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Our next meeting:

January 21, 2003 beginning 7:30 P.M.

at

All Saints Episcopal Church
2329 Victory Blvd.
(corner of Woolley Ave.)



Program:

Speaker: Arthur Katz

Subject: Masdevallia Hybrids



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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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Karen Woytowich, Treasurer, Staten Island Orchid Society

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Name: _____

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I grow my orchids _____ in a greenhouse _____ under lights _____ on a windowsill

I would like to see programs on _____ care/culture _____ species _____ workshops
_____ other (please specify):

If not already serving, I would be willing to serve as a _____ committee chairman _____ trustee

The bugs will get you if you don't watch out!

Experienced orchid growers know this, but perhaps some of our new members do not. At this time of year, the eggs of all those little 'beasties' start to hatch. Although this year has not been as bad as some past years due to the mosquito spraying for the West Nile virus, some flies still manage to hide and carry insect eggs about.

I'm just starting to see mealy bugs and some scale. I think that it's a good idea to pick up each pot of orchids weekly and look at it from all angles. Be sure to remove all the old papery sheaths so that no villains are hiding there (If you have trouble removing them, try straying them with a solution containing horticultural soap and horticultural oil. I keep some around, just in case.)

Mealy bugs, those white, fluffy-looking animals, can lurk on any part of a plant. If they choose to hide in the axils (between leaf base and stem) you might have to dislodge them with a dissecting needle or hat pin. Then spray with the soap/oil solution to destroy the almost invisible babies. Mealy bugs in more exposed areas can be wiped off with a cue-tip before spraying.

I treat scale the same way. Look in particular along leaf veins and under leaf tips. Since I grow in the house, I do not use anything toxic as a spray. Incidentally, the problem with neem oil is that you must use it the same day that you mix it. Happy hunting.

Olga Federico