



January 2012

# Pinelands Orchid Society

<http://www.pinelandsorchidsociety.org>

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## President's Message

Happy Middle of the Holidays! As I write this, my husband is wrapping gifts for our family celebration still to come this week, and we are looking forward to New Year's Eve festivities. And I thought this week would be quiet and restful. Ha!

In plant news, we have passed the Solstice, which means the days are now getting longer, although it has gotten colder. I can see daffodils poking an inch out of the ground in my gardens. Many *phalaenopsis* are spiking, a few *paphs*, and one or two species orchids are thinking about it.

As you all know, the Philadelphia Flower Show is just around the corner, so it is time to start staking and grooming. If you stake now, it will not be a chore in another 4 -6 weeks! If you have entered the Flower Show in the past, you should have received your letter regarding online registration. I urge anyone entering the show to make use of the online registration. It will save you time, you can enter more plants, and it will facilitate your Flower Show experience. Just log onto the Flower Show website to get started. Our meeting this month will be January 3 at Medford Leas.

Our speaker will be our own John DeGood, and he will be discussing water quality and your orchids. I hope to see you all there!

*Valerie*

### Monthly Meeting—January 3rd, 2012

The next meeting of Pinelands Orchid Society will be held on **Tuesday, January 3rd** 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. The society will provide Hot and cold beverages.



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

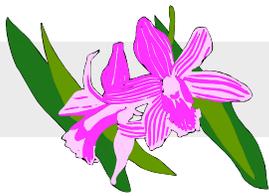
#### **Please Remember:**

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—7:45	Business Meeting and Announcements
7:45	Refreshments and Social Time!
8:00	Program Presentation
8:45	Show Table Critique

# The Orchid Calendar



**Tuesday, January 3rd—Pinelands Orchid Society's** monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Medford Leas Continuing Care Retirement Community. Tonight's program: "Orchid Water Quality and Fertilizer" presented by John DeGood. See Page 3 of this newsletter for a description of John's presentation.

**Tuesday, January 31st—Last day to register online or by mail** for entries in the Competitive Classes of the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show. Any questions about online/mail registration? Call Christine Jacoby by phone 609-220-3210 or email: roji@comcast.net

**Tuesday, February 7th—Pinelands Orchid Society's** monthly meeting at Medford Leas Continuing Care Retirement Community. Program to be announced.

**Thursday, February 9th—Sunday, February 12th—Deep Cut Orchid Society's Winter Show** at Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ. See Page 4 of this newsletter for more information. Don't miss it. . .it's a great day and well worth the trip!

## A Note from the Newsletter Editor

Please be sure to inform our society Secretary/Treasurer, John DeGood, of any changes in your name, address, telephone number, or email address. Monthly newsletters and society announcements are sent each month to email addresses only, so it is very important for us to have your correct email address!

Christine Jacoby  
Email: roji@comcast.net



\* Driving directions to Medford Leas Continuing Care Retirement Community can be found on their web site: [www.MedfordLeas.org](http://www.MedfordLeas.org)

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### Sunshine Broker

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.  
rcm51402121@yahoo.com

## Our Program for January 3rd:

### Orchid Water Quality and Fertilizer

Orchids originating from different natural habitats express different sensitivities to water quality. John will introduce the basics of orchid water chemistry and potential sources including rain, reverse osmosis, municipal, and well water. He will discuss scientific research (and folklore) on orchid fertilizer composition, concentration, and pH. Well and municipal water sources contain dissolved minerals and salts that must be taken into account when calculating orchid fertilizer concentration.

John will bring pH and conductivity meters to the meeting. Members are encouraged to bring samples of both their plain water as well as their diluted fertilizer solution for analysis. A sample size of 8 fluid ounces, i.e. 1 cup is adequate.

John has a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Although his current job is not chemistry related, he applies his chemical knowledge to his orchid, baking, and homebrewing hobbies.



## Library News

Pinelands Orchid Society has acquired a copy of *Vanilla Orchids: Natural History and Cultivation* by Ken Cameron. The book is available from our library to members who are interested in reading it. Why not take it home this month and write a review for our newsletter? Ask one of the officers to take the book on loan.



