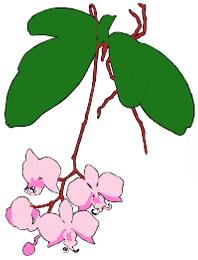


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Pinelands Orchid Society

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From the Officers & Trustees

Our February 2nd Meeting: The Genus *Aerangis*

We are pleased to welcome Ty Triplett at our February 2nd meeting. Ty will be taking us on a walkthrough of the genus *Aerangis* with some highlights of the genus, including its history, geography, variability of species, awarded clones, and some of its hybrids.



Aerangis luteoalba var. *rhodosticta*

At Longwood Gardens: Orchid Extravaganza – January 23 through March 31

Immerse yourself in a dazzling world of orchids as Longwood transforms its Conservatory into a lush oasis showcasing the divas of the plant world. Highlights include a romantic Valentine's Dinner in the Conservatory, family-friendly OrKID Days, the Jazz Club featuring Grammy-winning trumpeter Terence Blanchard and vocalist Jane Monheit, a Clivia Show, a celebration of Samuel Barber with Curtis on Tour, and the return of the International Orchid Show and Sale in March.

Monthly Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will take place on **Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010** at Medford Leas, 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055



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 ribbon judging!

If your last name begins with the letters **I** through **N** please bring a snack to share! The society will provide hot and cold beverages.



The Orchid Calendar



- **Tuesday, February 2nd—Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Leas. You won't want to miss our 1st meeting of 2010!
- **Tuesday, February 2nd—Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Leas. Program to be announced.



Lycaste Chita Impulse (Chita Melody x Alan Salzman)
Grown by Nancy Volpe

- **February 4th thru February 7th—Deep Cut Orchid Society's Show & Sale** at Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, go online to <http://sites.google.com/site/deepcutorchids/Home/events/show>
- **February 28th thru March 7th—2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show.** Enter your blooming orchids in the Orchid Classes at The Flower Show! Online pre-registration is available until January 31st. Call or email Christine Jacoby for details: 609-22-3210/roji@comcast.net.
- **March 26th thru March 28th—SEPOS International Orchid Show at Longwood Gardens.** You'll be in awe of the thousands of beautiful orchids displayed by individuals, societies, and growers from several countries. You can also buy orchids of your own from 20 different growers based on two continents. And don't forget the fabulous **Dinner & Dance** in the East Conservatory Complex on the night of March 27th.

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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.

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Pinelands Orchid Society thanks Susan Taylor, *BellaOnline's* Orchid Editor, for the following article. For more great articles about 'all things orchids', visit:
<http://www.bellaonline.com/site/Orchids>

Growing Orchids in a Fishbowl

If you are having trouble growing orchids indoors, especially if you like the tiny ones, you can try growing in a simple fishbowl. My first trial came when I purchased a *Masdevallia* I couldn't resist at an orchid show. These are generally rather cool growing orchids and we live in southern Texas where it gets very hot during the summers. Most of my orchids grow in the greenhouse and must be able to survive temperatures up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius. Once I got the orchid home I realized that it would never survive outside. Mind you, this is completely against one of the most important orchid tips I espouse: only buy orchids that will grow in your conditions! But it was so cute I simply couldn't resist.

These little orchids need quite high humidity to grow well so I decided to try growing in a fishbowl near a north window indoors. The ball-like fishbowl was about six or seven inches, or 15-18 centimeters in diameter. I put white gravel in the bottom, about one half inch or 2 centimeters deep, then placed the plant in the middle and then used rainwater to just below the surface to increase humidity. Do not put anything over the top of the container. Your orchids need air circulation as well as high humidity.

The only problem I've found with this system is that the plants grow so quickly, and flower so much that I keep having to find larger and larger fish bowls so that the flowers do not stick to the sides. Also watch the leaves to make sure the plant is not getting too much light. The leaves will turn very light green. Try to keep the leaf color about the same as the leaves when you purchased the plant. Do not cut off the inflorescences if they stay green because they will develop new buds on the live growth. I'd recommend finding out how large a plant the orchid will be before starting this project – I'm on my third fishbowl for one of them (I now have three since I had to fill up the empty fishbowls). Garage sales are good sources for glass containers that can be used for this. They're decorative looking and the orchids love the humidity.



Masdevallia Copper Angel 'Highland' AM/AOS
(*triangularis* x *veitchiana*)
Grown by Donna Boyle

Give it a try with one of the great miniature orchids available to orchid growers!



Update Your E-mail Address



We are no longer sending newsletters through regular mail. Monthly newsletters will be sent **by e-mail only** the week before our scheduled meeting. Please let us know if your e-mail address changes during the year so that you continue to receive newsletters and society announcements during the year.

For those who do not have access to e-mail, our latest newsletter will be posted on the society's web site: www.PinelandsOrchidSociety.org during the week before our regularly-scheduled meeting. If you do not have access to the internet at home, you can log on to our web site at your local library.

E-mail address changes should be sent to our newsletter editor, Christine Jacoby at: roji@comcast.net

A fabulous new internet tool for orchid enthusiasts:

OrchidWiz Announces **OrchidMap.com**



Where do I buy orchids and orchid supplies? When is the next orchid show near me? Where is there an Orchid Society meeting? Is there a public garden with orchids in the town I'm traveling to? Are there any orchid seminars this week? **Www.OrchidMap.com** has the answers to these questions and more.

Help people easily find you! Advertise an event, your products, or Show on **OrchidMap**. Simply go to **Www.OrchidMap.com** and click on "Click here to add a location" link.

New cricket species filmed pollinating orchids

By Rebecca Morelle , Science reporter, BBC News

A new species of cricket has been caught on camera - and its bizarre behavior has surprised scientists.

Far from living up to the cricket's plant-destroying reputation, this species lends a helping hand to flora by acting as a pollinator. Scientists say this is the first time a cricket has been spotted pollinating a flower - in this case, an orchid. A study of the nocturnal insect, which was found on the island of Reunion, has been published in the *Annals of Botany*. The creature has yet to be given a scientific name, but it belongs to the *Glomeremus* genus of crickets, which are also known as raspy crickets. The insect was spotted by researchers who were attempting to find out how a species of orchid called *Angraecum cadetii* was being pollinated.



To read this article in its entirety, log on to:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8391540.stm>

"Crickets usually eat flowers, not pollinate them."

- Claire Micheneau, Univeristy of Reunion

**Pinelands Orchid Society
Monthly Meeting Time Schedule**

7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting/Announcements
7:45—8:15	Break for Refreshments and Culture Corner
8:15—9:00	Speaker or Program Presentation
9:00—9:30	Show Table Critique
9:30—9:45	Raffle



Burrageara Stefan Isler 'Lava Flow'
(*Vuylstekeara Edna* x *Oncidium leucochilum*)
Grown by Betsy Sullivan



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!



Restrepia lankesteri 'Sea Breeze'
Grown by Bob Bookbinder



The American Orchid Society now has a free newsletter for beginners which you can sign up for at the web site www.aos.org