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PRESIDENT' S LETTER

All current committee members and chairs are reappointed, with the exception of the resigned chairs of Programs & Education, Conservation, Affiliated Societies, and Publications. Barbara Larkin was a late appointment of past president Parker, and is reappointed to chair the Programs & Education Committee.

The chair of the Conservation Committee is Jim Williams, but so far he is the only member. We need all Directors to ask their society members for people interested in conservation and our native plants. Much can be done in finishing our list of regional natives, finding propagation expertise, and bringing desirable plants into cultivation from seed; watching for new commercial developments, road work, and dams that can destroy habitat. Search and rescue is still an important work. This should be done with the direction of the state wildlife agencies, but someone needs to inform, assist and often do the work with authorization of transplantation into similar nearby environment. Let me know of those in your society that may be a committee person or a least a society point person.

Melba Butler has accepted the chair of Affiliated Societies, and has already found time at the Houston show to add a silent auction at the end of the membership meeting. She will be asking all directors for any information about new societies starting that are not yet SWROGA members, so that we can offer services.

Amanda Saar is now Chair of the Publications Committee since she has agreed to be Editor of the *SWROGA News*.

Katherine Burns would like to resign as Registrar as soon as a suitable replacement can be found. She has for many years provided the mailing labels for the *SWROGA NEWS*, and we are grateful for her service. The new Registrar will need computer skills so that membership information will be available electronically to the *News* editor, the *News* printer, and SWROA treasurer as well as the Registrar. The Registrar's function at meetings is important also, but an assistant Registrar protem can usually be appointed.

The SW Region is an active, viable group that provides a forum for growers in this climate, a smaller, more intimate group of interesting and very friendly people; and vendors with plants usually already acclimated. The shows are more often easily reached by car and are less expensive than the national shows. We provide warm bodies for programs for societies and for judging education. We support three judging centers in Texas, and one each in Oklahoma and soon in Louisiana. We look forward to the Houston show and all our south Texas friends.

Great Growing,
J.C. Kramer, MD, President

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"We print all the news that fits"

Just before the New Orleans meeting, all SWROGA was saddened to learn of the passing of Fred Strothmann.

IN MEMORY OF A MANY FACETED LEADER AND ORCHIDIST

Frederick H. Strothmann

November 25, 1915 - February 19, 2002

Fred was a geologist by profession. He received his Masters degree from the University of Missouri where he established the Fred H. Strothmann Geology Scholarship fund. He was one of the petroleum discoverers in South America and throughout many other areas including Western Oklahoma. Second only to his chosen profession was his love of orchids. As of February 19, 2002, the orchid world will be missing one of its most enthusiastic, determined leaders and promoters of collecting, growing, exhibiting and judging of orchids. Fred immersed himself in every facet of the world of orchids.

As President of the Oklahoma Orchid Society (OOS) in 1961, 1965 and 1966 he charted the course for the Society's future. He continued to guide the Society for over fifty years. Each November, the members met at the Strothmann home for the greenhouse tour, business meeting and election of officers. Fred usually served on the nominating committee. As a private grower, Fred had a large mixed collection. He was eager to share where he had collected or purchased every individual orchid, its growth habit and cultivation needs. The ribbons and awards attached to his greenhouse wall were proof of his growing ability. As long as his health permitted, Fred entered a Private Exhibit in shows throughout SWROGA, even as late as the OOS October show of 2001. At the State Fair of Oklahoma, thousands of people visited the OOS orchid exhibit and Fred and his orchids were there to educate those who paused to admire the orchids.

The judging facet of Fred H. Strothmann: Fred served as Student, Probationary, Accredited, Senior and Emeritus Judge of the American Orchid Society. Fred had his training in the Southwest Region in San Antonio, Texas. He was elevated to the status of Accredited Judge in 1972. Fred's dream of establishing an American Orchid Society Judging Region to serve four states north of the Red River was activated with hard work. The Trustees of the American Orchid Society established the Great Plains Judging Region and it became active in August 1980. Fred was the Center's first Chairman and served consecutively for five years. He has been a forceful advisor and participant in Great Plains throughout its twenty-two year existence. The students and probationary judges who were willing to abide by Fred's strict standards deserved to be called AOS Certified Judges. Fred judged at the February 2002 judging session and gave his report to OOS the following Sunday as he had done since 1980.

