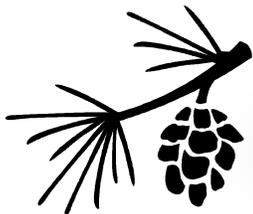


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Happy New Year!

When we open our calendars to January, we know that flower show season is right around the corner. The Philadelphia Flower Show is the region's harbinger of spring—a wonderful event where you can not only see large landscape and floral displays but also appreciate the skill of hundreds of gardening enthusiasts who enter their favorite plants and artistic designs in the Show's Competitive Classes. Perhaps you've thought, "I can grow plants that are as nice or better than the ones I've seen at the Show today!" The first step to entering your plants in the Show is to pre-register by January 31st by regular mail or online.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society publishes *A Beginner's Guide to Entering the Horticulture and Orchid Classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show*. The Guide is available by logging on to www.TheFlowerShow.com. This *Beginner's Guide* will help you understand how to participate as an exhibitor and provides an explanation of some of the terms you will come across in the *Exhibitor's Guide*, the official instruction manual for Show competition. To obtain a printed copy of the *Exhibitor's Guide*, send a request with your name and address to *Exhibitor's Guide*, Shows Department, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1495, or send an e-mail to fsguide@pennhort.org.



Dendrobium Hybrid 'Charlene's Red'
Grown by Maurice Marietti
December Holiday Banquet

Three of our own society's members are chairing the Orchid Classes at The Flower Show this year and would be happy to answer any questions and guide you through the entry process. Feel free to e-mail or give them a call:

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In the spirit of the upcoming show season, Bayard Saraduke will be doing a presentation at our January meeting on grooming and staking plants for exhibition. Members are encouraged to bring plants in bud, or plants they think will be in bloom for the Flower Show. Bayard will demonstrate what he has learned over the years to make plants look their best, including pre-staking, disbudding, manipulation of the plant for best presentation, and final staking.

January's Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of Pinelands Orchid

Society will be held on
Tuesday, **January 6th, 2009**
at 7:30 p.m., at Medford Leas,
1 Medford Leas Way,
Medford, NJ 08055

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



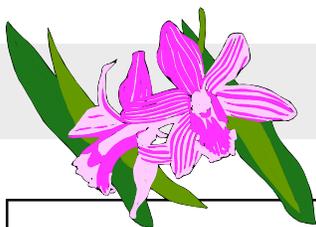
**Doors will open to accept
Show Table
Plants at 7:00 p.m.**

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 Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

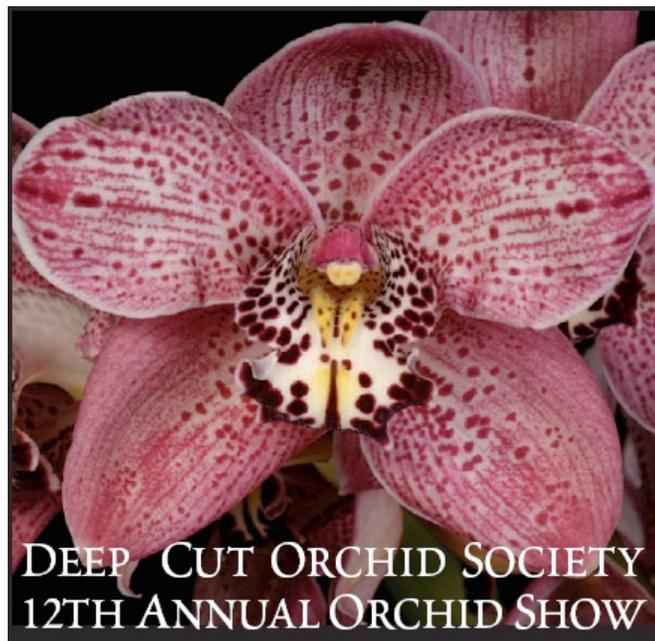
- 7:00-7:30 Arrival of Show Table Plants
- 7:30 Business/Announcements
- 7:45 Refreshments/Social Time/
Culture Corner
- 8:15 Program/Speaker
- 9:00 Show Table Critique



