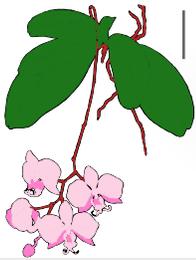


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Pinelands Orchid Society

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From the Officers & Trustees

The Officers and Trustees would like to thank our members who signed up to do committee work this year. As our society becomes more organized, the work becomes divided among many people rather than only a few and the whole society benefits. If you are looking for a way to help the society this year, please take a look at our various committees on Page 2 of the newsletter. Does something appeal to you and your talents? Give any of the committee members a call. .he or she will let you know how you can help!

We are currently putting together our Longwood Gardens Show Committee. If you've never worked on an orchid show before, don't be shy. .there are many things for a beginner to do. It's a fun weekend in an amazing location. In 2008, the show will be held the last weekend of May. Mark your calendars now, and let us know if you'd like to attend our show planning meetings.

While you have your date books open, here are some other important dates to mark:

- Sunday, December 2nd – Joint Holiday Banquet with the South Jersey Orchid Society.
- The Philadelphia Flower Show will be held from March 1st – 9th. The first day to bring in your flowering orchids is Friday, February 29th.
- A members' greenhouse tour to be held on a weekend in April.
- Delaware Valley Orchid Council's Speakers Day on Saturday, May 10th, a wonderful day filled with great speakers, orchid vendors, a room full of your orchid friends, and an outstanding buffet luncheon.



Dendrobium Emma White
Grown by Sariel Ablaza

Monthly Meeting Reminder Meeting

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, **October 2nd**, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., at the Woodland Fire Co. Hall, 524 Beechwood Ave. (off Chapel Ave. and Route 38) in Cherry Hill, NJ.

If your last name begins with the letters **G** through **M**, please bring a snack to share. The society will provide beverages.



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 judging!



Dendrobium subclausum
var. *pandanicola*
Grown by Bayard Saraduke



The Orchid Calendar

- **Sunday, September 30th**—Deep Cut Orchid Society’s annual orchid auction from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information, contact Stephen Evangelides at SEvangelides@comcast.net or visit www.deepcutorchids.com.
- **Tuesday, October 2nd**—Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Program: Demonstration of the **OrchidWiz** Encyclopedia computer software program by members of the society.
- **Friday, October 5th/Saturday, October 6th**—Waldor Orchids invites you to their first annual Fall sale! We will be offering 20% discount on all plants and supplies. Apple cider and light refreshments will be available to all of our guests. For information, visit www.Waldor.com.



Dendrobium bracteosum
Grown by Bayard Saraduke

- **Saturday, October 13th**—Parkside Orchid Nursery’s Saturday Seminars: Introduction to Orchids; Orchid Nutrition and Fertilizer; Diagnostic Clinic. For information, call 610-847-8039 or visit www.parksideorchids.com.
- **Tuesday, November 13th**—Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. This is one week later than our regular meeting date due to the hall being used for general elections on the night of November 6th.
- **Sunday, December 2nd**—Gala Holiday Banquet with members of South Jersey Orchid Society at the Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ. The evening will include dinner, a cash bar, show tables, and Michael Bowell of Create-a-Scene will be our speaker for the evening. Registration forms will be distributed in November. The Holiday Banquet will be our only meeting for the month of December.

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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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An Orchid By Many Other Names

By Betsy Sullivan

“So what kind of orchids do you grow?” someone asked me at my first Pinelands Orchid Society meeting.

“Oh,” I said cluelessly, “Home Depot, and a few BJs.”

OK, I knew that wasn't *exactly* the preferred nomenclature. And now that I've attended a few meetings, I even know why you can't just call an orchid an orchid: the word “orchid” has too few syllables, and way too few vowels.

To be a real orchid, dear Pinocchio, your name must include at least four syllables and no fewer than four vowels. After all, “orchid” itself is just a nickname for the floral family “orchidaceae.” See? Four syllables, six vowels.

This could explain why you rarely see official orchid names on “Wheel of Fortune”: it would be just too expensive for the contestants to buy all the needed vowels. And even if they did, imagine how poor Vanna would have to scramble to turn the letters in *Odontoglossum*; *Phalaenopsis*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, *Phragmipedium*, *Miltoniopsis*, and *Zygopetalum*.