The facet of the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association: The first "SWROGA Achievement Award for Distinguished Service" was presented to Fred H. Strothmann for his leadership, dedication and service to SWROGA. Fred served SWROGA as President for three terms. He served on numerous committees including the Orchid Estate Committee. His original draft for this committee was the guidelines for the policy making final report. Two permanent SWROGA trophies were established by Fred and Pat Strothmann.

Fred and Pat Strothmann opened their home to visiting orchidists and speakers from around the world. At the annual Strothmann Open House, Fred always had an orchid blossom for the ladies. The orchid world will miss Fred but always remember that it is better and stronger through Fred's leadership, growing, showing and sharing his orchids. His commitment to OOS, SWROGA and AOS did not end with his death on February 19, 2002.

.... written by Berneice Miller



ORCHID READER'S QUIZ

Question: Why do SWROGA judging center chairs take time each month to share information with the SWROGA Affiliated Societies Liaison Committee concerning future SWROGA area shows?

Check the Most Correct Answer:

Because

1. JUDGING CENTER CHAIRS can access the SWROGA web site at www.SWROGA.org and see (and print) the shared show schedule as approved by other judging centers so shows will not be scheduled on the same dates in closely neighboring show areas. _____
2. SWROGA MEMBERS can access the SWROGA web site at www.SWROGA.org and plan for the shows they can attend. _____
3. JUDGES can access the SWROGA web site at www.SWROGA.org and plan their show judging trips accordingly. _____
4. ANYONE can access the SWROGA web site at www.SWROGA.org and see (and print) shows information to attend and buy plants. _____
5. All of the Above. _____

Most readers will identify with at least one of the above. Visit the web site at www.SWROGA.org and click on SOCIETY SHOWS for the Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA. The listing covers the next several years and is updated monthly with show locations and contacts. For additional information, phone or e-mail the SWROGA Affiliated Societies chair (see front inside cover of SWROGA News). Number 5 is the most correct answer.

LISTS OF SWROGA SLIDE PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS NOW AVAILABLE

Betty Kurka is the source for the most recent lists of speakers and the list of slide programs available from SWROGA. Her address is 2611 Country Square, San Antonio, TX 78209, and her telephone number is 210-930-2269. Her email is bkurka@aol.com.

Programs need to be ordered at least three weeks in advance of the date needed, and must be returned within three working days after the program date. A fee of \$10.00 is due at the time the program is sent, unless the request is an emergency. An emergency request, such as to replace a cancelled speaker, will incur an additional \$15.00 fee to cover costs and handling.

The programs are for SWROGA member societies. However, out-of-region societies and non-affiliated SWROGA societies may be furnished programs at a fee that is double that charged to SWROGA members.

ANOTHER TROPHY FUNDED!

Success comes in many forms. THANKS! Through **your** contributions at the breakfast drawing sales and the auction on Saturday evening, we raised enough funds to start a new foundation for another trophy. Breakfast sales totaled \$250.00 while the Auction totaled \$1300.85. That gives us **\$1550.85**, which is enough to form a new foundation account.

The **SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee** wants to thank each and everyone for their support in helping to fund another trophy. The committee chose to fund the trophy for **Class 908** under **Orchids In Use** (Best Arrangement for Classes 902-906). This trophy was chosen to help encourage more participation in this class. Many thanks to those who made donations to help provide the items for raising the money needed, and all those who spent money at the Breakfast and Auction.

