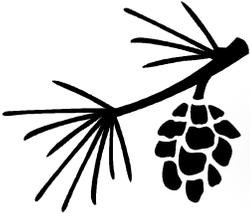


May 2009



Pinelands Orchid Society

<http://www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org>

P.O. Box 954 - Voorhees, NJ 08043

Our May Meeting: Annual Auction

Come one, come all to our annual orchid auction on Tuesday evening, May 5th! There will be orchids in flower, divisions of plants donated by our members, and other orchid-related goodies. This is the perfect time to stock up on orchids that you've been wanting at terrific prices.

Please remember that the proceeds of our annual auction are the primary source of funds to pay for quality speakers and show participation during the year, so we hope that all members will attend and bring your gardening friends and neighbors! This year, we are accepting cash and personal checks at the auction.

For our members who are donating plants and divisions to the auction, please e-mail your list of items to Bayard Saraduke before May 5th:

Bayard1@comcast.net
Telephone: 856-303-1662



Monthly Meeting For May



The next meeting of Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on Tuesday, **May 5th, 2009** at 7:30 p.m., at Medford Leas, 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055

If your last name begins with the letters **N** through **Z** please bring a snack to share.

Doors will 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 p.m. sharp** in order to be eligible for judging!

Pinelands Orchid Society Time Schedule For May 5th Auction Night

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

7:30— Business/Announcements

7:35— AUCTION Begins!

(No Show Table Critique tonight)



The Orchid Calendar



- **Saturday, May 2nd**—You may register at the door for this year's Delaware Valley Orchid Council's Speakers' Forum at the Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ. See flyer in this issue of the newsletter for information.
- **Tuesday, May 5th**—May is Auction Month! Pinelands Orchid Society's monthly meeting and our **Annual Orchid Auction!** This is a great opportunity to obtain plants that have been donated by our members. Divisions of many plants that you've seen on our Show Tables for the past several years will be offered at auction tonight.
- **Sunday, May 10th**—Orchid & Plant Sale at Ernie Masso's home. See advertisement below for details.
- **Saturday, May 16th**—The Historic Yorkshire Alliance will host the 2009 Home & Garden Tour on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Raindate 5/17). This true walking tour will include 17+ homes and gardens along Wood, W. Pearl, W. Union, and Locust. Tickets are available at the Historic Burlington Antiques & Art Emporium at 424 High Street 609-747-8333. For more info or group rates, call Harry Heck 609-387-9245. \$13 in advance/\$16 on day of tour.
- **Sunday, May 17th**—South Jersey Orchid Society is holding an **Orchid Festival!** See advertisement below.
- **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!



ORCHID & PLANT 'STIMULUS' SALE

**SUNDAY, MAY 10
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

**COMPLETE GREENHOUSE STOCK OF PAT DISANTO'S
ORCHID COLLECTION PLUS OTHER HOUSE AND GARDEN
PLANTS**

BARGAIN PRICES – EVERYTHING MUST GO

TABLES OF PLANTS WILL BE PRICED AT \$2, \$5, \$10 AND UP

NO PREVIEWS – 1ST COME, 1ST SERVE

BRING YOUR OWN BOXES

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS PROVIDED

**SALE AT ERNIE MASSO'S BACKYARD
311 OAK AVE, CHERRY HILL, NJ**

CALL 609 217 9985 FOR DIRECTIONS IF NECESSARY

CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED

SOUTH JERSEY ORCHID SOCIETY

ORCHID FESTIVAL

Potting Demonstration Orchid Doctor

Refreshments **Q & A** **Chinese Auction**
Plant Sales & Supplies

Free Admission

When: 1:00 PM May 17 2009

**Where: Wenonah United Methodist Church
Clinton & Willow Streets
Wenonah New Jersey**

**For additional information contact:
Barbara Inglessis 722-0393 or
Jim Cope 546-0229**



Pinelands Orchid Society
Cordially Invites
You to Our
Annual Orchid Auction

When: Tuesday, May 5th, 2009
from 7:30 p.m. 'til every
orchid is sold!

Where: Medford Leas
One Medford Leas Way
Medford, NJ 08055

Got Questions?

Call Bayard Saraduke (856) 303-1662

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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>

Leafless Orchids

Leafless orchids are one of the more interesting vegetative adaptations within the orchid family. Their roots contain the chloroplasts which are normally in leaves and photosynthesize light to produce chlorophyll to feed the plant. Notice how green their roots are in his picture of [Harrisella porrecta](#) which gives you an idea of what the growth pattern of the roots looks like. Most leafless orchids are found in South America and the Caribbean Islands, but there are a few representatives in tropical Africa, Southeast Asia and Australia. Almost all are epiphytic (grow on trees) and often an orchid species will prefer specific types of trees to grow on. Most of these orchids are believed to be pollinated by moths, although very few actual sightings have been made.

An interesting variation is the mostly leafless [Vanilla barbellata](#), Snake or Worm Vine which is native to Florida and many of the islands in the Caribbean Sea. There are several other varieties of Vanilla which appear at times to be leafless, although they do have small or inconspicuous leaves for part of the year. Their stems as well as the roots photosynthesize to provide the plant with food to grow.

