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President's Letter

Greetings,

We are just two months away from the next SWROGA show in the heart of the Ozarks at Rogers, Arkansas. It begins March 15th. I personally am looking forward to the beautiful mountainous spring scenery we will see on the drive in.

It is time for the committee chairmen to review the business their committee should handle at the meeting as well as any new thoughts the members may have.

One important item of business the delegates will handle is the picking of the nomination committee for our next slate of officers to be elected at the fall meeting. I hope each delegate will give this serious thought.

Have a good trip and I hope to see each of you there.

Lloyd Burns, SWROGA President

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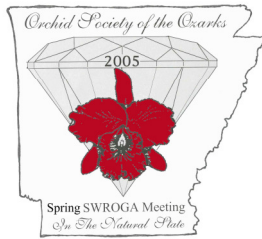
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Orchid Society of the Ozarks
"Diamonds In The Natural State"
Spring SWROGA Meeting & Show April 15, 16, 17 - 2005

January 12, 2005

Dear Fellow Orchidist:

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks is pleased to invite you to Rogers, Arkansas, for the Spring 2005 SWROGA Meeting and Show, scheduled for April 15, 16 & 17.

The show and meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway in Rogers, Arkansas. The hotel overlooks I-540 at Rogers exit #83. The hotel is located a few blocks from the prestigious Pinnacle Hills and Village shopping areas and a mile from Scottsdale Center which features many fine restaurants and shopping. The hotel offers shuttle service within a 5-mile radius of the hotel.

For those of you with vehicles, the cities of Rogers, Bentonville, Bella Vista, Lowell, Springdale and Fayetteville are all within short drives of the hotel and offer all sorts of opportunities for exquisite culinary, nightlife, theater and tourist experiences. Information on local activities and events will be available at the registration desk.

Mid-April is typically peak blooming of the dogwood and redbud and the hillsides are loaded with these fragrant and beautiful gifts of nature.

All events will take place at the hotel - all meetings, the Affiliated Societies Breakfast, the Welcome to NWA luncheon and the NWA Gala fest (Banquet) and SWROGA Auction. The hotel is only minutes from the Airport (XNA) and offers shuttle to and from the Airport. The farthest you will have to walk is just a short distance to the elevator to go to your suite. The loading dock entrance is across the hall from the Ballroom complex so unloading will be easy and help will be available.

The room rates we have contracted for are fantastic \$89 for a 2-room suite (single, double or King) which includes full cooked to-order breakfast and evening reception. (The normal rate for these suites is \$199). As an incentive to stay at the host hotel we will be 'drawing' for a valuable division of an orchid plant (see footnote page 2), and only registrants staying at the host hotel will qualify for the drawing. Each registrant will receive a chance on the division for each room night of their stay.

As an incentive for you to be a full registrant (registration and banquet) we will be providing a **free** "Welcome to NWA Luncheon" on Saturday at lunch time. The Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be free to those staying at the Embassy and \$10 for non-hotel guests.

We are arranging for exquisitely beautiful trophies for the near 40 trophy classes in the SWROGA schedule. In addition the show will offer the AOS Show Trophy, The Orchid Digest Trophy, the Slipper Alliance Trophy and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy. We will have 8 vendors, who have committed, and include Oak Hill Gardens, Orchidabelia/Woozworks, Orchid Konnection, Paphanatics, RiverValley Orchidworks, Inc., Roberts Jewelry, Southwest Orchids and Windy Hill Gardens.

Our theme "Diamonds in the Natural State" and our show venue just begs to be complimented with your fine plants.

As hosts we are going to do our best to provide you with a great experience in 'hospitality' and hope you will provide the 'diamonds' to make the show an equally great experience.

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.....And..... We want to remind you that the SWROGA Auction is in need of items. Doris McGraw needs the information in advance and you can reach her at 318.640.4732 email: Omie3122@aol.com. Remember this is one of the most fun filled and rewarding events at these SWROGA affairs but it requires contributions. The proceeds of course go to SWROGA and this auction's proceeds will go to the Research Fund.

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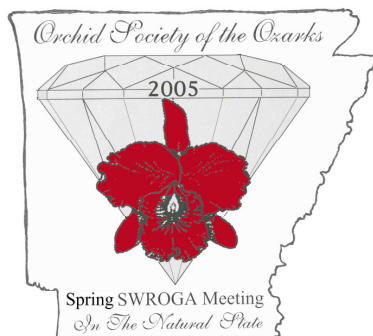
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P.S.

