

Pinelands Orchid Society

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Summer is here! Welcome to Spring in the Philadelphia region. One day, the daffodils are too cold to open and the next they're scorched! But those warm days are perfect for sitting out on the deck and repotting plants.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2004 at 7:30pm at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill. This meeting will be our annual Auction. More on this a little later. Please be sure to be on time-we will start at 7:30 sharp!

If your last name begins with the letters A - C, please bring a snack to share. The club will provide coffee and sodas.

As mentioned above, this month is our yearly auction. We will have around 100 plants to sell for the benefit of the club. The auction provides most of our operating funds to pay for speakers, show expenses, raffle plants, and refreshments. As you are repotting, if you have divisions or duplicates, please consider donating them to the auction. You can send your list by email to William Montgomery at wmontgomery@abstractfineart.com. If you do not have email, please call Bayard at 856-303-1662 or Valerie at 856-985-0187 and we will forward your information to William.

If you have no plants to donate, you can still help out the club by bringing a friend along to the auction. Is there a neighbor who has admired your plants? A relative who oohs and ahhs? This is a great way to introduce them to the hobby. We will have plants in bloom, and a variety of genera including

cattleyas, phals, paphs and species. Please be sure to come out and support your Society!

We will have a show table at the meeting, but there may not be time to discuss it. Ribbons will be given out, and this will be the last meeting to receive points for this year.

You will find in this newsletter the point tallies for the past several months. On behalf of Maurice, who is kind enough to keep track for us, I would ask again to please take care in completing your slips. Please enter your first and last name LEGIBLY! Be sure to check off which category your plant is entered under. If we can't read the information, we can't award points. Thanks for your help.

As we go into summer, there are plenty of orchid events. Pinelands June meeting will be on Tuesday June 8, one week later due to elections, and it will be our annual Hoagies and Ice Cream party. We will be giving out awards for the Show Table, and if you have plant questions, please bring them in, as we will have an informal question and answer discussion.

Waldor Orchids has their Summer Sale on June 25 and 26. On the same weekend, South Jersey Orchid Society has invited us to their Annual Picnic on Sunday, June 27. It is a covered dish lunch at Pat DiSanto's house in Cherry Hill. If you have never seen Pat and Ernie's back yard, it is a wonderland of ponds and gardens. We will have contact information in the next newsletter.

In July, Parkside Orchids will hold their Annual OrchidFest. This is a great event. They set up a tent in the field and invite vendors from all over. There will be speakers, AOS judging, and refreshments are available. Hope to see you at all these happenings!

Annual Elections for Pinelands are coming

up. If you are interested in volunteering for an

office, please speak to one of our Trustees- Maurice Marietti or Madeleine Cozine.

Now is a good time to repot your orchids. Most orchids do their growing during the warm months of summer. As they grow, they prepare to bloom, so you want to give them a good environment to grow in. Phals and Paphs should be repotted every year. Cattleyas and Oncidium types should definitely be repotted if they are crawling out over the edge of the pot. Cymbidiums can go two years between potting. If you repot your dendrobiums, be sure to use the smallest size pot you can fit them in-they like to be pot-bound. With any orchid, be sure to use sterilized tools for cutting. Orchid viruses CANNOT be cured, but they are very easily spread if you do not sterilize your cutting tools. An alternative is to use one razor blade per plant, and throw it away when you are done.

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Events

May 4, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society
Annual Auction 7:30 pm.

June 8, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society
Hoagie and Ice Cream Party. Results of the Show Table Points. 7:30 pm.

June 25 & 26, 2004 Waldor Orchids
Annual Summer Sale. Ph. 609-927-4126

June 27, 2004 South Jersey Orchid Society
annual picnic at Pat & Ernie's. Details to follow.

July 31 & August 1, 2004 Parkside
Orchids Annual OrchidFest Ottsville, PA
ph.610-847-8039 or check the website at
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