

# *Pinelands Orchid Society*

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P.O. Box 954, Voorhees, NJ 08043 March 2005

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Our Speaker will be Michael Bowell of Create-A-Scene. Michael is an AOS judge at the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center.

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

Pinelands did very well at the SEPOS show. Our exhibit came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we had 5 Best of the Blues ribbons-2 to Madeleine Cozine, one to Maurice, one to Kathleen Harvey and one to Bayard. Kathleen also received an 84 point AM from the AOS for her Paph. Thanks to all who put in plants and those who helped with setup and teardown!

Our next event will be the Philadelphia Flower Show, which runs March 5 - 13. The society does not put in an exhibit, but many members enter their plants in the Horticultural Classes. It is very easy to enter your plants. If you have not pre-registered, you can enter three plants as Post-Entries on either Friday, March 4, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. or Saturday, March 5, from 7:00 - 9:00 am. Whether you have pre- or post-entered, please bring with each plant two (2) 4" x 6" cards. On one side of the card, list your name, address and phone number, and your club name (Pinelands Orchid Society). On the other side, print the class number and the botanical name. Your plants must be clean and staked-no critters, please! The pot should be clean, and it should be either clay or the dark green plastic. If it is a clear pot, please slip it into a clay or green plastic pot.

Be sure the staking is done, and don't use those cute little butterfly clips. Use plain green thread, which we sell at the meetings. You will see Maurice and Valerie at the passing tables when you bring your plants in. If you have any questions, please call them- Maurice at 856-983-6101 or Valerie at 856-985-0187.

Each month during the year, the Mid-Atlantic 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.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual DVOC Speakers Day will be held Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndham Hotel on Route 73 North in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. The Speakers Day includes three speakers this year. They are Hadley Cash, *Cutting Edge Complex and Novelty Paphs*, Wm. A. Rhodehamel, *Cultivation and Conservation of Angraecoid Orchids*, and Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, *Why Are There So Many Orchids in Such a Small Country?*. There will also be coffee and pastries in the morning, a delicious hot and cold buffet lunch, and Orchid Vendors. Please send your check for \$35.00 to Lois Duffin, 7411 Boyer Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119.

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](http://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**

March 1, 2005 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting 7:30 pm at the Woodlands Fire Co in Cherry Hill, NJ Speaker: Michael Bowell

March 6-13, 2005 Philadelphia Flower Show

April 12-17, 2005 Greater New York Orchid Show and Sale at Rockefeller Center, New York, NY. South Jersey Orchid Society bus trip Saturday April 16. \$28.00 per person. See Pat DiSanto for info.

April 30, 2005 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speaker's Day-see attached registration form-Register early for the Special Raffle!

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