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To All Members:

Well, the past few weeks here and in most of SWROGA territory have been pretty brutal. I have been reluctant to get in the greenhouse between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. 97 degrees and 60% humidity make evaporative cooling pretty ineffective. But fall (and the SWROGA show in Austin) are just around the corner. Check out Ed Wright's article on disaster prevention.

It seems like a long way off, but we're already starting to make plans for the combined AOS/SWROGA meetings in Arlington, Texas next May, and the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami in January 2008! (Get info at www.19woc.com)

Want to know when and where the next show in SWROGA land will be? Go to www.swroga.org and click on the 'Shows' link. I hope the SWROGA web site will become a regular on your web-browsing schedule. I've reached my SWROGA-quota for this month (expect to see the 'word' in this space often), and I can go back to the fun of searching for my next orchid acquisitions.

Mike Saar, President



THE SWROGA AUCTION NEEDS ITEMS.

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

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SWROGA WANTS YOU AND YOUR SOCIETY!!

The Affiliated Societies Committee is asking for your help! Host Societies are need for the Fall Show and Meetings of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The process is easy:

Write to President Saar asking to host the Fall show of your choice **after** getting approval of your dates from the Chair of your AOS Judging Center. Get your letter in soon so that it can be acted upon at the Fall meeting of 2006 in Austin, October 20-22, 2006.

Include the following information in your letter:

- 1) a statement of the approximate time of the show and the city in which it is to be hosted,
- 2) a statement that your Society understand that it must abide by the rules, regulations, and schedule of the Show Committee currently and as may be amended,
- 3) a statement acknowledging that the Society has no authority to bind SWROGA in any manner pertaining to the show and that the Society assumes full and complete responsibility for all expenses, debts, claims, and liabilities in connection with the show.

Don't forget that SWROGA is your organization and it needs you to be successful!

BEFORE WILDCATT AND E-AOS

Alex Hawkes has prepared for distribution (\$4.00 each) the annual hybrid lists of all the official registrations as listed by Sanders for the years 1961, 1962, and 1963. These lists are invaluable to the serious orchid student and hybridizer. They are completely cross-indexed for easy reference and are of the standard 8 ½ x 11 mimeographed size, making them easy to bind or place in a loose leaf notebook. If you want copies, write to *The Orchid Weekly*, Box 435, Coconut Grove, Florida. Enclose \$12.00 for a set of the three annual lists. The supply is limited so do it today.

From the Summer 1964 issue of *The Southwest Orchid Review*

Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

For more recent information check the SWROGA website at www.swroga.org.

2006	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
September 15-17 Judging Friday 15 th @ 7pm	Galveston Orchid Society Show "Orchid Fantasy"	Nessler Center 2010 5 th Av. North Texas City, TX	Sheila Skov orchidsandtropicals@msn.com 15727 Brook Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77059 281-286-1471
Sept. 29- Oct. 1 Judging Friday 29 th @ 7 pm	Fort Worth Orchid Society Show	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens	Merriann Lanford 3809 Carman Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76116 817-560-7859
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1 Judging Friday 29 th @ 7 pm	South Texas Orchid Society Show	The Omni Marina Hotel 707 N. Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX 78401	Donna Myers djmye@worldnet.att.net 4033 Kingston Dr. Corpus Christi, TX 361-814-8666
Oct. 6 – 8	Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show	Best Western of Alexandria 2720 N. MacArthur Dr. Alexandria, LA	Doris McGraw omie3122@aol.com 3820 Lafayette Dr. Pineville, LA 71360 318-640-4732
October 20- 22	Heart O'Texas Orchid Society Show, hosting SWROGA	Austin's Texas Star Meeting & Events Ctr. 11810 Manchaca Austin, TX 78748	Geoffrey L. Frost geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com 1011 Strickland Dr. Austin, TX 78748-4878 512-280-2271
Nov. 4-5	Kansas Orchid Society Show	Botanica The Wichita Gardens 701 N. Amidon Wichita, Kansas	Max Thompson 1729 E. 11 th Ave. Winfield, KS 67156-4007
Nov. 17-19 Judging Sat. 18 th @ 8:30 am	Oklahoma Orchid Society Show	Will Rodgers Garden Center 3400 NW 36 th St. Oklahoma City, OK	Margaret & Vernon Reynolds magreyn@aol.com 3225 Prairie Rose Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73120 405-752-2398
2007	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
March 30- April 1	Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show	TBD	Sharon Duncan 309 Oaklawn Dr Monroe, LA 70203-4163
May 2-6	Fort Worth and Greater North Texas Orchid Societies Show and AOS Members Meeting, also Spring SWROGA meeting.	Arlington Convention Center 1200 Ballpark Way Arlington, TX	Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg roneidab@aol.com 11045 Swaffar Dr. Dallas TX 75228 972-279-4075

WRIGHT THINKING

Ed Wright

July and August; hot and dry; plants and you: STRESS. So, what's new? Could be advancing years, but hot seems a little hotter, dry seems a little dryer and the stress on plants and growers seems to go up a little faster than the thermometer. Time to take stock a bit.

