



September 2006



Pinelands Orchid Society

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From the Officers & Trustees

New Year Brings Exciting Programs and New Features

Your Officers, Trustees, and Committee members have been busy this summer planning our society's programs and activities for 2006 – 2007. It's going to be an exciting year, starting with our September 5th meeting when members of our own society will share with us their recent horticultural (and other!) adventures in Ecuador. You won't want to miss *From the Andes to the Amazon*, presented by Maurice and Charlene Marietti and Bob Taylor.

Our October 3rd meeting brings Helen Hersh of Mount Prospect Orchids with *Advanced Windowsill Growing*, followed on November 14th by Bill Mathis of the Wild Orchid Company presenting *Hardy Terrestrial Orchids: The Best Kept Secret in the Gardening World*. Helen and Bill will be bringing along plants to sell. However, members will be able to pre-order plants from their web sites. Other programs for 2006-2007 include Susan Gange of Stony Brook Orchids sharing her unique and successful techniques with *Phalaenopsis*, and workshops on grooming, staking, and repotting your orchids.

The Plant Clinic held last year was much appreciated by our members, especially our beginners and novices.

We want you to become better orchid growers! Have a plant that won't bloom? Not sure how to stake those buds to show them off to their best advantage? Beginning in September, we are introducing a new feature to our monthly meetings that is sure to be a hit with our novice and experienced growers alike. During the usual refreshment break at 7:45 – 8:15 p.m., Kathleen Harvey will be available at "Kathleen's Korner" to answer your orchid questions and help solve your orchid problems. Please note: If you are bringing



an ailing plant for diagnosis, please have your plant covered in a plastic bag.

The Show Table Committee is introducing a new feature for 2006 – 2007: *The Best Plant Award*. In addition to the *Tony Petralia Award* presented in June for the best *Paphiopedilum* or *Phragmipedium* of the year, the Show Table Committee will choose one plant each month that will be a candidate for the *Best Plant Award*. The judging team will take into consideration several criteria for making this decision. For instance, they will consider flower quality and quantity, difficulty of growing, and presentation. Selection will be independent of whether the grower is a novice, home or greenhouse grower. At our June awards meeting we will delight you with a slide presentation of the candidates for both the *Tony Petralia Award* and *Best Plant Award*, followed by the announcement of the award winners.

We are starting the new year with enthusiasm and a growing list of members, so come on out to the meetings, get involved, and share your love of orchids with your fellow growers. We look forward to seeing you on September 5th!

Monthly Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, September 5th, 2006 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 **A through F**
Please bring a snack to share.

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

- **Tuesday, September 5th, 2006**—Monthly meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society, 7:30 p.m. Program: Ecuador 2006—*From the Andes to the Amazon Basin*, a travelogue and slide presentation by Pinelands members Maurice and Charlene Marietti and Bob Taylor.
- **September 15—17, 2006**—Winterthur Museum & Country Estate and *Horticulture* Magazine present Garden Fair—Everything for the Great American Garden at Winterthur, Delaware. For details, visit www.hortmag.com, www.winterthur.org or call 302-888-4600 or 888-448-3883.
- **Wednesday, September 20th, 2006**—AOS Regional Judging, Mid-Atlantic Judging Center, Horticultural Center, No. Horticultural Drive & Montgomery Drive, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, at 7:00 p.m., Details at: www.orchidjudging.com
- **September 22—24, 2006**—*Orchids in Autumn*, The 2006 North Jersey Orchid Society Show at the Freylinghuysen Arboretum, located at 53 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey, featuring AOS award and ribbon judging, educational displays and classes, workshops, and an extensive sales area.
- **Saturday, September 23rd, 2006**—Saturday Seminars at Parkside Orchids: 10:00 a.m.—Introduction to Orchids; 1:00 p.m.—Repotting Orchids. Parkside Orchid Nursery, 2503 Mountainview Drive, Ottsville, PA 18942. 610-847-8039. www.parksideorchids.com.
- **Tuesday, October 3rd, 2006**—Monthly meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society, 7:30 p.m. Program: *Advanced Window-sill Growing*, presented by Helen Hersh of Mount Prospect Orchids.
- **Tuesday, November 14th, 2006**—Monthly meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society, 7:30 p.m. (One week later due to general elections on November 7th). Program: *Hardy Terrestrial Orchids: The Best Kept Secret in the Gardening World* presented by Bill Mathis of The Wild Orchid Company, Carversville, PA.

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We Have a “Sunshine Broker!”

Anita McGann has graciously volunteered to become our society's

Sunshine Broker.

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

Upcoming Speakers/Programs

September 5th, 2006

Ecuador 2006 - From the Andes to the Amazon Basin

Maurice & Charlene Marietti and Bob Taylor



In June of this year, three of our members - Bob Taylor, Charlene Marietti, and Maurice Marietti visited Ecuador with a group including nine others from the Delaware Valley. Essentially designed as an "orchid trek," the 11-day trip began in the capital of Quito, high in the Andes, and traveled down mountain roads into the Amazon basin in the rain forest.

Ecuador is a land of cultural, geographical, and biological diversity — one of the most varied in the world, especially for a country of its size. For orchids alone, there are thousands of known species, and it is speculated that there are an equal number yet to be discovered and identified. Such a short trip barely scratches the surface of so rich an area, but this presentation attempts to capture as much of the experience as possible.

