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Pinelands Orchid Society

http://www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org

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President's Message

Greetings to you all! Today it is raining. It seems this week we are going to have all the rain we should have gotten over the summer! That is the joy (read: challenge) of gardening.

For those of you who were not with us, that was the subject of the September meeting: the challenges that orchids provide. Many thanks to those who brought in plants. The meeting was an exchange of information and ideas, each of us learning from the others. Some highlights:

Potting mix should reflect your watering style. If you water infrequently, a mix that will hold moisture is good. If you like to water every few days, use an open loose mix.

Buying plants-don't be afraid to really look at what you are getting. Examine the plant, look for critters, if possible pull it out of the pot and look at the roots.

Speaking of critters, there are several ways to handle them. I had a lovely example of brown scale on a phalaenopsis. To get rid of scale, I wipe off all the visible ones with Botani-Wipes, which have Neem Oil in them, and then I use a horticultural oil spray. You must spray 3 times, two weeks apart, to be sure you have gotten all the eggs and babies. Maurice also recommended Enstar II, which is a growth regulator.

We talked about the importance of sterilizing cutting tools and any pots or stakes that are re-used. Soaking in bleach or Physan will kill virus, as will baking or flaming your cutting tools. Just be careful of plastic handles in knives or shears.

I hope everyone came away with a useful tidbit or two.

This month our speaker will be John Salventi from Parkside Orchids. His topic will be The Orchids of Weycechas: The Manu Cloud Forest. John will also have plants for sale. I hope to see you all there!

-Valerie

Monthly Meeting—October 2010

The next meeting of Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on Tuesday, **October 5th** at **7:30 p.m.**, at Medford Leas, 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055

If your last name begins with the letters A thru G 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!

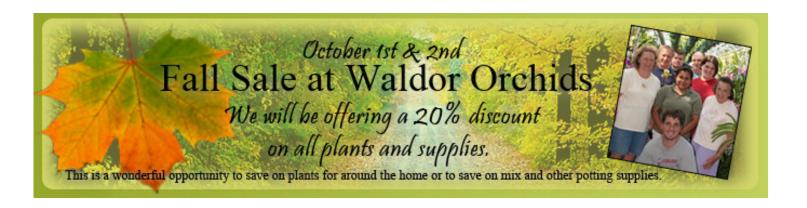
Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting & Announcement
7:45—8:15	Break for Refreshments
8:15—9:00	Speaker/Program Presentation
9:00—9:30	Show Table Critique
9:30—9:45	Raffle



The Orchid Calendar

- Tuesday, October 5th—Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting. Tonight's Special guest: John Salventi of Parkside Orchid Nursery speaking on The Orchids of Weycechas: The Manu Cloud Forest. John will have plants for sale.
- Sunday, October 17th—South Jersey Orchid Society's Annual Auction takes place at 1:00 p.m. at their usual meeting place, the Wenonah United Methodist Church in Wenonah, NJ. For driving directions go to http://www.sjorchids.com
- There is something orchid-related going on **every weekend in October!** From Waldor's Fall Sale, *Orchid Follies* in Lancaster, PA, auctions at regional orchid societies, and more. See the pages of this newsletter for details and dates of each event. Get in your car and plan to stop at a regional orchid event while you're looking at the foliage!



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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.

Anita can be reached at (856)779-0643. rcm51402121@yahoo.com

DCOS 2010 Annual Auction Gearing Up!

October 9th—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Colts Neck Firehouse #1 86 County Road 537 Colts Neck, NJ 07722



If you were not there last year, you missed another great auction. With over 400 great plants from a host of growers and local members, covering 12 eight foot tables and orchid genera from *Aerides* to *Zygopetalums*, it was hard not to find something of interest to buy.

The 2010 Annual Fall Auction is shaping up to be just as spectacular with plants coming in from <u>Bloomfield Orchids</u>, <u>Cal-Orchid</u>, <u>Carmela Orchids</u>, <u>H&R Nurseries</u>, <u>Kawamoto Orchids</u>, <u>Krull Smith</u>, <u>Komoda Orchids</u>, <u>Mountain Orchids</u>, <u>Piping Rock Orchids</u>, <u>Parkside Orchids</u>, <u>RF Fuchs</u>, <u>Silva Orchids</u>, <u>Waldor Orchids</u> as well as many orchids grown by local DCOS members.

The Auction with open at 9 am for viewing and will start at 10 am sharp. The atmosphere will lively and friendly so you can mingle and make new friends. We will even have lunch snacks and beverages available so you can keep up your strength through all the excitement.



Saturday, October 16th, 2010 10am to 4pm

Doors will open at 9am for Preview

OVER 200 Plants

To be Auctioned

Martha Washington Building at Freedoms Foundation 1601 Valley Forge Road (Route 23), Phoenixville, PA 19460

Cash . Checks

Please visit our website for more information about our auction.

www.sepos.org



Friday, October 22 Saturday, October 23 9am-6pm Sunday, October 24

9am-8pm 9am-5pm

at Stauffers Garden Center 301 Rohrerstown Road

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Vendors

Fishing Creek Orchids Little Brook Orchids Stony Brook Orchids | & L Orchids Brennan's Orchids Orchid Enterprise Just Pat Orchids Chaz Smith Orchids Carnivorous Plant Nursery Dragon Agro Products Fay's Creations Betty Lou Zimmerman's Village Art

FREE Seminars

Friday, Oct. 22

4pm • Potting Orchids for Success 5pm • Classic Orchids

Saturday, Oct. 23

I Iam . Choosing an Orchid to Grow in Your Home

12pm • Growing Award Winning & Specimen Orchids

Ipm . The Art of Successful Phalaenopsis Growing

2pm * Semi Hydroponics, How to Waterproof your Plants

3pm · Orchids Companion Plants

4pm • Cacti for your Home

Sunday, Oct. 24

I Iam . The Diversity of Orchids

12pm • Care & Culture of Perfect Phalaenopsis

Ipm • Demo: Using Orchids in Flower Arrangements

2pm . How to Select Your First Orchid

3pm · Growing Rupicolous Leolias

Repotting Station up to 8° pots (8) · Orchid Doctor

For more information & directions: www.skh.com



6th Annual Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium & American Orchid Society 2010 Fall Members Meeting

October 27—31st, 2010 Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel 42nd Street & Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, VA

For Schedule of Events and Registration Information, go to: http://www.mhsymposium.org

A Note from the Newsletter Editor

As we begin the new society year, it is time to pay your society dues for 2010-2011. You will be asked to update your contact information. 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 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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