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## Next meeting March 20th 7pm

### *A Message from John*

Hello Friends,

Spring has sprung (like what? 3 months ago!) and SIOS is ready for some FUN. SIOS is getting ready for two major events soon.

Our **SHOW/SALE at Snug Harbor** is on the first Sat and Sun in May, and in June, we are having our Auction. If you have not been contacted about helping with these events, and you have some time, tell **Dave O'Dell**. Dave will let us know what he needs at the next meeting.

**Jeff and Amy** are working on getting speakers to entertain and enlighten us while we have coffee and cake.

Now about **Lew Werb's** plants. The Trustees are going to have this plan settled very soon. I cannot unilaterally make a decision. Actually I cannot even vote.

But I can give a deadline, and I did. Dave has been the caretaker of these plants ever since we were invited into Lew's greenhouse to take them. Dave has a job. We cannot continue to impose upon him. I promise you that Lew's wishes will be honored very soon.

Our next meeting is on the 20th. in our regular room.

I always look forward to being with all of you (yes you too Norman)

I hope to see you there.

Till then, be Well and be GOOD!

~John

### MARCH SPEAKER

Our speaker this coming Tuesday is  
**Mr. Stephen Fowler**  
and his presentation is

**"The Orchidist's Conundrum:  
I have them, now what?"**

The presentation is on "home orchid growing / care / transplanting" and he will touch on growing under lights as well.

Steve Fowler has been growing orchids in the home and occasionally for competition since he received his first orchid in 1976. Growing at windowsills soon gave way to growing under lights and then an adventure with a small backyard greenhouse. Throughout moves from Pennsylvania to New Jersey and back to PA, the love of home orchid growing has never wavered. Space limitations in apartment buildings gave rise to an interest in dwarf and miniature orchids that can be grown on windowsills, hanging from curtain rods and under lights. The oldest orchids in his collection are some Broughtonia sanguineas mounted on cork that date from 1983, when they were brought back from Jamaica under USDA permits. He is one of the original members of Deep Cut Orchid Society and has presented talks at Garden Clubs and at Silva Orchids in Neptune, NJ for many years.

His focus is on home orchid culture and the development of the next generation of orchidphiles.

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The SIOS meets on the  
3rd Tuesday of each month at  
7:00pm  
All Saints Episcopal Church,  
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# FEBRUARY SHOW TABLE TALLIES

## WINDOWSILL

Roy and Gertrude Fox - 14



## GREENHOUSE

Ronald Altman - 16  
Dave O'Dell - 35  
Colman Rutkin - 69



## LIGHTS

Olga Federico - 18



**March 24**

The **International Phalaenopsis Alliance** will co-host a Region 16 meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 1-4 PM at **Longwood Gardens**, 1001 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348 in conjunction with their Orchid Extravaganza. **Michael Ooi**, from Malaysia, keynote speaker, will be joined by **Patti Lee** discussing under-light culture. Each hour session will include a 45 minute presentation and 15 minutes for question and answers. A mini-IPA fundraising auction and roundtable discussion will complete the afternoon. Your admission to Longwood Gardens entitles you to participation in this event.

**2012 IPA Region 17 &18 Focus on Phals Day**

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to our 2011 back-to-back **IPA meetings**, we are pleased to announce that the **IPA Northeast Team** will once again be co-hosting, on **Saturday, September 8th, 2012**, in cooperation with the **New Hampshire Orchid Society** and on **Sunday, September 9th, 2012**, in cooperation with the **North Eastern New York Orchid Society**, our annual "**Focus on Phals Speakers' Day.**"

**Dr. Ron McHatton** will be our keynote speaker, giving his amazingly informative presentation on "**New Approaches to Pest and Disease Control,**" a presentation that applies to every orchid grower.

Barring any potential hurricanes aiming for Puerto Rico, **Carlos Fighetti** will be speaking on the newest advances in the improvement of Phal species, covering some that might actually qualify as primary hybrids, despite the fact that they're labeled as species. His presentation is entitled "**Phal Species and Their Variants.**"

Carri will bring us all up to speed on the newest and most unique directions in Phal breeding as seen at the Taiwan International Orchid Show in March 2012.

A nominal registration fee will provide a continental breakfast and lunch. The day will also include a roundtable discussion and regional fundraising mini-auction to enable us to continue to bring in great speakers.

Plan your fall weekend get-away around the date and location of your choice. Visit the IPA website ([www.ipa.org](http://www.ipa.org)), beginning in April, where the two registration forms will be posted. The meetings are open to all, IPA members and non-members alike.



## SIOS NOW HAS A GOOGLE CALENDAR ON LINE

**CHECK IT OUT AT:** <http://goo.gl/kwRkh>

By clicking on a particular date/event on the calendar, a box, with all the information for that event will appear including a map and details.

We are also working with Helene to have the Calendar embedded directly into the SIOSOnline.com website for easy access for all.

# SHORE ORCHID FESTIVAL

Held at Silva Orchids

NOW IN  
JUNE

Friday, June 8 - Sunday, June 10, 2012 • 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

*Guests to include*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy's Orchids</li> <li>• Black Jungle Terrarium Supply</li> <li>• Brennan Orchids</li> <li>• Cal-Orchid</li> <li>• Canaima Orchids</li> <li>• Fishing Creek</li> <li>• J&amp;L Orchids</li> <li>• Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Brook Orchids</li> <li>• Main Street Orchids</li> <li>• Oakhill Gardens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orchid Phile</li> <li>• Piping Rock</li> <li>• Seed Engei</li> <li>• Silva Orchids</li> <li>• Stony Brook Orchids</li> <li>• Suwada Orchid Nursery</li> <li>• Ten Shin Gardens</li> <li>• Waldor Orchids</li> </ul>
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