

Orchid Offshoots

The News Letter of the

Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

October 21, 2003

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

at

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



Speaker

David Horak

Topic

To be announced

2003 SIOS Officers, Chairmen and Trustees

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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 really missed seeing many of you at our last meeting. Even Gerry was absent. He had an unusual excuse, however. He and his lovely wife were on safari on the 'Dark Continent'.

I want to thank Dick Doran for filling in for Gerry with the Show Table. Dick, you constantly amaze me. We are very fortunate to have you 'schlep' all the way to Staten Island to be a part of this group. For those of you who missed it . . . Ivan Snyder gave a great program on Dendrobiums. It was good seeing you again, Ivan. Please visit more often.

And how about this weather? Have you brought your orchid plants indoors yet? It's been really crazy! One day I'm sweating and the next day I'm freezing my 'Pseudobulbs' off. Keep an eye on the forecast. If you have any questions about any specific plant's temperature requirements, just ask me at the next meeting.

[**** NOTE**** Time to get your annual 'Flu Shot'!]

I just want to remind you again about the 'JPC Speakers Day' on Nov. 1. If you haven't already registered to attend, please consider doing so now -- you won't regret it. It's a great event. You can send in your check with the form in this issue or you can pay me at the meeting and I'll be sure to get your registration submitted in time for you.

Please don't think about 'skipping' or 'cutting out' on this month's meeting. Our speaker will be David Horak, the Curator of Orchids for the Brooklyn (**GO BROOKLYN!!**) Botanical Gardens. I had the pleasure of hearing David speak at the JPC Workshop a few months ago and I can assure you that you are in store for a treat. I can't wait to hear him again -- and to see you all again.

So, my Friends, till then -- Be Well and Be Good

~John~



Where to buy orchids:

So far, we've heard from four of the orchid suppliers we've contacted. The first copy of the flier will be available at this up-coming meeting. [Ed.]



The Show Table

Orchids scoring 6 points or more in September were:

<u>Orchid</u>	<u>Shown by:</u>
Vanda Red Spots	Angelo Arena
Blc. War Chant 'Siam Ruby'	Frank & Peggy Ariosta
DPTS Lien Fong Valentine x DPTS Mordem	" " "
Beauty x Mobby Valentine	
Lc. Mini Purple 'Lea'	Olga Federico
Onc. <i>flexuosum</i> sims x self	Jo Guardino
Brassia <i>arculgera</i>	Anthony Penza
Denrochillum Magnum	" "

Points earned by class were:

Windowsill

Angelo Arena	29
Michael Corace	23
Jo Guardino	6

Greenhouse

Frank & Peggy Ariosta	40
Anthony Penza	45

Lights: Olga Federico 24



WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:

We're still seeking a **Webmaster**. If you have the necessary skills, please let me know! Needless to say, your work would be very much appreciated.

~John~



For Orchid Newbees:

Parkside Orchids offers a free course, **Introduction to Orchids**. Learn all you need to know to grow orchids in your home or greenhouse. Course dates: November 15, 2003 and December 13, 2003. Time: 10:00am to 11:30am. Call or email if you plan to attend. For more information call Parkside Orchid Nursery at (610) 847-8039. You can also go to [www.mailto:parkside@ptd.net](mailto:parkside@ptd.net) or the www.parksideorchids.com site.