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Pinelands Orchid Society

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President's Message

It is a lovely, dreary Monday, a good day for cleaning out drawers or cataloging orchids. Someday I will enter all my orchids into Orchid Wiz, and then I will keep track of each time they were repotted and when they bloom, and I will become an organized responsible member of society.

Ok, now for reality. The next few months will be busy in the Orchid World. First up is our meeting on February 5 at Medford Leas. Our speaker will be Ty Triplett. Many of you know Ty as a member of our club. Ty has entered the judging program at the AOS MidAtlantic Judging Center in Philadelphia. He will share with us some of the things he's learned while doing research as a student judge.

There are orchid shows galore to fill your need for beauty and new plants over the next few months. Deep Cut Orchid Society is holding their annual Show and Sale at Dearborn Farms in Holmdel, NJ February 7 – 10. The Philadelphia International Flower Show at the Convention Center runs from March 2 through the 10th. The Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Show and Sale will be at a new venue this year, the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, April 12 - 14. The Orchid Extravaganza at Longwood Gardens is on display now through March 24. (There is no society show associated with Longwood Gardens this year). The New York Botanical Garden is holding The Orchid Show March 2 – April 22.

I'm looking forward to participating in and enjoying several of these events, and hope you will too!

Valerie



2013 AOS Calendar

Experience orchids in their glorious, natural beauty with the **2013 AOS Conservation Calendar**. Discovering an orchid growing in the wild is a thrilling experience. Not only are orchids beautiful and exotic, they are also a fundamental part of each ecosystem that they inhabit. For those eager to see orchids in nature, this calendar is sure to impress as it captures the complexity, visual delights and rich biodiversity of their natural habitats. This large 11x22", full-color calendar contains 14 months so you can keep dates into 2014. Each calendar is individually shrink-wrapped with cardboard stiffener. Enjoy the beauty of orchids in the wild as you support conservation, with \$2 of each calendar purchase going to fund conservation projects. Wholesale pricing for groups available for boxes of 12. Order today while supplies are plentiful. Makes great holiday gifts!

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The Orchid Calendar



- **January 19th through March 24th—Orchid Extravaganza at Longwood Gardens.** See Page 5 for details.
- **January 31st—Last day to register online for the Philadelphia International Flower Show!**
- **February 7th through 10th—Deep Cut Orchid Society’s Annual Orchid Show & Sale at Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ.** See Page 3 for details.
- **February 15th through 17th—25th Orchid Open House at Stony Hill Gardens in Chester, NJ.** Gorgeous orchids, local wines and cheeses promise a beautiful and tasty Jersey Fresh event from 3 area farmers! See Page 4 for details.
- **Tuesday, March 12th—Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting.** Program: Testing for Virus—A Hands-On Program.

Mark Your Calendar

**Our March meeting will be held one week later than usual
Due to a scheduling conflict at Medford Leas.**

- **March 2nd—10th—BRILLIANT!** The 2013 PHS Philadelphia International Flower Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA. Web site: www.theflowershow.com
- **April 12th through 14th—SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sale** at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. See Pages 6-7 for details.

The Society is now selling Semi-Hydroponic Starter kits:
They include a gallon bag of the ceramic media, a cup of Epsom salts, and two different sized pots.

The kits are available For \$10.00 starting this month. See Elisha Dallman at the Meeting!

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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.
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**Deep Cut Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show & Sale
At Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ
February 7—10th, 2013**

Held in Dearborn Market's 10,000 square foot greenhouse, the Deep Cut Orchid Society Winter Show is the largest orchid show and sale in New Jersey. It is an AOS sanctioned show and hosts many displays from orchid societies and professional growers from the area. This is the time of year when orchids are at their blooming peak and you will see hundreds of beautiful orchids covering a wide variety of orchid genera. And it's **FREE!**



Schedule

Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 7th – 9th: 9am – 6pm
Sun., Feb. 10th: 9am – 4:30pm

FREE SEMINARS

All on a first come first serve basis, limited seating, and no pre-registration necessary:

Saturday Feb. 9

10:30 AM Susan Gange (*from Stony Brook Orchids*) **TOPIC:** Phalenopsis Culture

2:00 PM Matt Reisz (*from Deep Cut Orchid Society*) **TOPIC:** Repotting Orchids

3:30 PM Christian Carillo (*from Deep Cut Orchid Society*) **TOPIC:** Ten Orchids for New Growers

Sunday Feb. 10

10:30 AM Larry Desiano (*from Deep Cut Orchid Society*) **TOPIC:** Growing Orchids in Home

2:00 PM Joe Silva (*from Silva Orchids*) **TOPIC:** Growing Mediums

3:00 PM Cordelia Head (*from J&L Orchids*) **TOPIC:** Miniature Orchids

**Dearborn Market:
2170 Route 35
Holmdel Twp
NJ 07733**

25th Orchid Open House at Stony Hill Gardens in Chester, Includes Tastings and Sale of Jersey Fresh Wines and Cheeses

What: 25th Annual Orchid Open House
Hundreds of varieties and thousands of orchid blooms
Local wines and cheeses to sample and purchase

Where: Stony Hill Gardens
8 Route 24, Chester, NJ 07930

Phone: 908.879.2696

When: **February 15 - 17, 2013** Friday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wine and Cheese Tastings 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Blizzard dates: February 22-24, 2013)

Website: www.StonyHillNJ.com

WHY: Visit the greenhouses at Stony Hill Gardens to feast your eyes on hundreds of varieties and **thousands of orchid blooms** in a wide range of colors.

