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To All Members:

Our next SWROGA meeting and show is November 4-6, 2005 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Although that is two months away, all committee chairmen and members should start reviewing any business to be taken care of at the meeting.

I also suggest that if you haven't looked at the SWROGA web site recently, do so. It has been changed – check on it at www.SWROGA.org.

Remember also that the nominating committee will present their nominations for our slate of officers so if you have any suggestions please contact someone on the committee.

I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Lloyd Burns, SWROGA President

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Doris McGraw needs the information in advance, if you are donating something.

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"We print all the news that fits"

Newsletter Help

Byron McGraw

Did you ever promise to do something on the spur of the moment and then regret it? Amanda and I were having a conversation concerning the newsletter when she pointed out that she sometimes lacks material for the newsletter. In a weak moment I said I'd write a short article for her. Now I'm faced with the problem of what can I write about that would be of interest to the SWROGA members?

I think I'll just write about some of the problems one has when writing a newsletter. I believe I'm qualified as I write the *Central Louisiana Orchid Society Newsletter* plus a newsletter for my retired organization.

The most annoying problem I encounter is having articles to fill the pages. On a rare occasion, you could have more than would fit on the number of pages allotted. You say that is no problem you just add another page. I'm sorry, you cannot do that. You will have to add two pages or more, depending on the computer program being using. That would be easily solved if you had enough material to fill the pages and the budget to print and mail the newsletter.

The *SWROGA News* accepts paid advertising that helps in offsetting the expense of publishing the newsletter. The *News* also accepts ads to announce and publicize the shows scheduled for affiliated societies. When the Editor receives more Ads than usual the Editor is compelled to publish them. Now a problem arises, there is no room left for articles that SWROGA Members should have available. If enough material is available to fill the extra pages that need to be added and the paid advertising is sufficient to pay for them the problem is solved. There is the occasion that the Editor has problems filling the usual pages. Articles are needed to fill these voids. I'm certain that we have many members that have stories or ideas that SWROGA Members would love to have appear in our Newsletter. If you should have an orchid story that would be of interest, why not sit down and submit to Amanda. She may not be able to publish it in the next issue but it would be nice to have material to fill pages when needed. Help our Editor make a good Newsletter better.

Treasurer's Corner

TREASURERS/NEWSLETTER EDITORS, please put me on your Newsletter mailing list if you haven't done so already (e-mail is fine at vandagal@earthlink.net). It is very helpful if you will include the names and addresses of new members and changes of addresses in your newsletters. This will help keep the SWROGA mailing list up to date and ensure all your members receive the *SWROGA News*. I do read the newsletters I receive from you and enjoy them very much.

Here are some of the highlights since the last report:

Newsletter advertisement receipts were \$254.00. A check in the amount of \$724.21 was sent to the printer for the summer issue. Postage for the spring and summer issues was in the amount of \$807.64 leaving a postage balance on deposit with the Postmaster available in the amount of \$812.81 for the fall and winter issues.

A check in the amount of \$875.00 was sent to the Arkansas Orchid Society to help fund the trophies for their fall SWROGA show.

SWROGA Funds on hand as of August 12, 2005

General	\$ 14,242.45
Research	\$ 5,935.85
Trophy	\$ 59,800.62
Total	\$ 79,978.92

Your SWROGA treasurer, Carolyn McCabe

WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

This has been a traumatic summer. I've had to deal with several persons who were either new to orchids or new to the aspect of orchids under consideration. Normally, I love that, but somehow this time I thought most about the funny twists that have kept me interested in orchids for more than sixty years. Let me show you what I mean.

One of my new 'students' had made a cross using a very old stud plant and I felt required to caution that genetic crippling might make the cross less appealing than he hoped. He asked why and I told him because the background breeding contained infusions of both Lc. Grandee and Lc. Memoria Albert Heinecke. To put it gently, he hadn't a clue.

Lc. Grandee was registered by Armacost & Royston in 1937. It was a magnificent yellow with just one flaw: it had a bad case of the genetic abnormalities that plagued early yellows. Seemingly, the better the yellow flower the more profound the abnormality. Despite that risk, Sid Bracey couldn't leave something that good untested so he crossed Lc. Grandee 'Jules Furthman' with his namesake Lc. S. J. Bracey to make Lc. Memoria Albert Heinecke. The progeny was great – and greatly flawed. Albert Heinecke defeated every hybridizer who tried to establish a fine yellow-breeding strain. In time, the risk of deformed flowers grew too great and both Mem. Albert Heinecke and Grandee dropped from sight as parents and as cultivated plants.

So what we have left is Armacost & Royston, long since merged into Stewart Orchids, and Jules Furthman. Jules who? you say. Jules Furthman, proprietor of Furthman Orchids, Northwestern University alumnus, and writer of many things. As a young man, he graduated from newspapers and magazines to a toddling film industry. Like my family, and perhaps yours, he felt the pressure of anti-German sentiments in WW I and wrote for a time as Jules Grinnell, his middle name.





