

Orchid Offshoots

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Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

August 26, 2003

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

at

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



Speaker

Ronald Midgett

Topic

“ Oncidiums I have Loved and Grown (And Killed)”

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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 hope you all enjoyed Glen Decker as much as I did last month. I had been trying to get him to visit us for quite some time. Thanks to Rita and Carlos for making it happen.

You know, you don't have to wait for our meetings to get an "Orchid Fix". There are things you can do to "Scratch" that "Itch". There are several local commercial growers who would be very happy to open their greenhouses for you to visit. I know that Orchid Art is having it's annual summer sale now as I write this. Call Rita Cohen: she would be happy for you to visit her. But hurry . . . the sale ends at the end of this month. Also in the area are J & L Orchids, Parkside, Silva, and Waldor. These guys are very happy to have visitors and you can learn a lot by visiting the people who make their living by growing orchids.

Another way to get relief for your "Orchid Fever" is to visit our local Botanical Gardens. They all have wonderful Orchid collections. In the Bronx, Mark Hatchidorian, who was our guest speaker a few months ago, is the "Orchid Man." At the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens you'll find David Horak. He will be our guest speaker on Oct 21. And in Staten Island's Botanical Garden at Snug Harbor, you'll find a very familiar face. Gerry Cassela has gathered a very impressive collection of hundreds of Orchids as the Garden's Orchid Curator. All of these guys love to talk about their "Babies".

One of the Biggest Events of the year is coming up. On Nov.1, the JPC is having its "Speaker's Day." This is a great event. The JPC make it possible for local Orchid Societies to get a rare chance to hear from speakers they could never afford to invite on their own. The JPC brings renowned speakers from all over the world together for one day. Not only do we get to hear 4 extraordinary experts, but we have a chance to mix and mingle with members of other societies, local vendors with plants for sale, and best of all, some of the best growers in the Northeast. This is a day of Orchid Bliss!! The admission fee also includes morning coffee with Danish, Muffins and other Goodies and a full Buffet Lunch.

Tickets are NOT available at the door, so you must purchase them **in advance**. The early registration also provides for you to participate in a special auction. A mature division of *Paph. haynaldianum* 'Piping Rock' AM/AOS, valued at \$700 and grown by our last month's speaker Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, will go to the winner. You can increase your chances to win by registering early . . . the earlier you register, the more raffle tickets you receive. See the notice in this newsletter for all the details on this event. You can also ask Rita Cohen or me any questions you might have. This is a "MUST DO" for anyone who loves Orchids; especially beginners. Barbara and I look forward to this every year. We have so much fun.

I hope you all join us there.

So, everyone, get busy. I'll see you all on the 26th.

[That's right!! The 26th. Remember? We changed the date!!]

~John~

The Show Table

Once again, the Show Table was loaded with 'goodies.' The details were:

<u>Orchid</u>	<u>Shown by:</u>
Ascda. Mikasa	Angelo Arena
Mtssa. Shelob 'Tolkien'	" "
Angcn. 'Longiscott'	" "
Max. <i>tenuifolia</i>	" "
Den. <i>lanyaiaae</i>	" "
Phal. Gemstone's Red King	" "
Phal. Brother Purple	" "
Dichaea <i>glauca</i>	Frank & Peggy Ariosta
Miltonia Dark Star	" " " "
Brx. Rex cigthia	" " " "
Vanda Rothchildiana 'Sally'	Gerry Cassella
Phrag. <i>sedanii candidum</i>	" "
Phrag. Sunset Glow	" "
Milt. <i>bluntii</i>	" "
Den. <i>nobile</i>	" "
Brassavola <i>nodosa</i>	Michael Corace
Brassavola <i>cucullata</i>	" "
Phal. Tabasco Tex x Hawaiian Memory 'Carmela'	" "
Slc. Final Tough 'Hartford'	Diana Milatta
Vanda Pat Delight	Anthony Penza
Brassia Christine	" "
C. 'Grape Wax' Bactia	" "
Masd. <i>Peristeria</i>	" "
Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	Colman Rutkin
Brilla. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream	John Stallone
Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy	Lewis Werb
Dgmta Flying High 'Stars & Bars'	" "
Bulb. <i>Makoyanum</i>	Ralph Wihlborg
V. Fuchs Delight x V. Robert's Delight	" "
Prom. Chameleon	" "
Den. <i>hemislaria</i>	" "
Paph. <i>curtisii</i>	" "

Points earned by class were:

<u>Windowsill</u>		<u>Greenhouse</u>		<u>Lights</u>	
Angelo Arena	47	Frank & Peggy Ariosta	42	Olga Federico	4
Michael Corace	62	Gerry Cassella	36	Ralph Wihlborg	41
Diana Milatta	6	Anthony Penza	49		
John Stallone	6	Colman Rutkin	6		
		Lewis Werb	13		

In Memory

It is with sadness that the Staten Island Orchid Society has learned of the passing of Mr. Walter Stimpfer, a past President of the SIOS.