Donations included items from the following vendors, orchid societies and individuals:

The Dollar Pawn Shop
Amanda & Mike Saar
Carol & Irvin Granier
Orchid Society of Jefferson
Mavis & Julius Klehm
Melba & Jim Butler
Boots & Nell Farrar
Connie & Wilton Guillory
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For information purposes, the next SWROGA event will be in Houston, at the Adams Mark Hotel, on October 16-20, 2002. This is a meeting combined with the AOS Membership Meetings. There will be an Auction at that time to benefit the AOS Headquarters for their current project. We will not have a SWROGA Auction in order not to be in conflict with AOS. Donations are still being accepted for either, please contact a member of the Affiliated Societies Committee (listed on the inside front cover of this issue).

I would encourage you to attend the AOS Membership Breakfast and the Membership Meetings. SWROGA will be combining their breakfast with AOS. There will be separate membership meetings. We will be encouraging the out of SWROGA people to attend our membership meeting. These are great opportunities for the members to know how the Directors transact business. Membership Meetings are for the 'members'. Make plans to be there.

..by Mavis Klehm for the Affiliated Societies Committee

THE FIRST SWROGA ORCHID SHOW

By Kathy Wright, SWROGA Historian

The very first SWROGA Orchid Show and Meetings were hosted by the South Texas Orchid Society (STOS), Corpus Christi, TX. The show was held October 29 and 30, 1960, at the Central Power and Light Building, 129 N. Chaparral. The society president and show chairman was Bill Barfield, and Red Austen served as judging coordinator. With approval of the STOS membership, SWROGA president Joe Meador, ODC president John Haines and AOS president Fergie Beall, the show proceeded in full swing. Gordon Dillon, Executive Secretary of AOS and Editor of the AOS Bulletin, ODC Secretary Lester McDonald, Ralph Hoyt, Chairman of ODC judging and Joe Meador provided much assistance for sponsoring a show and outlined the requirements for ODC and AOS judging.

The next step involved setting a budget, obtaining seed money and securing a show sponsor. Letters were sent to Central Power and Light Company and the Corpus Christi National Bank to ask for show sponsorship and seed money. A budget of \$1,500.00 was established for one of the two to sponsor the show. As an incentive to the show's sponsor, a silver trophy was to be awarded in honor of that sponsor. Central Power and Light won the sponsorship. The Driscoll Hotel was designated as the host hotel. Other accommodations were also available at the Tally-Ho Motor Hotel, Sea Gull Motel and Sandy Shores Motor Hotel. All four accommodations offered reduced rates – rooms ranged between \$6.00 for a single up to \$16.00 for a double room.

Then began the letter writing – first to commercial orchid growers such as Earl Small, Fred Stewart, Dos Pueblos, Rod McLellan, Armacost and Royston, John Lines, John Furrow, R. H. Gore, Jean and Norman Merkel, and B. O. Bracey, to name a few prominent prospective vendors. More letters were sent to possible speakers for Saturday afternoon lectures. Letters of invitation went out to 23 judges, both AOS and ODC within SWROGA as well as to others outside our area. And still more letters: to each of the nine affiliated SWROGA societies and to other potential exhibitors. In all, more than 250 letters were sent on all subjects. SWROGA-affiliated societies at that time included Alamo, Beaumont, Central East Texas, Dallas, Greater North Texas, Houston, New Orleans, Northeastern Oklahoma (now Tulsa) and South Texas Orchid Society. The Baton Rouge Orchid Society and six SWROGA members-at-large also received letters of invitation. These letters included items of interest concerning judging on Saturday morning, a “photographers only” hour following judging, and a SWROGA business meeting Saturday afternoon, followed by the lecture series. Saturday evening activities included a cocktail hour and banquet (long dresses for the ladies, please) at the Corpus Christi Country Club. On Sunday afternoon, greenhouse tours and transportation were provided for all guests at no charge.

The show package included a return addressed post card to facilitate registration. Costs listed included: registration - \$5.00, and banquet fee - \$3.00 each. These prices are hard to beat! Special incentive tickets were offered for registration and banquet registration prior to October 15th. A lucky winner would receive a blooming size division of Bc. Hartland 'Fields' AM/AOS for early registration, and another winner would receive a blooming size division of Bc. Olympic FCC/RHS for purchasing an early banquet ticket. All attendees, private and commercial were invited to exhibit at this first SWROGA show.