Arkansas has the only productive deposit of the mineral diamond in the United States and is home to the only diamond mine open to the public. Additionally, because of its natural resources Arkansas is known as The Natural State, thus our theme 'Diamonds in the Natural State'. Please bring your "Diamonds" and join us.

FOOTNOTE: (Regarding the plant drawing for guests staying at the Embassy.) We realize it is hard to pick a plant and genus that will be appealing to everyone. With this in mind we are listing 6 plants below in order to give the winner a choice. The mix includes 2 phrags, 2 paphs and 2 phals, so hopefully there is one in the mix that interests you. Winner will select any one plant from this group.

1. Phrag. Jason Fischer 'Barbara Ann', AM/AOS (89 pt A.M. 11 cm. flowers, orig EYOF cross)
2. Phrag. China Dragon 'Barbara Ann', AM/AOS
3. Paph. White Knight 'Guinevere', AM/AOS
4. Paph. Fumi's Delight 'Barbara Ann's Butterbowl', AM/AOS
5. Phal. Intoxication 'Barbara Ann', AM/AOS (large stem prop/blooming size 6" pot)
6. Dtps. Red Pearl 'Barbara Ann', AM/AOS (large stem prop/blooming size 6" pot)



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Houston Orchid Show and Sale

Please join us in Houston the first weekend of April for a huge Orchid Show and Sale as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Houston Orchid Society. This event will take place at Reliant Park Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3, with show and sale hours being Noon - 9 PM Friday, 9 AM - 9 PM Saturday, and 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday. American Orchid Society judging will take place Friday evening with the awards being presented for best exhibits and/or plants in over three dozen categories. Admission is \$4.00 presale and \$5.00 at the door. Ticket stubs will be entered in a raffle with prizes ranging from blooming orchids to potting supplies. The House Beautiful Home and Garden Show will also be taking place in Reliant Park this same weekend.

This year we are challenging ourselves to bring Houston an orchid show in keeping with our fourth largest city in the country status. We have invited dozens of vendors from around the globe who sell everything from orchids to greenhouses. Additionally, there will be over 25 exhibits set up for American Orchid Society Judging highlighting some of the most beautiful orchids in the country.

Please contact Don Ghiz (DonInHoustonTX@aol.com, 713-661-1885) or Jay Balchan (Jay.W.Balchan@ExxonMobil.com, 713-942-2298) or visit the Houston Orchid Society web site for more information.

WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

As noted by “the little bird” in the last *SWROGA NEWS*, the OrchidSafari online discussion crowd has been exploring greenhouse design and construction. As discussion leader, I’ve been surprised at how often effective greenhouse design and operation actions come back to this simple premise: HEAT RISES.

In low-roof greenhouses that have too little elevation to the ridge, we see hot air stagnating against the highest interior point. There, it traps and builds up heat until our plants begin to suffer. While this is happening, one or several exhaust fans located in the midwall opposite the wet pads or the swamp cooler are laboring mightily to remove the only good air from the greenhouse.

The fix is simple to incorporate in a new design, but both difficult and expensive to correct in an existing structure. Basically, one must close the sidewalls and vent the ridge – or as high up as venting can be done. In short, a box with a hole in the roof. Cool air from a swamp cooler or wet pad installation can be forced into the greenhouse and, being heavy due to temperature and moisture content, will begin to fill the greenhouse ‘box’. As the box fills, the lightest (and hottest air) will be forced out – IF there is a vent to permit it. As it leaves, it will scavenge all that hot air stratified at the ridge and take it along. Result: a greenhouse filled with cool, moist air at a third less power cost than that pride of greenhouse land, the roaring exhaust fan.

Invariably, the next grower comment is something about, “Yes, but I grow where the humidity is very high....”. Me, too. That’s the nicest thing about compression cooling: water in the wet pads or swamp cooler will do a pretty good job of cooling through absorption of heat. Not quite as good as evaporation cooling in Albuquerque’s 5% relative humidity, but helpful none the less. In our system, the worst case result has been introduction of about 7,500 CFM of 78 deg F air at a time when the greenhouse needs every degree of cooling possible. At 78 degrees, with the hottest air rushing out of the ridge-level vents, incoming air soon replaces problem air. This takes a huge amount of stress off the plants.

Venting is not a bear in hiding. A roof vent can be as simple as one of those turbine ventilators they sell at a home improvement store. You see them on rooftops all the time. The only modification required to use them effectively on a greenhouse is to place a small fan under each one, blowing straight up. Plug the vents in cold weather, then start the fans as soon as the plugs are removed to open the vents. These small fans will keep the turbines spinning gently all the time. VOILA!!! Spinning turbine: no bugs can fly in, no rain can fall in and a little very hot ridge air will be channeled up and out. A bargain for sure.

