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Pinelands Orchid Society

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From the Officers & Trustees



CONGRATULATIONS are in order all around for the many awards Pinelands garnered at the 2006 Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show & Sale in King of Prussia! Pinelands received the 1st Place Rosette for Best 75-Square-Foot Exhibit and the Trophy for Best Society Exhibit. Our members received numerous first, second, and third place ribbons, as well as four “Best of the Blues” awards and one HCC/AOS! All of the awards are listed on page 8 of this newsletter, and some photo highlights appear on pages 3 and 4.

Our exhibit was not the largest one in the show and our final exhibit contained only 65 plants, proving that it’s not size and quantity that make for a winning display. There are many people to thank for our success in this show starting with our Artistic Director, **Bayard Saraduke**, who made the most of the orchids that we had and placed them with precision; our Show Chairman, **Mike Scott**, who kept us organized and on schedule; **Joe Volpe**, who managed our registration list; **Florence Lon**, who was the ultimate “gal Friday” on set-up night, from hauling carts of plants to providing the sandwiches that fueled our team; **Bob Taylor** who provided the background plants; our President, **Frank Heiler**, who was willing to take on whatever was thrown his way; and **John DeGood** for showing up on a cold and very snowy Sunday night to help us break down the exhibit. Thank you to **our members** who provided their orchids for our exhibit! This “Last Dance” at the King of Prussia Mall was done not only with a competitive spirit but with cooperation, enthusiasm, and best of all.....lots of smiling faces!

Our Program for March: An Orchid Clinic



Do you have orchids that present a growing challenge for you? Would you like to place your orchids under the spotlight while our experienced growers try to identify problems? Then bring your orchids and your orchid culture questions to our March 7th meeting. Our team will examine your plants, attempt to diagnose any problems, and give you suggestions to become better orchid growers.

With time permitting, we shall also present a slide show of our SEPOS 2006 Committee team setting up our society’s winning exhibit at the King of Prussia Mall. So if you missed the show last week, here’s your chance to see the Pinelands team in action!

Monthly Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be:
Tuesday, **March 7th, 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.

If your last name begins with the letters **H** through **M**, please bring a snack to share. The club will provide coffee, tea, and sodas.

Doors will be 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 sharp** in order to be eligible for judging!



The Orchid Calendar

US Botanic Garden and Smithsonian Orchid Exhibit Opens January 21-April 2, 2006

Two of the nation's premier conservatories in Washington D.C. will join with the National Capital Orchid Society to provide visitors with a great experience at the USBG Conservatory. The exhibit, "Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art-Deco Garden", will feature orchids from the two conservatories. The NCOS will provide exhibits and workshops on growing orchids in the home for those who wish to learn more about orchids. Web site: <http://www.usbg.gov/index.cfm>

"The Orchid Show" The New York Botanical Garden Opens February 25-April 2, 2006

The New York Botanical Garden's magnificent "The Orchid Show: An Exhibition and Sale of Fine Orchids" will be held in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory starting February 25. The show has been scheduled for an additional week this year due to the huge success of the exhibit in prior years.

In addition to attending one of the most outstanding shows in the country, you will be able to purchase orchids and orchid gifts from the Shop in the Garden. You will be extremely happy with the quality of the products they carry. The souvenir book of the orchid show -- in itself a work of art!

Web site: http://www.nybg.org/plan_your_visit/event_detail.php?id_event=640

The American Society of Botanical Artists Orchids in Contemporary Art, April 22-May 23, 2006

The American Society of Botanical Artists will sponsor an exhibit called "Orchids in Contemporary Art" at Longwood Gardens. The exhibit will run April 22 through May 23 and feature more than 50 paintings. The exhibit will run in conjunction with Longwood Gardens' International Orchid Show & Sale from May 12 through May 14.



- **March 5—12, 2006**—The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society presents **The 2006 Philadelphia Flower Show: Enchanted Spring. . .A Tribute to Mother Nature.** See web site for details, directions, and hours: www.TheFlowerShow.com. Call one of our Officers for information about post-entering your orchids in the show.
- **Tuesday, March 7, 2006**—Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
- **March 17—18, 2006**—Post-Flower Show Sale at Waldor Orchids, Linwood, NJ. See web site for details: waldor.com.
- **Saturday, April 1, 2006**—18th Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers' Forum, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Wyndham Hotel, Mr. Laurel, NJ. Program information and registration form in this issue of the newsletter.
- **April 22, 2006**—Bus trip to the Greater New York Orchid Show sponsored by the South Jersey Orchid Society. Contact Dianne Haaf for further information: 856-629-5610.
- **Tuesday, April 4, 2006**—Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Walter Off, Waldor Orchids.
- **Tuesday, May 2, 2006**—Pinelands Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring your checkbook and your friends for our annual fundraiser!





Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS
1st Place—Bayard Saraduke



Phrag. Rosy Charm
1st Place and
Best of the Blues
Christine Jacoby



Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage'
3rd Place—Anita McGann



Dtps. Taisuco Mickey
1st Place—Bob Taylor

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Just a few of our
Awarded Plants
from the
SEPOS
2006 Show



Phdps. Arizona Star 'Jim Turnbow'
1st Place and **Best of the Blues**
Sariel Ablaza



Lc. El Cerrito
1st Place and **Best of the Blues**
Nancy Volpe



Blc. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation'
FCC/AOS
1st Place and **Best of the Blues**
Bayard Saraduke



Blc. Big Ben 'Blue Mountain'
HCC/AOS/CCM/AOS
1st Place—John Ceresani

. . .From Start



To Finish. . .



A Guide to Nomenclature, Abbreviations, and Pronunciations

Let's examine the names of some of our SEPOS Show award winners:

Dtps. = **Doritaenopsis** (Door-it-tah-NOP-sis) A hybrid genus made up of *Doritis* (*Dor.*) x *Phalaenopsis* (*Phal.*).

Dor. = **Doritis** (Door-EYE-tis) A natural orchid genus.

Phdps. = **Phalandopsis** (Fal-ahn-DOP-sis) A hybrid genus made up of *Phalaenopsis* (*Phal.*) x *Vandaenopsis* (*Vdps.*).

Vdps. = **Vandaenopsis** (Van-den-OP-sis) A hybrid genus made up of *Phalaenopsis* (*Phal.*) x *Vanda* (*V.*).

Slc. = **Sophrolaeliocattleya** (Soh-froh-lay-lee-oh-CAT-lee-yah) A hybrid genus made up of *Sophranitis* (*S.*) x *Laelia* (*L.*) x *Cattleya* (*C.*).

S. = **Sophranitis** (Soh-froh-NEYE-tis) A natural orchid genus.



Online sites with more information:

- Pronunciations for various orchid genera: www.theorchidsite.com/names.htm
- A list of orchid genera and their standard abbreviations can be found at www.orchids.mu/Glossary/Glossary_A.htm

Phrags, Phrags, Phrags!

- Part Two -

By Nancy Volpe - February 2006

Photography by Joe Volpe



Phrag. schlimii 'Birchwood'
CCM/AOS

Well, as promised, I'm back to discuss some important particulars, that is, how I grow them. I should add that if you already grow *phrags* successfully, please do not dramatically change your culture, but perhaps you might glean a few pointers that may help you to improve your growing. You've heard the old saying, "If it works, don't fix it."

We grow our *phragmipediums* in an airy atmosphere with humidity at 60 to 70%. They require fairly high light, 2000-3000 ft. candles, but not as bright as *cattleyas*. The exception are the *besseas*. They are grown under a slightly lower light on the back shelf of the greenhouse. The temperature is set at a minimum 58°F. and rises to 68°F., giving them a 10° differential. In sunny or warmer weather, the temperature may reach as high as 85°F. Remember, air movement is essential.

I water very early on sunny days, perhaps 2-3 times per week in the summer and maybe once a week during the colder winter months. Always be on guard, DO NOT leave moisture in the axles. Moisture combined with cold night temperatures may cause problems. Just a side note here, *phrags* are never really dormant. You may water them freely throughout the year. I also separate all of my orchids by pot size (I use plastic pots) and can tell when a plant needs watering by the pot weight. In other genera, this works very well and there tends to be no over- or under-watering occurring. The *phrags* seem to take a little more water than other orchids, but I do not keep them "dripping" or "soggy." However, I am growing each in a small plastic saucer of water, being sure the water level does not completely cover the drainage holes at the bottom sides of the pot, since I believe the roots need both moisture and air.



