

Sandpiper Orchid Society



November 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.](#)

**November 10th
7:30 PM**

The activity/presentation for Sandpiper's November meeting has yet to be confirmed. Please check Sandpiper's website for all updates on the meeting's information.

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

The Orchid Help Guys



Dr. Cary Stone



Bergie Ellingsen

**Before the Meeting
7:30 PM**

Ask the *Orchid Help Guys* before any Sandpiper Orchid Society meeting for advice on any culture problems you may be having with your orchids.

The 2012 Calendars Are Here!



Don't miss this year's riot of color, featuring 15 amazing miniature specimen plants from such popular genera as *Dendrobium*, *Cattleya*, *Oncidium*, *Masdevallia* and *Pleurothallis*. Join master grower Phil Jesup - who has been growing orchids for nearly 60 years - on a journey into the kingdom of wee orchids and discover the magic of these tiny treasures. This year's calendar has been expanded to 14 months, members \$11.25, nonmembers \$12.50 - shipped postpaid in the United States.

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**DECEMBER meeting:
December 8th at 7:30 PM
COVERED DISH DINNER**

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

Email: SandpiperOS@gmail.com

Sandpiper's Previous Meeting



At Sandpiper's last meeting, Andy Fontaine, Society President, led a discussion and gave a presentation on mounted orchids. He used many of his own mounted orchids as examples. Andy covered the basics of mounting by discussing first which orchids lend themselves to mounting and showing examples of different materials on which to mount on. A small amount of sphagnum is often used on the mount to give the orchid a good start depending on the environment in which the mounted orchid is kept. Humidity, good air movement, watering frequency, fertilizing and greenhouse location were all covered in Andy's presentation.

[Orchid Mounting Tutorial from orchidweb](#)

Free Orchid 2012 Membership Drive



Join or Renew now, or before Sandpiper's upcoming January Awards Banquet, and have your name placed in a drawing for your choice of 1 of 3 beautiful Blooming Orchids, drawn at the Awards Banquet.

Please mail or deliver at your next meeting, your Membership Renewal Application to George Bollenbach, Sandpiper's Membership Chair. Thanks everyone.



Sandpiper Orchid Society MEMBERSHIP FORM



To obtain Sandpiper OS Membership information and a printable Application Form, click on the link below.

[Printable Membership Application Form](#)

SHOW TABLE & Orchid Shows Point Standings thru October 2011

Bollenbach, G.	182
Cascioli, P.	49
Class, B.	149
Connolly, C.	11
DelGuercio, M&S	77
Ellingsen, B.	137
Errickson, B.	5
Ference, R.	98
Fontaine, A.	153
Michalenko, R.	318
Mizuno, N.	3
Myers, J.	11
Penso, M.	1
Schairer, C.	31
Stone, Dr. C.	23
Zona, G&H	5

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.

Phalaenopsis bellina

Phalaenopsis bellina, formerly known as **violacea var. Borneo**, is endemic to the island of Borneo. Plants are found in nature growing in a pendulous fashion, with 2-3 inch green flowers that have purple markings on the lower sepals. They are extremely fragrant and can bloom for several months, particularly in the spring and summer months.

Light

These plants will do best in 800-1000 footcandles and grow well next to other phals. or paphs. If the leaves are bleaching out and turning yellow, it is a sign they are receiving too much light.

Temperature

These plants enjoy warm conditions. In nature, the temperatures are quite warm with nighttime temps. in the high 60's to mid 70's throughout most of the year. The ideal night temperature for flowering is near 65 degrees; day temperatures of 75 degrees or above.

Humidity

These plants require a minimum of 50% humidity, and 70% is ideal. The higher the humidity, the more turgid the leaves will become.

Water

It is important to water these plants in the early morning so the foliage will be dry by nightfall. This will prevent crown rot and other fungal conditions. Water the plants as they approach dryness but do not let the plant become bone dry between waterings.

Fertilizer

These plants are known for fast growth. They need feeding on a regular basis.

Flowering

Usually these plants need somewhat cooler and drier conditions before the



onset of the flowering season. These plants will need to be about a 6-7 inch leafspan before they will initiate their first flower spike. They can reach a leafspan of 14 inches, but this will take several years. The flower stem can produce flowers year after year, so as long as it remains green, we do not recommend cutting it back. Leave the stems, and they will flower out again in their next season.

