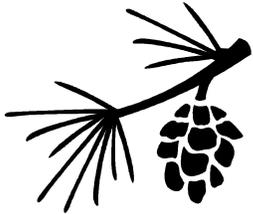


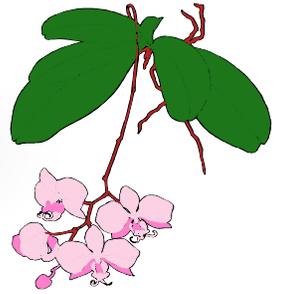
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Our June Meeting: 2nd Annual Show Table Awards Presentation

You won't want to miss Pinelands Orchid Society's **2nd Annual Show Table Awards Presentation** on Tuesday evening, June 10th. The Show Table Committee will be pleased to present a slide show of the monthly candidates chosen for our four major awards: Best Greenhouse-Grown Plant, Best Indoor/Windowsill Plant, the Tony Petralia Award for the best *Paphiopedium/Phragmipedium*, and, new this year, the Pat DiSanto Award for the best miscellaneous hybrid or species. Our Show Tables were bursting with beautiful plants again this year, and our photo presentation highlights the growing talents of Pinelands members. And....who knows.....there may be a few "surprise" awards, too!

In addition to photographs of each month's candidates for these awards, the presentation will include some highlights from the various shows that Pinelands participated in this year in case you missed them.

So please plan on attending our final meeting of the 2007-2008 society year, enjoy a freshly made hoagie from Masso's Deli, sit back, and enjoy the show!



Monthly Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, **June 10th**, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., at the Woodland Fire Co. Hall, 524 Beechwood Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ.

If your last name begins with the letters **M** through **Z** please bring a dessert item to share. The society will provide hoagies and 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!

Remember!

We are meeting one week later than usual because the Woodland Fire Hall is being used for general elections in Cherry Hill on the first Tuesday of June.



The Orchid Calendar



Thanks to everyone for a fun & successful Annual Auction last month!

- **Saturday, May 31st**—Speakers' Day sponsored by the Joint Presidents Council at the Holiday Inn North, Newark International Airport, featuring Carlos Fighetti (President of AOS), Frank Smith (Krull Smith), Ron McHatton (AOS Dir. Of Education), and Juan Carlos Uribe (Orquideas del Valle). Advanced registration is required. Call Rita Cohen 516-374-6426.
- **Tuesday, June 10th**—Pinelands Orchid Society's last meeting of the 2007-2008 year at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be our 2nd Annual Show Table Awards PowerPoint Presentation. Come ready to enjoy a freshly made hoagie from Masso's Deli and enjoy a slide show of Show Table Award candidates chosen during our 2007-2008 monthly meetings. Your plant might be on the screen!

Don't Miss These Summer Events:

- **June 27th—July 6th**— Annual Summer Sale at J & L Orchids: This is our biggest annual event. Guest vendors Cal-Orchid of Santa Barbara CA, and Orchidphile from Stamford CT, will dazzle you with their beautiful plants. We will have lots of fascinating new stock with a 15% discount. Free picnic lunch first weekend at the greenhouse. For more information, go to J & L's web site: <http://www.jlorchids.com/>
- **June 27th & 28th**—Waldor Orchids of Linwood, NJ, invites you to their Annual Summer Sale. They will be offering 20% off all plants and supplies. There will be complimentary hot dogs and cold drinks for everyone. For more information go to: <http://www.waldor.com/>
- **July 26th & 27th**—Parkside Orchids Nursery's Annual Summer Orchid Fest in Ottsville, PA. Orchid Fest is a 2-day educational and sales event hosted by Parkside. Visit their web site for more information and this year's fabulous list of guest orchid vendors: <http://www.parksideorchids.com/fest.htm>

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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.

