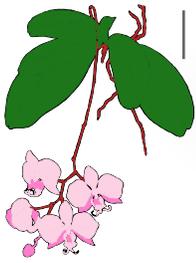


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I'm Dreaming of An Orchid Christmas

By Betsy Sullivan

I knew I'd gone around the orchid bend based on my reaction to my son's Christmas shopping story.

He's in college, which means gifts are purchased online in the wee hours of the night as procrastination from studying for finals. I think he inherited this deadline adrenaline purchase gene from my husband, since it seems to be somehow tied to testosterone.

Last Christmas morning, Drew was explaining why he got what he did – which was great, honest – adding, “I thought about getting you a plant, but I didn't know what kind. Later, I thought I should have bought an orchid.”
“But you didn't know what kind,” I replied.

He gave me a funny look, as if I had just said something in Greek – or in plant Latin. Of course he knew there were different colors and shapes of orchids, but he had no clue that there were at least as many varieties as the number of songs on his iPod. Guess I should have stopped at being grateful for having a thoughtful son. Sigh.

Truth be told, though, many of our loved ones are a little mystified by orchid-appropriate purchases. They don't understand why a ceramic pot with holes in it might have great appeal, why a plastic bag full of crumbled brown bark makes the perfect stocking stuffer or know that our gift list might include a humidifier, but not the kind that is good for sore throats.

Consider this, then, a clip-and-save holiday gift guide to leave in obvious places around the house, like maybe on top of the computer keyboard.

(Note to any attorney members/friends of POS: this list is meant only as a helpful guideline and does not constitute any official endorsement ... orchid growing is by nature unpredictable and so growers have de facto agreement to undergo “acceptable risk.”)

Orchids. Yes, indeed, yet another orchid plant would be quite nice. Specifically, I would like a ----- (list plant name here, such as, say, ahem, “*oncidium*”) that is ----- (list personal preferences here, such as, ahem, “fragrant,” hint, hint).

Some local sources:

<http://www.waldor.com>

<http://www.parksideorchids.com>

<http://www.pipingrockorchids.com>

Accessories. There's an abundance of toys for orchid growers. Special pots to grow them in. Stakes to hold them up. Cutesy clips to attach the plant spike to the stake. Fertilizer. Misters (as opposed to mistresses!). A moisture-retaining thermometer that works in orchid bark.

I was surprised – and delighted – to discover that there is an actual orchid mall in cyberspace, where many orchid ideas are grouped by category. It's enough to make a poinsettia turn green with envy! Check it out at: <http://www.orchidmall.com>.

Our own POS pres, Christine Jacoby, sells beautiful ceramic orchid pots. Find them at: <http://www.rojipotterystudio.com>.



Monthly Meeting Reminder Meeting

The next meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society will be Tuesday, **November 13th**, 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 N through S, 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!

POS Trustee Bob Taylor, known to web wanderers as orchidman@comcast.net, specializes in providing growing medium for orchids. If you got a \$10 gift certificate from him, the orchid grower on your list could choose from a bag of his custom Taylor-made orchid potting mix – available in coconut base, new bark base and fine bark base -- that will fill twenty 4-inch pots. Medium and fine bark, sponge rock, charcoal, metal stakes with safety tips, and Dyna-Gro Orchid Fertilizer are also available.



From our own society's collection of orchid supplies, what orchid grower wouldn't want to find a nice new ball of green string and a bunch of wooden stakes in his/her stocking?



Orchid references. Books and CD-Roms for orchid enthusiasts abound. You can find some in local bookstores or, of course, through the cyber jungle known as Amazon.

My personal favorite is anything written by Wilma and Brian Rittershausen. They know what they are talking about, there are plenty of colorful photos, the writing is clear and the disgusting pictures of bug infestations are discreetly tucked toward the back of the books.

OrchidWiz Encyclopedia Software, as seen at the October POS meeting, helps you figure out what you're growing if the tag has gone missing, and provides lots of photos, plant awards and family history. See it on the web at

<http://www.orchidwiz.com>. Give this only to someone you are prepared to have disappear in front of the computer screen for several hours.

Orchid excursions. Nothing says "I love you" like a field trip, especially one on which you are willing to accompany the orchid-a-holic. Things that fall into this category include gift certificates to growers (where you will be asked to help pick out the plant until you, duh, realize that the only solution is to get all three.) You also can buy tickets to orchid shows, but be warned this is not exactly like visiting an "orchid zoo" where all the live things on display already have homes because each show has an "orchid adoption center," also known as vendor space. Reservations for restaurants with orchids on the table give you something to chew on. You also can take orchid-themed travel tours – there's one in Florida based on The Orchid Thief book. The orchid cyber mall site lists some other possibilities from St. Louis to South Africa.

Orchid greenhouses. Yes, Virginia, there are home orchid greenhouses. Have you been very good this year? This gift will work best if it is not a total surprise, as not only do light and water have to be accounted for, but there may be building and zoning hurdles. POS greenhouse growers (the ones who fill out the white slips at the monthly orchid shows) can be good sources of information on various design styles.



