

March 2013

Pinelands Orchid Society

<http://www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org>

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President's Message

As I write this, we have one more entry day for the Philadelphia Flower Show. I've seen many of you, and I hope the rest of you have a chance to come to the show. It's been great fun! There have been a lot of ribbons awarded, and our own Bayard Saraduke won an AOS award for his *Renanthera*. Congratulations!

Our meeting on Tuesday, March 12, will be an opportunity for everyone to participate. We will be doing our own virus testing. Please bring either your plant, or a 3/4 inch sample from a leaf (about the size of a quarter). We will have clean razor blades available to use.

Although the Flower Show is almost over, we have another show coming up. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society will be holding their annual show and sale at the Academy of Natural Sciences from April 12 – 14. Pinelands will have a small display at the show. We will have more information at the April meeting.

Join us Tuesday, it will be a great time!

...*Valerie*

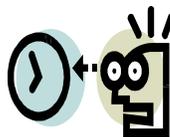
The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on **Tuesday, March 12th**, at Medford Leas, 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055

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

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

Remember:

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—7:45	Business Meeting and Announcements
7:45	Refreshments and Social Time
8:00	Program Presentation
8:45	Show Table Critique

The Orchid Calendar

- **Tuesday, March 12th**—Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting. We are meeting one week later than usual this month.

Program: Testing for Virus—A Hands-On Program. Virus kits will be available. Each member may bring one plant to test for virus.

- **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

- **March 15th & 16th**—Waldor Orchids Post-Flower Show Sale! Everything in the store, including all plants and supplies, will be 20% off!

- **April 12th through 14th**—SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sale at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. See Pages 7-9 for details.



Bayard Saraduke received an Award of Merit From the American Orchid Society for his *Renanthera* Bill Crocker 'Nancy' at the Philadelphia Flower Show

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Philadelphia Flower Show a Family Affair

Written by Peg Quann, Staff Writer for **PhillyBurbs.com**
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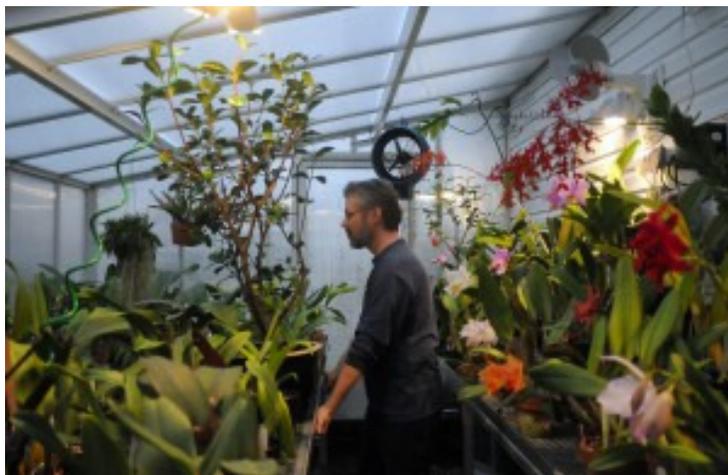


When it comes to growing orchids, Bayard Saraduke and his sister, Elishia Dallman, both of Cinnaminson, are all thumbs. Very green thumbs. Saraduke started growing the finicky flowers as a teenager and then tended plants used in commercial buildings while in high school and college. He's won awards for the best orchid in the Philadelphia Flower Show twice in recent years and has received numerous American Orchid Society awards. Some of the honors allowed him to name the plant if it was an unnamed species or clone. All of his so honored are labeled "Waterford," for the street on which he lives.

"I'm so proud of him," Dallman said. Other orchid growers ask Saraduke's advice and he has written about the hobby for the orchid society. He's even traveled to Japan to see that country's Grand Prix, an all-orchid show held in a baseball stadium. There, he met the Japanese Princess Takamado. His interest was the impetus for Dallman to start growing orchids of her own. She doesn't have the backyard greenhouse that Saraduke attached to his home, but she also has won awards at the Philadelphia Flower Show, an honor considering that she grows her flowers on her window ledges. "For me, that was an incredible accomplishment," she said. "A lot of people don't realize they can grow orchids on the windowsill. It's not hard," she said, but they do require a lot of light.

Both siblings are among several members of the Pinelands Orchid Society who planned to enter their plants in this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, which began Saturday and continues through March 10 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This is the first year the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has opened the show to the public on a Saturday.

The plants will be on display in the flower show's new Hamilton Horticult, which includes LED lighting to help show off the colors of the various flora, while also offering the correct temperature for each plant and the best view to visitors. Aside from orchids, alpine plants, spring bulbs, topiaries and terrariums will be featured in the Horticult.



Valerie Oldham, society president, said the Pinelands group has about 60 members who meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month except during the summer at Medford Leas to hear guest speakers and discuss their orchids. Why so much interest in one type of plant? "It's the variety and the challenge," Oldham said. "With orchids, there are so many different shapes and colors." Saraduke said the fragrance is also an attraction, as well as the bigness of the flowers when they bloom.

But getting orchids to bloom on time for the flower show takes some coaxing. "It's always miraculous that they bloom," Dallman said. I have four going (to the show). It's all in the nurturing."