I wanted to learn to speak orchid, but trying to decipher the tags that came with my plants confused me. Of course, they have to abbreviate the name in order to make it fit on a small plastic strip. I successfully deduced that “P.” stood for *Phalaenopsis*. However, “SLC” was a stumper.

It turns out the orchids had ganged up on me. In technical terms, this is referred to as an alliance. There are a couple of them in the known orchid universe: *Cattleya* and *Oncidium*. (Hmm, the *Oncidium* Alliance – wasn't there a group of aliens by that name on Star Trek?)

I had to really read the fine print in an orchid reference book to find out that my “SLC” was apparently an orchid on vowel steroids: a *sophrolaeliocattleya*. “The names can be easily unraveled to identify the specific genera,” my book said, “but when more than three genera are involved, the name given to the resulting cross is personalized to one individual, making the name less clear.”

That, the book said, explained the name of another my orchids -- *Potinara*, which comes from crossing *Brassavola*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia* and *Sophranitis*. Yeah, sure, I can totally see how you get *potinara* from those four names! In private moments, I still refer to mine as “the pink one.”

Clearly this name thing had a lot to do with a plant's mamas and papas (I prefer not to think about the mechanics of three-way and four-way heritages). Some plant tags lists orchids as “A x B.” This means Plant A has been crossed with Plant B to generate the orchid offspring. “A” is the mama, or pod source, while

“B” is the papa, or pollen source. The “x” is used because, as we all know, reproduction is a form of multiplication.

Those tricky tags also reward those who slogged their way through high school Latin. I found out that if an orchid has a Latinized last name – *Pleione formosana* -- it means it's a species. If the name isn't Latinized – *Pleione Shantung* – it's a hybrid. The mechanism by which knowing this helps your plant to bloom is not yet fully understood, but research is ongoing.

Something else that had been squeezed onto my tags turned out to be a code. There are no varieties of orchids called HCC or FCC (although at this point, I was thinking of calling in the federal communications agency just to see if it could help clear things up). Those abbreviations stand for Highly Commended Certificate or First Class Certificate, which means that if you kill these particular plants, you should feel especially guilty.

I gave up before I could find out the significance of orchid names in italics and in quote marks. And don't even get me started on what those numbers might mean.

Research is interesting, but I had other things to do, like watering Home Depot No. 1, BJ's No. 4 and the pink one.



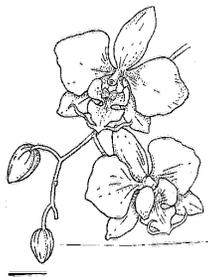
Habenaria regneri
Grown by Bayard Saraduke



Bulbophyllum tingabarinum
Grown by Traci Beden-Tambussi



Paphiopedilum Malvina Booth
Grown by Christina Jacoby



**Pinelands Orchid Society
2007—2008
Membership/Renewal Form**



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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Please send my newsletter by e-mail only

September 2007 to June 2008 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**

Hospitality/Refreshments: **Set Up (7:00-7:30)** **Clean Up**

Newsletter: **Articles/Writing** **Assembly/Mailing**

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, Membership Secretary
 4 Cobblestone Court, Columbus, NJ 08002**

Program for October 2nd Bring in Your “Mystery” Plant Labels!



Our program for the evening will be a demonstration of the **OrchidWiz** Encyclopedia software program by members of the society.

Released in 2005, the **OrchidWiz** Encyclopedia computer program arose out of the need for an easy and pictorial way to look up orchid species and hybrid data. Its primary goal was to develop an intuitive and comprehensive orchid research program that every orchid grower could use.

So bring in your partial or unreadable labels, and we'll see if we can track down the name of your plants! We'll also demonstrate the program using plants from the show table.



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!



Rossioglossum Grande
'Rawdon Jester'
Grown by Eileen Willison



Don't forget to bring your orchid questions to **Kathleen's Korner** during the refreshment break. Please cover your ailing plant in plastic before bringing it for diagnosis.

Pinelands Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

6:30 p.m.	Doors open for meeting set up
7:00—7:30	Arrival of Show Table Plants
7:30—7:45	Business Meeting/Announcements
7:45—8:15	Break for Refreshments and “Kathleen’s Korner”
8:15—9:00	Speaker or Program Presentation
9:00—9:30	Show Table Critique
9:30—9:45	Raffle