

Orchid Offshoots

The News Letter of the

Staten Island Orchid Society

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Our next meeting:

April 20, 2004

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

at

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



Program:

Workshop!

[And more! See inside.]



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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, my friends,

As I write this, I'm hearing a weather forecast of ... SNOW! Give me a Break! It's April 3rd, for goodness sake! It's supposed to be "April Showers", not "April Flurries"!

I was sorry to have had to cancel last month's meeting. Our speaker cancelled because of the storm and I felt the Snow and Ice made conditions too dangerous for driving. J & L will reschedule and visit us at a later date.

I hope you all took the advice noted in these newsletters. If there is SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, and you want to confirm if a meeting will be cancelled, call one of the Society's officers. Their phone numbers are always listed in this newsletter.

Last week, the SIOS finally went on its long-anticipated "ROAD TRIP". We had a BLAST!!! It was so much fun. Twenty of us met at 8 in the morning. With coffee and donuts, video on board and a few raffle plants to help us on our journey, we arrived at Waldor's about 2 hours later. We were greeted by a very helpful staff and greenhouses full of blooming Orchids. After our shopping was complete, our driver took us to a restaurant where we had a very nice (if not so quiet!) lunch. Then it was back to SI with a bus packed with \$2,500 worth of orchids and happy, well-fed campers. When we got home at 5 pm, everyone on board agreed that this should be a "Do Again".

Thanks to Angelo for getting the ball rolling and setting up this trip.

While we were shopping, I picked up a few "Goodies" for the Society. We'll include them in our Exhibit at Rockefeller Center next week. I'll bring them to our next meeting and make them available to you all.

Speaking about the Greater New York Orchid Show at Rockefeller Center, it should be going on now as you read this (April 15-18). Go and see what Anthony and Trish created for our display. I assure you it is beautiful.

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

Till then, be Well and be Good.

~John~



A Surprise?

John mentioned some orchids he's bringing to the meeting. As I write this, I don't know if there will be a mini-auction or a mini-sale. Either one should be fun and provide some bargains. Come see. [Ed.]

The Show Table

There was no March Show Table. The March meeting was cancelled due to the unexpected [and unwanted] snow storm.

A Red-faced Editor

Nothing small about me. No, sir! When I goof, I do it in 36 point Verdana script! Last month's cancelled program was to be a presentation by **J & L Orchids**, not **J & B Orchids**. Thankfully, the SIOS membership is an unusually forgiving group. Sorry 'bout that. Jim [Ed.]

What's Happening When?

The back page of this News Letter carries information on upcoming events. Since space is limited, only those events which are nearby are included. If you like to travel further in search of orchid happenings, you can get lots more information about them at the **www.orchidweb.org/events/calendar** website.

The Red Dot Virus!

If there's a red dot next to the address label of this issue, your dues have expired. This will be your last copy of Orchid Offshoots. The virus antidote? Why, it's the SIOS Membership Form right below!

SIOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT 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