Other fixes are progressively more expensive, but one might well consider putting a dovecote at the ridge. You know – the little slatted boxes you see on barns in Currier & Ives New England snow scenes. Usually with a weather vane on top. Same device is to be found in the slatted base of many church steeples – and, for the very same reason: to let heat out.

Just a final word, though: go ahead with the Currier & Ives bit if you like, even add a weather vane if one is lying about, but don’t put up a steeple. Not only do most neighbors think it pretentious but steeples are prone to lightning strikes and those may be hazardous to your health.

Trust me on this.

Treasurer's Corner

Many thanks to all of the treasurers who have submitted their society's 2005 membership lists, officer's forms, and dues. For those who haven't, this is a reminder. Please submit by e-mail, if at all possible, and **ONLY your 2005** information. I already have your 2004 information on file. Also, according to procedures, your dues are payable at \$2.00 per person on the numbers you had in 2004. Next year you will pay on the numbers you have for 2005, etc.

I have extended the date I will be submitting the 2005 SWROGA Directory to the printer to on or about March 15th this year. It is imperative that I receive your 2005 membership and officer lists by the end February at the latest if you want your society to be included in the Directory.

Something new in this year's Directory: Upon a recommendation, the 2005 SWROGA Directory will include a complete list of the **SWROGA Area AOS Judging Center rosters**.

Here are some of the highlights since the last report:

As of February 13, 2005, 19 of the 32 SWROGA Affiliated Societies (a little over half) paid a total of \$2,826.00 in dues.

Newsletter insert receipts from societies was \$365.00. A check in the amount of \$724.21 was sent to the printer for the winter issue. (Postage for the Winter issue in the amount of \$456.75 was already on deposit with the Postmaster leaving a postage balance available of \$214.18.)

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

SWROGA Funds on hand as of February 13, 2005

General	\$ 15,173.50
Research	\$ 560.00
Trophy	<u>\$ 59,238.41</u>

Total \$ 74,971.91

Your SWROGA treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe

Conservation Not a New Topic

The Southwest Region seriously needs a conservation group of orchid amateurs and experts to act as a guide-committee to insure the preservation of the some 50 species known and reported throughout the area. . .

One of these days we are going to suddenly wake up to the fact that the orchids are gone.

If you do know of "growth-areas" of orchids. . . don't publicize the fact in the local newspaper until you and your group have complete control of access to the plants. Some blunderbuss will slip in, remove the plants and try to grow them as water-lillies, or cactus. . . consequently killing them. Native terrestrial orchids are very difficult to transplant successfully. So keep your big mouth shut.

From: *The Southwest Orchid Review*, v. 6 # 1, Spring 1965.

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG

Ed Wright

Both non-Houston readers indicated to me that, in our last issue, I gave too much attention to the Buffalo Bayou environs. Certainly, no oversight was intended. Heaven knows, SWROGA abounds in rich stories of its citizens. The problem arises in selecting those that may be put into print and those you really enjoy.

We spoke last time about the naming of C. Henrietta Japhet and how that lovely flower became a standard within the floral industry. The Corpus Christi area also produced a standard orchid. Long-time florists there still call suppliers and ask for “an Ada Wilson”. Unlike the Japhets, ‘Ada Wilsons’ are always colorful and large - quite large. Proud, robust examples of the old-time CORSAGE orchid. And well they should be, for Ada Wilson loved orchids that could be seen from a good distance. Ada, you see, was impressive in size, style, taste and generous heart. Wearing one of the large hats she favored and adorned with an ‘Ada Wilson’ orchid corsage, Ada was magnificent. I mean this in the very best sense of the term. She loved orchids and for many years, no orchid show was complete until Ada set sail down the center aisle.

Not that Ada was flamboyant. She and her husband Sam quietly gave primary support (plus land, money and influence) to what is now the Padre Island National Seashore. This legacy to all of us encompasses 130,000+ acres, and is the longest remaining undeveloped stretch of barrier island in the world. There isn’t much in the orchid world to commemorate the Wilsons now, but some of us remember them with a great deal of fondness.

Which brings to mind another story connected with the Corpus Christi area. In that society, I knew a lady under her married name. Her husband’s name escapes me due to a vitamin deficiency that makes me forget a lot of things lately. Anyhow, she and I lied about our orchids to each other and enjoyed the company of the fine crew at Corpus Christi orchid functions. I am not being unnecessarily obscure about the name. I simply could not reach the lady to clear this article with her.