Phrag. schlimii
'Birchwood' CCM/AOS

In repotting your plants, you should be sure to look for hairy like roots with white tips. If you find this condition you can be assured your root system is doing well. Since *phrags* bloom randomly as their new growths mature, I have found success in repotting after their blooming period even though some growths are already half matured. Repotting does not seem to have an effect on their blooming.

I use plastic pots with styrofoam peanuts at the bottom and a very open potting medium. It consists of equal parts: medium and small bark, medium and small perlite, and medium and small charcoal. I believe the charcoal plays an important role in growing a healthy plant. I decided to pre-moisten the above ingredients and found that pre-soaking the mix was the way to go to get it fully wet. It's also messy but it works.



Phrag. sargentianum

We now come to fertilizing. You should perk up and read carefully. I originally regularly used Peters 18-18-18 (with very low urea nitrogen) and occasionally 30-10-10 and 10-30-20 throughout the year. Later we switched from the balanced Peters to Cal Mag 15-5-15. However, twice a year, April and then again in October, I supplement with a top dressing mix of equal parts dried blood and bone meal. To gauge how much to use, a 5-inch pot is given a full teaspoon and an 8-inch pot gets a full tablespoon. Immediately after the top dressing is added, the plants are drenched thoroughly. Remember, dried blood is all nitrogen, and by using this above recipe, the plants are given a good boost and multiple growths are produced each year. The bone meal aids in robust blooming. (*Warning to house growers! Dried blood is not desirable for indoor growers as it has a strong, quite unpleasant odor; but if you follow the above recipe, place your plants outdoors for a couple of days and drench there.*)

You will hopefully appreciate the end result of these culture tips as we did when many of our *phrags* gleaned coveted awards from the American Orchid Society.

As for pests and diseases, *Phragmipediums* do not seem to be as susceptible to those nasty little creatures that can make a grown orchid grower cry. Years ago, Joe and I used to grow our collection outdoors and learned a very important lesson in that against the forces of Mother Nature we must be more diligent. I am a firm believer, however, in preventative maintenance and we regularly spray all of our greenhouses with pesticides and fungicides using a respirator mask and protective clothing. For home growing, my suggestion is to do your maintenance in the early spring and late fall when you can use the outdoors to spray.



Phrag. schlimii 'Nancy'

With all that we've read over the last several years regarding endangered species, my husband Joe had been dabbling in his spare time in propagating and flasking orchids. I might add



Phrag. Coral Jewel
(*sargentianum x schlimii*)

that a great deal of time, patience, and equipment goes into such an endeavor. We were successful in propagating a cross of *Phrag. sargentianum* with *Phrag. schlimii* which we had hoped to name *Phrag. Nancy Volpe*. Unfortunately, the Eric Young Foundation of Jersey Isle beat us to the punch by two weeks in registering this cross as Coral Jewel.

Well, I've now given you all of the information on how I grow the genus *phragmipedium*, so now it's up to you. I hope you've found this article both enlightening and informative, and when it's all said and done, one can only wonder how fantastic nature really is. Now I am looking forward to reading about other society member experiences.



The 2006 Philadelphia Flower Show
Enchanted Spring . . . A Tribute to Mother Nature
 March 5—12, 2006



The pre-registration deadline has passed, but you can still **post enter** up to three plants on each entry day. You must register your post-entries at the Post-Entry Table (you'll see it on your left as you exit the freight elevator) before your entries can be passed. Note the closing times for the Post-Entry Table.

If this is the first time you are entering your orchids in The Flower Show and have questions, call any of our Officers who will guide you through the process. Good Luck Pinelands members!

Bringing Your Entries To The Flower Show

All Horticulture exhibitors enter the Pennsylvania Convention Center through **D Hall**. The entrance is located off 12th Street, just past Race Street. Follow signs for "Flower Show Exhibitors." Freight elevators will take you and your entries to the Show level.

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To make this event
a success!

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We need your input
For next year!

