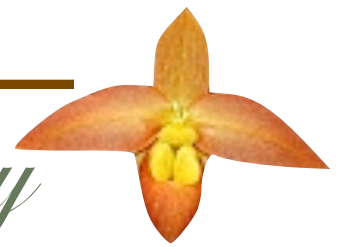


Sandpiper Orchid Society



FEBRUARY 2012

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.](#)

February 23rd

7:30 PM

MEMBER'S NIGHT

The activity planned for our February Meeting is a Society involved **Member's Night**. This is an evening where Society members have volunteered to spend 5-10 minutes, acquainting us with what is going on in their orchid lives. Please call **Ron Ference**, Program Chairman at 609-276-1644 if you want to be added to the program.

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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.

Deep Cut OS SHOW 'An Artist's Studio'



The **Sandpiper Orchid Society** was again very successful in the recent *Deep Cut Orchid Society's Orchid Show* at the Dearborn Market greenhouse in Hazlet, NJ. Two thirds of the Sandpiper members that entered orchids in the Display earned Ribbons and Rosettes.

A special thank you is given to **Andy Fontaine**, Display Chairman, who designed and fabricated the hardscape for Sandpiper's exhibit and organized the Sandpiper Display work force. An additional "thank you" is given to all of our Society members who submitted their orchids for our display and who gave of their time and participated in numerous ways in making this year's exhibit such a success.

For more pictures of *Sandpiper's Show Highlights*, click on the link below.

[Additional Sandpiper Highlights of the 2012 DCOS Show](#)

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

Email: SandpiperOS@gmail.com



Banquet Highlights

David Off of *Waldor Orchids* was the keynote speaker for Sandpiper's Banquet and gave a humorous presentation on his life growing up with orchids. He recalled his earliest years in the greenhouse, his trying times learning the business and up to his current demand as a noted speaker.

Joe Myers Award

The recipient of the *Joe Myers Award*, given to the member of our Society, that accumulates the highest point totals from the Monthly Show Table and Orchid Shows, was earned by **Rita Michalenko**.

Lisa O'Neal Award

The recipient of the *Lisa O'Neal Award*, given to the member of our Society that grows and displays the most outstanding orchid of the year, was earned by **Bergie Ellingsen** for his **Bc. Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter'**

[A picture of Bergie's Bc. Hawaiian Agenda may be found here](#)

SHOW TABLE & Orchid Shows Point Standings thru DCOS Show 2012

Bollenbach, G.	16
Cascioli, P.	8
Class, B.	20
Cole, B.	1
DelGuercio, M&S	37
Ellingsen, B.	4
Ference, R.	37
Fontaine, A.	16
Gotwols, C.	1
Jankowski, L.	4
Michalenko, R.	37
Montgomery, A&B	3
Penso, M.	15
Stone, Dr. C.	28
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.

FINAL SHOW TABLE Top 10 of 2011

Michalenko, R.	374
Bollenbach, G.	222
Fontaine, A.	182
Class, B.	169
Ellingsen, B.	142
Ference, R.	108
DelGuercio, M&S	85
Cascioli, P.	54
Schairer, C.	31
Connolly, C.	21

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



[Printable Membership Application Form](#)

Phalaenopsis zebrina

Phalaenopsis zebrina is most likely a form of **Phalaenopsis sumatrana** native to Sumatra, the Philippines and the Malaysian, Indonesian archipelago. This plant likes warm conditions is easy to grow and will reward you with spikes that bloom year after year in the spring to summer months.

Light

This plant prefers low to medium light from 750 to 1500 foot candles. East windows are best or artificial light culture is also successful using either fluorescent or high pressure sodium fixtures.

Temperature

This plant prefers warm temperatures with winter night time lows not falling below 63 degrees Fahrenheit. Daytime highs should be 73 or warmer. Summer temps can run up to 95 degrees during the daytime as long as there is good shade and air movement.

Humidity

50% or higher is ideal. The use of humidity trays or humidifiers is beneficial to the growing environment .

Water

Water as the mix approaches dryness but do not allow the mix to become completely dry between watering. Over watering can cause several problems such as root rot and infectious bacterial/ fungus in the potting medium.

Fertilizer

Fertilize every other watering in the summer and every third watering in the winter. Be sure to

flush the mix with clear water only once per month to prevent fertilizer salt build up.

Flowering

This species typically flowers heaviest in the late spring to summer months. The flowers are 1 1/2 to 2 inches in size, are waxy in texture and have a slight fragrance. Do not remove the old flower spikes as they can re-bloom year after



year. Only remove them once they turn completely brown.

