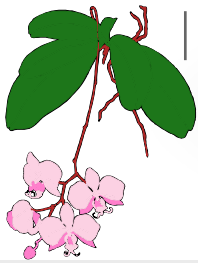


November 2009



Pinelands Orchid Society

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From the Officers & Trustees

As the holiday season approaches, bargains await us as our two favorite orchid nurseries hold their annual holiday events: **Parkside Orchid Nursery** will host its Anniversary Sale & Open House on the weekend of November 27th—29th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Waldor Orchids** is having its annual Holiday Sale on the first two weekends of December. They will be offering 20% off all plants and supplies on December 4th & 5th and 11th & 12th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars: Pinelands will once again join South Jersey Orchid Society for a Holiday Dinner at the Wyndham Mt. Laurel on Sunday December 6th from 5:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Invitations for the Holiday Dinner will be sent out by regular mail by the end of October. The Wyndham has an all-new holiday menu this year, and we hope to see everyone there!

Our Program for November:

Duane Erdman:
The Genus *Restrepia*



Restrepia, abbreviated *Rstp.* in horticultural trade, is a small genus of 49 orchids in the orchid family *Orchidaceae*, closely related to *Pleurothallis*. Named in honor of Don Jose Restrepo, it tends to be more showy than most other *Pleurothallids*. They are found primarily at higher altitudes in the cool, damp montane forests of the Andes and Venezuela, with some into Central America up to southern Mexico.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Duane Erdmann will take us behind the scenes to see just how easy it can be for growers of all setups to add a *Restrepia* or two to their collections. He will also share thoughts on the taxonomy and classification efforts to date. Having more than 30 different identified and a dozen more unknowns in his collection, he has had the opportunity to study and photograph them. Duane has also traveled to Ecuador to see them *in situ*, which adds conviction and depth to his talk. Join us with an open mind and a desire to expand your collection.

Monthly Meeting Reminder Meeting

The next meeting of the
Pinelands Orchid Society will take place
on **Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009**

at Medford Leas,
1 Medford Leas Way,
Medford, NJ 08055

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 ribbon judging!

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



The Orchid Calendar

- **Tuesday, November 3rd**—Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Leas. We are pleased to have Duane Erdman presenting a program on the genus *Restrepia*.
- **Friday thru Sunday, November 27th-29th**—Parkside Orchid Nursery’s Annual Anniversary Sale & Open House, 9:00 a.m.—5:00p.m. each day.
- **Sunday, December 6th—Holiday Dinner!** Pinelands and South Jersey Orchid Societies will gather at the Wyndham Hotel in Mt. Laurel to celebrate the season. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour to be followed by dinner. We would like to expand discussion of plants on the Show Tables this year, so please plan on bringing your blooming orchids! Holiday Dinner sign-up forms will be sent out to all members by postal mail at the end of October.



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 “jug handle” 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.

Anita can be reached at (856)779-0643.
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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>

Mounting Orchids

When considering mounting orchids, one of the most important things to do is to make sure that you have all the materials you will need ready and prepared. Count the number of orchids you wish to mount and then prepare enough materials to accommodate them by size and type. Once you have selected your mounting material soak it overnight in water and also soak about a handful of Sphagnum moss per plant.

In order to assist in removing your plants from the pots, soak them for an hour or so to soften the root system and loosen it from the pot if the roots have grown onto the pot. Use a dull knife to gently cut between the pot and the plant to remove the roots. When done carefully, it is possible to remove roots without causing harm to the plant at all. Use a hose to remove all loose media and then gently remove by hand any that remains. Cut off any damaged or rotted roots and then trim the live roots to encourage them to grow after mounting. I always then soak my plants in *Physan* or *Consan* for at least five minutes to reduce the chance of bacteria and fungus entering the plant.

Spread the moss on the mounting, arrange the roots over the moss and then use six to ten pound fishing line (monofilament) to tie the orchid to the mount. Fishing line is widely used because it can be left on the mount since it does not biodegrade and is nearly invisible. You want to mount the plant well enough to keep it in place on your material, but not so tightly that you are cutting the roots or the plant with the line. Another idea is to use old panty hose to attach the plant to the mount. Once the orchid is well attached, the panty hose can be removed. This is a good option in addition to the fishing line so that some extra moss can be used to cover the outside of the roots while the plant is getting established.

Keep the orchid in a somewhat shady spot for a couple of weeks and spray sparingly until you see new roots growing and then move it to the location where you will be growing it. It is virtually impossible to overwater mounted plants, so if you like to baby them mounting is a good way to grow. During hot weather, however, it vitally important to water every day or the plants will not fare well.



Update Your E-mail Address



We are no longer sending newsletters through regular mail. Monthly newsletters will be sent **by e-mail only** the week before our scheduled meeting. Please let us know if your e-mail address changes during the year so that you continue to receive newsletters and society announcements during the year.

For those who do not have access to e-mail, our latest newsletter will be posted on the society's web site: www.PinelandsOrchidSociety.org during the week before our regularly-scheduled meeting. If you do not have access to the internet at home, you can log on to our web site at your local library.

E-mail address changes should be sent to our newsletter editor, Christine Jacoby at: roji@comcast.net



**Pinelands Orchid Society
2009—2010
Membership/Renewal Form**



Names(s) _____
Last Name(s) First Name(s)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

September 2009 to June 2010 Membership Dues:

Category (check one) **Single \$20.00** **Family \$25.00** (2 + members at same mailing address)

We could not function without the volunteerism of our members. We ask that you volunteer to help out on **at least one** of our committees. It is the best way to advance your orchid-growing knowledge, have fun, and make new friends who share the love of orchids!

We welcome your help on any of our committees that you are interested in. Just ask!

Monthly Meeting: **Welcome Visitors/Interview New Members** **Assist with Raffle**

Newsletter: **Articles/Writing** **Photography**

Show Table: **Set Up (7:00-7:30)** **Assist Judges** **Photography**

Library: **Longwood Gardens Show:** **Holiday Banquet Planning:**

Please make checks out to **Pinelands Orchid Society**.
 You can bring them to the meeting or mail to:

**John DeGood
 4 Cobblestone Court
 Columbus, NJ 08002**



AOS Corner

The American Orchid Society is busy with its Fall 2009 meetings in California, the winter show season and then we're right in to planning for the spring meetings in Oklahoma City in April 2010. These meetings and shows are a great opportunity to find the best orchids as well as make friends with people who have similar interests to yours. You do not have to be a member to attend any of the shows although being a member and helping with the show makes it a richer experience. You can find all of the details on shows and meetings in Orchids magazine or at our web site www.aos.org and then you can put it on your calendar so you won't miss any of the fun. While you are at the calendar and you see the holidays coming up, consider purchasing an orchid calendar, an AOS pin or an AOS membership as a gift for yourself or an orchid lover. You can get any of those off the web site or by calling 561-404-2000 and then you'll have that gift out of the way. If you are an AOS member you have free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#) - now that is a benefit many people are not aware of. Go to the "join" page of the web site to see the details of this offer. So you can buy someone an AOS membership and then expect them to take you to a garden for the day! Celebrate fall by going to an orchid show.

Carol Holdren
Affiliated Society Committee

Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting/Announcements
7:45—8:15	Break for Refreshments and Culture Corner
8:15—9:00	Speaker or Program Presentation
9:00—9:30	Show Table Critique
9:30—9:45	Raffle



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!



The American Orchid Society
now has a free newsletter
for beginners which you can sign up
for at the web site www.aos.org