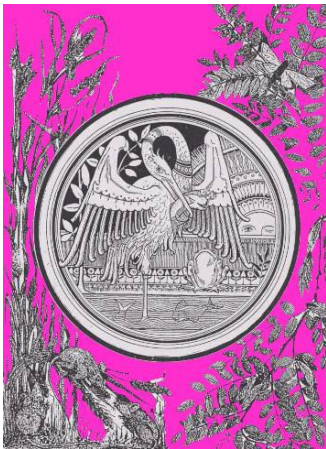
October 3rd, 2006

Advanced Windowsill Growing

Helen Hersh—Mount Prospect Orchids

Plainfield, New Jersey

www.mountprospectorchids.com



Helen Hersh is the owner of Hamish Hog Antiques for over 30 years, an antique business specializing in museum quality furniture and decorative arts from the American aesthetic movement.

Helen has been growing orchids since 1990, when a client started giving her orchids in bloom for delivering pieces of antique furniture. She got hooked very quickly, and the collection grew rapidly to hundreds of plants, then thousands, as flasks of *Paphs* and *Phrags* were being purchased. The eventual goal was to start an orchid business, which eight years ago became a reality with a move to New Jersey to put up a large greenhouse. The result is

Mount Prospect Orchids, specializing in fine *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipediums*, as well as unusual species. Helen has never forgotten her windowsill days and carries a line of plants that are both unusual and easy for home growers.

Helen is Trustee for twelve years of the Greater New York Orchid Society, which produces the largest orchid show in the country, now held at Rockefeller Center in Manhattan and has written regularly since 1992 for their newsletter on home growing culture. She has been in charge of the floral exhibitions at the New York International Orchid Show for twelve years, now expanded to more than 40 floral exhibitors. Helen is one of the few amateur exhibitors ever granted individual exhibition space at the New York International Orchid Show. After four years of amateur exhibits, she started Mount Propspect Orchids. Helen still exhibits at the New York International Orchid Show as well as others in the New York area and has been giving beginner workshops at the show for twelve years.

A long time member of the American Orchid Society, Helen does volunteer work and is on their Outreach Committee. Helen wrote an article for the AOS Gordon Dillion contest for 1994, and came in second. The judges asked if she would agree to have it published at a later date (only winning articles are ever published). It was published the following spring in the *Bulletin*, (now *Orchids*). This article was also recently republished in the *German Orchid Bulletin*, after being translated into German. Helen has written six more articles that have been published in *Orchids*, including one on *Parvisepalums* and one on *Phragmipediums*. Helen writes with a slant towards windowsill growers.

Helen has been lecturing for over ten years to orchid societies around the country including, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Tidewater in Virginia, Pittsburgh, and Delaware, to name a few.

Plants may be pre-ordered from Mount Prospect Orchids' web site: www.MountProspectOrchids.com



Phal. Gold Tris
Pat Eastwood

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Show Table Highlights

June 13, 2006



Paph. Dollgoldi
Frank Heiler



Vanda Robert's Delight
Leslie & Mike Jacobs



Original watercolor created by Bonnie Heppe Runge
for the 2008 *Garden Path* Calendar

American Orchid Society—Culture Sheets

Did you know that you can obtain free culture sheets on just about any genus of orchid on the American Orchid Society's web site? Here's how:

1. Log on to the AOS web site at **www.aos.org**
2. The home page will open.
3. On the menu bar at the top, click on:
[Orchid Information](#) → [General Information](#) → [Culture Sheets](#)





Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

6:30 p.m.	Doors open for meeting set up
7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting/Announcements
7:45—8:15	Break for Refreshments and “Kathleen’s Korner”
8:15—9:00	Speaker Presentation
9:00—9:30	Show Table Critique
9:30—9:45	Raffle



Orchid Potting Supplies



We will be refreshing our orchid potting supplies in the next few months. There will be several different sizes of plastic pots, wooden and wire plant stakes, green string, and insecticidal soap concentrate available for sale at our monthly meetings. Please see our Vice President, Bayard Saraduke, to purchase supplies.

In addition to the above items, Bob Taylor, a POS member and our local *Aussie Gold* representative, will have the following items available for sale at our monthly meetings:

- **Taylor Made** Orchid Potting Mix: \$12.00 per bag. **Taylor Made** is Bob’s own formulation all-purpose orchid potting mix used by many of our members.



- Green or Brown coated stakes with safety tip: 10 for \$2.00
- **Aussie Gold:** 10 lb. bags for \$16.50
- Butterfly clips or Bug clips: 5 for \$1.00 .
- **Physan 20:** \$12.50

For those members bringing homemade baked goods to our monthly meetings, we ask that you kindly label your item with your name so that our members with food allergies may inquire about the item’s ingredients.
Thank you!



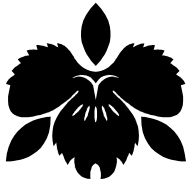
Pinelands Orchid Society Library

www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org/library.html

Our list of library holdings is now available on our web site. Should you wish to borrow any of these volumes, please contact John DeGood by telephone or e-mail. The book will be delivered to you at the next monthly meeting.

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