Orchid Offshoots

The News Letter of the

Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

July 15, 2003

beginning **7:30 P.M.**

at

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

Speaker

Carlos Fighetti

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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

Hello again, friends;

I'm happy to report we began the summer with a BANG! The Auction was the most successful we've had in many years. Our profits greatly surpassed my expectations. I believe there were several factors that contributed to this outcome. The cost of our plants was down greatly, thanks to Oak Hill Gardens. They provided us with exceptional plants at wholesale prices. Attendance was up, too. I believe that the decision to change the Auction to an evening event rather than a Saturday morning helped. We again had some wonderful plants donated to us by Sandy De Leon and Dick and Carol Doran. (Thank You AGAIN, Guys!) And let's not forget our friends from New Jersey!!! I thank them all for joining and supporting us.

While I'm in 'Thank You' mode, let me take time to thank some of our members who helped to make the night such a success.

Gerry!!! For a great job as usual, Dick for being delightful as always, Anthony and Trish Penza for 'schlepping and lifting', John Stallone for helping with the set-up, Angelo, Karen and Barbara for keeping the tally and counting the loot, Rita for setting up the buffet, Jim for getting the beverages, and everyone who provided the goodies for our feast.(YUM!!!)

THANK YOU, ALL.

I want to remind everyone about the Orchid Workshop sponsored by the JPC. The date is August 2. I encourage all of you to attend this event. There will be several workshops, a panel of experts to answer your questions, vendors with plants for sale, a barbecue and a free plant!! All for only $12. All the details are included in this newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rita Cohen.

The JPC is also accepting advance sales for their annual "Speakers Day" to be held this year on Sat., Nov. 1st. I'll give you all the details when we meet next Tuesday…

See you all then.

Be Good and be Well!

~John~

Ramblings

One of the little 'perks' which come from editing Orchid Offshoots is the news letter network. Each month, Orchid Offshoots is mailed to all paid-up members of the SIOS. It is also sent to the editors of fourteen other orchid societies in this area. The perk? Just this: each of the other societies sends me their news letter each month, too.

Aha! Caught you yawning there. What's all this got to do with you? Well . . . I'd like to make a suggestion -- how about an orchid event early warning system?

You see, these news letters are often the first information we get of up-coming shows and auctions in other societies. The information is eventually listed on the back page of Orchid Offshoots and is also announced at our meetings, but I'll bet a 20-bud spike that sometimes it gets to you a bit too late. That has to be frustrating if you enjoy auctions and shows.

So, I'll start an 'Early Warning' list for anyone who would like to be notified by e-Mail of up-coming orchid events. I'll scan each news letter as it arrives and, if there's an event of interest, you'll know about it just as soon as I do.

Want to get on the list? Just e-Mail me [Subject: Warning List] or sign up at the next meeting. I'll scan each news letter as it arrives and e-Mail any pertinent information within a day or so.

Your humble editor [Jim]

***** CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE!! *****

I am thrilled to announce that Mike Corace was awarded a "CCM" by the AOS on June21. The award was given for his achievement in the "Culture" of his plant Phalaenopsis parishii. The plant was registered as "Phalaenopsis parishii 'Corace' CCM/AOS"

Way To Go, MIKE!!!!

~John~

THE JOINT PRESIDENTS COUNCIL PRESENTS AN ORCHID WORKSHOP EXTRAVAGANZA

- Saturday, August 2, 2003. 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM.
- At: The Providence Rest Home,
  3304 Waterbury Street in the Bronx, New York.
  Tel: (718) 931-3000.

- Five Workshop sessions with many vendors selling special plants for the hobbyist.

Agenda

ELLEN RONIS – How to grow orchids in your home particularly under lights.

DAVID BOOTH – How to give your Oncidiums proper care.

GREGG MARTIN – Pest control using *safe in the home* products.

DAVID HORAK – The care of vandaceous orchids.

THE FULL PANEL – will answer any orchid related question you may have,

- Coffee and Danishes in the morning and a barbecue lunch in the early afternoon.

- A **free** orchid plant will be given to each person attending the sessions. There will be a special plant raffle at the end of the day.

- Entry fee for the workshop is $12.00 per person**.**

George Washington Bridge (I-95N) It merges onto Bruckner Exp. Exit at Country Club Road (exit 7C). Make right at first light from the exit onto Country Club Road. Go 2 ½ blocks and make right onto Stadium Road and continue. After about 5 or 6 blocks, you will see Stadium Road. Continue on Stadium Road for about 5 blocks and you will see the Rest Home set back on your left. Turn left through the wrought iron gates on your left.