[This article will be continued in the next issue.]



Minutes from the 82nd SWROGA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Held at Radisson Inn, Kenner, Louisiana – March 2, 2002

SWROGA Show Hosted by Orchid Society of Jefferson, Gretna, Louisiana

SWROGA President, Lena Parker, called the meeting to order. She requested from the Registrar to determine if there was a Quorum for the meeting to proceed. In the absence of the registrar, Julius Klehm announced that we did have a Quorum. Lena gave a final President's message thanking everyone who served during her term of duty. Following the message, Lena reported that Fred Strothmann of the Great Plains Judging Center and Oklahoma Orchid Society had died and called for a moment of silent in his remembrance. Fred had been a long time, faithful, active member of SWROGA, served as President three different terms and was the very first recipient of the SWROGA Award of Distinguished Service.

Byron McGraw requested that the minutes from the previous meeting be corrected to reflect that the SWROGA Fall Show of 2003 was awarded to the Central Louisiana Orchid Society (Alexandria, LA). This motion was left off the minutes as printed in the SWROGA NEWS. Minutes stand approved as corrected.

Carolyn McCabe presented the Treasurer's and Finance Committee Reports. Copies of the Financial Report were available at the meeting, or can be obtained from the SWROGA Treasurer. A copy of the Financial Report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Paso Del Norte Orchid Society of El Paso, TX has not paid their dues. Carolyn will send a letter to last year's President of the Society advising him that the society is delinquent and, according to the SWROGA By-Laws, will be deleted from the SWROGA Membership Roll.

Mickey Parker moved that we rescind the extra \$100.00 that we have been sending to the Host Society for cost of Trophies to aid them in purchasing trophies that are on the SWROGA Show Schedule. Motion seconded by Lois Dauelsberg. After discussion, the Motion failed. The Finance Committee will review this matter and make a report at the Fall 2002 Meeting in Houston. John Kramer moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Jerry Brandenburg. Report approved.

As Chair of the SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee (SASC), Cloyd 'Boots' Farrar reported that Shreveport had submitted their official letter of request for a SWROGA Show. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Shreveport was granted the SWROGA, fall, 2004 Show.

Two other requests for shows were received. Orchid Society of the Ozarks was granted the Spring, 2005 and Arkansas Orchid Society of Little Rock was granted the Fall, 2005 date. Next open dates begin Spring, 2006.

Boots reported that the SASC will be funding the Best Arrangement Trophy in hopes of encouraging more people to participate in the Orchids in Use part of the Show Schedule. At the Breakfast Drawing, \$250 was collected which will go toward this special fund. John Kramer moved to accept the SASC report, second was made by Lowell McCabe. Motion passed.

Bryon McGraw, chair of the Judiciary Committee, met with all members present and said that proposed changes to be considered to the By-Laws would be published in the next *SWROGA News*. Copies of the changes were available at the meeting. A new *Procedures Manuel* was available for each Society. Motion to accept the report was made by John Kramer and seconded by Lowell McCabe. Motion carried.

Ervin Granier, chair of the Conservation Committee reported that now available on the SWROGA Web site is a list of 111 plants that are native to the SWROGA Area. Some pictures are available and sources of where to look for the others. Motion to accept the report was made by John Kramer, seconded by Lowell McCabe. Motion passed.

In the absence of the chair of Program & Education Committee, Betty Kurka reported that they have about 30 slide programs available for use (still need more). The speakers list has been updated and that they have had 6 requests for use of these programs since the last meeting. Mike Saar moved to accept, Julius Klehm seconded. Motion carried.

Mickey Parker, Vice Chair of the Show Committee, gave the report. He pointed out that Societies must use the *SWROGA Show Schedule* when having a show. They can add to the schedule, but NOT take away any classes from the official *SWROGA Show Schedule*. The committee proposed the following action items:

1.) Proposed to remove from the Show Rules the request for three additional slides to be sent to the Houston, Dallas and San Antonio Judging Centers. Instead, insert: "An extra slide should be sent to the Chair of the Judging Center that has jurisdiction of the AOS Judging for the show. Mike Saar moved that this be changed, seconded by Julius Klehm, motion carried.