Pinelands Orchid Society thanks Susan Taylor, online orchids editor at *Bellaonline.com*, for this article. For more great articles on orchids, you can subscribe to Susan's email newsletter by visiting <http://orchids.bellaonline.com/>

Tree Fern as a Mounting Platform

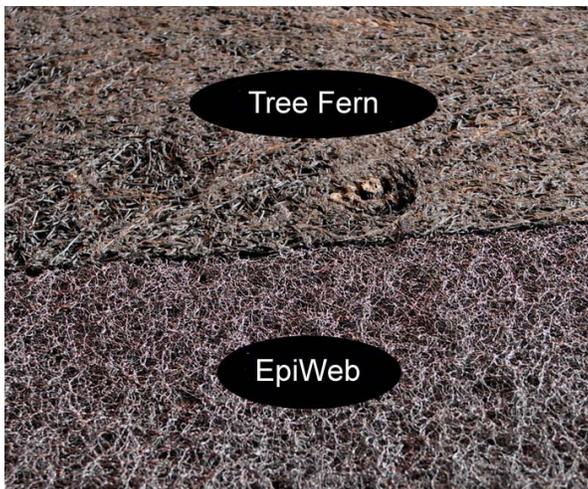
Tree fern has been used as a mounting for orchids for a number of years, especially once Osmunda fiber became more and more expensive and difficult to find. We have now reached the point where the demand for the product is endangering many of the slower growing species of this large fern.

As the root mass – which is what we use as mounts – is stripped from wild growing ferns, eventually the plant dies. This is especially true in the case of the South American varieties where it is estimated by some that the majority of species are now endangered. I was able to find some information on sustainable production of tree ferns in plantation form in Australia. And Tasmania has fairly strong governmental regulation of the harvesting of wild ferns. It is only allowed in areas that are being cleared for road building and/or farmland where the ferns would be eliminated anyway. Unfortunately, import of tree fern products from this part of the world is prohibited in the US and Canada so we have no way to buy sustainable product. I was unable to find any source from South America which was marked as plantation raised and not from the wild. If anyone knows of any such source, please let me know and I will pass the information on.

In light of the endangered status of most of the tree ferns, I have stopped using it for any mounting I'm doing. Coconuts, baskets, plaques, cork mounts and *EpiWeb** which is a new product made of recycled bottles, are all alternatives which should be considered instead of any kind of tree fern unless you know the source of that product.

Coconut husk pieces are a resource that is simply thrown away now in many tropical areas and they provide an ideal planting and mounting product. Chips are used extensively in culture and the larger pieces are not hard to find at most supply vendors. Cork slabs, which have also been used extensively for years, and are a renewable resource are now becoming scarcer due to a pest which is killing off the cork trees. It is a truly renewable resource and we hope that the pest can be managed so that this mounting medium is available for years to come.

As more and more people move away from tree fern products, we should start seeing more conservation friendly alternatives such as the EpiWeb product produced in many of the shapes that we now see in tree fern. In the meantime, please consider moving to one of the other products in order to reduce the demand for wild harvested ferns.



* *EpiWeb* is available from Creative Hydroponics:
<http://www.firstrays.com>



Light Cart for Sale



Isn't it time to increase your indoor growing space potential?

Eileen Willison is donating to the society the proceeds from the sale of a light cart that she received from a former indoor orchid hobbyist. As shown in the photograph, the light cart contains four plant trays with drainage grids and four fluorescent light fixtures which can be placed on timers.

If you are interested in this light cart, please contact Eileen Willison this summer at 856-234-7744 or e-mail ewillison@orchidneedlepoint.com



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Close to the city of Singapore, the National Orchid Garden (part of the 90-acre Singapore Botanic Garden)

has the world's largest orchid display, featuring more than 700 species and 2,100 hybrids, as well as VIP orchids named after visiting dignitaries, including Margaret Thatcher and Princess Diana.

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/Show Table Judging
8:15-9:00	Program/Presentation
9:00	Show Table Critique & Raffle