MORE: **Three local farmers join to provide a FREE Jersey Fresh event:**

- Tips on caring for orchids from Stony Hill's experts
- FREE wine tastings by Ventimiglia Vineyards of Wantage, NJ

Directions: From Rt. 287: Take Rt. 206N to a left turn onto Rt. 513 South (main street Chester). Go 1.7 miles and Stony Hill Gardens is on the left.

From Rt 80: Take Rt 206S. Turn right onto Rt 513 South (main street Chester). Go 1.7 miles and Stony Hill Gardens is on the left.



Longwood Gardens Orchid Extravaganza: Beyond Amazing

January 19 to March 24, 2013



Orchid Extravaganza is an extraordinary blend of horticulture and artistry, showcasing 5,000 orchids displayed in many artistic forms. Wander through our 4-acre Conservatory to discover hanging orbs, a tiered chandelier, an overflowing archway, and urns full of colorful orchids. Explore our Orchid House where our historic collection of diverse species and hybrids are displayed in bloom.

Orchids were one of the first collections our founder, Pierre S. du Pont, and his wife, Alice, developed for the Gardens. To celebrate this history we present Orchid Extravaganza every year, January through March. Longwood's Orchid Collection has more than 2,300 different kinds of orchids (hybrids and species). We collect the showiest and most unusual types of species and hybrids for diversity. Longwood's collection consists of nearly 9,000 plants.

The Orchid House displays the best of Longwood's orchids when they are flowering. Three times a week, staff chooses the best blooming orchids from our collection to display. In all, 200–300 orchids are on display every day of the year.

Longwood grows its orchids in five different greenhouses with specific lighting, temperatures and humidity to mimic their original native regions. Longwood's collection includes specimens from across the world.

<http://www.longwoodgardens.org>

SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sale

April 12—14, 2013
12:00 PM-8:00 PM

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

**New
Location!**



International Orchid Show and Sale Blooms for the First Time at the Academy of Natural Sciences, April 12–14, 2013

For the first time, an international orchid show will transform the [Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University](#) into a spectacular world of flowers—just in time for spring. The International Orchid Show and Sale will be held April 12–14, 2013, in collaboration with the [Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society](#). The event is free with regular museum admission.

The orchid extravaganza will feature more than 30 spectacular exhibits showcasing beautiful, sometimes bizarre, often fragrant, and always interesting orchids in full bloom. Visitors will marvel at the unparalleled beauty, complexity and diversity of the world's largest family of flowering plants, *Orchidaceae*, the scientific Latin name.

Arrayed throughout the museum will be more than 1,200 plants from orchid societies and individuals. These entries will be evaluated by certified American Orchid Society judges from the U.S. and Canada. Nearly 25 vendors from Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan, Brazil, Ecuador, and the U.S. will set up shop and offer orchid plants as well as growing supplies and related giftware.

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In addition there will be:

- an exhibit of North American native orchid photographs
- a display of rare and unusual orchid books
- a raffle for a framed photograph of the 2013 show flower, Dark Laelia, *Cattleya tenebrosa* (formerly *Laelia tenebrosa*), from eastern Brazil
- a display of blooming Yellow Lady's Slippers, *Cypripedium parviflorum*, one of the few native species that can be successfully grown in local woodland gardens
- guided tours of the show
- free lectures
- limited tours by appointment of the Academy's world-renowned botanical collection of about 1.4 million specimens, including about 9,000 orchids.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to appreciate and enjoy a vastly diverse array of these exotic plants all in one place," said Academy President and CEO George W. Gephart, Jr. "The fascination with orchids dates back centuries, with some harrowing tales of orchid thieves and species endangerment."

The International Orchid Show and Sale is the largest of its kind in the U.S. outside Florida and California. "And this is the first time an orchid show of this magnitude will be held in Philadelphia," said Robert Sprague, co-chair of the show for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society.

Steamy jungles and flamboyant corsages

Mere mention of the word "orchid" conjures up images of steamy jungles and trees festooned with flamboyant corsage orchids. Most orchids do grow in the tropics and subtropics, but they also grow in specialized habitats on all continents, except Antarctica. In Pennsylvania and New Jersey, more than 50 species of orchids are found in the wild.

There are more than 30,000 species of orchids worldwide with more being discovered in remote parts of the world each year. Many are large, colorful and stereotypical, but others are small, green and inconspicuous. All have developed remarkable adaptations to ensure successful pollination and continuation of the species.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society, one of 600 chapters of the American Orchid Society, has held an annual orchid show at various venues for more than 40 years, most recently at Longwood Gardens, outside Philadelphia. Sprague said moving the show to the Academy "will bring the joy of orchids to an even greater audience."

"Education and conservation are high priorities for both organizations," Sprague said. "This new partnership between the Academy and the orchid society will continue to foster the important work of educating people about the culture and conservation of the world's most beautiful and extraordinary flowers."

AOS Corner - February

AOS Orchids online! As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed – as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids. For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at www.aos.org. Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

\$50,000 for Orchid Research

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to ideas@aos.org. No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

AOS in San Diego – March 21-23, 2013

The Spring Members' and Trustees' meetings will be held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Show being held March 21-23, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Diego, California. Join the AOS to attend the meetings, its traditional banquet, auction, elections and reorganization meeting by registering at www.aos.org. The registration fee for AOS attendees includes admission into the show for the weekend. Speaker and vendor information may be found on the society website at www.sdorchids.com.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

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