**If your name is
not on this list,
it should be!**

**Please volunteer
your talents and
time to your
orchid society!**

Pinelands Orchid Society—Members' Awards—SEPOS Show 2006

<i>Ancistrochilus rothschildianus</i> 'Waterford'	B. Saraduke	1st
<i>Epidendrum capricornu</i>	B. Saraduke	2nd
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber 'Pompeston Gardens' HCC/AOS	B. Saraduke	2nd
<i>Stanfieldara</i> Orange Stardust 'Masumi' AM/AOS	B. Saraduke	1st
<i>Calanthe</i> Grouville 'Madeleine'	B. Saraduke	3rd
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Orglade's Grand 'Orchis' AM/AOS	B. Saraduke	3rd
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Silk Road 'Sunlight Zone' HCC/AOS	B. Saraduke	1st
<i>Cattleya</i> Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS	B. Saraduke	2nd
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Chia Lin 'New City' AM/AOS	B. Saraduke	1st
<i>Potinara</i> Edith North 'Danny Adams'	B. Saraduke	3rd
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation' HCC/AOS	B. Saraduke	1st and * Best of the Blues *
<i>Brassolaelia</i> Morning Glory 'Cozine'	B. Saraduke	2nd
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS	B. Saraduke	1st
<i>Cattleya</i> Earl 'Imperialis' FCC/AOS	B. Saraduke	2nd
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Traveling Star 'Polar Glow'	B. Saraduke	2nd
<i>Vuylstekeara</i> Pacific Wave	C. Jacoby	2nd
<i>Wilsonara</i> Aloha Sparks 'Edna's Flame'	C. Jacoby	2nd
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rosy Charm	C. Jacoby	1st and *Best of the Blues *
<i>Cischweinfia pusilla</i>	C. Jacoby	2nd
<i>Rhynchostylis gigantea</i> var. alba	C. Jacoby	3rd
<i>Laelia</i> Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' HCC/AOS	N. Volpe	2nd
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> El Cerrito	N. Volpe	1st and * Best of the Blues *
<i>Epidendrum</i> Star Valley 'Violet Queen'	N. Volpe	1st
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Love Sound 'Dogashima'	N. Volpe	3rd
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Invincible 'Spread Eagle'	N. Volpe	2nd
<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Fuchs Orange Nuggett 'Lea'	B. Taylor	HM
<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Taisuco Mickey	B. Taylor	1st
<i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid	B. Bookbinder	3rd
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Noirmont 'Nancy'	F. Heiler	3rd
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid	F. Heiler	3rd
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Norito Hasegawa	F. Heiler	3rd
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hybrid	L. Renner	2nd
<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Kiska	M. Scott	3rd
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Sandra 'Splash'	M. Scott	2nd
<i>Brassocattleya</i> Big Ben 'Blue Mountain' HCC/AOS/CCM/AOS	J. Ceresani	1st
<i>Phalandopsis</i> Arizona Star 'Jim Turnbow'	S. Ablaza	1st and * Best of the Blues *
<i>Cymbidium</i> Mystique	J. DeGood	3rd
<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Drumbeat 'Heritage'	A. McGann	3rd

18th Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council

Speakers' Forum

April 1, 2006

Featured Speakers

Kevin Hipkin

Royale Orchids
Australian Orchids for April Fools

Australia

William Goldner, PhD

Woodstream Orchids
Orchids of Panama

Huntingdon, MD

Jason Fischer

Orchids Limited
Native Orchids of Japan

Plymouth, MN

Schedule of Events

8:30am - 10:00am	Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open)
10:00am - 11:00am	Guest Lecture
11:00am - 12:00noon	Guest Lecture
12:00noon - 1:15pm	Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Guest Lecture
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Panel Discussion and Plant Raffle
3:15pm - 4:00pm	Sales Open

Vendors

Orchids Limited
Royale Orchids
Woodstream Orchids
Lois Duffin Orchids
Main Street Orchids
Stony Brook Orchids
J & L Orchids

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ
From NJ Turnpike: Take Exit 4 to Route 73 South.
From I-295: Take Exit 36A to Route 73 South (Berlin).

Register for our early-bird raffle by March 1, 2006 and you may win one of three exceptional plants provided by our speakers.

Advance Registration Required

Return the bottom portion of this form
Along with payment in full to:
Mrs. Lois Duffin
7411 Boyer Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Checks Payable to DVOC
Your Check is your Receipt
Sorry....NO REFUNDS

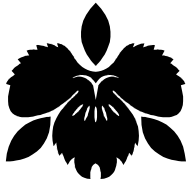
Yes! I (we) plan to attend. Enclosed is my check
For _____ registration at \$35.00 per person

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

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How did you hear about us? _____



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