

Pinelands Orchid Society

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Welcome to the new season of Orchids at Pinelands! The summer just flew by. We visited at the South Jersey picnic, we learned about orchids and spent money on orchids at Parkside's OrchidFest, and now here we are, ready for cooler weather and looking for spikes on the phals and buds on the cattleyas.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:30pm at the Woodland Fire Co. in Cherry Hill. Our speaker will be Walt Off of Waldor Orchids.

Walt is a familiar face to our members. He owns Waldor Orchids along with his brother, Bill, he is an AOS judge in the Mid-Atlantic region, he appears at every orchid event in the Delaware Valley, and he was responsible for the spectacular main display at the Philadelphia Flower Show last March. Walt will be bringing plants for sale to the meeting.

Please be sure to bring your blooming plants for the show table. Walt will help out with the ribbons, and it's always interesting to hear what he has to say about the plants.

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

It is the time of year when we ask you to pay dues. Dues help defray the expenses of the club. We are one of the lowest-priced clubs, with single dues at \$15.00, and \$20.00 for a household (2 or more people receiving one newsletter). Please see Valerie at the meeting to pay your dues. You will find in the newsletter a survey about your orchid. Each month during the year, the MidAtlantic

growing. Please complete the survey and bring it in with you dues. Or you can mail your dues and survey to our mailbox. Make checks payable to Pinelands Orchid Society.

The board would like to announce lifetime memberships for three of our members. Lifetime memberships are given on occasion to individuals who have contributed greatly to the club, and our recipients this year certainly fit that description. Joe and Nancy Volpe have been involved in Pinelands for almost as long as it has been in existence, holding offices, running shows, and bringing in their stunning, award-winning plants to share with all of us. John Ceresani, our third recipient, has been a tireless supporter of the club. He opens and closes the facility for each meeting, takes care of the chairs, tables and the projector, handles our sound system, and takes care of all the little things that make a meeting happen. We offer our heartfelt thanks to these three members who have gone above and beyond in their contribution to Pinelands.

If you are particularly observant, you will have noticed we have an addition to the heading on the newsletter. Yes, we have a website, courtesy of John DeGood. Please take a moment to check out the site. It has information about the club, past newsletters, and links to other orchid sites. John has done a great job, and we send him a big thank you!

Judging Center meets on the third Wednesday

of each month at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park. The meeting begins at 7:00. Plants are judged, and often there is a slide show of recent awards. Bayard Saraduke and Kathleen Harvey both recently received awards from the Judging Center for their plants. Going to the meeting gives an opportunity to see the best of recent breeding, and is a great opportunity to learn more about orchids. Judging will be held September 15, October 20, and November 17.

Events

September 7, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting, 7:30 at the Woodland Fire Co. Cherry Hill, NJ Speaker: Walt Off, Waldor Orchids

September 26, 2004 Deep Cut Orchid Society Annual Auction, 10:00 am, Colts Neck Fire Co. #1. For info, call 732-615-0447 or go to their website at www.DeepCutOrchids.com .

October 1-2, 2004 Pleurothallis Festival at Parkside Orchids. Details to come.

October 5, 2004 Pinelands Orchid Society meeting, 7:30 at the Woodlands Fire Co. Cherry Hill, NJ. Speaker: Paul Sheetz of Just Pat Orchids

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