And what has all this to do with us - and orchids today? Jules Furthman was one of that golden group who made orchid magic for a time. With counterparts like Arthur Freed, Jules brought the tinsel world to our hobby. Jules did the screenplay for *Mutiny on the Bounty* that starred Charles Laughton; Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep*; *To Have and Have Not* – the one where Lauren Bacall instructed Humphrey Bogart on how to whistle.

Jules kept writing fine movies on down near our day, and some of you may remember his *Rio Bravo*, directed by Howard Hawks and starring John Wayne, Dean Martin, Ricky Nelson, Angie Dickson, Walter Brennan, Ward Bond, Pedro Gonzales-Gonzales – the list might be longer but we ran out of marquee. Toward the end of Jules' career, he did another John Wayne thing, *Jet Pilot* co-starring Janet Leigh.

So the children of this summer have sent me down the memory lane that so often comes to me these latter days. I wish I could listen one more time to these wonderful, flamboyant and hugely talented people talk orchids, movies, life and each other. Maybe I'll even think of another orchid story to tell. There was this chorus girl named Ella who had a frantically funny meeting with future husband Hugo..... But that can wait.

SWROGA News Deadlines

SWROGA News Ad Rates

Volume & issue	Date	Deadline			1 Quarter	2 Quarters	3 Quarters	4 Quarters
37, # 4	Winter 2005 (after Fall SWROGA show)	December 2, 2005		Full Page * (9-1/2"x7-1/4")	\$140	\$170	\$200	\$230
38, #1	Spring 2006 (before Spring SWROGA show)	February 17, 2005		Half Page (9-1/2"x3-1/2") (6-3/4"x4-3/4")	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140
38, #2	Summer 2006 (after Spring SWROGA show)	May 15, 2006		Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105
38, #3	Fall 2006 (before Fall SWROGA show)	To Be Announced		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85

Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

These dates and information were provided by SWROGA Affiliated Societies Liaison Committee
For more recent information check the SWROGA website at www.swroga.org.

2005 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
October 12-16	Sonoma County Orchid Society Show & AOS Members Meeting	Doubletree Hotel One Doubletree Drive Rohnert Park, CA	Dr. Earl Rathbun, 1920 Grace Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95404 707-528-1671 or Tony Mininno bradtony@sonic.net Home: 707-874-2200 Work: 707-874-1927 3977 Docs Ranch Rd Occidental, CA 95465
October 29	Heart O'Texas Orchid Society New Growers Seminar	Ziker Botanical Gardens Center 2220 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, TX	Geoffrey Frost geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com 1011 Strickland Dr. Austin, TX 78748 512-280-2271
Nov. 4-6	Arkansas Orchid Society HOSTING SWROGA	North Little Rock Community Center North Little Rock, AR	Mike Saar msaar824@comcast.net 14316 Taylor Loop Rd. Little Rock, AR 72223 501-868-6666
Nov. 4-6	Hill Country Orchid Society	Elks Club, New Braunfels TX	Bill Schurter bilchris@satx.rr.com 8902 Missy Ct. San Antonio, TX 78240
December 3	Acadian Orchid Society Workshop	Best Western Hotel 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA	Joe Firestone hjfstone@bellsouth.net 105 Delphine St. Lafayette, LA 70506 337-981-1978
2006 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
March 10-12	Greater North Texas Orchid Society	TBD	Henry Horton 2702 Stoneridge Dr. Garland, TX 75044
March 31 – April 2	Red River Orchid Society Hosting SWROGA	Remington Hotel & Conference Center 401 Broad Wichita Falls, TX	M.C. Porter mccporter@aol.com P.O. Box 4263 Wichita Falls, TX 76308 940-692-1997
2007 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
May 2-6	Fort Worth & Greater North Texas (Dallas) Orchid Societies Show and AOS	Arlington Convention Center 1200 Ballpark Way Arlington, TX	Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg roneidab@aol.com 11045 Swaffar Dr. Dallas, TX 75228 972-279-4075

Answers to puzzle: 1. Doritaenopsis; 2. Tankara; 3. Dialaelia; 4. Rodrassia; 5. Milpasia; 6. Laeliocattleya; 7. Renanda; 8. Moirara; 9. Epigoa ; 10. Limara.

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	Combination	Number of letters	Compound word
1	Doritis x Phalaenopsis	13	
2	Aerides x Vanda x Phalaenopsis	7	
3	Diacrinum x Laelia	11	
4	Rodriguezia x Brassia	9	
5	Miltonia x Aspasia	8	
6	Laelia x Cattleya	14	
7	Renanthera x Arachnis x Vanda	7	
8	Renanthera x Vanda x Phalaenopsis	7	
9	Epidendrum x Domingoa	6	
10	Arachnis x Renanthera x Vandopsis	6	

Answers on page 5

Orchids on the Rocks

ARKANSAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Presents

2005 Fall SWROGA Meeting and Show

North Little Rock Community Center
2700 Willow, North Little Rock, AR

November 4, 5 & 6, 2005

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SWROGA meetings and Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, where we have arranged a rate of \$69.00 per night. Mention "AR Orchid Society" when reserving.

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Rates are guaranteed until October 17, 2005.

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