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Society Meeting Dates and Times [note: all meetings are monthly unless noted.]

- Deep Cut Orchid Society:** 2nd Tuesday (except July & Aug.), 7:15 PM
- Delaware Orchid Society:** 2nd Tuesday (except July & Aug.), 7 PM
- Genesee Region Orchid Society:** 1st Monday following 1st Sunday (except June, July & Aug.), 7 PM
- Greater New York Orchid Soc.:** 4th Wednesday, 7 PM
- Greater Westchester Orch. Soc.:** 2nd Tuesday, 7 PM
- Long Island Orchid Society:** 2nd Thursday, 8 PM
- Manhattan Orchid Society:** 2nd Wednesday (except July & Aug.), 6:30 PM
- Matinecock Orchid Society:** 3rd Friday (except July & Aug.), 8 PM
- Mid Hudson Orchid Society:** 2nd Sunday, 1:30 PM
- Northeast Center Judging:** 3rd Saturday, 10 AM
- North Jersey Orchid Society:** 2nd Thursday, 8 PM
- Pinelands Orchid Society:** 1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM
- Ramapo Orchid Society:** 3rd Thursday (except July & Aug.), 7:00 PM
- Southeastern Pennsylvania O.S.:** 2nd Wednesday (except June, July & Aug.), 7 PM
- Staten Island Orchid Society:** **3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM**
- Suffolk Orchid Society:** 2nd Monday

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The Show Table

September highlights: (plants scoring 6 or more points.)

Orchid

Shown by:

Onc. Sweet Sugar	Angelo Arena
Blc. Bryce Canyon x Blc. Toshie Aoki	Gerry Cassella
Blc. Dancing Sunlight	" "
Ctsm. <i>Expansum</i> x Ctsm. <i>Saccatum</i>	" "
Onc. 'Twinkle' Fragrant Fantasy	Olga Federico
Pot. Burana Beauty 'Burana #4'	John Stallone
Bulbo. <i>dearei</i> (red)	Ralph Wihlborg

Points earned this month:

Windowsill

Greenhouse

Angelo Arena:	11
John & Joan Chadderton	4
Michael Corace	30
Jo Guardino	5
Karen Silverman	5
John Stallone	15

Gerry Cassella:	30
Lights	
Olga Federico	16
Ralph Wihlborg:	21

Note: A YTD tally sheet is available for inspection at each meeting.
Just ask Jim Hannah.

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### **VERY LAST CHANCE!**

This issue of **Orchid Offshoots** will be the very last to carry the information sheet and the registration form for the 2002 **JPC "Speakers' Day"**.

The clock is ticking! If you'd like to attend but haven't yet sent in your registration, just fill in the little form at the bottom of sheet, make out a check payable to 'Joint Presidents Council' [\$35 for each person who will be attending] and mail both to: Joe Reider, Jr.,

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### **Happenings in Pennsylvania:**

One piece of E-mail I always read is the latest bulletin from **Parkside**. They not only sell orchids, but have an active program of classes for orchid hobbyists like myself. I've always been impressed by the willingness of the staff to answer my stumbling, poorly-framed, basic questions. The latest bulletin:

“What’s new at Parkside this Fall: We built a new greenhouse! There are now 5 greenhouses open to the public for browsing and shopping. The new one will house our Cattleya collection. Greenhouse No. 3 has had a new cooling system installed. This will allow us to grow many of our species plants with better culture. There have been significant additions to our Paph and Phrag collection and on our recent trip to Ecuador, we purchased over 2000 plants representing 200 new species of orchids native to South America.”

There is no charge for classes at Parkside, but they request that you call to let them know you're planning to attend. For more information: **[www.parksideorchids.com](http://www.parksideorchids.com)**

### **Address Change:**

The **Deep Cut OS** has changed their meeting place to the Holland Activity Center on Holland Road in Middletown. That's still at Tatum Park, by the way.

### **Ramblings:**

We took Gerry Cassella's advice at the start of summer and moved all of our orchids outdoors. This paid off handsomely for us. Family needs resulted in both my Lady [Joan] and me spending the summer in Pennsylvania, with only hurried trips back to S.I. every four or five days. Our orchids wouldn't have survived in our greenhouse under those conditions. In addition, the cost of running the greenhouse fans for the summer would have been substantial. High electric bills + dead orchids is not a good thing.

Instead, we have healthy, strong-growing, disease-free plants. Didn't lose even one. Thanks, Gerry!

But now it's time to get ready for moving them indoors. For us, this means paying attention to basic greenhouse sanitation and re-thinking the placement of plants and shade cloth based on what we learned last winter. We're also checking out the heating system. We run at a night temperature of 60°F using oil heat. The outdoor thermometer read 55°F when I checked it at 6:30 this morning [10/06]. Time to get a move on.

### **A Confession:**

The Boy Scouts are noted for their emphasis on good deeds. Often, we have opportunities to do good deeds but don't even realize it. I certainly plead guilty in this area. A case in point: every meeting, I help myself to a snack to go along with the coffee. Until now, I didn't even wonder how those delightful goodies got to the meetings month after month!

So here's my chance to make amends. This meeting, I'll express my most sincere appreciation to the Hospitality Lady. Care to join me? I'm sure a hearty 'Thank you' would be welcome.