

# Sandpiper Orchid Society



MARCH 2011

## Sandpiper Meetings

### Location

Galloway Branch of the  
Atlantic County Library  
system located at  
306 East Jimmie Leeds Road  
Galloway, NJ  
Phone 609-652-2352

[Map of Meeting Location.](#)

## March 17th

7:30 PM

**Meeting held at Waldor Orchids  
Linwood, NJ**

**(Meeting location & date change for  
March's meeting only)**

This month's program will be a review of the highlights of the *Deep Cut Orchid Show* of this past February and also what Sandpiper has planned for the upcoming *Longwood Gardens Orchid Show* as far as how our members can participate and help with our Society's entry of our Orchid Display.

## Welcome Guests

As President of the Sandpiper OS,  
I would like to welcome  
**Jennifer Capone** and **Fred Poley**  
to Sandpiper's last meeting and we  
are looking forward to seeing them  
again at our future meetings.

*Andy Fontaine*

## LONGWOOD GARDENS

### International Orchid Show and Sale

**Friday, March 25, 2010**  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Saturday, March 26, 2010**  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Sunday, March 27, 2010**  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Enter a world of  
dazzling orchids  
showcased by the  
best collectors and  
growers from Hawaii  
to South America.

Stunning exhibits fill  
the Conservatory and a  
wide array of orchids  
are for sale. Enjoy the American Orchid Society-judged  
show, guided tours, informative talks and a sales  
pavilion like no other.

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[Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society](#)  
(SEPOS)



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[LONGWOOD GARDENS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW](#)

The **Sandpiper Orchid Society**  
will enter an *Orchid Display* in the **SEPOS Orchid Show**.

Website: <http://www.SandpiperOrchidSociety.com>

Email: [SandpiperOS@gmail.com](mailto:SandpiperOS@gmail.com)

**March '11 Newsletter**  
in a  
**MAGAZINE FORMAT**

**SHOW TABLE & Orchid Shows**  
Point Standings thru  
**February 2011**

Bollenbach, G.	55
Cascioli, P.	17
Class, B.	61
Ellingsen, B.	32
DelGuercio, M&S	9
Fontaine, A.	36
MIchalenko, R.	57
Schairer, C.	13

**How the Points are Earned**

Rosette Award .....	10 pts
1st Place .....	5 pts
2nd Place .....	3 pts
3rd Place .....	1 pt

**Joe Myers Award** - Awarded to the member that accumulates the highest point total for the year as determined from Society Displays and the monthly Show Table results.

**Lisa O'Neal Award** - This award was established in 2006 upon the untimely death of then president Lisa O'Neal. Lisa was renowned for displaying her finest orchids on the monthly Show Table. The winner of this award is acknowledged as having grown the most outstanding orchid of the year which is chosen from those plants that received the 10 point Rosette Award.

# Members Night

Members night at our last meeting was an evening where Society members volunteered to spend 7-10 minutes, acquainting us with what is going on in their orchid lives, past or present.

Bruce Montgomery started us off with his history of orchid growing, progressing through the years to the present where he and his wife, Alice, now grow their orchids in their south facing Florida room (They actually bought their current house because of the Florida room orientation with the purpose of growing orchids).

Nancy Burke followed with a discussion about Huntington Gardens in California which may become the new home of the American Orchid Society. She also informed all of the members present that the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Stockton State College was coming up. Nancy, before retiring, taught classes at the college and used the campus greenhouse as a living workshop for her students.

Dr. Cary Stone, the moderator for the meeting, interacted with the audience by encouraging other members to share their current interests with the group. A great evening of information was shared by all who attended.

## Society Meetings Ahead

**APRIL**



### Orchid Mini-Auction

The Sandpiper Orchid Society will hold an **Orchid Mini-Auction (Limited to 40-60 Member's Orchids)** during it's **APRIL '10 Meeting**. The date for the **Mini-Auction will be Thursday, April 22nd**.

**Doors will open at 6:30 PM for previewing the plants and the Mini-Auction will begin at 7 PM.**



**MAY**

### Annual Society Picnic/ShowTable/Meeting

The Sandpiper Orchid Society will hold it's **Annual Society Picnic/ShowTable/Meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at the Cape May Co. Zoo.**

**Activities will begin around 12 Noon.**



## David's Monthly Orchid Tips

David Off is a 3rd generation member of the highly respected WALDOR ORCHIDS family.

