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

A Message from John

Hello Friends,

It's time again!

Bring your cheesecake!

Bring your shrimp Norman!

Everybody bring your checkbook!

OUR AUCTION IS HERE

If you thought the plants we had at Snug Harbor were great, wait till you see what Frank has in store for you guys on the 15th!

There are plants that will satisfy everyone's taste.

While we are talking "Taste", don't forget to bring something to add to our buffet.

For all of you who have magnificent plant in bloom this month "Too Bad" THERE WILL BE NO SHOWTABLE this month.

I will be there early...you should too.

So, till then,

Be Well and be GOOD!

~John

FOOD TABLE REMINDER

FOR THE JUNE ORCHID AUCTION
AND BUFFET DINNER

Members, please bring a tasty food offering
for the buffet. Thank you.

IN SEARCH OF AN ARTICLE FROM THE PAST—1964

I would like to read more on the following subject. Can someone in the club give me articles on similar writings. There was an article written in an AOS bulletin vol. 33 dated Dec. 1964 by Paul Gripp.

"Light regulation for better flower color."

The article deals with light given to buds of Cymbidiums which can alter the color. "There is not much we can do to influence the basic color of the flower, but we can attempt to control - in a limited fashion - the green and red pigments that tend to suffuse themselves into all flowers. It is common fact that the tendency to produce the red pigments is very much affected by light intensity in the bud stage, and high light definitely has a tendency to make more red pigments which causes an intensity of colors in pinks, a blushing in white, and often a muddiness in greens."

The article date is correct 1964.

Pat Cammarano

Show Table Tallies for May

GREENHOUSE

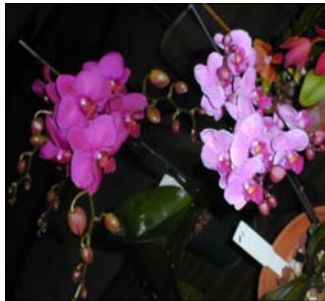
Ronald Altman - 15
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Frank Ariosta - 28

WINDOWSILL

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Roy Fox - 52
Sharon Jaffee - 15
Amy Trantwein - 24

LIGHTS

Pat Cammarano - 16
Olga Federico - 35
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Carl Phillips - 23



BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS AT HOME

**Pot.Sweet Sugal - First time bloom for me. Flower measures 3 inches on 12 inch stem.
Would like to share this with the members.
It will not be in bloom by our next meeting.**

— Pat Cammarano



**"Laelia tenebrose x sib. " First bloom for me.
Two flowers on one 13 inch stem—flower size 7 inch -Pat**



At last it booms and no show table in June. Not only are there two blooms now, but a third bloom on the way. Sorry, the squirrels took it's name tag last summer, so if anyone knows what it is, please email me. Thanks — Kathleen Ruoti

If anyone would like to share their blooming orchids with the members, please send photos in .jpg format to wraprascal@mindspring.com



**STATEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY
SEMI-ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION AND POTLUCK DINNER**

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH 6:00PM

All Saints Episcopal Church
2329 Victory Blvd. SI, NY 10314
(between Crystal and Wooley)

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RSVP John Foley 718-996-1064

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General Orchid Care

Article taken from the Carter and Holmes Orchids website www.carterandholmes.com



General: Tropical orchids are no more difficult to grow than other plants, but because most of them are epiphytes (tree dwelling plants) their culture is different from that of other types of plants. British orchid growers failed in the early 1800's when they attempted to grow tropical orchids under dark, hot, and steamy conditions. They succeeded only when they realized that most tropical orchids grew at higher, cooler elevations and in the upper branches of trees where they got considerable light and perfect drainage.

Lighting: In the greenhouse, most orchids require some shading to prevent the leaves from overheating. In the home, however, orchids need the maximum light available. Placing them outside under the shade of tall trees during the summer months is very beneficial. Do not place them in full sun, however, or the leaves will burn. Also, do not place the plants on the ground, for insects and slugs (snails) can enter the pots and damage the plants. Pot hangers can be used to suspend the plants from tree branches, chains, strong trees, or other structures.

Temperature: In the home, placing the orchids in a room with relatively cool temperatures will help guard against dehydration. Most orchids are actually most happy at temperatures below the comfort level of humans, especially at night. Orchid greenhouses are usually maintained at 55-65 degrees at night.

Soil: Potting mixes for tropical orchids are loose mixtures of organic material such as fir bark (not pine bark), tree fern, osunda fiber, with small amounts of peat, perlite, cork, or charcoal added. The object is to have a mix that drains well, but holds some moisture. Most commercial orchid growers supply ready-to-use orchid mixes in small quantities. Orchids usually need repotting only once every two to three years.

Moisture: In watering orchids, it is best to soak the potting mix thoroughly and wait until the surface is relatively dry before watering again. Most orchids in fir bark based mixes will need watering no more than once every 5 to 7 days.

Fertilizer: All plants can be fertilized safely with a water-soluble urea free fertilizer such as Growmore 20-10-20 about once a month. Some orchid growers prefer to mix water-soluble fertilizers weaker than indicated on the package instructions and to use them every second or third watering. Always water before fertilizing and remember that it is best to under-fertilize rather than to over-fertilize. With the lower light and drier conditions in the home, orchids cannot use as much fertilizer as they can use in the greenhouse. Some growers like to increase the humidity around their orchids in the home by using "humidity trays" or trays of wet gravel around or under the plants. Pots should not touch the surface of the water.

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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!!