First, and most urgent, get a good, high capacity lawn sprinkler and hook it up in a central location in your greenhouse NOW. Given rolling blackouts, brownouts and limbs drying out enough to crash down on power lines, the need for a greenhouse lawn sprinkler could be sudden – and unforgiving. A while back, a greenhouse near us had a controller problem that shut down all systems. It took seven minutes for that greenhouse to reach a temperature lethal to orchid plants. There really is no 'wait' time.

Should a power failure occur, turn the greenhouse lawn sprinkler on full blast and let it run until utility service returns to normal. Sure, you'll over water your plants, but they will be alive to receive some TLC in their return to normal. No sprinkler, no water and no emergency temperature control. It is just that simple. Do it now and the price of one nice plant can buy more insurance than you ever hope to need.

Leave the same rig hooked up and ready all the time. In the event of a power or heater failure in winter, flowing water will keep your plants from freezing. They may get a little ice around the edges of the greenhouse, but flowing water will remain just enough above freezing to save the day.

With cold weather, however, the water cutoff technique will change. When plants freeze, they lose heat; when they thaw, they gain it. That means we must continue to run water on cold plants until the surrounding air exceeds something like 42 degrees F. That ten degree cushion will afford the plants an opportunity to gain the heat needed to thaw any frost or ice without robbing the plant of its essential core heat. You'll hate me when sprinkler water is running down your neck as you hunt for the elusive service problem, but your plants will love me and we both know how important that is.

Water therapy always suggests the use of a general fungicide. Maybe two or three applications over a period of that many weeks. None on hand? In an emergency, figure if it is recommended for roses, it should be safe for orchids.

PS – If nobody is looking, slip on a bathing suit and run through the sprinkler. You'll have fun and your plants will get a good laugh.

Happy and healthy! Can't beat it.

Random Thoughts About Orchids

Though one of the most highly publicized members of the plant kingdom, the orchid attains its fame from less than one percent of its members. . . Some orchids can survive for several months without any direct watering and will shrivel to the near-death appearance; and with the tropical rain they will revive, grow and flower beautifully (Possibly more orchids are destroyed in our greenhouses by over-watering than by any other means)

From the Summer 1964 issue of *The Southwest Orchid Review*.

CLOS Restoring Native Orchid

It started with a high school student, Kevin Allen of Shreveport. Kevin was very interested in botany and planned to continue his education in this field. His interest resulted in a friendship with a person who frequented Kisatchie National Forest, to photograph wild flowers. Kevin became very interested in the *Cyp. kentuckiense*, after being fortunate enough to be able to observe these plants in their natural habitat. Only two small colonies of these plants now are known to exist in the Kisatchie National Forest. Kevin's interest in botany influenced the Forest Ranger, who assisted Kevin in locating these plants. There were several disappointing years before he was able to find a flowering plant. The plant was found in the Kisatchie National Forest's Catahoula Ranger District in Central Louisiana. With this sighting, Kevin was able to cause this plant to self-pollinate. Several weeks later he was rewarded with a seed pod. This is the only observed seed pod produced by the *Cyp. kentuckiense* in the Kisatchie National Forest population. These rare plants are not only one of the most beautiful *Cypripediums*, they also have one of the largest *Cypripedium* flowers.

Kevin's dream was now becoming real. He had to find a laboratory to produce seedlings and then to grow them to a size that would allow them to be transplanted into Kisatchie National Forest. The seed pod was sent to Spangle Creek Laboratory in Bovey, Minnesota, where the seed were found to be fertile and the lab was successful in producing seedlings. About this time Kevin met the new botanist for Kisatchie National Forest. He outlined his dream of restoring this beautiful plant in the National Forest. The fact that these plants were grown from seeds produced in this area made the project even more feasible.. Peter Nilles, the botanist, was very excited, now he needed money to purchase these seedlings and growers to grow the seedlings to a size that they could be introduced to the forest.

