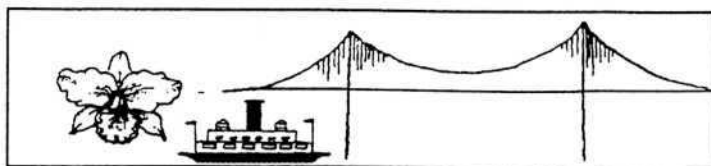


# Orchid Offshoots

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# Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

**May 20, 2003 beginning 7:30 P.M.**

at

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



Guest Speaker:

Carri Raven-Riemann [Orchidphile]



June's Meeting:

Summer Orchid Auction!!



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

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

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## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN

**Hi, Guys!**

Is it just me or are you folks noticing that there are Orchids everywhere -- on TV, in the movies and in magazines? Been a lot lately. There seems to be at least one white Phal on the set of every TV show and movie I've seen recently. I've even seen an Oncidium, a Paph and a VANDA!!!! And let's talk about the magazines: they have Orchids alongside the sexy models in every issue (so I'm told -- I only read the articles!)

Well, it seems as if our secret's out. The 'Masses' are getting the 'Orchid Bug'. If the attendance to the recent Orchid Show at 'Rock Center' is any indication (I heard that over 200 thousand came in 4 days!), we're no longer a 'sub-culture'. (Well, actually there's nothing wrong with being a part of a 'sub-culture' as long as you don't harm anyone. If I remember correctly, it was very COOL in the 60's . . . but that's another story.)

What I'm trying to get at here is:

- Tell your friends about your obsession . . . they just might understand.
- When you see an Orchid on 'Friends' or 'Trading Spaces' with a friend tell them that it's not just decorative: it's a living thing, like 'Kitty-without-the-Litterbox-and-Hairballs'. And by all means invite them to join us as your guest at our next meeting, and especially at our June Auction and 'Pot Luck Dinner Party'. Tell them there will be great plants at good bargain prices, great free food and the great Gerry!!

If you do bring a guest to any of our meetings, be sure to introduce them to me. I'll be happy to welcome them with a gift of an Orchid plant to start them on their new adventure.

Well, my Friends, till I see you all again: as always, Be Well and Be Good!

Fondly,

~John~



## HELP! WEBMASTER NEEDED!!!

The SIOS is in dire need of a **Webmaster**. Anyone who would like to volunteer to create our Society's Webpage, please, please let me know!

~John~

## The Show Table

The April Show Table again demonstrated just how well SIOS members can grow and bloom orchids. Individual plants scoring 6 points or more were:

<u>Orchid</u>	<u>Shown by:</u>
Phal. Golden Buddha	Angelo Arena
Lemboglossum <i>maculatum</i>	Frank & Peggy Ariosta
M. Santa Barbara	Gerry Cassella
Epicat. Rhody	" "
Paph. <i>hirsutissimum</i>	" "
Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Indigo'	Michael Corace
Pot. Redheart	Diana Milatta
Ocdcm. Tiger Crow	Anthony Penza
Epi. Flame Thrower	" "
Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom	Ralph & Serena Wihlborg
Comparettia <i>speciosa</i>	" " "
Onc. Sharry Baby	" " "
Den. <i>lodigessi</i>	" " "

Points earned by class were:

### **Windowsill:**

Angelo Arena	28
Michael Corace	34
Diana Milatta	19
John Stallone	39

### **Greenhouse:**

Frank & Peggy Ariosta	32
Gerry Cassella	28
Anthony Penza	36

### **Lights:**

Ralph & Serena Wihlborg	60
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A YTD tally sheet is available at all meetings. See Jim Hannah.

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### **Auction Time!**

'Case you missed it on the front and back pages or in John's Message, the June meeting will be the **Summer Orchid Auction**. Get ready to break that ol' piggy bank or empty out the coin jar. It's the best Orchid buying opportunity around. Great eats! And please bring a friend or two.

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## **East Coast Events**

- Ends May 26     **Nature's Jewels Festival**, a living exhibit of orchids and butterflies. Jan. 18th through May 26th. Arts and Industries Bldg, East Hall. 900 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC.  
[www.si.edu/horticulture/orchidshow/orchid1.htm](http://www.si.edu/horticulture/orchidshow/orchid1.htm)
- May 20     **Staten Island Orchid Society** meeting. Speaker: Carri Raven-Riemann.
- June 5-7     **Silva Orchids Open House**. 10AM-5PM. 635 Wayside Road, Neptune, NJ (732) 922-2635.
- June 17     **Staten Island Orchid Society** meeting. **Summer Orchid Auction!**
- June 28-Jul. 6     **J&L Orchids Annual Summer Sale**. More information in this issue.
- July 15     **Staten Island Orchid Society** meeting. Speaker: to be announced.
- July 26-27     **Orchidfest** at Parkside Orchid Nursery, Ottsville, PA.
- Sept. 19-21     **40th Annual North Jersey Orchid Society Show and Sale**. Bridgewater Commons Mall.  
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