Orchid anything. T-shirts. Coffee mugs. Paintings of orchids. Jewelry. Perfume.

POS member Eileen Willison provides stitchers with perpetual blooms through her original needlepoint designs of orchids, which you can find at: <http://orchidneedlepoint.com>.

Nancy Swindell notes that eBay can be a treasure trove for orchid lovers and those who love them back.

Among some recent listings:

* A 1950's Westmoreland sterling silver flatware set called "Enchanting Orchid" that has a gorgeous cattleya bloom on the handle.

* Moorcroft antique porcelain orchid bowls and vases (made between the 1930s and 1950s), Swarovski crystal orchid pieces and French Limoges orchid boxes.

* In the jewelry category, antique 18k cattleya orchid pins that have a pearl at the center or, from the 1940s, a Hawaiian retailer called Mings that made white ivory cattleya orchid pins set in sterling.

* For the big spender, Daum (France) pate de verre crystal orchid vases, bowls, and even a ring holder.

* For the super big spender, a Rolex "orchid" watch.

It looks like the only thing you can't find that is related to orchids is one of those holiday songs to download to your iPod, but I'm working on that. Something to the tune of "Up On the Housetop," perhaps, with the alternate lyrics, "Up on the treetops, flowers bloom/Orchid buyers need more room ..."

Or "God Rest Ye Weary Pseudobulbs, let nothing you dismay. Remember that the Flower Show is Just Three Months Away."

Happy Holidays to one and all!





The Orchid Calendar



Aerangis lutea alba
Grown by Donna Boyle

- **Saturday, November 3rd**—*Miniatures of the Orchid World* at Parkside Orchid Nursery. 8:30 a.m.—3:15 p.m. Registration required. See flyer in this newsletter for more information.
- **Saturday, November 3rd**—Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction. See web site for list of auction plants and more information: <http://www.sepos.org>.
- **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. Program: *A Visit with the AOS*.
- **Sunday, November 18th**—South Jersey Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction at 1:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Willow and S. Clinton Aves., Wenonah, NJ. For more information, call Barbara Inglessis 856-722-0393 or Dianne Haaf 856-629-5610.
- **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. 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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Pescoranthes wallisii
Grown by Ernie Masso



Ascid. Fuchs Sunglow 'Starrlyn' Grown by
Leslee & Mike Jacobs



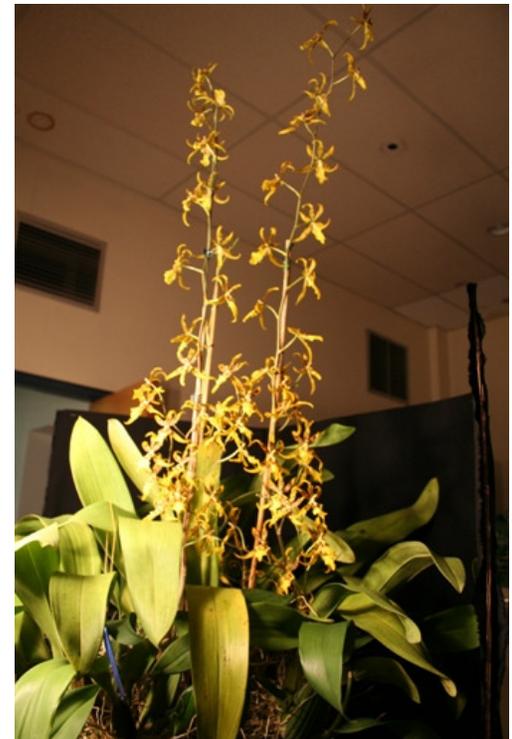
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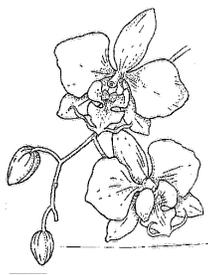
Hargella odorata Grown by Ellie Winter



Phrag. Tall Tails Grown by Frank Heiler



Brsdm. Fly Away Miami
Grown by Donna Boyle



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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



~ Reminders ~

- You have received a “sticky note” reminder on your newsletter if your 2007-2008 society dues have not been received. Please send your dues to John DeGood at the address on the renewal form. Dues must be paid in order to exhibit plants on the show tables and to continue receiving the newsletter.



- The **Holiday Banquet Committee** would appreciate receiving your registrations before November 20th.



Volunteer Needed

We have an old scrapbook containing clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous items that members of POS have saved over the years.

We would like to update the scrapbook and continue the tradition.

If you are interested in taking on this project, please contact Christine Jacoby at roji@comcast.net or call 609-220-3210.

Dates to Mark in Your Calendar for 2008



Burlington County Art & Flower Show, Burlington County College, Mt. Holly, NJ—February 9th & 10th

Deep Cut Orchid Society Show at Dearborn Market, Holmdel, NJ—February 7th—10th

Philadelphia Flower Show—March 1st—9th

Longwood Garden Show & Sale—March 29th—30th

Delaware Valley Orchid Society Speakers' Day, Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ—May 10th

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!



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