

Orchid Offshoots

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Our next meeting:

April 15, 2003 beginning 7:30 P.M.

at

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



Program

Speaker: Marc Hachadourian

NYBG Gardener for the

Orchid Collection



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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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A MESSAGE FROM JOHN

Hi Again!

As I sit here typing this, I can look out my window and see the SUN.

There is a Robin with a twig in its beak.

That mountain of 'Gray-black' snow in the parking lot has finally melted.

There are patches of green on the ground and I think I see a tree or two 'Budding'.

Dare I say it? What the Hell!

"HAPPY SPRINGTIME".

As we move on to warmer and indeed hotter days here, let's remember that most of your plants will thrive if you let them spend this time outdoors. If you have the ability to give them proper protection from direct sunlight, you'll be amazed at what they will look like when Fall rolls around.

While they are enjoying the 'Great Outdoors' and growing their little hearts out, remember to feed them well. (If you do put your Paphs and Phals out, be sure to 'tip' the pots to an angle so that no water sits in the 'crown' and be sure that they're well shaded.)

We are one of the only local societies that meet all through the summer months. There are great programs coming up as well as our 'BIG' auction on June 17th.

That will be the first time we will hold the Spring Auction on the evening of our regular meeting day. Be sure to mark your calendar. There will be as usual a great selection of plants (and FOOD.) Bring your friends.

The speaker for this coming meeting will be Mark Hachadorian.

Mark is curator of the Orchid Collection of the New York Botanical Gardens. Any of you who visited the amazing exhibit they had there last month saw a small part of what he has done for their collection of orchids. On his last visit with us, he was so much enjoyed that many of you asked me to invite him again. I am happy to note that he has accepted our invitation. He certainly is one of my favorites.

Ok...I know the meeting is on the 15th of April -- Tax Day -- so get it in the mail early and then come and enjoy the evening with us.

Till then,

Be WELL and be GOOD!

~John~

The Show Table

The March Show Table was a delight. There were over 60 orchids displayed. Individual plants scoring 6 points or more were:

<u>Orchid</u>	<u>Shown by:</u>
Ascda. Princess Mikasa (blue)	Angelo Arena
Cat. <i>iricolor</i>	" "
Den. Golden Aya	" "
<i>Onc. stipitatum</i>	Frank & Peggy Ariosta
Ernestara Firestorm (Arizona Star x <i>monachica</i>)	Gerry Cassella
M. Santa Barbara	" "
Bul. <i>picturatum</i>	" "
Rhy. <i>gigantea</i>	" "
Ascda. Ponchar Beauty	" "
Pka. Mushashino Moon	" "
C. Sunrise Chalet x C. Barbara Billingsley	" "
Paph. Magic Lantern	Olga Federico
Paph. Starr Search	Jo Guardino
Cym. Atlantic Crossing (James Wattie x Tapestry)	Diana Milatta
C. Picasso	Anthony Penza
Phal. Baldans Kaleidoscope	" "
Brs. Rex (Christine)	" "
Lc. Trick or Treat	John Stallone
Phrag. Dick Clemens	" "
Cym. Warona x Cariga	" "
Cym. Clarisse Austin	" "
Cym. Showgirl	" "
Cym. Red Beauty Rembrandt	" "

Points earned by class were:

Windowsill:

Angelo Arena	45
Michael Corace	24
Howard Fischer	26
Jo Guardino	11
Audrey Jacques	5
Diana Milatta	23
John Stallone	61

Greenhouse:

Frank & Peggy Ariosta	30
Gerry Cassella	63
An6thony Penza	104
<u>Lights:</u>	
Olga Federico	6

A YTD tally sheet will be available at all meetings. See Jim Hannah.

The Red Dot!

If you find there's a red dot like the one above beside your mailing label, it indicates that I haven't yet received word that you've renewed your membership for 2003. In addition, your name won't appear on the list of members in this issue.

If you've already renewed your membership, just chalk up the red dot to a system which hasn't yet caught up with your dues payment. It happens.

But if renewal time *has* slipped your mind, please send in your dues to our Treasurer. That way, you will continue to receive this News Letter each month.

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Staten Island Botanical Garden

Don't forget to check your calendar for **Sunday, April 27th**. There will be an orchid potting demonstration in the Carl Grillo Glass House. The time: **10:00 AM**. The price: \$10* or \$25.

The \$25 fee includes an orchid. Pre-registration is suggested, though not essential.

* We had listed the basic fee as \$5 in previous issues. We were wrong. We're sorry for the error.

For information and registration, call the **SIBG** at: **(718) 273-8200**.

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Ramblings

As I write this, the weather report for tomorrow is S---, of all things. In April, no less. What happened to April showers? Anyhow, it's a good excuse to remind you that in case of inclement weather and a possible SIOS meeting cancellation, please call any club officer for information.

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