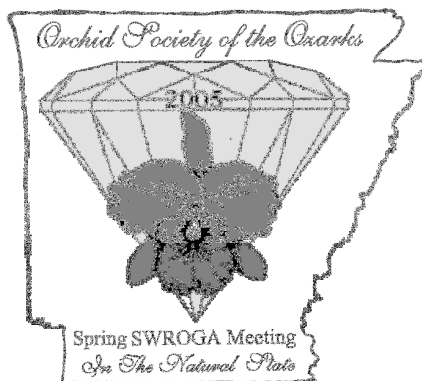
One thing and another, I was at then-Cape Canaveral for a conference to do with getting the proper compressed gases and propellants into the launch site areas there. On the morning of the conference, I flipped on the TV news and there was Rodney Wilcox Jones – 100+ at that time – telling the world how orchids kept him young. Good omen, I thought. So I went to my conference and found, among the handouts, a brochure describing a major contractor. Ownership of the company was described and among the family in control was – yep, my Corpus Christi friend.

Returning home, I called my friend and, sure enough, she was the brochure lady. She didn’t know I had something to do with aerospace fuels and I didn’t know we had extraterrestrial transportation in common. Orchid talk takes precedence over everything else, of course. There are no orchids on the moon, stars and other planets, so far as we know, so to a pair of orchid buffs, making history was a minor side road to the highway of our expectations from what was in bud.

May it ever be so!



We are next already
 Sooooo..... its time for **YOU** to start planning
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For more recent information check the SWROGA website at www.swroga.org.

2005 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
March 26-27	Heart O'Texas Orchid Society	Zilker Botanical Gardens Center 2200 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, Texas	Geoff Frost geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com 512-280-2271 or Jon Sylvie jon_sylvie@hotmail.com 512-301-7345
April 1-3	Houston Orchid Society	Reliant Park Convention Center, Kirby Road at 610 South Loop Houston, Texas	Jay Balchan jay.w.balchan@exxonmobil.com 713-942-2298 or Don Ghiz doninhoustontx@aol.com 713-661-1885
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April 29-May 1	Terrebonne Orchid Society	Southland Mall, 3039 West Park Ave. Houma, Louisiana	Brenda Daigle lovebirdbd@cajun.net 208 Hidalgo Dr. Houma, LA 70363 985-851-0193 or http://www.geocities.com/lovebirdbd/index
June 3-5	New Orleans Orchid Society	Lakeside Mall Metairie, Louisiana	Alice Barrios orchidgal@cox.net 1861 Carol Sue Ave. Gretna, LA 70056 504-227-1127 or Max Mipro maxintsh@bellsouth.net 2129 N. Turnbull Dr. Metairie, LA 70001 504-887-1738
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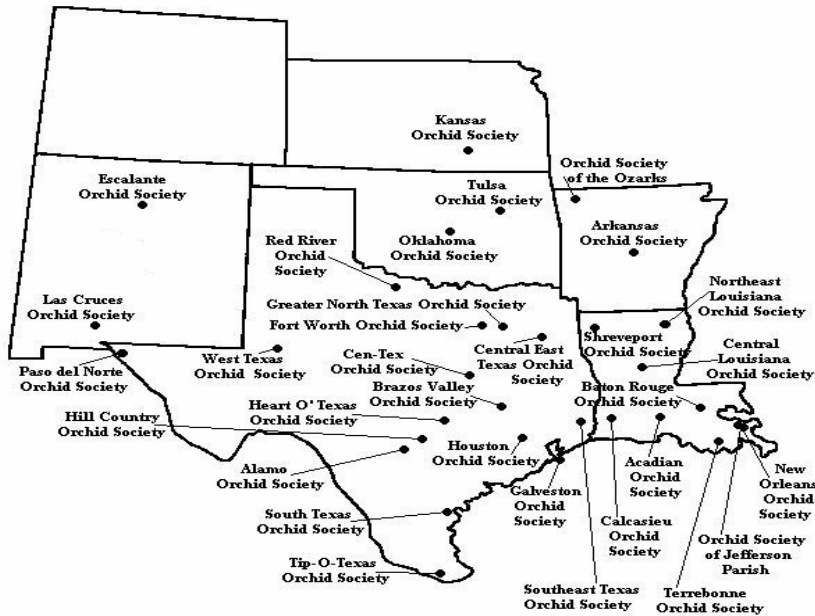
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