



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 28th

7:30 PM

Members Workshop on Spring Orchid Division and Repotting

President Andy Fontaine and Ron Ference will conduct a workshop on dividing and repotting your orchids for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. They first will demonstrate proper dividing and repotting techniques and lead the membership into working on their own plants that they bring to the meeting. More details on what to bring will be forwarded shortly.

March '13 Newsletter in a [MAGAZINE FORMAT](#)

The Orchid Help Guys



Before the Meeting
7:15 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.

AOS Monthly Checklist for March and April

Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

Cymbidium

Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer.

[Find additional information with this link to the AOS website](#)

2012 Show Table Winners in Review

At Sandpiper's last meeting, Ron FERENCE gave a digital picture presentation on all of the 2012 Show Table First Place Ribbon winners and the 5 orchids that received Sandpiper's special recognition; Rosette Award. Many positive comments were made in regards to the over 135 flowers shown during the presentation. A large membership turnout made the meeting all the more enjoyable.

-2013 Society Dues-

Please remember to see **George Bollenbach** about your

Sandpiper Orchid Society

Dues at the March 28th meeting.



Society Meetings Ahead

APRIL



Orchid Mini-Auction

The Sandpiper Orchid Society will hold an **Orchid Mini-Auction** (Limited to 30-50 Member's Orchids) during our **APRIL '13 Meeting**. The date for the **Mini-Auction** will be **Thursday, April 25th**.

Doors will open at **7:00 PM** for previewing the plants and the **Mini-Auction** will begin at **7:30 PM**.



MAY

Annual Society Picnic/ShowTable/Meeting

The Sandpiper Orchid Society will hold its **Annual Society Picnic/ShowTable/Meeting** on **Sunday, May 18th** at the **Cape May Co. Zoo**.

Activities will begin around **12 Noon**.

SHOW TABLE & Orchid Shows Point Standings thru February 2013

Block, L.	3
Bollenbach, G.	24
Capone, J.	3
Connolly, C.	8
DelGuercio, M&S	32
Ellingsen, B.	23
FERENCE, R.	35
Fontaine, A.	10
Michalenko, R.	56
Penso, M.	11
Zona, G&H	20

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.



David's Monthly Orchid Tips

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

Annual Spring Repotting

First decide whether you simply want to shift your plant or divide it into several pieces. To shift your orchid, remove the plant from the pot and clean the old mix off the roots. Then choose the proper pot size allowing room for two years of growth.

When dividing cattleyas and other orchids with similar growing habits, we recommend leaving 3-5 bulbs per division. Decide what size cutting you want to make. Then use a sterile knife to cut down through the rhizome and the roots staying as close as possible to the older growth.

Next consider what type of container will suit your orchid and watering schedule. Most orchids grow well in plastic pots. However, if you have a tendency to over-water, clay pots may work better for you since they are porous and will dry out faster. Clay pots, because of their extra weight, will also help top-heavy plants to remain upright.

Orchids like good drainage, so we suggest using large bark or styrofoam peanuts in the bottom of the pot. Place the plant with the newest growth farthest from the edge of the pot and fill in with mix. Make sure to get the right level for the potting medium. Be careful not to bury the eyes at the bottom of the bulbs and leave some room for water in the top of the pot.

If you are potting in sphagnum moss, just remove the old medium and choose the proper pot size depending on the amount of roots. Spread the roots over a cone of moss, then wrap some more moss around the root ball and place it into the new pot. Phalaenopsis should be centered in the pot, while orchids that grow like a cattleya need to be placed with the new growth farthest from the edge of the container. Be sure to cover all the roots. Moss should be spongy and should not be packed too tightly.

Schomburgkia superbiens var. alba 'Don Hubert Cross' CBM/AOS



This cultivar was discovered by Hubert Cross growing on an exposed ridge east of Jinotega,

Nicaragua. Based on the notation of the discovery, here at our nursery we are growing this plant in full sunlight, which significantly improves its flowering. A pure white variety of the lovely, tall spiked Laelia superbiens, it produces up to 15 flowers per spike!

Temperature Tolerant. April - May blooming.

Species from Central America.

...thanks to the

[Santa Barbara Orchid Estate](#) website.

Eugene Lyness

Sandpiper members are saddened by the passing of former member Eugene Lyness. 'Gene' was also a former Chairman of the Ocean City Flower Show.

There will be a memorial service for Gene on 3/28 at 10:45 am at the Chapel By the Sea, 5501 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.