2.) Class 620 be changed from the Fred Strothmann Trophy to the Fred Strothman Memorial Trophy

3.) Add a new class to the Show Schedule as "Class 202 for the Best Multi-Floral Paphiopedilum and Allied Genera Species and intergeneric hybrids other than above that have 3 or more flowers per inflorescence."

John Kramer made motion to accept items 2 and 3. It was seconded by Boots Farrar. Motion carried.

4.) Add to Rules: "Money sent to Societies for SWROGA Funded Trophies MUST be used for those trophies. Receipts for purchase should be sent to the SWROGA Treasurer when the show is completed. Any SWROGA-funded trophy not awarded should be returned to the SWROGA President." Motion to approve this action was made by Mickey, seconded by Boots. Motion passed. Mickey mentioned that Ronnie Brandenburg has now made the Addendum to SWROGA Show Schedule into an easy to work with EXCEL File. This Addendum is provided to help put the flowers into the right classification Ronnie is in the process of making the corrections and will have this available by the next meeting. John Kramer moved to accept the Show Committee report, Lowell McCabe seconded. Motion passed.

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Minutes, continued from page 7:

Amanda Saar, incoming chair of the Publications committee, presented their report in the absence of Patsy Boersma, current chair. Amanda announced that issues of *SWROGA NEWS* will be limited to 16 pages for now. Amanda advised that a commercial company has contacted the committee to buy our mailing list. Ed Wright made the motion that we sell our mailing list to add more revenue. It was seconded. Motion failed. Amanda also advised that the Publications Committee is actively seeking to add new members to the committee from areas not already represented in the committee. Interested parties should give Amanda a call or email her. John Kramer moved that the report be accepted. It was seconded by Lowell McCabe. Report approved.

Reports from the two Ad Hoc Committees:

Revision of *Rules for SWROGA Shows*... Julius asked that the President appoint someone else to finish this project. No official action taken at this time although it was suggested that this job might need to return the Affiliated Societies Committee who was responsible the first time.

Feasibility of Establishment of Education and Research Fund... Lena announced that Dr. Richard Jamison, chair, and other members – Jerry Brandenburg, Mickey Parker, Nina Rach, and Wally Boersma will be meeting before the next SWROGA meeting and a report will be made at the next SWROGA meeting.

Reports from the Continuing Functions:

Kathy Wright, Historian, said that they are still working on the report of the First SWROGA Show held October 28 – 30, 1960 at the Central Power & Light Building in Corpus Christi, TX. If, you were there and have memories to share, please contact Kathy. They are finished with the stories of society history and have been pleased with the feedback they have received from the publications of these stories in the *SWROGA NEWS*. AOS has requested that we send copies of the SWROGA History to them for their Archived Files.

They will be kept within a controlled environment to preserve them. Lena asked that the body decide if we wanted to send these files to AOS. All Directors were in support of this procedure. Kathy made mention of the changes of functions of the historical function in the new *SWROGA Procedures Manual*. As, "Records Custodians" the committee will now be responsible for keeping a mass of records including Treasurer & Audit reports, letters of correspondence, membership lists, show schedules other documents deemed to be of permanent, historical or informational value should be provided to the Historian. In turn, responsibility of organizing, preserving and making assessable for any SWROGA need. Kathy said "We bring this to your attention, as the Historian cannot know of every item of historical significance. These items must be input by the functions creating them. We assure everyone that these items will be carefully cataloged & preserved. Please help us maintain a complete SWROGA history file. Then, when you need something from the past, we can quickly furnish an original or copy to meet your needs. Thank you for your assistance." John Kramer moved to accept this report which was seconded by Jerry Brandenburg. Motion carried.

Ed Wright, Show Tags informed us that money would be needed to be spent for more show tags. Current supply is very low. We need to order about 20,000 tags at this time. No vote action is needed from the membership to make this purchase. Reports of actual amounts are filed with the complete set of minutes. John moved to adopt the report. It was seconded and approved.