### Fertilizing in the Greenhouse

It is always very important to feed your plants, not only while they are growing, but also when they are in bloom. Like all living things, when fed properly, they will grow stronger and produce more flowers.

We recommend watering the plant prior to applying fertilizer and then following one of the two sets of instructions on the manufacturer's label. One is for feeding (1/4-1/2 tsp/gallon) weekly and one is for intermittent feeding (1-3 tsp/gallon) every 2 to 4 weeks.

If you cannot fertilize as often as you should, then use a timed release fertilizer to supplement regular feedings. Depending on the brand and formula, granules will last from 3-12 months. Top dress your plant with the manufacturer's recommended amount. Sprinkle the feed evenly across the surface of the mix taking care not to get it close to the new growths. Do not use this type of fertilizer with sphagnum moss. Because the moss is constantly moist, it will continuously release nutrients and could burn the roots of your plants.

**-2011 Society Dues-**  
Please remember to see



**George Bollenbach**  
about your  
**Sandpiper Orchid Society Dues**  
at the  
**March 17th meeting.**

## Vandas

**Vandas** are native to Southeast Asia. Most varieties prefer bright light and warmth as well as a reasonable degree of humidity. These plants are known for their large flower size and vibrant colors.

### Light

**Vandas** can be grown outside in the summer (or all year long depending on where you live) as long as the night temperatures are in the upper 50's (degrees Fahrenheit) or above. Grow under dappled sunlight such as a shade tree or an evergreen. Gradually they can be exposed to brighter light.

### Temperature

**Vandas** require warm temperatures except for **Vanda coerulea** and some of its hybrids. Daytime temperatures in the 70's to 90's are ideal, with night temperatures in the low to mid 60's.

### Humidity

Try to maintain 50% and above. If provided enough humidity, **Vandas** can be grown without any potting medium whatsoever. The ideal household does not provide enough humidity to keep **Vandas** growing well in bare root condition. We recommend that you lightly pack New Zealand sphagnum moss around the roots to provide moisture to the roots.

### Water

**Vandas** are grown in teak baskets or in pots. For most household conditions, pots are best because they hold more moisture around the

roots. Teak baskets are really best suited for high humidity areas such as greenhouses, or growing chambers or outdoors where they could be wetted or misted every day. Plants in pots should be watered just as the medium dries out, approximately every 5-7 days for larger clay pots.

### Fertilizer

For tap or well water, fertilize at full strength every other watering. Feed with Grow More 20-10-20 at 1 tsp. per gallon.

### Flowering

**Vandas** can flower at any time of year. The heaviest



flowering season is between spring and fall. Slightly cooler temperatures and bright light initiate flower spikes. Keep the mix moist when the plant initiates buds or starts flowering.

### Repotting

**Vandas** in teak baskets can remain as is for many years, developing longer root systems as time goes on. **Vandas** in pots should be potted in coarse charcoal or bark, as their roots require ample air. Repotting should be done every 2 years or as the root system expands above the pot.

...thanks to the  
[Orchid Web](#) website.



## The Benefits Of Membership

Whether a beginner or an expert orchid grower, you will find membership in the American Orchid Society a truly rewarding experience. You'll join 18,000 others worldwide who share a passion for orchids, as well as furthering conservation and research efforts for these wondrous plants. And you'll enjoy a wealth of membership benefits.

...membership to the [American Orchid Society](http://www.aos.org)

# American Orchid Society

## Calendar of Events

### April 2011

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

April 24 Easter Sunday

15-17 46th NJOS Orchid Show Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
10 AM – 4 PM 53 East Hanover Ave. Whippany, N.J.  
website: <http://www.njorchids.org/>

20 Mid-Atlantic Judging Center  
Philadelphia Horticultural Center Phila, Pa.  
website: <http://www.orchidjudging.com/>

28 Sandpiper Orchid Society **Mini-Auction**  
Galloway Branch of the Atlantic County Library system  
306 East Jimmie Leeds Road Galloway, N.J.  
**6:30 Orchid Preview 7:00 Mini-Auction**

[EXTENDED CALENDAR DETAILS](#)