### VANILLA ORCHIDS

*Natural History and Cultivation*  
KEN CAMERON

With more than 30,000 known species, orchids represent the largest family of plants. But only one genus has agricultural value—the Vanilla orchid. Leading orchid expert Ken Cameron covers the natural history of the world's most popular flavor and fragrance and provides an introduction to the pollination, biology, structure, evolution, and diversity of Vanilla and related orchids. *Vanilla Orchids*, published by Timber Press, also features methods for bean harvest, curing, and processing for enthusiasts who want to try it at home.



**Annual Show and Sale  
Dearborn Market  
Holmdel, New Jersey**

**February 9–12, 2012**

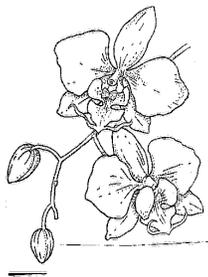


Held in Dearborn Market's 10,000 square foot greenhouse, the Deep Cut Orchid Society Winter Show is the largest orchid show and sale in New Jersey. It is an AOS sanctioned show and hosts many displays from orchid societies and professional growers from the area. This is the time of year when orchids are at the blooming peak and you will see hundreds of beautiful orchids covering a wide variety of orchid genera. And it's **Free!!** There will be free group guided tours throughout the week, and information on growing orchids. The show also includes a large sales area of the growers attending the show.

It is nice to brighten up a dreary February day with the sights and smells of beautiful and colorful orchids.  
Ample parking and food on the premises.

**For more information, visit [www.deepcutorchids.com](http://www.deepcutorchids.com)  
or call Dearborn Market at 732-264-0256**





# Pinelands Orchid Society Membership Form



Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name(s) First Name(s)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues: September to June**

Category (check one) **Single \$20.00**  **Family \$25.00**

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**

**Speakers/Programs:**  **Sell Supplies at Monthly Meetings:**

**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 this form to the meeting or mail to:

**John DeGood, Membership Secretary**  
**4 Cobblestone Court, Columbus, NJ 08022**

## AOS Corner

If you are not already an individual member to the American Orchid Society, start the new year off by considering joining. AOS membership is truly a rewarding experience. Whether you are a beginner or an expert orchid grower you will find relevant information and inspiration throughout the AOS website ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)) or through our publication, *Orchids*. As a member of AOS you will join the 10,000 other members worldwide who share the like passion for orchids. In addition, you will help further the important conservation and research efforts of which the AOS is a part.

Benefits of being an AOS member include:

- Monthly issues of award-winning *Orchids* magazine (12 per year).
- Free and discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta through the reciprocal garden program. Check out the listing on the AOS website for any local participating gardens.
- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide.
- Access to online orchid information and features available only to our members at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).
- 10% discount on purchases on-line at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org), including back issues of *Orchids* magazine and on American Orchid Society published books. Reduced processing fees for American Orchid Society judged plant and flower awards.

In addition, the following vendors extend AOS members a 5% discount on all purchases as an added benefit of membership: Exotic Orchids of Maui, June's Orchid Estate, Krull-Smith, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn, Ltd, Seagrove Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids and Woodstream Orchids.

If you have a two-year new membership or renewal you will receive (mailed from AOS headquarters) a special coupon worth \$30 off of an order of \$100 or more from your choice of one of the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Carter & Holmes, Dan & Margie Orchids, Exotic Orchids of Maui, Gold Country Orchids, Hillview Gardens, Indoor Gardening Supplies (IGS), June's Orchid Estate, Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies, Krull-Smith, Little Brook Orchids, Marsh Hollow Orchids, Mountain View Orchids, New Earth Orchids, Norman's Orchids, OFE International, Orchid Doctor, Orchid Inn Ltd., Piping Rock Orchids, Quest Orchids, RF Orchids, Ravenvision, Roberts Flower Supply, Soroa Orchids, Inc., Sunset Valley Orchids, Tropical Gardens Orchids.

Also I would like to remind everyone that the AOS headquarters has been sold. Therefore, the gardens and AOS headquarters are closed to the public. As the AOS transitions to its new location within the next couple of months, please be mindful and patient with the AOS staff's responses to any inquiries or requests. They have the additional burden of moving added to their schedules. I will keep you updated in future columns on any developments with that transition.

I wish you all a happy 2012!

Lynn Fuller, Chair

Affiliated Societies Committee