

# Orchid   Offshoots

The News Letter of the

# Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

**February 17, 2004**

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

at

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



Speaker:

Bill Overton

Program:

Bifoliate Cattleya Species

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(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**

Hello again, my friends;

It was good seeing so many of you brave the artic blast last month with your precious plants to be with us.

The Show Table was amazing. I was truly surprised. How lovely to come in from the bitter cold to see such an array of exotic tropical beauty! Gerry did an outstanding job discussing the plants.

There are a lot of things on our agenda now. The Deep Cut Orchid Show will take place this month. We have accepted their invitation to participate. Please let Karen Woytowich know if you have any plants that we can include in her exhibit.

We are still trying to fill up the bus for our Road Trip to Waldor Orchids in March. Be sure to check out the NOTICE in this newsletter for the details.

The Greater New York Orchid Society's Orchid Show is coming up this April and we will be there again. We did a remarkable job last year and I am very pleased that "Team Penza" will again be there for us. We had a wonderful time. If anyone wants to join us in setting up let me know.

I hope that when we meet again the temperature will be above the single digits

Until then, be well and be good.

~John~



**Spring is just around the corner,**

but the weather still packs a pretty potent punch. If you're wondering whether the weather has wiped out an SIOS meeting, just call any of the club officials for the latest up-date. You'll find their phone numbers on Page 2.

## The Show Table

It was a cold and windy night, but the Show Table was ablaze with color. It was fun to watch as each box, carefully sheltering the plants from the cold outdoors, was opened and the beautiful orchids were removed and put on display. Those scoring 6 points or more were:

Phrag. Eric Young	Frank & Peggy Ariosta
Paph. Harmana Maheesun x Paph. Alma Gavaert	" " "
Phrag. <i>Booserianum</i>	" " "
Cyrtochilum <i>macrantuni</i>	" " "
Blc. Chia Lui 'New City'	" " "
Cym. Featherhill Fanfare	Gerry Cassella
Cym. <i>Pipeta</i>	" "
Cym. Thanksgiving Nativity	" "
Blc. Orange Glory	" "
C. Catherine Paterson	" "
Epicat Rene Marquis 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS	" "
Onc. <i>Maculatum</i>	" "
Masd. Imposter	Anthony Penza
Cym. Mulberry Harbor 'Ruby Eyes'	" "
Masd. Redwing	" "
Blc. Oconee "Mendenhall"	" "
Pot. Haw Yuan Gold	" "
Den. Nobile 'Apollon Dream'	" "
Cym. Green (hybrid)	" "
Bras. Kenneth Bivens	" "
Lc. Purple Cascade	John Stallone
Enc. Polybulbon	Ralph Whilborg
Paph. Eridge	" "
Den. <i>spectabile</i>	" "
Ascda. John Debiasa	" "
Comparettia <i>Speciosa</i>	" "

### Windowsill:

Angelo Arena: 10  
 Diana Milatta: 23

### Lights:

Olga Federico: 23  
 John Stallone: 25  
 Ralph Whilborg: 45

### Greenhouse:

Frank & Peggy Ariosta: 64  
 Gerry Cassella: 56  
 Anthony Penza: 82

**The Waldor Orchids Trip**

If you haven't yet sent in your seat reservations for the trip to Waldor Orchids, Saturday, March 27th, don't delay a day longer. There's a form in this issue.

Karen is waiting to hear from you. And yes, there will be room on the bus for any orchids you bring home!

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**The Top 40?**

Lists have been 'in' for some time now. The February Newsletter of the North Jersey Orchid Society carried a list titled 'Forty Species Everyone Should Have'. Now, one problem with lists is that not everyone will agree with the compiler. In this particular case, the person who authored the list was Red Marsh. The list was made up some years ago when Mr. Marsh was growing on the West Coast, with lots of good weather [remember good weather?] and a greenhouse. Here's the list:

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| <i>Aerides harbianum</i>                     | <i>Galeandra devoniana</i>                      |
| <i>Ansellia africana</i>                     | <i>Gomesa recurva</i>                           |
| <i>Angraecum leonis</i>                      | <i>Laelia crispata</i>                          |
| <i>Ascocentrum hendersonianum</i>            | <i>Laelia perrinii</i>                          |
| <i>Barkeria lindleyana</i>                   | <i>Oncidium jonesianum</i>                      |
| <i>Bifrenaria harrisoniae</i>                | <i>Oncidium lanceanum</i>                       |
| <i>Bulbophyllum lobbii</i>                   | <i>Oncidium retemeyerianum</i>                  |
| <i>Cattleya aclandiae</i>                    | <i>Oncidium sarcodes</i>                        |
| <i>Cattleya amethystoglossa</i>              | <i>Oncidium straminium</i>                      |
| <i>Cattleya bicolor 'braziliensis'</i>       | <i>Oncidium unicornae</i>                       |
| <i>Cattleya bicolor 'Green Magic'</i>        | <i>Ornithocephalus cochleariformis</i>          |
| <i>Cattleya harrisoniana</i>                 | <i>Paphiopedilum chamberlainianum</i>           |
| <i>Clowesia Rebecca Northen</i>              | <i>Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum</i>              |
| <i>Camparettia macrolepton</i>               | <i>Paphiopedilum purpuratum</i>                 |
| <i>Cymbidium canaliculatum v 'sparkskii'</i> | <i>Paphiopedilum wolterianum</i>                |
| <i>Dendrobium aggregatum</i>                 | <i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i>                |
| <i>Dendrobium pierardii</i>                  | <i>Polystachya campygloussa</i>                 |
| <i>Encyclia mariae</i>                       | <i>Trichocentrum tigrinum</i>                   |
| <i>Epidendrum diurnum</i>                    | <i>Trichoglottis brachiata v philippinensis</i> |
| <i>Eria odorona</i>                          | <i>Trichopilia suavis</i>                       |

Now for a question . . .

Is there anyone who would be so kind as to whittle this list down to 5 species that you would consider to be windowsill 'must-haves'? How about a list of 5 suitable for growing under lights?

If you're willing to suggest such a list, please give me a copy and I'll put it in print.

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**The Dreaded Red Dot!**

No, it's not some sort of new orchid disease. It's a little red dot on the front of your March copy of the SIOS News Letter. If you haven't taken care of renewing your SIOS membership by then, there'll be a red dot next to your mailing label.

Happily, it's easy to avoid the red dot. The cure is in this issue -- the renewal form is right on this page. Just fill it out and mail it with your dues and the red dot won't be there in March to haunt you.

**The Deep Cut Orchid Society Show**

The SIOS will have an exhibit at the show. The dates are Feb. 26th through 29th. The location is the Monmouth Mall in Eatontown, NJ.

If you have plants for the SIOS exhibit or if you can provide some help with the set-up on Wednesday, February 25th, please let Karen Woytowich know.

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**ITS DUES TIME FOR 2004!**

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

Karen Woytowich, Treasurer, Staten Island Orchid Society

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is 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