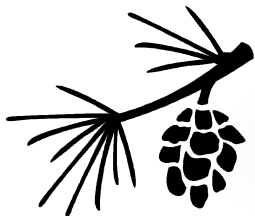


June 2009



Pinelands Orchid Society

<http://www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org>

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Our June Meeting: 3rd Annual Show Table Awards Presentation

You won't want to miss Pinelands Orchid Society's **3rd Annual Show Table Awards Presentation** on Tuesday evening, June 2nd. The Show Table Committee will be pleased to present a slide show of the monthly candidates chosen for our six major awards:

- Best Greenhouse-Grown Plant
- Best Indoor/Windowsill Plant
- The Tony Petralia Award for the best *Paphiopedium* or *Phragmipedium*
- The Pat DiSanto Award for the best miscellaneous hybrid or species
- The Most Improved Grower of the Year
- The **Orchid Digest** Award

We are serving hoagies tonight, so bring your appetite and enjoy our last meeting of the year with your orchid society friends!



Monthly Meeting For June

The next meeting of Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on
Tuesday, **June 2nd, 2009**
at 7:30 p.m., at Medford Leas,
1 Medford Leas Way,
Medford, NJ 08055



Doors will open to accept
Show Table
Plants at **7:00 p.m.**

Please Remember:

We are serving hoagies tonight!
If you would like to bring a dessert
to share with everyone, please
feel free to do so!

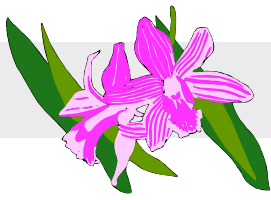
Show Table plants, along with their
completed Show Table slips, must be
on the Show Tables
by **7:30 p.m. sharp** in order to be
eligible for judging!

Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

7:00-7:30
Arrival of Show Table Plants

7:30 Business/Announcements/
Show Table Judging

8:00
Show Table Awards Presentation



The Orchid Calendar



- **Tuesday, June 2nd**—Pinelands Orchid Society’s last meeting of the 2008-2009 year and our **Annual Show Table Awards Presentation**. You won’t want to miss seeing the plants that were selected this year to compete for these end-of-the-year awards!

- **Friday-Saturday, June 19th & 20th**

Waldor Orchids Summer Sale!

Waldor Orchids will be offering 20% off all plants and supplies during this 2-day summer sale. Go to www.Waldor.com for hours and more information or call 609-927-4126.



- **Friday-Saturday-Sunday, July 24th-26th**

Parkside Orchid Nursery’s 12th Annual Orchid Fest!

Please note that this year’s Fest is three days instead of two!
For more information about **Fest**, go to www.parksideorchids.com or call 610-847-8039.



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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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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>

Orchid Name Tags

The first thing to remember is that you should never throw away the nametag, and you should always keep the tag in the plant. If you're like most orchid hobbyists, you'll soon have more orchids and you want to make sure that you do not mix up the tags. The second important thing to remember is that the tag will tell you if you are looking at a seed cross or a *mericlone* (cloned plant). With a seed cross unless it is flowering, you never can be sure what you're getting. Each seedling is a unique individual and the flower can be very different in shape and color among seedlings from the same cross. A *mericlone*, on the other hand, is a clone or exact replica of a plant and you are assured that the flowers will be identical to the original plant.

Even serious hobbyists sometimes have trouble figuring out some of the new hybrids and will not recognize the name of some of them. We'll start out with the easiest and most common names and then I'll give you some good links to look up more difficult hybrids.

Species tags

Let's start out with a species name tag. *Phal. equestris* 'Riverbend' AM/AOS. The *Phal* tells you that this is a *Phalaenopsis*; the *equestris* indicates the species; and 'Riverbend' is the clonal or specific name of this plant. A clonal name is normally given when a plant has been awarded at an American Orchid Society Show. The AM/AOS is a designation of award by the American Orchid Society. Awards will be the subject of another article on what the awards mean. Awards are always designated at the end.

Hybrid tags

What you see on a tag for a hybrid *Cattleya* orchid will generally look something like this *Blc. Arthur Bossin 'Rapture'* AM/AOS (*Blc.* Tampico x *C. walkeriana*).

The *Blc.* stands for *Brassolaeliocattleya*, an intergeneric hybrid between three different genera: *Brassavola* now known as *Rhyncholaelia* x *Laelia* x *Cattleya*. These three genera are among the most common in *Cattleya* Alliance breeding.

Arthur Bossin is the name of the cross or grex between the parents of the hybrid. All the plants from the cross have this name. Due to genetics the progeny will not look at all alike, but they will all have the same name.

'**Rapture**' is the cultivar or clonal name of this particular plant, generally named after it has been awarded. This designation identifies the genetic makeup of this plant alone since others even in the same cross will not be identical. This part of the name is always enclosed in single quotes.

The information in parentheses if it is on the tag tells you the parents of the plant, in this case *Blc.* Tampico and *C. walkeriana*. The **x** is used to designate crossing of the parents, thus a seed cross. The **C.** is the designation used for *Cattleya*.

To recap, the first part of the name will tell you what type of hybrid the plant is, the second name will tell you what that particular cross is called and the third the specific name of the plant. Awards are designated at the end. Correctly labeled plants will have the parentage in parentheses.