The Registrar, Katherine Burns could not be present. No report available.

Mavis Klehm, AOS Representative, reported that a letter from Robert Fuchs of South Florida had requested SWROGA give a letter of support in their request to bid on the 19th World Orchid Conference Show. The working committee took action and Lena sent a letter to assure them of SWROGA support. This letter was needed to help them succeed in getting this bid. If granted, the date for this show will be in the Spring of 2008.

Election of Officers: Lois Dauelsberg read the list of nominations as follows... President - John Kramer (already elected); President - Elect Roneida (Ronnie) Brandenburg; Vice President - Burrell Gambel; Secretary - Mavis Klehm; Treasurer - Carolyn McCabe; Editor - Amanda Saar. Due to an oversight, Member at Large position - (to serve on working committee of officers) was left undone. Lois nominated Wilton Guillory. John Kramer moved we add Wilton's name to the list of Officers to be voted on. Ronnie Brandenburg seconded. Motion carried. Bryon McGraw moved that we elect by acclamation the list of nominees as presented, including the addition. Boots Farrar seconded. New Officers approved unanimously.

Lena turned the meeting over to our new President, John Kramer for New Business. John thanked Lena for her service to SWROGA during her term of office and to all the officers for their dedicated service. He will be making announcements later as to changes in Committee Chairs and Committee Members. He has at least two positions that are not quite ready to announce.

John thanked Ann Levy and the Orchid Society of Jefferson for providing us with a wonderful Show and their society members for their willingness to put forth that extra effort in participation of putting on a SWROGA Show. John said he is looking forward to seeing us all at the next SWROGA Show to be held in Houston at the Adams Mark Hotel.

Respectively submitted, Mavis Klehm



PROPOSED PROCEDURE CHANGE: KEEPING OF MEMBERSHIP LIST

As past SWROGA secretary and present treasurer in good standing, I would like to propose a change to the SWROGA procedures.

Per the procedures for membership lists and dues (Page C-1), the treasurer is responsible for collecting the membership list, officer's list, and dues from each society. Each society is responsible for sending the name, address and phone number of each new member and any address changes of other members to the treasurer. There currently is a position on the Publications committee, chaired by the Editor, listed as registrar. The treasurer sends a copy of the membership lists to the registrar who then develops a membership list. (Page E-1)

I would like to propose that the task of maintaining the membership list by the registrar on the Publications committee be eliminated and that the treasurer be responsible for maintaining accurate and current membership lists. I propose that the treasurer provide those lists in "label ready" format to the Editor no later than March 15 of each year and provide the Editor with the changes as they are received from the individual societies throughout the year.

I believe this proposed change to the procedures will help cut down on errors created by a "third party" generated membership list as well as eliminate duplication of effort.

A proposal to "audit" the membership list was cited by the Judiciary and Bylaws Committee at the SWROGA meeting in Monroe in March of 2001. Instead of an audit, I propose that the SWROGA treasurer provide a copy of the SWROGA data base list to the society treasurer (either via e-mail or snail mail) of their society's membership list, for proofing and editing. I propose it be the responsibility of each society treasurer to proof read the data base list and provide required corrections to the SWROGA treasurer, thereby reducing the amount of mailing errors even further. (This is what I did this year, and it worked out very well.)

It is my contention that, with these changes, SWROGA will eventually eliminate most of the mailing errors that presently occur each year, while saving money and providing improved satisfaction to our society members.

CAROLYN MCCABE, TREASURER

TREASURER'S CORNER

By Carolyn McCabe

All of the societies submitted their 2002 dues and membership lists for a total collected of \$4288.00. Many thanks to the hard work of all the society treasurers.

The 2002 SWROGA directories were distributed at the OS of Jefferson show. Each society President and Treasurer should have received one. I still have a couple left over for a price of \$3.50 including postage. Let me know if you want one.

The Orchid Society of Jefferson submitted \$95.00 for SWROGA's share of the registrations (\$1.00/registant). Our trophy fund was increase by \$1,300.85 thanks to the generosity of the raffle and auction participants.

