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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 April 17th 7pm

## *A Message from John*

Hello Friends,

The trees are all blooming, the gardens are full of blooming tulips--what else can I say? Get me my nose spray! I really love spring in NY. Orchids love spring too. I hope your babies are blooming for you. If not, you need something with flowers. Well you have two opportunities to add to your collections.

### First Snug Harbor--May 4th and 5th.

Again we will be in bldg. "P" for our show and sale. I'm sure all of you will at least visit and buy a plant or two. I know many of you will be helping. Thanks!

**Second. June Auction--**We have a wonderful day planned. It will start at 11am **Saturday, June 30th.** I'll tell you guys more as it nears.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on the 17th.

Till then, be Well an be Good

John

### APRIL SPEAKER

#### Colman Rutkin

Our speaker for April will be our very own Colman Rutkin. He will be speaking on the conditions he grows under, what he grows in those conditions and a bit on roots.

### Save the Date



### SNUG HARBOR ORCHID EXHIBIT AND SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 5

and

SUNDAY, MAY 6

10AM-5PM

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

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

# MARCH SHOW TABLE TALLIES

## WINDOWSILL

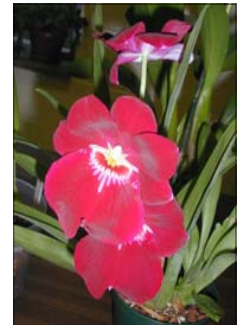
Judy Hafner - 35  
Jeffrey Li - 14  
Renee Lichtman - 5

## GREENHOUSE

Ronald Altman - 50  
Dave O'Dell - 70  
Colman Rutkin - 15

## LIGHTS

Patrick Cammarano - 6  
Roy and Gertrude Fox - 17  
Carl Phillips - 23



**MEMBER'S ORCHIDS**



THIS IS THE ONLY MINI IN MY COLLECTION.  
 THE FLOWER MEASURES ONE INCH.  
 THERE IS ONLY ONE STEM WITH A  
 TOTAL OF 5 FLOWERS.

Pat Cammarano

<http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/Dendrobiumbiloculare.htm>

I have included a picture of a Dendrobium griffithianum that bloomed just two days after the last meeting. This plant hadn't bloomed for me before after quite a few years of ownership so I was particularly excited to see it spike rather vigorously. It is on a screened southern window with some light coming in from another window on with a western exposure. It gets soaked once a week, and then splashed generously with water twice more during the week. I have given it a fairly dry resting period over the winter. JCL



## 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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Free orchid workshops on Saturday & Sunday for beginners & experienced growers  
Food vendors on site • Rain or shine • All activities tented

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