Repotting

Phalaenopsis bellina does best in New Zealand sphagnum moss grown in clay pots. The bark mixes seem to rob too much nitrogen from the plants unless fed very heavily. They also don't grow as quickly in bark mix as they do in sphagnum. Spring or fall is considered the best time to repot these plants. It is best to grow these plants at an angle, as they do in nature, so they can shed water from their crowns.

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



David's Monthly Orchid Tips

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

Temperature and Humidity

Normal home temperatures are fine for growing most orchids. Temperatures of 70-80 degrees in the daytime and 60-70 degrees at night are ideal. Always keep plants away from hot or cold drafts.

Many orchids, like phalaenopsis, need a drop in temperature for several weeks during the fall to set their flower spikes. This is accomplished by moving them outdoors or opening the window in which they are growing when the outside night temperature is in the mid to upper 50's. Cymbidiums like to grow outside during the summer with plenty of light and fertilizer. They require a 20-30 degree drop in temperature in the late fall to set their flower spikes. So leave them outside until danger of frost.



If you have trouble growing cool or intermediate orchids, consider growing them in your basement under lights. Beware of cooling your orchids using an air conditioner as they remove humidity from the air and may cause the flowers to wilt.

A good level of humidity in winter can be attained by running a humidifier or by putting humidity trays under your plants. Feel free to spray your orchids with a mister on any sunny day to increase the humidity level.

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.

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... all numbers are within the 609 exchange area

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December 2011

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	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	31
25 Christmas Day						
26 Christmas Observed						
31 New Years Eve						

Calendar of Events

- 8 Sandpiper Orchid Society Meeting
****Change due to Christmas****
 7:30 PM Galloway Branch of the Atlantic
 County Library system
 306 East Jimmie Leeds Road Galloway, N.J.
- 9, 10 Holiday Sale at Waldor Orchids Waldor Orchids
 16, 17 9AM-5:30PM 10 E. Poplar Avenue
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 Phone: 609-927-4126
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- 21 Mid-Atlantic Judging Center
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 website: <http://www.orchidjudging.com/>

[EXTENDED CALENDAR DETAILS](#)

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ORCHIDS December Preview



View of **Petropolis** looking toward the **Mata Atlântica** rainforest
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Grammatophyllum: Up Close and Personal

2011 Taiwan International Orchid Show

Adventure to Brazil: The Journey Continues

plus...

Pollination of *Pleurothallis colossus*

Jewel and Painted-Leaf Orchids: An Update

...thanks to the [American Orchid Society](#)

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Mailing Label

**October 2011
Show Table
1st Place Winners**

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Slc. Angel Heart 'Himimenu'
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



Paph. spicerianum 'Hiao Hua'
Grown by **C. Connolly**



Epi. parkinsonianum
Grown by **A. Fontaine**



V. Pachara Delight
Grown by **G. Bollenbach**



Den. Airy Alowana
Grown by **S. DelGuercio**



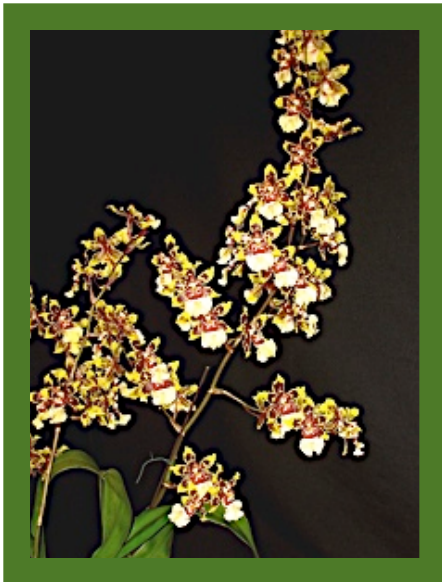
Dendro. magnum
Grown by P. Cascioli



Bc. Amy Wakasugi 'Ester Miles'
Grown by B. Ellingsen



Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
Grown by R. Michalenko



Colm. Wildcat
Grown by S. DelGuerico



Bc. Rustic Spots
Grown by G. Bollenbach

[**SHOW TABLE DETAILS**](#)