Giving the plants TLC comes naturally for Saraduke and Dallman. She's a nurse and he's a nurse anesthetist. The brother and sister grew up with two other siblings in Willingboro, where their mother, Frances Saraduke, liked to garden.

Dallman remembers when Saraduke grew his first plant. "The first orchid he bloomed, he had the whole family over," his sister said. Now he has 250 plants in his greenhouse. Many are species native to the mountainous regions of tropical Central and South America, as well as Asia. Several varieties grow on other plants, using their roots as attachments.

The most fragrant orchids attract night pollinators such as moths that use their sense of smell to help them find the plants. Tropical orchids like humid conditions with their water coming like rain in deluges. Replicating these conditions in a greenhouse can be tricky, but he's managed to grow some beauties, including a *Laeliocattleya* that blooms in winter. "They like high humidity, moderate temperatures, warm days and cool nights, eternal spring," Saraduke said. He keeps a fogger handy to keep the humidity high, but only waters the plants about once a week. "They like to dry out between watering," said Saraduke, who grows them in loose compost made of bark and coconut husks and Perlite, which allows their roots to breathe. He's careful to make sure clippers and other equipment he uses are clean, so as not to infect his plants with any disease-causing organisms.

"Some of the lineages go back more than 100 years," he said. "These plants can live for a really long time."

Orchids used to be very expensive plants, selling for about \$100 a bulb, but since cloning was introduced in the 1970s and a wide variety of hybrids have joined the thousands of different species, orchid production has increased and costs have gone down, he said. When they were very expensive, they were favored for corsages and are still widely used in weddings. "There's an orchid for everyone," Saraduke said. For him, winning top prize in the orchid category at the Philadelphia Flower Show is like winning the Stanley Cup in hockey. The winner gets his or her name added to the horticultural society's Best Orchid Award plaque. "You get to keep it for a year," Saraduke said.

For more information on the Pinelands Orchid Society, visit its website at www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org or call Oldham at 609-760-9031.

To view a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society video of Saraduke in his greenhouse go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6TM4tP4BCM&list=UUK2tCVVaARp9MCLEm0t9TQw&index=15>

Some of our Blue Ribbon Winners at The Flower Show



Paphiopedilum moquetteanum
Grown by Elishia Dallman



Fredclarkeara After Dark
'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS
Grown by Maurice Marietti



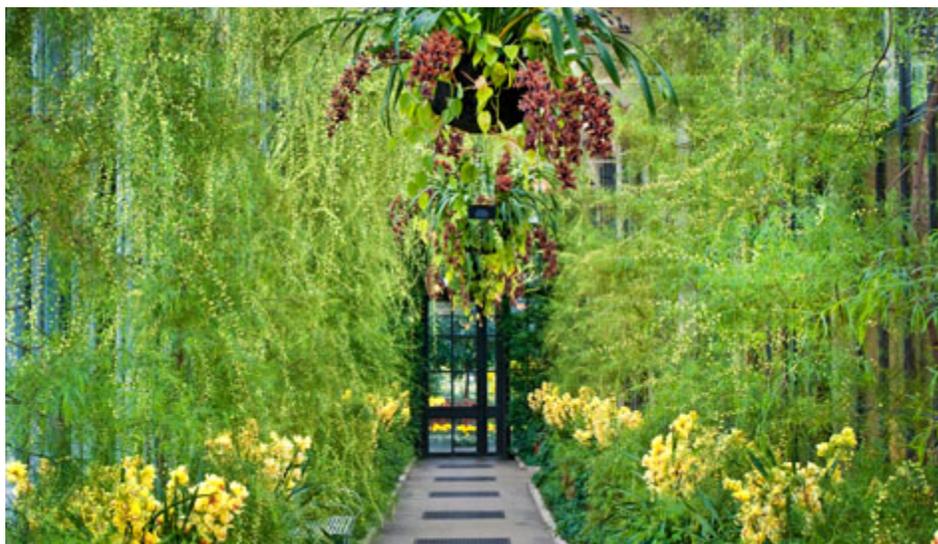
Blc. Memoria Grant Eichler 'Lenette'
Grown by Pat Eastwood



Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle'

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."

THE FUKIRAN SOCIETY OF AMERICA



INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
AT THE
JAPANESE ORCHID
JUDGING EVENT TO BE HELD
AT THE
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY
(SEPOS)
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE
APRIL 12 – 14, 2013
ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF DREXEL UNIVERSITY
PHILADELPHIA, PA
THE JUDGING EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY,
APRIL 14 AT 12:30PM

The Wind Orchid, *Neofinetia falcata*, is a species native to China, Japan and Korea. Dainty, fragrant and compact, it is ideal for indoor culture but, until recently, it was the purview of Japanese royalty. During the last 400 years the Japanese perfected it's culture and created a remarkable protocol for displaying these beautiful plants. Discover the secrets of this traditional art and learn how "Fukiran" is judged today.

INTERESTED GROWERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR *NEOFINETIA FALCATA* (FUKIRAN) PLANTS TO ENTER INTO JUDGING. PLANTS WILL BE JUDGED IN THE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE METHOD AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE TOP FIVE PLANTS.

THE EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY THE JAPAN FUKIRAN SOCIETY AND SEED ENGEL. IT IS INCLUDED IN THE LECTURE SERIES OF THE SEPOS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW.

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