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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

STATEN ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY



## Next meeting December 20th 6pm

### *A Message from John*

Hello members,

**HO HO HO!**

You know what time it is? It's time for Norman to stop at Costco and get the shrimp! This is my favorite time of year. I get to see all my dear friends enjoy a wonderful buffet and loads of beautiful orchid plants in bud or bloom ready to be sold to the highest bidder.

Bring your wallets, and something for the buffet. Let's make it a family affair. Bring your family, your friends, your co-workers, strangers and even your enemies. We take cash, and, if we know you, a check.

The new year is almost here. There's plenty in store for the SIOS, but we will talk about that next year.

The buffet line opens at 6:00 p.m. I'll be there. I hope to see you there too.

Till then,

Be Well and be Good,

~John

**ORCHID AUCTION  
AND  
HOLIDAY POTLUCK  
BUFFET  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**



**"FUNNY MONEY"**  
WILL BE AWARDED  
AT THE  
**DECEMBER AUCTION/PARTY**  
FOR BEST IN CATEGORY  
OF THE MONTHLY  
SHOW TABLES

**Please note that they have an  
expiration date of 12/31/12**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [www.SIOSonline.com](http://www.SIOSonline.com)

**FACEBOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Staten-Island-Orchid-Society/110927662275980>



# SHOW TABLE TALLIES FOR NOVEMBER

## WINDOWSILL

Sharon Jaffee - 4  
 Roy & Gertrude Fox - 11  
 Jeff Li - 7  
 Cara Minucci - 10



## GREENHOUSE

Ronald Altman - 18  
 Frank Ariosta - 27  
 Dave O'Dell - 8  
 Colman Rutkin - 66



## LIGHTS

Gertrude and Roy Fox - 18  
 Patrick Cammarano - 31  
 Olga Martin - 5





# MEMBER'S ORCHIDS



## Cattleya Unknown ?

Purchased plant in 2010. Orchid is 18 inches tall. One stem with 3 flowers.

Flower= measures 5 inches

Pedal= white edge with light pink center

Lip = is dark with yellow center.

Dark lip has some yellow stripes which you can not see in photo. Possible cross with *C. dowiana* ?

I think this is an old Hybrid ? Pat Cammarano



The Lew Werb orchid in (almost) full bloom. I guess we are doing something right!!!! Roy Fox



Dendrobium Sweet Song, bought at the deep cut auction. Blooming out of season...I think



Otaara Island Flare

These are pictures of my **Bulbophyllum longissimum** x **Mastigion putidum** in bloom. This is the first time I have seen it bloom, and I have not found pictures of this particular hybrid on the internet before, so it is a pleasure to see it and to be able to share. The orchid was acquired from the June SI Orchid Society auction of 2010.

The plant has produced an incredibly interesting flower that definitely shows its ancestral heritage. From the **Bulbophyllum longissimum** parent comes the long conical shape of the flower. Both parents have long flowers and the hybrid shows this characteristic as well with the larger of the two buds in the picture measuring 8.5" from the base of the bud to the tip. However, as with many hybrids, the scent from this parent does not seem to have carried through to the hybrid. The hybrid has also seemed to have lost the parent's tendency to have multiple flowers off of a single inflorescence. From the **Mastigion putidum** parent comes the delightful fringe on the top three petals. **Mastigion putidum** also typically has only one flower per inflorescence, and the hybrid shows the "compromise" between the parents.

The plant was grown on a south facing windowsill that has a translucent fabric shade on it, and gets watered three times a week and fertilized once a week. It is potted in medium Redwood bark, small Monterey Pine bark, small tree fern fiber, coarse coir, small Stalite, rice hulls and some medium sponge.

Jeff Li







A picture of **Brassavola nodosa** in bloom. This is the same plant that Larry Desiano from Deep Cut Orchid Society had in his slide presentation on the orchids that he enjoys collecting. I acquired it from Larry at the Deep Cut Orchid Society Auction this fall, and it is in full bloom thanks to Larry's hard work. He was right: The scent at night is very strong and easily fills an entire room with a nice honey-like scent. I am not sharing the culture on this since I have only had the plant a few months.

I am going to pass on sharing the EPLC Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire' pic, because the one I have handy is blurry, and the blooms are not quite as spectacular as they should be. I am looking forward to January though when I should have a bunch more orchids in bloom to show!

Jeff Li



The famous & fun Northeast Judging Center

**NORTHEAST JUDGES AUCTION & HOLIDAY PARTY**

This is a special auction that will include some rare and unusual orchids from the collections of the Northeast AOS judges and the New York and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. Also included will be some rare books, publications and other orchid ephemera.

ALL SOCIETIES ARE INVITED.

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Hampton Inn, 200 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford, NY  
Preview of plants begins at 9:00 Auction to begin at 10:00

The auction is also part of the Northeast Holiday Party

**Buffet lunch with liquid refreshment will be served**

A dish to share would be welcomed, but definitely not necessary.

Take this opportunity to visit and support YOUR judging center, have a fantastic time and pick up something really special!



For directions click below

<https://sites.google.com/site/deencutorchids/Home/directions-to-aos-judging>

Preview of what will be in the Auction click below

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