

Pinelands Orchid Society

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Ahhh. Another glorious day. Sunshine, warm temperatures, birds singing, it's just lovely. *In Florida!* As I look out my window, it is cold, icy, and wintry. But, indoors, the phals are waking up and buds are popping, paphs are spiking, and some of those nifty little species things are looking promising.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill. Our program will be An Evening with WildCatt. WildCatt is the computer program that allows us to look up plants and find the parentage and registered names of our plants. Madeleine Cozine will give a brief explanation of orchid naming, and we will have a computer at the meeting to look up plants you bring in.

This leads into the club's main use of WildCatt - preparing for shows. We will be participating in the SEPOS Show and Sale at the King of Prussia Mall February 5 - 8. Setup will be Wednesday, February 4. The mall will allow us to start setting up in the morning. We will be able to bring in our display items between 7:30 and 9:45 am on Wednesday, and then we can work on the display during mall hours. If you are interested in helping out, please talk to Bayard at the meeting. If you will have plants for the show, but cannot come in the morning, please bring your plants to the meeting Tuesday night, and we will take them for you. Be sure they are well-packed and staked for travel. If you have milk crates or similar rigid plastic boxes to pack them in, we can use those crates in the display. Be sure your name is on them. Your plants should have a label of some sort on the outside of the pot, near the bottom

with your name and phone number on it.

In order to have the plant labels ready for the setup, Bayard must have your plant names by Sunday, February 1. Please call him at 856-303-1662, or email your list to him at bayard1@comcast.net.

There is no theme for the SEPOS show this year. Our display will be a naturalistic scene utilizing large rocks and a fountain, and will be 100 square feet. The show will be judged on Thursday, and will run through Sunday. Tear down will begin Sunday at 4:00. If you will be able to come pick up your plants on Sunday, let Bayard know that as well.

If your last name begins with the letters K - N please bring a snack to the meeting. The club will provide coffee and soda.

The next show will be the Deep Cut Show and Sale at the Towne Center of the Monmouth Mall in Eatontown, NJ. Setup will be Wednesday, February 25, and the show runs through Sunday, the 29th. Bayard will need your plant names for this show by Sunday the 22nd. If you can help with this show at all, please talk to Bayard at the meeting.

The Philadelphia Flower Show may seem a long way off, but we have several volunteer opportunities, and we'd like you to mark the dates on your calendar. This year's show will run from March 7-14, 2004, and the theme is "Destination Paradise". Walt Off and Waldor Orchids are the main exhibitors this year. They will be installing the main display that all visitors will pass through as they enter the Show. Bob Taylor is recruiting people to sell orchid lei's. Please talk to Bob if you would like to help out. Also, the Horticultural

Society has asked that people with some orchid knowledge man the information booth in the orchid court. This does not require a great deal of knowledge-questions are often basic, such as “Can I grow that in my house?” and “How long will the flowers last?” and “What kind of dirt should I use?”

Volunteers would get a free pass into the show. Please see Maurice Marietti if you would like to help out.

Another Orchid event that is not all that far off is the 16th Annual DVOC Speaker’s day. It will be held Saturday, March 27th at the Wyndham Hotel, in Mount Laurel, NJ. Coffee and Pastries start at 8:30 am, and more importantly, the Sales Area opens at that time! If you haven’t been to the Speaker’s Day, this is the year you must be there! This year’s speakers will be Dennis Kao of Taiwan, ROC, *Orchid Production in Taiwan*, Darrin Norton, Mountain Orchids, *Growing Award-Winning Orchids, Cool and Intermediate*, and Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, Texas A&M, *Growing the Best Phalaenopsis*. These are all great speakers, the food is always wonderful, and the vendors are terrific. The registration form is attached. It is good to sign up early for this event. The publicity for the Speaker’s Day will be going to many clubs in the area, and there will be a lot of people signing up. This is right in our back yard, and it would be a shame for you to miss it!!

February 5-8, 2004 SEPOS Orchid Show and Sale. The Court at King of Prussia Mall. Show and sales open during regular mall hours.

March 2, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting 7:30 pm Speaker: Arthur Katz

March 7-14, 2004 The 175th Philadelphia Flower Show, *Destination Paradise*.

March 27, 2004 16th Annual DVOC Speaker’s Day. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Registration form is attached.

April 6, 2003 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting 7:30 pm. Speaker: Chris Rehmann

April 15-18, 2004 The New York International Orchid Show, Rockefeller Center, New York City.

May 4, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society Annual Auction 7:30 pm.

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Events

January 29-February 1, 2004 Silva Orchids Annual Open House and Sale.

February 3, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting at 7:30 pm at the Woodland Fire Co. Cherry Hill, NJ Program: An Evening with WildCatt

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