Many thanks, once again, to David Bishop. We received matching funds from IBM in the amount of \$225.00 for our trophy fund, thanks to David's donation.

Our biggest expense since my last report was \$745.85 to purchase show tags, other than this newsletter, of course. The price on it has not come in as yet and will be in my next report.

SWROGA Funds as of March 31, 2002

General	\$22,657.99
Trophy	<u>\$40,013.61</u>
Total	\$62,671.60

Thanks for voting me in as your treasurer for another two years. I'll do my best to safeguard the SWROGA funds.

Carolyn

WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

The name "Bow Bells"

In 1944, John McKenzie Black (father of Peter Black of Black & Flory), gave the name "Bow Bells" to a new hybrid Cattleya. This hybrid became the hallmark for Cattleya-group white orchids for both display and market. A progeny of C. Edithiae and Suzanne Hye, Bow Bells became a favorite, popular far beyond the fame of its well-known parents. In time, we began to refer to C. Bow Bells as the type for intermediate-size white orchids that were excellent in every category. In maturity, C. Bow Bells became a breeding standard, as well. First generation progeny lists read like a Who's Who of fine Cattleyas: C. General Patton, Empress Bells, Pearl Harbor, Bow Best, Francis T. C. Au, Stanley Fouraker and the line's crowning first generation, C. Bob Betts. Bow Bells also sired fine BC's like Mount Anderson and Lim Theng Hin, and perhaps the reader would not begrudge an old toothpick wielder's mention of Blc. Kathy Wright.

But how about that name? What is a bow bell, anyway? The Bow Bells (always plural) are the twelve (eventually) bells of the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow in London's east end. One can be a Cockney only if born within the sound of the Bow Bells, it is said. The church itself is found within what is now the Old City section of London but the heritage of the church transcends that of most of the Old City. The earliest section of the present church is known as the Norman Crypt, and it dates back to the mid-eleventh century. Documentation of this structure is lost to the ages but the workmanship appears to be Saxon and many of the structural bricks are of Roman manufacture. In the earliest records, the church began under the Norman name of St. Mariae de Arcubus a colloquial name applied (in Cockney fashion?) because the structure was one of the first in London to use arches or bows as architectural features. It appears that the church has "always" been a part of the London scene for it is mentioned in earliest times as simply being there. Early records mention that the "Great Bell of Bow" announced curfew in 1334. Later, more bells were added until, in the mid-1660's, there was a "peal" of six bells, all of which were destroyed in the great fire of London.

A measure of the importance of the church to London life is found in records that Sir Christopher Wren rebuilt the structure. Wren added a beautiful new steeple designed to carry a peal of twelve bells. Initially, however, only eight were installed. Next, the great 2 1/2 ton tenor bell was recast (1738), and additional bells were installed in 1758. The full peal of twelve bells was finally completed in 1881, only to be destroyed again by a Luftwaffe raid on May 10, 1941. After World War II, the church and Bow Bells were rebuilt through public subscription. Help came from all over the world to restore the beloved bells. As they had called Dick Whittington to London to serve as Lord Mayor in the 14th century, the Bells called thousands of people to help with the restoration of the Church and Bells of St. Mary-le-Bow. One needn't be a Cockney to fully appreciate the result.

Note: This material was assembled as a teaching aid for young judges. It was so well received I thought it might be enjoyed in these pages. ed

NOTICE TO SWROGA DIRECTORS

The following changes to the SWROGA Bylaws are proposed. We request that you review and submit your comments in writing, at least 60 days (August 21, 2002) prior to the next SWROGA Membership Meeting (October 19, 2002). The person to whom they are to be submitted is:

Byron McGraw, Chair
Bylaws and Judiciary Committee
3820 Lafayette Drive
Pineville, LA 71360

SWROGA BYLAW AMENDMENTS:

Article IV: Officers and Directors

Section 7:

Current: The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the Board of Directors and membership meetings and shall at the end of the term of office surrender all records to the successor or custodian.

