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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

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 21st 7PM

A Message from John

Hi Friends,

It was very nice seeing you all last month.

Mr. Garvey was very good.

I have had a few request to have a "Mounting Workshop" (No Norman not that kind!) Sounds good to me. Please pass your opinions and request for programs to Jeff Li.

Any member who knows how to send photos, articles etc. using a computer, PLEASE help our newsletter editor. Kathleen could use some material to help fill the pages. Photos of your plants, photos on the net while surfing, articles...send to Kathleen.

I'm sorry I am going to miss the next meeting, but Jeff's got it.

I am happy to say I feel GREAT!

I can't wait to see you all in September.

Till then, be Well, and be Good!

~John

AUGUST PROGRAM

Speaker: DAVID TAFT

Topic: Native Orchids of New York with a focus on Staten Island

For a National Park Service employee, Dave Taft has a very unusual background.

Born and raised in Brooklyn (Canarsie and Gravesend), he developed a love of local nature, especially plants and animals found within 1960's New York City –since it was years before he was old enough to (legally) drive. Though increasingly scarce since about the mid 18 th century, surprising wild spaces remain even now in heavily populated New York City and vicinity, especially if you are willing to overlook the occasional shopping cart, escape the occasional stray dog, and ignore local ordinances and abandoned vehicles. Staten Island is a particularly rich area for botanical exploration. Mr. Taft's interest in orchids has translated into many trips into beautiful, outlandish, terribly disturbed, and sometimes simply ridiculous "wild spaces" – some of which actually do occasionally harbor orchids. Join him in this refreshing presentation; at once an encouraging tale about the persistence of plants and the durability of natural systems, and a cautionary tale about the continued survival of the orchids we hold so dear.

JULY SHOW TABLE TALLIES

WINDOWSILL

- Michael Corace - 27
- Judy Hafner - 22
- Jeff Li - 6
- Amy Trautwein - 19



GREENHOUSE

- Ronald Altman - 32
- Dave O'Dell - 39
- Colman Rutkin - 16



LIGHTS

- Pat Cammarano - 10
- Renee Lichtmman - 5



PAT CAMMARANO'S ORCHIDS



C. Triumphans x C.rex (Imperial) x C. dowiana.---- Flower is 7 inches & their are 3 on one stem. Orchid is very fragrant.



*C. Triumphans
C.rex (Imperial) x
C.dowiana*

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

Colman's Orchid



"Something is eating my orchid! What do I do???" —*Ryan, the Orchid Guy*

<http://www.OrchidsMadeEasy.com/OrchidBook.html#orderform>

So if you've ever been in this position... relax, because help is on the way :-)

Now if you've discovered that something is eating your orchid, there's good news and bad news...

The BAD news is, unfortunately your infestation could be any number of things (I'll show you how to identify several of the most common critters in a few moments...)

But the GOOD news is, for each pest we've got an effective remedy that'll get them off your plant, and out of your life, FOR GOOD!

PEST #1: APHIDS

SYMPTOMS:

Aphids come in all colors - green, red, black, yellow, etc. And they're usually found feeding in clusters on NEW shoots, leaves, and flower buds.

You've got to be careful with aphids, because they can do extensive damage by deforming flower buds.

SOLUTION:

When it comes to removing them, you should first try washing them off with warm water. If that doesn't work, use an insecticidal soap or try a product called "Orange Guard."

WARNING: Do NOT use chemical insecticides to remove aphids on flower buds... insecticides should be your LAST resort, because the chemicals will actually cause MORE damage to your buds than the aphids themselves.

PEST #2: MEALY BUGS

SYMPTOMS:

Mealy bugs are easily spotted, because they will leave white cotton-like bundles on your buds, flower stems, growing tips, and sometimes even on the roots.

You've got to be careful with mealy bugs because a female can lay between 100-200 eggs, which will only take about 2 weeks to hatch... and then you've got a REAL problem.

So be sure to regularly inspect your plant for these symptoms, and treat your orchid before the problem gets out of hand.

SOLUTION:

Fortunately, mealy bugs CAN be removed through persistent treatment. And one of the best (and perfectly safe) solutions is isopropyl alcohol.

Simply apply a liberal amount of isopropyl alcohol to the affected areas (only) using a cotton swab. You should apply a daily treatment until you see the mealy bug evidence disappear completely.

PEST #3: SPIDER MITES

SYMPTOMS:

Spider mites are tiny, hard-to-see green or red spiders. You can determine their presence by rubbing a white cloth over the damaged area. A brown residue will be left on the leaf and cloth if mites (or mite eggs) are present.

Spider mites often appear in dry and hot conditions, and they feed off the sap in your orchid's leaves - which will eventually result in a "stippling" effect on the leaves.

SOLUTION:

You should first try washing off with warm water, but if they persist - try using a "horticultural oil" or in extreme cases, you can use the commercial product "Orthene".

And I'll leave you with one final piece of advice for today when it comes to orchid pests:

No matter what kind of pest you might have on your hands, at the first sign of infection, you should immediately separate your infected orchid from the rest of your plants.

Pests will spread to other plants (and usually not just orchids) the first chance they get.

Once you've isolated your infected plant, THEN you can begin determining the best course of action.

Greetings!

Welcome:

Annually, the Delaware Valley Orchid Council conducts a one day Speaker's Forum. As of May, 2012, DVOC is proud to announce we are in our third decade of sponsoring our popular, educational and entertaining Speakers' Forum.

Each year the DVOC Speakers' Forum features internationally, nationally and locally recognized orchid experts, lecturing on a wide range of informative orchid subjects.

Other highlights of the day include:

- Panel Discussion where audience member can pose questions to our visiting orchid authorities.
- Plant Raffle featuring outstanding orchid plants donated by member commercial growers and visiting speakers.
- Plant Sales by DVOC Member Commercial Growers and invited guest speakers.
- Morning refreshments and a hot buffet lunch.

Socializing with fellow orchid enthusiasts.

Surrounded by the comforts of home, we invite you to lounge in beautifully appointed guest rooms with touches like pillowtop mattresses and wireless high-speed Internet access. Discover enticing cuisine in our famous Terra Nova Restaurant, and relax with a drink in our stylish Blue Room Lounge. To refresh and unwind, head to the fitness center and indoor heated pool. [Book A Room Click Here](#)

Event Info September 29, 2012 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Location Wyndham Hotel, Mt. Laurel, NJ

From NJ Turnpike: Take exit 4 to Rte. 73 South.

From I-295: Take Exit 36A to Rte 73 South (Berlin). [Schedule of Events](#)

8:30 am- 10:00 am Coffee, Tea, Pastry (Sales Open)

10:00 am - 11:00 am Guest Lecture

11:00 am - 12:00 noon Guest Lecture

12:00 noon - 1:15 pm Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Guest Lecture

2:15pm - 3:15 pm Guest Lecture

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Plant Raffle/Sales Open

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Deep Cut Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction

Date: October 6, 2012

Place: Colts Neck Firehouse Company #1, 86 Route 537,
Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722

Time: Preview 9 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Auction 10:00 A.M. – 3 P.M. (Rain or Shine)

Refreshments & Lunch Available

Free Admission –

Come at any time –

Buying not required –

Having a good time is