

# *Pinelands Orchid Society*

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Brrrrr. I don't know about you, but it seems colder to me every year!! Hopefully your orchids are all snug in your house or greenhouse.

If you missed the Holiday Covered Dish, it was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. It is one of my favorite meetings-a chance to spend time with a lot of nice people. Many thanks to Marge for organizing everything and bringing the centerpieces. And thanks to all who came and brought their yummy dishes!!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill. Our program will be an AOS slide presentation, Of Primary Interest.

If your last name begins with the letters H – J please bring a snack to the meeting. The club will provide coffee and soda.

You will find the updated membership listing in this month's newsletter. If you find an error in your information, please talk to Christine or Martha. I would like to thank them for putting the list together!

I hope you were able to go over the river to see the decorated houses in Fairmount Park.

Pinelands decorated the Jefferson Dining Room in Strawberry Mansion, and it turned out very well, thanks to the wonderful plants our members sent over.

Our next show will be the SEPOS Show and Sale at The Court of King of Prussia Mall, February 5-8. We will be putting together a 100 square foot exhibit. Our February meeting will be the Tuesday before setup, and we will spend the evening talking about

grooming plants for the show, and we will have several computers with Wildcatt, so you can look up parentage for the plants you will put in the show. It will be a fun, hands-on evening. We will talk about the show this month, so thing about how you want to participate.

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 years' 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 16<sup>th</sup> Annual DVOC Speaker's day.

It will be held Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndham Hotel, in Mount Laurel, NJ. 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. Mark your calendar now, and the registration forms should be in the next newsletter.

## Events

January 6, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting at 7:30 pm at the Woodland Fire Co. Cherry Hill, NJ. Program: AOS slide presentation.

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

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 175<sup>th</sup> Philadelphia Flower Show, *Destination Paradise*.

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

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

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