

Pinelands Orchid Society

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The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 7:30pm at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill. Our speaker will be Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids. He has been growing orchids since he was 15 years old. He received his first AOS award in 1983, and has since received over 100 awards, including the Nax Trophy in 1994, the W.W. Wilson Award in 1998, and the Butterworth Prize in 1999. He will be speaking on *Phrag kovachii*, A Jungle Adventure into Peru. Glen will be bringing plants for sale.

Refreshments: If your last name begins with the letters K - M, please bring a snack to share. The club will provide coffee and soda.

The Survey results are in! We received 23 responses. Of those 23, 13 belong to the AOS, while six are members of other societies including South Jersey, Sandpipers, SEPOS, and the IPA. 16 have been growing orchids for more than 5 years, and 7 have been growing 1 - 5 years. There were 3 greenhouse growers, and some crossover between windowsill and under-lights growers, with 6 under lights and 16 on windowsills. We average 70 plants in our collections, with a range from 5 plants to 200+. We grow everything-Catts, Phals, Paphs, Phrags, Dendrobiums, Vandas, Oncidiums, Encyclias, Cymbidiums, Miltonias, and various Species. Program requests were heavy on how-to's. You want to learn how to pot, stake, water, fertilize, what to pot in, which fertilizer to use, how to prevent pests and diseases, and how to hybridize and pollinate. You would also like to hear about orchid expeditions, native

orchids, and what's being done in new hybrids. You enjoy hearing from Parkside, you love the website, and think the show table is great. There is also an interest in trips to the New York Orchid Show, the Washington DC Botanical Gardens, Longwood Gardens, and Mt. Cuba. In all, we are a diverse group, but we seem to be single-minded in our desire to learn more about orchids. Thank you to everyone who participated, and the officers will work on getting more of the programs you want to see!

We have in our midst another AOS Award winner! Christine Jacoby received an 83 point Certificate of Cultural Merit for her plant of *Cischweinfia*. The judges passed it all around the table, and found it to be a lovely plant which was complemented by the hand-made pot it was grown in. (No, I'm not making that up, they actually said that! Christine makes her pots in her pottery studio.) Congratulations to Christine!

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.

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!

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

January 4, 2005 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting at 7:30 at the Woodland Fire Co. Speaker: Glen Decker, Piping Rock Orchids

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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