The Orchid Events Calendar



- **Tuesday, January 6th**—Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Leas. Program: Preparing your plants for exhibition presented by Bayard Saraduke.
- **Saturday, January 31st**—Entry deadline for pre-registration of plants in the Competitive Classes of The Philadelphia Flower Show. Deadline is for both online and regular mail.
- **Thursday, January 29th—Sunday, February 1st**—Silva Orchids 21st Annual Open House. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Special Guest: James Rose of Cal-Orchid. 635 Wayside Road, Neptune, NJ 07753. Phone: 732-922-2635. E-mail: silvaorchids@optonline.net. Web site: www.silvaorchids.com.
- **Tuesday, February 3rd**— Pinelands Orchid Society’s monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Leas. Program to be announced.
- **February 5th through 8th**—Deep Cut Orchid Society’s 12th Annual Orchid Show at Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ. 



DEEP CUT ORCHID SOCIETY 12TH ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW

February 5 - 8, 2009

Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9 AM - 6 PM

Sun., 9 AM - 4:30 PM

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11,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art greenhouse at



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<http://deepcutorchids.googlepages.com>
or info@dearbornmarket.com 732-264-0256

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.

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>

Falling Leaves – *Dendrobiums*

It is always worrisome when our plants start to lose leaves, so to better understand the process we'll look at *Dendrobium* which is extremely diverse and also prone to leaf drop for a variety of reasons.

Dendrobiums are "cane" orchids which store their energy in tall bamboo type canes. The *Phalaenopsis* varieties (with flowers and long inflorescences resembling *Phals*) will drop their leaves when the temperature goes below 50 degrees Fahrenheit or 10 degrees Celsius. In their native habitat the temperature rarely goes below 60 degrees Fahrenheit and they need year round watering and fertilizer as well as warm temperatures. They will also tend to lose leaves if the humidity is too low, so this is something that indoor growers should watch out for. Leaf loss is simply a mechanism to preserve their energy and does no harm to the plant. They will generally bloom on the old back bulbs, so don't take them off.

The Nobile *Dendrobiums* which are lovely with a large eye in the center of the flower need a long dry period so that they will lose their leaves. They bloom on short inflorescences right next to the cane in contrast to the long stems on the *Phalaenopsis* section. Keep them misted, but not watered as they will not flower if kept watered, but will product keikis (baby plants). Keep them dry until new growth is around ½ inch or 1.5 centimeters and then start water and fertilizer being extremely careful not to get any moisture on the new growth. They are sensitive to rot at the early stage of growth so keep an eye out for blackened areas and spray with a fungicide such as Physan.

Other causes of leaf fall in these orchids are spider mite infection and fungal growth on the leaves. Symptoms of spider mite are a silvery look to the leaves and sometimes evidence of minute webs on the undersides. It is a good idea to spray your collections in the fall and winter in order to protect against these pests. Fungal infections can be seen as dark spots on the undersides of the leaves or in the areas where the leaves connect to the cane. Eventually the leaves will die and fall off. Lack of adequate air circulation is often the culprit so be sure that you have fans circulating air. Spraying with Physan will control the problem once it has appeared. You will need to do so weekly for two to three weeks to completely control it. It is also important to dispose of any infected materials away from your healthy plants as mold spores are easily spread.



Cynodes Wine Delight 'Jem' FCC/AOS
Grown by Ty Triplett
December Holiday Banquet



Marriottara Hawaiian Leopard (*Rhynchosoprocattleya*
 Waianae Leopard x *Brassophrontis* Richard Mueller)
 Grown by Bob Bookbinder
 November Show Table



Paphiopedilum spicerianum
 Grown by Kathleen Harvey
 November Show Table

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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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