that the beautiful flowers were grown by folks just like them! Providing plants will also give you an opportunity to have your plants AOS judged. Last year there were several plants in the exhibit garnering AOS awards, in addition, the exhibit won 2 Peoples’ Choice Awards and the Best Society Exhibit.

Volunteers. For everything from helping with set up, meet and greet and to take down the exhibit the last Sunday evening. Maintenance of the exhibit prior to opening each morning.

Demonstrations. This year there will be demonstrations on orchid care. In that, we are looking for assistance in procuring and coordinating that process. We are looking for ideas for these demos as well getting the people and materials needed to make them successful.

The Flower Show opens on Saturday afternoon, March 3 to PHS members and then to the public on Sunday, March 4 with hours of 8:00 am – 9:30 pm; Monday - Friday, March 5-9: 10:00 am - 9:30 pm; Saturday, March 10; 8:00 am - 9:30 pm; and Sunday, March 11; 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

This call to volunteer is being forwarded to the affiliated societies including the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and DC. We would appreciate your announcing this at your upcoming meetings, asking if anyone is interested in volunteering, that they get in touch with us as soon as possible. This is an opportunity for a free admission to the show. As an alternative, could e-mail this to your members individually so they all have the opportunity to help us out and let us know as soon as possible.

More specifically we need volunteers for:

- Exhibit set up on Tuesday, February 28 during the hours 11 am through 4 pm;
- Exhibit set up on Wednesday, February 29 hours during the 10 am through 4 pm
- Exhibit set up on Thursday, March 1 during the hours 9 am through 6 pm
- Exhibit set up on Friday, March 2 during the hours 9 am through 6 pm
- Exhibit Maintenance from Sunday, March 3 through Sunday, March 11 during hours 6 am to 9 am
- Volunteers for Exhibit take down on Sunday, March 11 during the hours 6 pm through 11:30 pm
- Greeters and AOS Volunteers Sunday and Saturday, March 4 and 10 during the hours 8 am through 9:30 pm
- Greeters and AOS Volunteers Monday through Friday, March 5 to 9 during the hours 10am through 9:30 pm
- Greeters and AOS Volunteers Sunday, March 11 during the hours 8 am through 5 pm
- Presenters for DEMO Area at booth - during the hours 8 am through 6 pm

Important to Note:

Show passes will be made available for all those who volunteer – we ask that a commitment of 3-4 hours be made for the greeters and AOS volunteers. Special passes will be given to those for set up and take down as well as the maintenance. Any plants for the Exhibit may be delivered to Michael by Thursday, March 1st. We need names of plants for ID and label purposes by March 1st. You may send them to Michael at 2148 Bodine Rd. Malvern, Pa 19355-8617 or the earlier the better or delivered directly to exhibit at Flower Show on Friday, March 2nd (if possible, it would be helpful if you let us know what you are bringing beforehand).

We are also looking for miniatures, *Pleurothallids*, etc., to exhibit in Wardian Cases and terrariums. We have some empty or partially planted terrariums and one large Wardian case available. We are also looking for completed terrariums to display as is.

If you are reading this and are interested in helping out, please reply to us at the email addresses below.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the Flower Show! Feel free to contact one of us for more information.

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