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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

Next meeting January 20th 7:00pm

A Message from John

Hello Friends,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope your Holidays
were as nice as ours.

I was delighted to see so
many of you at our auction
last month.

Thanks for your participa-
tion. The food was won-
derful (especially the
Shrimp Norman!)

This new year starts off
with our involvement in
the Deep Cut Orchid
Show on February 4th.

We have been invited to
join them again this year.

I will talk more about this
at our next meeting. Let
me say now that we will
need PLANTS to use in
our display. Please help us
out here. If you have any-
thing worthy of adding to
our display let me know.

Kathleen has included the
FLYER for the show in
this newsletter with all the
details.

We are also going forward
with Snug Harbor to pre-
sent an Orchid Show in
May.

Things will start moving
quickly in the next few
months, so we will need a
lot of participation for the
membership. David
O'Dell is the Chairperson
for this event and will be
happy to hear from anyone
willing to help out.

Membership dues are
DUE... Colman is ready
for your checks, cash or
SIOS Funny Money.

Be well and Be Good

~John

January Speaker

*Anthony Silva of
Silva Orchids will
be our speaker at
the January
meeting.
The topic ?...it's
a surprise!*

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2009

will be collected at the
January meeting.
Please give your checks
to our treasurer,
Colman Rutkin.

\$20 - make checks payable
to SIOS

RAFFLE PLANTS

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

December Auction and Party Photos

Photos by Anthony Penza



How to Grow Vanda Orchids

Vanda orchids have some of the most colorful blooms in the orchid family. From bright blue, to candy fuchsia and punchy purple, their crayon colored blooms are why they are some of the most coveted orchids. Of all the orchids, Vandas are some of the easiest orchids to grow. A mature Vanda orchid will grow two to three spikes of [flowers](#) if raised properly.

Instructions

Difficulty: Moderate

Step 1

Find the right spot to hang your Vanda orchid. Make sure the spot you hang your orchid has dappled sunlight. Vandas can tolerate more sun than most orchids. In fact, if the orchid does not bloom, it may be an indication that it is not getting enough sun.

Step 2

Water your Vanda everyday from June to September. This is the growing season and mimics the rainfall they would get in the tropics. The rest of the year, you can water every couple of days. Just make sure the Vanda does not dry out too much.

Step 3

Fertilize your Vanda with a basic fertilizer for flowering [plants](#) every two weeks from June to September. The frequent watering will dilute this fertilizer.

Step 4

From September to October, you should fertilize your Vanda with a high potash fertilizer.

Step 5

Fertilize your Vanda once a month from November to June with a standard orchid fertilizer.

Step 6

Re-pot your Vandas with care if it gets too large for the pot or crate. Disturbing the established roots can kill a Vanda. If the Vanda is growing in a wood crate, gently place the old crate into a larger wood crate. Make sure the roots hanging down are placed through the slats of the new crate.



Tips & Warnings

- Visit a local landscaping supply company to ask if they have an orchid specialist. If you find any diseases on your orchid bloom or leaves, they will be able to help identify the problem.
- Growing Vandas indoors can be difficult. The air inside can be too dry. Misting your Vanda with a water spray bottle will prevent the orchid from drying out.

FREE GREENHOUSE

This greenhouse attached to our shed is available free to anyone who wishes to disassemble it and take it away. The dimensions are 82 inches deep, 104 inches wide and about 82 inches high at the attachment to the shed. There are some missing glass panels, but all of the curved glasses are intact. The greenhouse is assembled with screws and is bolted to a concrete base.

We live in Morristown. You are welcome to come by and see it for yourself. Just give us a call (973 539 4409) or email us at den-drobe@aol.com.

We will likely be at the January and February NJOS meetings.
Regards,

David and Adrienne Kafkewitz



DEEP CUT ORCHID SOCIETY 12TH ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW

February 5 - 8, 2009

Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9 AM - 6 PM

Sun., 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Presented in the
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Route 35 (south), Holmdel, NJ

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• Waldor Orchids • Stony Brook Orchids • J&L Orchids • Silva Orchids
• New Earth Orchids • Parkside Orchids • Ecugenera

Ribbon, Trophy and AOS Judging on Thursday

Free Orchid Workshops on Saturday & Sunday

Lunch Specials Daily

A February Treat for Visitors & Orchid Growers Alike!

FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING!

For more information: <http://deepcutorchids.googlepages.com>
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Orchid Related Websites and Information

ORCHIDS ON THE WEB

For all you web surfers here are some sites you might enjoy visiting:

orchidweb.org

This is the AOS official website. It is a wealth of information on all things ORCHID

orchidmall.com

Looking for plants to buy? Here's a resource for you. Listing vendors from all over the world.

repotme.com

Everything you need to supply your orchid collection.

That's a start. Happy surfing!!