The Central Louisiana Orchid Society was in need of a program. A perfect time and place to present a program of Native Plants of Kisatchie National Forest and introduce the idea to orchid growers. The excitement was high but money was needed to purchase the seedlings. The Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association had just established a Research Fund. The ability to grow these plants and reestablish the population to the national forest seemed to be worthwhile. Dr. James Barnett, CLOS Vice-President prepared a proposal for submission to SWROGA. At their March meeting the Research Committee endorsed the proposal and suggested the Directors approve a grant to purchase the seedling. This was the first grant to be authorized.

The two hundred seedlings were ordered. In the meantime growers were identified. Discussions were held of the special requirements these seedling needed to grow well. Finally in late May 2006 the plants were received and distributed to Kevin Allen, Peter Nilles and five society members. These plants were planted in trays and each grower decided on the exact location and care these plants would receive. Detailed records are being kept. Results at this time are far better than anticipated: over 95% of the seedling have successfully established themselves and after only two weeks growth have reached over 3" in height. The final step will occur eighteen months from now, when mature Kentucky lady slipper orchids are returned to the USFS lands where they have grown for thousands of years.

Time will tell if a student, a small local orchid society, the regional orchid organization and the U. S. Forest Service, working together, can restore part of Louisiana's natural heritage.

Byron McGraw, CLOS

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Figure 1 Planting the seedlings



Figure 2 Seedlings two weeks old

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Here are the activities since the last report:

General Fund:

1. Member-at-Large Dues Received: \$5.00
2. Newsletter Advertising receipts: \$105.00
3. Interest earned: \$40.00
8. Show tag receipts: \$35.00
9. Show tag mailing expense: \$4.20
10. Committee postage expense: \$3.48
11. Newsletter postage expense: \$455.89

Research Fund:

2. Interest earned: \$29.38

Trophy Fund:

3. Interest earned: \$437.27
4. Trophy expense (H'OTOS): \$875.00

SWROGA Funds on hand as of July 25, 2006

General	\$ 16,710.92
Research	\$ 6,667.28
Trophy	<u>\$ 62,551.30</u>
Total	\$ 85,929.50

Your SWROGA treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe

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38, #4	Winter 2006 (after Fall SWROGA show)	November 17, 2006		Full Page * (9-1/2"x7-1/4")	\$140	\$170	\$200	\$230
39, #1	Spring 2007 (before Spring SWROGA show)	February 1, 2007		Half Page (9-1/2"x3-1/2") (6-3/4"x4-3/4")	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140
39, #2	Summer 2007 (after Spring SWROGA Show)	June 7, 2007		Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105
39, #3	Fall 2007 (before Fall SWROGA Show)	TBA		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85

SWROGA 90th SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS MEETING

Saturday, April 1, 2006

Hosted by the Red River Orchid Society, The Remington Hotel
401 Broad Street, Wichita Falls, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Lloyd Burns. In the absence of Secretary, Sandra Gengler, minutes are being recorded by Maureen Ferrara. Per the President's request, Billie Kramer, the Registrar reported that there was a quorum present.

President Burns welcomed everyone and thanked the Red River Orchid Society for hosting and producing a fine show. A moment of silence was asked for and observed in honor of Mickey Parker and John Kramer.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as published in the Winter 2005 edition of the SWROGA newsletter (Vol.37, Issue 4) on a motion made by Lowell McCabe. The Treasurer's Report and Report of Finance Committee was submitted by Carolyn McCabe and was accepted unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees

A. Affiliated Societies – Maureen Ferrara reported in absence of the Chair, Steve Eagle. Approval was requested for 2 shows: Spring 2008, The Orchid Society of the Ozarks to replace the withdrawal of The New Orleans Orchid Society and Spring 2010, The Oklahoma Orchid Society. Both shows were unanimously passed. Carolyn McCabe added that in 2007 two more trophies will be funded.

B. By-Laws and Judiciary – Chair Byron McGraw's report was accepted as reported and filed.

C. Conservation – Chair Jim Williams' report was accepted as reported and filed. The proposal to fund The Propagation and Restoration of the Rare Kentucky Ladyslipper Orchid on the Kisatchie National Forest was passed on to the Research Committee.

D. Research – Chair Dick Jamison's report was accepted as reported and filed. The proposal to fund The Propagation and Restoration of the Rare Kentucky Ladyslipper Orchid on the Kisatchie National Forest was approved in the amount of \$1390.00.

E. Programs and Education – Chair Patsy Boersma had no report to file.

F. Show – Chair Lowell McCabe's report was accepted as reported and filed. Two changes to the classes were proposed and approved. Classes 124-137 will read "(Small = 10cm [3 15/16"] or less; large = over 10 cm [3 15/16"])" and Class 933 will read "5 or fewer".

