

January 2008



# Pinelands Orchid Society

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## *A good time was had by all. . .*

Old friends and new from the Pinelands and South Jersey Orchid Societies came together on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the First Annual Joint Christmas Banquet at the Wyndham Hotel in Mount Laurel, NJ. It was a lovely and festive evening attended by over 70 members of the two societies. Photo highlights from the evening, including the orchid display created by our speaker for the evening, Michael Bowell of Create-a-scene, appear on page 3.

As we now look ahead to the new year, it's time to focus on preparing our plants for The Philadelphia Flower Show. We will once again be encouraging our members to **pre-register** for the show either online or by regular mail. (The pre-entry deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>). A copy of the pre-entry form is included in this issue of the newsletter for your convenience.

We will be talking about how to fill out your pre-entry forms at our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of orchid classes are always available by phone or email to answer your questions and assist you in entering your plants in The Flower Show:

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*Potinara Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen'*  
Grown by Anita McGann  
November Show Table



*Laeliocattleya Angel Heart 'Hihimanuu'*  
Grown by Sariel Ablaza  
November Show Table

## Monthly Meeting Reminder Meeting

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., at the Woodland Fire Co. Hall, 524 Beechwood Ave. (off Chapel Ave. and Route 38) in Cherry Hill, NJ.

If your last name begins with the letters **T** through **Z**, please bring a snack to share. The society will provide beverages.



**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 judging!



# The Orchid Calendar



*Bulbophyllum echinolabium*  
Grown by Delores & George Benson  
November Show Table

- **Tuesday, January 8th**—Pinelands Orchid Society's first meeting of 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Program: Our speaker for January will be Ray Barkalow from First Rays Orchids and Semi-Hydroponics Shop, an internet vendor of plants and supplies. He will give a talk on semi-hydroponic orchid culture.
- **January 17 - 20:** Silva Orchids' 20th Annual Open House. For information and driving directions, go to: [www.SilvaOrchids.com](http://www.SilvaOrchids.com).
- **January 31st**—Deadline for pre-registration forms to be received by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for The Flower Show. Go to [TheFlowerShow.com](http://TheFlowerShow.com) for information and to download forms.
- **Tuesday, February 5th**—Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Program to be announced.
- **February 7th—11th**—Deep Cut Orchid Society's 11th Annual Orchid Show & Sale at Dearborn Market in Holmdel, NJ, with guest vendors: Lois Duffin Orchids, Main Street Orchids, Orchidophile, Piping Rock Orchids, Tewksbury Orchids, Waldor Orchids, StonyBrook Orchids, Silva Orchids, J&L Orchids, Quest Orchids, New Earth Orchids.
- **March 1st through 9th**—The Philadelphia Flower Show: Jazz It Up! From the roaring 20's to New Orleans' French Quarter, the 2008 Flower Show will inspire you to jazz it up. Go to [TheFlowerShow.com](http://TheFlowerShow.com) for hours and ticket information.

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### Sunshine Broker

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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Michael Bowell of *Create-a-Scene* in Malvern, PA, used plants brought in for the show tables by members of both SJOS and POS to demonstrate how to create an orchid display.



*Highlights from  
The December  
Holiday Banquet*

Above: *Paph. Hellyer*  
(Via *Muchos Ninos* x *Elfstone 'Monument'*)  
Below: *Phrag. (kovachii 'Laura' x Living Fire)*  
Both plants grown by Frank Heiler



First Rays Orchids and  
the Semi-Hydroponics Shop  
<http://www.firstrays.com>



As the originator and developer of the Semi-Hydroponic culture technique for orchid growing, and with over 15 years experience with it, Ray Barkalow has received many requests to speak with orchid societies about Semi-Hydroponics.

The following is a "bio" from Ray's web site:

As a young child, I lived a couple blocks from Walter Off and Waldor Orchids in Linwood NJ. I knew about the greenhouses, but didn't give it another thought.

My father was transferred to England in the 60's, and I lived quite close to a preeminent paph grower, Ratcliffe Orchids. Again - no interest.

Later we moved to northwest Washington DC, and the Maryland suburb of Kensington was a high school stomping ground. Need I say more?

I had a friend at college named Roger Huntington - yep, Merritt's son.

My orchid growing began when I was a Ceramic Engineering student at Georgia Tech. After about a year of volunteering my time at the public greenhouses in Piedmont Park - now the Atlanta Botanical Gardens - the orchid grower there gave me a big, "floofy" purple cattleya.

It took me about two years to kill it via the typical root rot-desiccation cycle torture, and at the time, I simply "did not kill plants," so I was determined to learn more and got addicted like everyone else. Needless to say, in the 30+ years since, I've learned that I am a very effective plant killer... (Isn't it true that you're not an orchid-growing "pro" until you killed your weight in plants?)

During my professional career, I have had many opportunities to travel internationally, and put together an extensive collection of orchids from around the world. That travel schedule (averaging 13 flights a week for three years at one point) led to a great deal of experimentation surrounding keeping plants healthy and happy during my absences, and that's what led to the development of Semi-Hydroponics.

First Rays Orchids came into being by accident - literally - courtesy of a greenhouse heater and alarm failure on a 7°F night in January of 1994. That 20-year collection of plants from around the world was a total loss. After a few months, a new heater and alarm were purchased and written off as business expenses, even though I had no idea how I'd make a business out of orchids.

Shortly thereafter, I divided the first couple of replacement plants I had purchased, created a text-only web page listing them, and offered the extra divisions to the internet orchid community via a post to the [rec.gardens.orchids](http://rec.gardens.orchids) newsgroup. Within three hours I had two orders, and I knew how I'd make it a business.

The best part about the exposure that First Rays Orchids has given me is the ability to communicate with folks from around the world on the fascinating subject of orchids. Sharing the obsession is second only to growing the plants.



*Brassocattleya  
Princess Teresa  
'Princess Michika'*

Grown by  
Bayard Saraduke

**Special Award**  
on December's  
Show Table



### Volunteer Needed

We have an old scrapbook containing clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous items that members of POS have saved over the years. We would like to update the scrapbook and continue the tradition.

If you are interested in taking on this project, please contact Christine Jacoby at [roji@comcast.net](mailto:roji@comcast.net) or call 609-220-3210.

## Dates to Mark in Your Calendar for 2008



Deep Cut Orchid Society Show at Dearborn Market,  
Holmdel, NJ—February 7th—10th

Philadelphia Flower Show—March 1st—9th

Longwood Garden Show & Sale—March 29th—30th

Delaware Valley Orchid Society Speakers' Day,  
Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ—May 10th

Moorestown Garden Club's Standard Home & Garden Show  
at The Community House in Moorestown  
(Pinelands is invited as Guest Exhibitor) - Wednesday, May 14th

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!



Don't forget to bring your orchid questions to **Kathleen's Korner** during the refreshment break. Please cover your ailing plant in plastic before bringing it for diagnosis.

### Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

6:30 p.m.	Doors open for meeting set up
7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting/Announcements
7:45—8:15	Break for Refreshments and "Kathleen's Korner"
8:15—9:00	Speaker or Program Presentation
9:00—9:30	Show Table Critique
9:30—9:45	Raffle