## Sandpiper Orchid Society

### Officers

President	Andy Fontaine
Vice Pres.	Dr. Cary Stone
Secretary	Linda Jankowski
Treasurer	Henry Zona
AOS Rep.	Walter Off
Past Pres.	Ron Ference

### Trustees at Large

Trustee 2011	Vacant
Trustee 2012	Pam Cascioli
Trustee 2013	George Bollenbach
Trustee 2014	Bill Class

### Committee Chairs

Membership	George Bollenbach
Program Dir.	Dr. Cary Stone
Publicity	Gail Zona
Newsletter	Ron Ference
Show Table	Dr. Cary Stone
Hospitality	Alice Montgomery
Website	Ron Ference
Show Exhibits	Andy Fontaine
Historian	Chrissy Schairer
Photography	Ron Ference
Refreshments	Pam Cascioli
Raffle	Bruce Montgomery
Auction	Ron Ference
DVOC Rep.	Bruce Montgomery

... all numbers are within the 609 exchange area

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## Illuminated Vandas at Longwood

### *Illuminated Vandas at Longwood*

#### Edition Information:

Mixed Media Limited Edition Print on Hahnemühle Bamboo 290 Paper

Orchid species: *Vanda coerulea*

Common name: The Blue Orchid

Image Size: 32" x 32"

Paper Size: 38" x 38"

Edition Size: 100 Signed & Numbered by the Artist; 10 H.C.; 5 P.P.

Retail Price: \$1,000 (AOS Member discount does not apply)



Last year the **American Orchid Society** endorsed an ambitious artistic project, the Orchid Alliance Project-Bridging Art & Science, designed to stimulate awareness and conversations about evolution, biodiversity and conservation. The Project, developed by Evolution Art Group LLC and renowned orchid artist, Patricia Laspino combines historical art processes and contemporary technologies and is supported by several high profile organizations.

Most of us agree that we are living in an era of profound social, environmental and economic turbulence. Some view our present issues as difficult or impossible to solve. Others view these concerns as possibilities or agents for positive change that facilitate a shift beyond today's uncertainties thus creating breakthroughs. The Orchid Alliance Project was designed specifically with this in mind - to create positive breakthroughs. Through Art & Science, the Orchid Alliance Project initiates breakthroughs in social, environmental and economic values.

Patricia Laspino is recognized as one of America's foremost orchid artists. An accomplished painter, she and her company, Evolution Art Group LLC, created the Project using orchid art as a "floral metaphor". The watchword of the Orchid Alliance Project – Bridging Art & Science is "Awareness". Awareness and education form the threads that are carefully interwoven throughout the Project that seeks to increase awareness of conservation issues by carefully interweaving the use of rare and endangered orchid species into the art world. The American Orchid Society(AOS) endorses and is a significant collaborative participant in the Orchid Alliance Project (OAP).

**Illuminated Vandas at Longwood**...is the first in a series of special commemorative mixed media limited edition prints by Patricia Laspino that are created for the Orchid Alliance Project Exhibitions. Each of these mixed media commemorative limited edition prints are based on the artist's original oil paintings of a rare or endangered orchid species. These museum quality prints are a creative collaboration between the artist and a master printmaker employing multiple fine art printmaking processes, including serigraphy. Small edition, the highest quality environmentally conscious materials, (specifically Hahnemühle Bamboo 290 paper), combined with superior craftsmanship makes this edition even more collectable.

The Orchid Alliance Project donates \$100 to the American Orchid Society from every commemorative print sold, for use in their endeavors. Orchid Alliance Project Exhibitions, education and conservation efforts are also funded by the sale of this print.

By acquiring this commemorative edition for your collection, you are not only supporting the arts and Patricia's unique form of artistic expression, but in addition you are also making a strong statement of alignment with an important national and international joint endeavor between the OAP and the AOS. In doing so you become an advocate for positive changes and you facilitate breakthrough solutions.

For additional information or to purchase the print, go to: [http://evolutionartgroup.com/PLaspino\\_IlluminatedVandas.html](http://evolutionartgroup.com/PLaspino_IlluminatedVandas.html) Or call Evolution Art Group LLC: 203.315.1900

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# Waldor Orchids Annual Post Flower Show Sale!

## March 18th And 19th

Waldor Orchids invites you to our Annual Post Flower Show Sale. We will be offering a 20% discount on all plants and supplies. This is a wonderful opportunity to save on plants for around the home or to save on mix and other potting supplies.

