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## NEWSLETTER

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The SIOS meets on the  
3rd Tuesday of each month at  
7:00pm at  
All Saints Episcopal Church,  
2329 Victory Blvd., SI, NY 10314

STATEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY



## Next meeting November 18th 7pm

### *A Message from John*

Hello Friends

We had a Trustee meeting yesterday. The good news is the enthusiasm for our Orchid Show in May is growing. Everyone is on-board with ideas and suggestions to make this a very successful endeavor for us.

We will discuss this in detail at our next meeting.

The bad news is that the nominations for our officers and trustees are in.

Much to my dismay, there is no challenge to office of President. It looks like I will be here for a NINTH YEAR. I was so looking forward to retiring to the Ranch to write my memoirs and work on the Foley Library. I'm not going to be a Lame Duck .....

We do have 2 new trustees to join us this year. I am happy to tell you that Ron Altman and Patrick Cammarano have accepted our invitation to the Board. Thank You Gentlemen.

We are planning our  
**Semi-annual  
Orchid Auction  
And Buffet  
for December.**

Plants will soon be ordered. If there is something you'd like to see on that table, let us know.

Sign Up to contribute to our Buffet.

Call your Friends.

Make up a shopping list.

Mark the date **TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

I'm Finally getting over the effects of left over Halloween Candy and should be in good shape for our next meeting (Tues Nov 18<sup>th</sup>)

So till I see you all there,  
Be Good and be Well!

~John

### PROGRAM

Unfortunately, there is no speaker scheduled for the November meeting.

### RAFFLE PLANTS

We need raffle plants.  
If you have any plants you wish to donate, please bring them to the next meeting.

## *Show Tally Table for October*

### WINDOWSILL

Patrick Cammarano - 7

Michael Corace - 18



### GREENHOUSE

Dave O'Dell - 10

Anthony Penza - 14

Colman Rutkin - 28

Lew Werb - 7



### LIGHTS

Olga Federico - 27

Joseph Schwab - 21



## Orchid Profile - Brassavola

**B** Brassavola nodosa or Lady of the Night

orchid is a great orchid for beginners looking for something other than a Phalaenopsis or Cattleya. The cultural needs are simple and the fragrant flowers are a wonderful reward. The fragrance is faint during the day, but becomes quite strong at night since the pollinator for the species is a moth.

These plants have thin pseudobulbs and lots of long, thin, pencil-shaped bluish-green leaves. The white flower's lip is heart-shaped with long, thin petals. Flowering usually occurs during the spring months.

Brassavola nodosa makes a good windowsill plant and will enjoy morning or afternoon sun. Potting can be in a plastic pot, hanging basket or mounted on a cork raft. The long roots and pseudobulbs need plenty of room to spread. If indoors increase humidity by placing on a saucer of gravel filled with water. You don't want to let the water touch the bottom of the pot, or the roots will remain too wet and will rot.

The orchid needs warm to intermediate temperatures. Fertilize and water on a regular schedule during the growth season. After flowering, let the plant rest for several weeks by cutting back on watering without letting the pseudobulbs shrivel.

These plants will enjoy spending time outside during the warm summer months. Keep them in a shady location and make sure that the humidity is kept fairly high for the plant to thrive. For mounted plants, a pad of sphagnum moss around the roots will help the plant retain moisture. In warm winter areas, the plants can stay outdoors most of the year.



*Brassavola nodosa*

**NORTHEAST JUDGING CENTER**

# Annual Judge's Auction

We appreciate the generosity of all our plant donors, and, their support of the Northeast Judging Center.

**NORTHEAST JUDGING CENTER**

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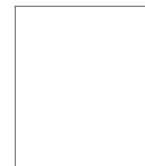
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008  
AT 10:00 AM  
THE HAMPTON INN  
ELMSFORD, NY

Ideal flower form and optimum cultivation are elusive goals orchid hybridizers and growers strive to achieve. The American Orchid Society system of judging has been developed to grant recognition to new and superior forms of orchid species and to improved forms of orchid hybrids. Recognition is also given to growers of plants for superior culture.

This is a wonderful opportunity to buy at auction very special plants, mostly grown by our Judges, and to take the mystery out of orchid judging. All members and guests of AOS affiliated Societies are invited to our Holiday Party, Auction, and Judging Sessions.

# STATEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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## *Orchid Related Websites and Information*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008**

**SEMI-ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION  
AND BUFFET DINNER**

Please come to the November meeting and sign up to contribute to our buffet.