The most famous of the leafless orchids is [Dendrophylax lindenii](#) or the Ghost Orchid. This orchid, a native of Florida, Cuba, Haiti and possibly other islands in the Caribbean, was brought to public light as a result of the book by Susan Orlean, *The Orchid Thief*, and the movie *Adaptation*. As a result of this publicity there has been much interest in poaching these rare orchids where they grow in the Florida swamps, unfortunately, they rarely survive.

These Ghost Orchids are available at [Oak Hill Gardens](#) under the name "POLYRRHIZA (POLYRADICION) lindenii". Culture is rather difficult for most people as they need little light, warm temperatures, very high humidity and low air circulation. Several sources recommend growing them mounted on wood or wire mesh in old fish tanks just above the water. Daily mistings with rainwater will encourage growth. Some growers recommend that aquatic plants be placed in the water. A happy plant is capable of growing roots up to an inch a month. These seed grown specimens have a much better chance of surviving than those removed from the wild. The plant will be big enough to bloom once the root spread is about 5 inches or 13 centimeters in diameter. The flowers are produced in the spring, April through June in the northern hemisphere, with most plants producing just one flower on a 4-10 inch or 10-25 centimeter inflorescence.

In 2007 there was a discovery of a blooming Ghost Orchid in the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary where it is growing about 45-50 feet, or 13-15 meters, high on an old bald cypress tree near a boardwalk. The plant bloomed three times with 12, 10 and 3 flowers respectively. In 2008 it again bloomed and was dubbed "Super Ghost" for its spectacular display. If you are in Florida during June and July, find out if it is blooming.



21st Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council

Speakers' Forum

May 2, 2009

Featured Speakers

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| James Rose | Cal-Orchid Fascinating Lycastes ----- | Santa Barbara, CA |
| Michael Sinn | Canaima Orchids Venezuelan Cattleya Orchids in Their Habitat ----- | Palmetto, FL |
| Bill Thoms | Bill Thoms Orchids Growing Award-Winning Bulbophyllums ----- | Placido, FL |

Schedule of Events

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| 8:30 am – 10:00 am | Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open) |
| 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Guest Lecture |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 noon | Guest Lecture |
| 12:00 noon – 1:15 pm | Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch |
| 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm | Guest Lecture |
| 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm | Panel Discussion and Plant Raffle |
| 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm | Sales Open |

Vendors

Bill Thoms Orchids
 Canaima Orchids
 Cal-Orchid
 Lois Duffin Orchids
 Main Street Orchids
 Stony Brook Orchids
 J&L Orchids

LOCATION: WYNDHAM HOTEL, MT. LAUREL, NJ
 FROM NJ TURNPIKE: TAKE EXIT 4 TO RTE. 73 SOUTH.
 FROM I-295: TAKE EXIT 36A TO RTE 73 SOUTH (BERLIN).

If you have missed the advance registration by mail, you may register at the door with cash or personal check on the day of the event!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT IN FULL TO:
 MRS. LOIS DUFFIN
 7411 BOYER STREET
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19119

CHECKS PAYABLE TO DVOC
 YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT
 SORRY....NO REFUNDS

YES! I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND. ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR _____ REGISTRATIONS AT \$39.00 PER PERSON.

NAME(S) _____

 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US _____

AOS Corner
Carol Holdren, Affiliated Society Chair

Check out the AOS.ORG website. If you haven't been there lately you'll find lots of new stuff. There is a great new forum where you can ask orchid questions, show photos of your blooming beauties, read other orchid society newsletters or just chat about orchids. There is a blog for orchid societies as well as one for judges - anyone can participate, you do not have to be an AOS member to be on the forum. You only have to register which makes it a little more civil than some web forums.

Greg Allikas is working on the web site and he keeps it full of exciting orchid information as well as beautiful photos. If you don't see the link to the forum on the home page then go to the "Orchid Information" link and you'll see it. The web site still has the latest information on orchid shows as well as AOS Member's Meetings. There are new "How-To" videos showing everything from how to pot a keiki to what a virused plant looks like. You can also purchase AOS books at the site and pay for your AOS awards. At the bottom of the Home Page is a link to the Affiliated Societies Page where you can find out all there is to know about AOS Affiliated Orchid Societies such as what the benefits are and how to use them.

So if you haven't been to the AOS web site at www.aos.org, give it a look; I think you may be pleasantly surprised. And if you want to join AOS, for those who are not members, you can do that too. If you join for 2 years, the best deal, you get a special bonus. So check it out!

Driving Directions to Medford Leas:

From the Cherry Hill area, go east on Route 70 and on to the junction of Routes 70 and 541 (Medford-Mt. Holly Road). Continue past 541 and past the "Indian Chief" on Route 70. Take the next "jughandle" turn (Medford Leas Drive). After entering the property, turn right at the fork onto Woolman Haddon Way. Follow this road which will end at a parking lot behind the Community Center. Enter through the back door of the building and take the elevator up to the Main Floor. After exiting the elevator, turn right a short way to the auditorium.

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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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