

Pinelands Orchid Society

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

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 7:30pm at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill.

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

Show time is upon us!! The Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held February 10 - 13 at the King of Prussia Mall. Pinelands will be entering a 75 square foot display. We would like to have your plants in the display. Please contact Christine Jacoby to let her know what plants you can put in. You can call her at 856-273-6547, send her a fax at 856-273-8914, or send an email to roji@comcast.net. She will need to know the name of your plants and if possible the parents of the plant if it is a hybrid. If you would like to bring your plants to the meeting, we will hold them for the show. Please include a plant list. If you do not bring your plants to the meeting, or if you have flowers open the week between the meeting and the show, you will need to contact Christine with the names of your plants by Sunday, February 6. Setup for the show will be on Wednesday, February 9. We will be doing a daytime setup. We must have all our materials into the mall by 8:30 a.m. If you would like to help with setup, please see Frank or Martha at the meeting.

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.

LOST: At our Holiday Covered Dish, one of our members lost a silver serving spoon. Please check your drawers to see if you have an odd piece you don't recognize. If you do find it, please bring it to the meeting and see Valerie.

Each month during the year, the MidAtlantic 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.

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!

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

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 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

January 27-30, 2005 Silva Orchids 17th Annual Open House Neptune, NJ Ph. 732-922-2635

February 1, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Woodland Fire Co. Cherry Hill, NJ

February 10-13, 2005 SEPOS Show and Sale, King of Prussia Mall - Setup Wednesday February 9.

March 6-13, 2005 Philadelphia Flower Show

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