Repotting

Repot this plant every year in the fall months after flowering and after the heat of summer has passed. New Zealand sphagnum moss is best for this species as they require a more even source of moisture. The leaves are glossy and pendulous and tend to grow straight out to the side on a flat or slightly drooping plane. Many growers like to grow larger plants in sphagnum with clay pots using a single wire hanger to hang the plant at an angle duplicating the way it grows in nature. This accomplishes two things. First it allows the leaves to shed water very quickly and second it allows for greater air movement around the plant. This plant grows well mounted on cork, hydrologs or coconut husks and can be grown on them for several years.

...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.

Home Remedies

Hand Picking-The first line of defense, if a plant is not heavily affected by pests, is to pick bugs, slugs and snails from the plant and squash them. Pests have yet to develop a resistance to this type of control.

Water-Pests like mites are usually most severe on plants in heated homes during the winter, when the air is dry and there are no natural enemies to keep them under control. Raising the ambient humidity through humidity trays, saucers of damp pebbles placed under each plant or even a room humidifier can help.

For mites, aphids, mealybugs and other insects, a gentle brush or jet of water can kill and dislodge them from plants. Regularly washing the foliage thoroughly with soapy water, wiping every leaf and rinsing with a sink sprayer is one way to bring populations down.

Rubbing Alcohol-Soak a cotton swab in 70 percent isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and dab scale, mealybugs, mites and aphids off orchids. The alcohol dissolves the insect's waxy covering, and is a good tool to reach the pests hidden down in the sheaths and leaf crevices. Pay particular attention to the midrib, other veins and leaf edges. Repeat the treatment at seven to 10 day intervals to remove successive generations.

Baits-Organic mollusk baits such as **Sluggo**, **EscarGo** and **Worry Free** are biodegradable and safe to use around pets and people. Once the baits are eaten, snails and slugs stop feeding and die within a few days.

Repotting-Replacing the potting medium can eliminate pests' eggs and crawlers. Mollusks, ants, sow and pill bugs and even roaches hide in pots, and media that is breaking down not only attracts pests like sow and pill bugs, but is a danger to the overall health of the plant's root system as well.

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

March 2012

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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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

[EXTENDED CALENDAR DETAILS](#)

- 4-11 Philadelphia Flower Show
 Pennsylvania Convention Center
 website: <http://www.theflowershow.com>
- 15 Sandpiper Orchid Society Meeting
 7:30 PM ****Meeting held at Waldor Orchids****
 10 E. Poplar Avenue Absecon, N.J.
(Meeting location & date change for March's meeting only)
- 16,17 Waldor's - Post Flower Show Sale
 Waldor Orchids Linwood, N.J.
 website: <http://waldor.com/>
- 21 Mid-Atlantic Judging Center
 Philadelphia Horticultural Center Phila, Pa.
 website: <http://www.orchidjudging.com/>
- 23-25 SEPOS International Orchid Show
 Longwood Gardens Kennett Square, Pa.
 website: <http://www.longwoodgardens.org/InternationalOrchidShowandSale.html>



2012 PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

Sunday, March 4 through Sunday, March 11

[Pennsylvania Convention Center](#)

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Philadelphia, PA 19107-2299

PHS Members' Preview (household and leadership levels only)

Saturday, March 3 12 noon to 3:30 pm

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Sundays, March 4 & 11 8 am to 6 pm

Monday through Friday, March 5 to March 9 10 am to 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 10 8 am to 9:30 pm

(Best viewing hours are after 4 pm)

Box Office closes one hour before Show closing on all days.

[The PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW 2012](#)



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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 24, 2011

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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Cattleya jongheana 'Joan' AM/AOS, grown by
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Cattleya jongheana: History and Culture

Paphiopedilum of China: The Journey Continues

Terrestrial Orchids in the Subtropical Garden

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January 2012 Show Table Winners

[SHOW TABLE DETAILS](#)



Den. strebloceras
Grown by S. DelGuerico



Paph. villosum
Grown by M. Penso



Rhy. gigantea 'Spot'
Grown by R. Ference



Ludisia discolor
Grown by G&H Zona



Onc. maculata
Grown by P. Cascioli



Slc. Ginny Champion
Grown by G. Bollenbach



Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
Grown by R. Michalenko



Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'
Grown by **R. Ference**



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



Paph. Charlene
Grown by **M. Penso**



Phal. Hybrid
Grown by **S. DelGuerico**



Paph. In-Charm Greenery
Grown by **R. Ference**



Lc. Orlades Grand 'Yu Chan Beauty'
Grown by **R. Ference**



C. walkeriana 'alba'
Grown by **R. Ference**

[SHOW TABLE DETAILS](#)