**10 E. Poplar Ave. Linwood, N.J.**  
**08221-2526**

**Phone: 609-927-4126**  
**Fax: 609-926-0615**

**Fridays and Saturdays**  
**9AM - 5:30 PM**

Website: <http://waldor.com>

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## ORCHIDS April Preview



**Cattleya lueddemanniana 'Crownfox Goliath' FCC/AOS**  
Exhib: **R.F. Orchids**; photo **G. Allikas**

### SPECIAL:

#### Judging and Awards issue

- \*AOS Specialty Awards
- \*2010 AOS FCC's
- \*Orchid Judging Around the World
- \*How a Judging Scoresheet Works

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**February 2011**  
**Show Table Winners**

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**Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'**  
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



**Phrag. Grande 'Loch Raven' HCC/AOS**  
Grown by **B. Class**



**V. Tokyo Blue 'Sapphire'**  
Grown by **B. Ellingsn**



**Onc. Brsdm. Gilded Urchin**  
Grown by **P. Cascioli**



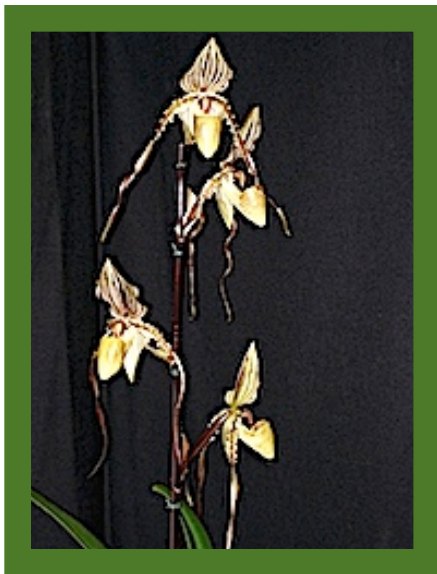
**Paph. Via Gemma x Winston Churchill**  
Grown by **C. Schairer**



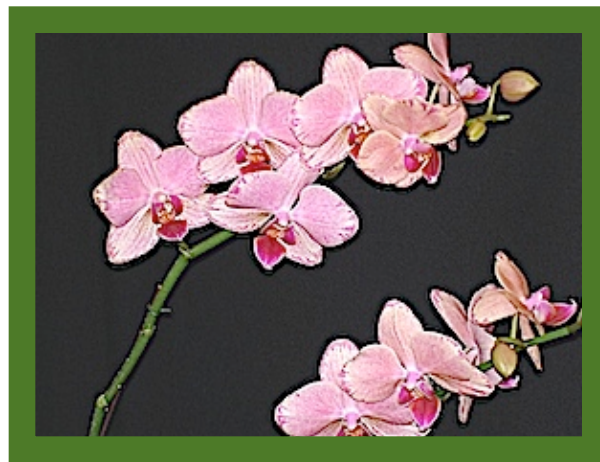
**B. Little Stars**  
Grown by P. Cascioli



**Paph. venustum**  
Grown by A. Fontaine



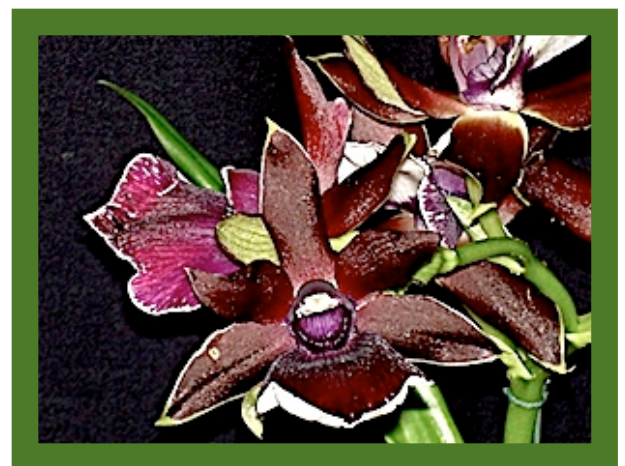
**Paph. St. Swithin**  
Grown by B. Class



**Phal. Hybrid**  
Grown by A. Fontaine



**Macodes petola**  
Grown by R. Michalenko



**Zygo. Everspring**  
Grown by G. Bolenbach

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