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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Calendar of Events

April 2013

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				

12-14 **SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sales**
 Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway Philadelphia, Pa.
 SEPOS website: http://sepos.org/sepos_009.htm

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

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

[EXTENDED CALENDAR DETAILS](#)

Sandpiper Orchid Society

Officers

President	Andy Fontaine
Vice Pres.	Ron Ference
Secretary	Jennifer Capone
Treasurer	Henry Zona
AOS Rep.	Walter Off
Past Pres.	Ron Ference

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Trustee 2013	George Bollenbach
Trustee 2014	Bill Class
Trustee 2015	Bill Errickson
Trustee 2016	Rita Michalenko

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Raffle	Bruce Montgomery
Auction	Ron Ference
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Delaware Valley Orchid Council

Check up on all local Orchid Society's Monthly Activities

[Click here for new Website](#)

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORCHID SOCIETY

International Orchid Show and Sale

April 12-14, 2013

This show will be in a new venue for 2013

**The Academy of Natural
Sciences of Philadelphia!**

[Details](#)

**Updated: Mar 11, 2013
All Show Documentation.**

[Click Here](#)

*The Long Island Orchid Society
in conjunction with Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
presents the first annual*

LONG ISLAND
Orchid Festival 2013

Orchid Vendors from Around the World

**May 3 - 5, 2013
9 AM to 5 PM**

**Planting Fields Arboretum
State Historic Park
Conference Center**
1395 Planting Fields Road
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Admission is **Free**
(Planting Fields Arboretum Parking \$8 per car)

For more information email
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ORCHIDS April Preview



Annual Awards & Judging Issue
Jerry Sellers of Florida North Central judging
center measures a **Paph. Magic Lantern**.
Photo: **G.Allikas**

First Class Certificates of 2012
AOS 2011 Specialty Judging Awards
Confessions of a Color Blind Orchidist
How Orchid Flowers Are Measured
Growing a Culture Award: Tips from a Winner

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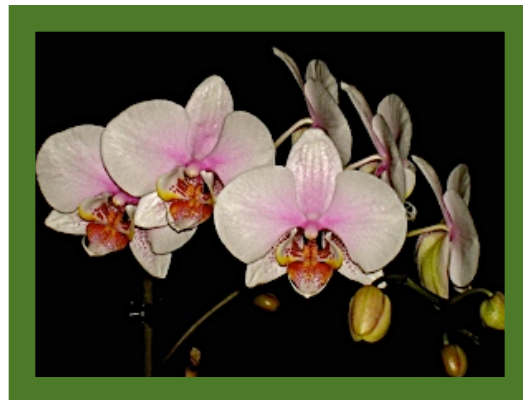


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February 2013
Show Table Winners
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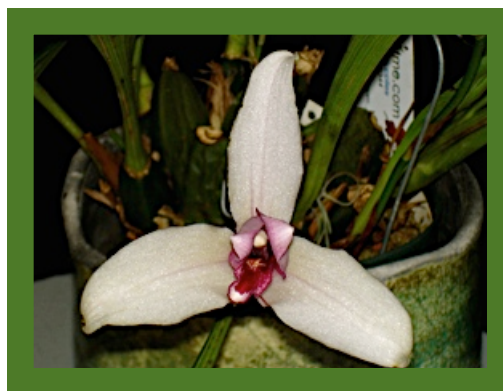
Paph. Fair Yerba
Grown by **B. Ellingsen**



Phal. Dorisell x DuPage
Grown by **C. Connolly**



Phal. amabilis
Grown by **H. Zona**



Lyc. skinneri
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



Den. strebloceras 'Tangerine Beauty'
Grown by **S. DelGuercio**



Paph. Prime Child x lowii
Grown by **M. Penso**



Dtps. Pixie Reds
Grown by **G. Bollenbach**



Neofinetia falcata
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



Den. aggregatum
Grown by **R. Ference**



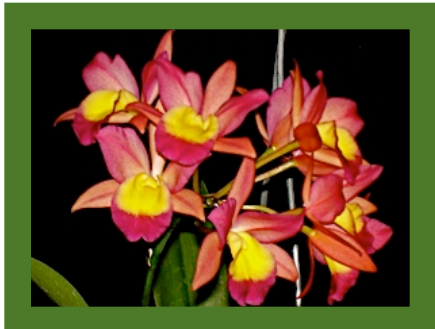
Cym. Dorothy Stockstill
'Forgotten Fruit'
Grown by **R. Ference**



Phrag. Eric Young
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



Paph. Crazy Horse
Grown by **R. Michalenko**



Lc. Renate 'S&W' HCC/AOS
Grown by **R. Michalenko**

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