

Orchid Offshoots

The News Letter of the

Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

January 20, 2004

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

at

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



Program:

To be announced

2003 SIOS Officers, Chairmen and Trustees

- President: John Foley
- Vice President: Frank Ariosta
- Treasurer: Karen Woytowich
- Secretary: Michael Corace
- Ass't Treasurer: Carl Phillips
- Hospitality: Karen Silverman
- Membership: Carol Doran
- Monthly Raffle: Jo Guardino
- Editor: James Hannah
- Show Table Judge: Dick Doran
- Show Table Tally: Jo Guardino
- Trustees (1 yr): Gerry Cassella, Howard Fischer, Jo Guardino
- (2 yr): Olga Federico, Karen Silverman, John Stallone, Anthony Penza
- (3 yr): Angelo Arena, Frank Whitam, Trish Penza

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a beautiful holiday.

I would like to thank everyone for making our last meeting such a great occasion. The food was terrific. The auction went very well, as usual (Thanks, Gerry, Dick, John and Helen Stallone, Carl, Angelo, Barbara, Karen, Rita and Lucille, just to name a few.) The plants were fabulous. I especially want to thank Sandy DeLeon for his continued generosity. There were lots of bargains and a lot of happy shoppers.

I am happy that reservations for our Bus Trip on March 27th are already being made. This trip is going to be a lot of fun! I can't wait.

Be sure to get your reservations in early. Seats are limited.

We have accepted an invitation to participate in the Deep Cut Orchid Show. It will run from February 26th through February 29th. Set-up will be on Wednesday, Feb. 25th. Karen Woytowich will again be designing and executing our display and I know she would like to include as many of your plants as she can in the exhibit. Please let me know if you would like to have your plants on display. Also, I'm sure Karen would like to have anyone interested in assisting in the set-up to join her on that Wednesday.

I Look forward to seeing you all again on the 20th.

Till then:

Be good and be well.

~John~

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The Show Table

The Show Table winners for 2003 were:

Windowsill: (13 entrants in this group)

- 1st place: **Michael Corace**
- 2nd place: **Angelo Arena**
- 3rd place: **John Stallone**

Greenhouse: (5 entrants in this group)

- 1st place: **Anthony & Trish Penza**
- 2nd place: **Frank Ariosta**
- 3rd place: **Gerry Cassella**

Lights: (3 entrants in this group)

- 1st place: **Ralph Wihlborg**
- 2nd place: **Olga Federico**
- 3rd place: **John Stallone**

At least 20 different people brought plants for the show table this past year. We all benefited by the opportunity to see many different types of orchids in bloom. The Show Table discussions by Gerry Cassella and Dick Doran provided a treasure of valuable information.

Thank you, all.

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Fragrance at the Deep Cut Show

Got a fragrant orchid in bloom? You can bring it to the **Deep Cut Orchid Show** for fragrance judging. There are ribbons for first, second and third as well as a crystal trophy for the best fragrant plant. Please enter your plants for fragrance at the Deep Cut Information Table. The exhibit will take place in Littman Jewelers, a secure area of the Mall

Guess What?

If you're a parent, you know "Guess what?" is usually followed by something you'd rather not hear. So OK, I'll just whisper it. Ready? Here goes - {*dues time is here again.*}. There's a form in this News Letter which pretty much covers the whole dues-paying process. I won't dwell on it any further. Ed.

Membership List

Please let me know of any publication restrictions you wish to place on your listing in our membership list. The March issue of the News Letter will carry the list. [Jim Hannah, Editor]

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Weather Alert!

Winter is here, and the weather can sometimes turn nasty with little warning. It's possible that the weather may force the cancellation of an Orchid Society meeting. Unfortunately, it's not possible to notify you of a meeting cancellation through this News Letter, so . . .

If you have any reason to believe that a meeting may be cancelled, please call any of the club officers listed on Page 2 of this News Letter. They'll have up-to-date information available.

Bus Trip!

The SIOS will have a **bus trip** to **Waldor Orchids** this spring. There is a reservation form in this issue. This will be on a 'First Come - First Served' basis. Seating on the bus is limited, so it's a good idea not to wait too long to pin down your reservation. The trip will start at All Saints Church 8:00 AM sharp.

Silva Orchids Open House

Thursday, January 29th through Sunday, February 1st are the dates for the Silva Open House. You can call them for details at (732) 922-2635, check their website at www.silvaorchids.com or you can pick up their flyer at our January meeting. Can't make the meeting? Call me and I'll send you one. Ed.

ITS DUES TIME AGAIN

**PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT
BEFORE MARCH 31, 2003 TO:**

Karen Woytowich, Treasurer, Staten Island Orchid Society

_____ Enclosed as my check for \$20.00 (payable to: **Staten Island Orchid Society**)

_____ Attached is \$20.00 cash (**Hand in only! Do not mail cash**)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip(5/9 digit): _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

I grow my orchids _____ in a greenhouse _____ under lights _____ on a windowsill

I would like to see programs on _____ care/culture _____ species _____ workshops
_____ other (please specify):

If not already serving, I would be willing to serve as a _____ committee chairman _____ trustee