Proposed: The Secretary shall record accurate minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership meetings as prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order. At the end of the term of office, the Secretary shall surrender all records to the successor or records custodian.

Section 12: Add: In the event an office is vacated, the President will appoint a new officer subject to the approval of the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article V: Committees

Section 4:

Current: The Financial Committee consisting of the Treasurer and two additional members will be responsible for investing SWROGA funds.

Proposed: The Financial Committee consisting of the Treasurer and two additional members appointed by the President will be responsible for investing SWROGA funds. An annual audit of SWROGA Treasurer Records and funds will be performed.

Article VIII: Dues and Miscellaneous

Section 7:

Current: In the event of the dissolution of the SWROGA any and all assets above liabilities shall accrue to the American Orchid Society, 6000 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405 or its current address.

Proposed: In the event of the dissolution of the SWROGA any and all assets above liabilities shall accrue to the American Orchid Society, Inc. at its current address.

Article IX: Amendments

Add: Section 4: Typographic and administrative errors, such as change of address, may be corrected without formal revision. Each correction must be explained in the next issue of *SWROGA News* and summarized for the minutes of the next regular scheduled membership meeting.

Byron McGraw, Chairman
Bylaws and Judiciary Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

New Orleans Orchid Society Show

May 31-June 2, 2002
Lakeside Shopping Center
3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Metairie, Louisiana
Carol Stauder
504-888-6639

Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show

Baton Rouge Garden Center
7950 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
John B. Huner
225-275-7419

Orchids for Everyone

August 2-3, 2002
Houston Orchid Society
Holiday Inn Select Park 10 West
14703 Park Row
Houston, Texas
Dr. Jerry Stephens jerryhs@hal-pc.org

2002 Space City Orchid Adventure AOS & Fall SWROGA Show

October 16-20, 2002
Houston Orchid Society
Adam's Mark Hotel
2900 Briar Park Drive at Westheimer
Houston, Texas
Melba & Jim Butler melba.jim@pdq.net

Spring SWROGA Show

Spring, 2003
Baton Rouge Orchid Society
Ervin Granier
920 Arthur Drive
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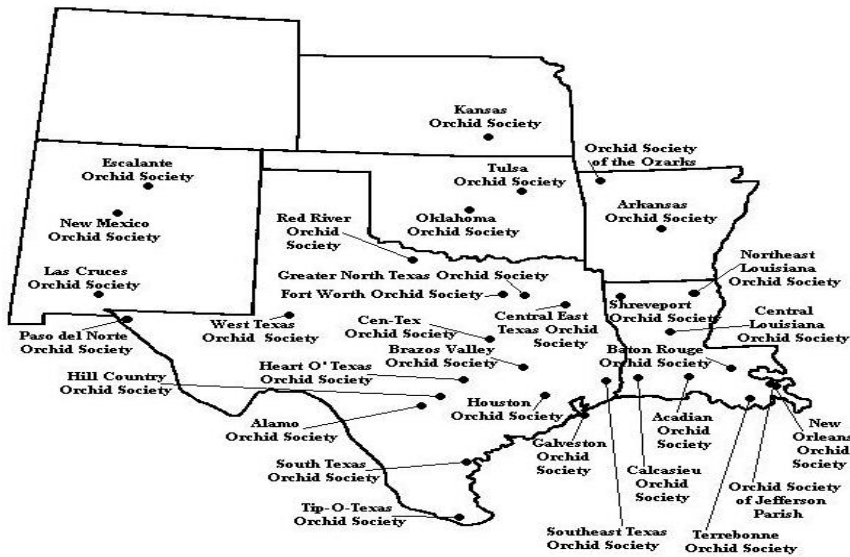
Continuing List of Orchid Shows

Be sure to contact Melba Butler (281-492-1437; melba.jim@pdq.net) before scheduling your societies' orchid show. She is keeping an updated list of all shows in the SWROGA region. Checking with Melba first will prevent your show from conflicting with another one in your area. More than one show in an area can limit the number of judges and growers that attend.

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