G. Publications – Chair Amanda Saar's report was accepted as reported and filed. Manny Aybar reported on the web site status.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

A. Continuing Operations – Chair Lloyd Burns reported.

B. Historian – Betty Kurka had no report.

C. Show Tags – Lowell McCabe covered this in the Show Committee report.

D. Registrar – Billie Kramer had nothing further to add.

E. AOS Rep – Billie Kramer had nothing to report.

President Burns read the slate of officers as previously presented by the Nominating Committee:

President Elect – Mavis Klehm
Vice President – Ronnie Brandenburg
Secretary – Maureen Ferrara
Treasurer – Carolyn McCabe
Editor – Amanda Saar
Member at Large – Burrell Gambel

Nominations were requested from the floor. None were made. Nominations were closed. The officers from the slate were elected as presented. The meeting was then turned over to the new President, Mike Saar. Mike thanked Lloyd for his service.

Old Business

Carolyn McCabe announced that she had the directories for the societies to be picked up.

President Saar announced that he will make appointments to a Katrina Relief Committee and will expect their recommendations at the next meeting.

New Business

President Saar announced that all Committee Chairs will return in their current capacity with the exception of the Affiliated Societies Committee.

Tom Larkin was asked by President Saar to chair the Katrina Relief Committee. Gail Freeman was also asked to serve on said committee. Both accepted.

Other Items

Doris McGraw reported that the auction raised \$344.00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Katherine Burns. All approved and the meeting was called to a close at 11:45am by President Saar.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Ferrara (For Sandra Gengler)

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

First of all, the ad rates and the deadlines for the *SWROGA News* are published in each print issue, and therefore in each web issue.

While I don't mind answering questions about those two topics, finding me can be difficult and the search can cause a great deal of distress. You might want to locate the information in the latest issue of the *SWROGA News* and then email me with questions and/or copy.

About that 1 free ad for SWROGA shows: Yes, each show gets 1 free ½ page ad in an issue that comes out before the SWROGA show it is advertising, NOT one free ½ page ad per issue of those issues being published before said SWROGA show.

The rule about time of publication is: aim for 6 weeks before the spring and fall SWROGA meetings, and 6 weeks after the spring and fall SWROGA meetings. (If this is confusing, look at the chart on page 8 of this issue)

About copy: Electronic in Word works best. Print via snail mail may well get lost, not only because I am quite capable of putting the print copy "in a safe place", but also because at present our mail box is cabled to a tree in our front yard (due to road construction) and we have to pick the mail up at the post office, which just adds another step to the whole process.

People who wish to have an insert published in the newsletter are charged \$140 per 1 page (both sides included in the \$140) insert, unless, due to circumstances beyond the editor's control, the print copy is going to be really really late and she decides not to charge the people asking for the insert, since the issue is probably going to be delivered on or around the date of the event publicized in the insert. About payment for ads and inserts: You send the money to Carolyn McCabe. I get the copy. Both of our addresses are on page 2 of this print issue of the *SWROGA News*. In fact, they are usually on page 2 of any print issue of the *SWROGA News*.

How does this whole thing work? Well, I get the copy, and put the items I get in a format suitable for printing. I then send the hard copy via snail mail to the printers in Bossier City, and the electronic copy to Manny Aybar, the SWROGA web master and to Carolyn McCabe, the SWROGA treasurer and keeper of both the print and email mailing list. He puts the copy on the web page, she notifies all interested that the latest issue is available at www.SWROGA.org, and sends the mailing labels for the print copy to the printers. Eventually the print copy is printed, taken to the post office in Bossier City, and mailed to all wishing a print copy.

Now, about articles. I like articles. I would like for more people to send articles about orchid growing in this area. However, the pictures may or may not be as clear as one could wish in the print copy. The web copy is probably a better source for pictures, but I will print them in the print copy.

Which brings up another question: Why aren't the print and web copies in the same format? Well, one is aimed at print and one is aimed at electronic copy. The print format was inherited. There is discussion about making both the same format, but issues like price need to be discussed before a decision can be made.

If you have questions or comments or suggestions, feel free to email me at msaar824@comcast.net

Amanda Saar, Editor

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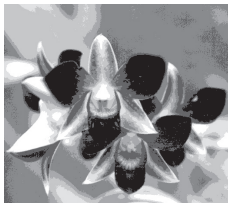
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Orchid Show & Sale!
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October 20 – 22, 2006 in Austin, Texas

The 91st Semi-Annual SWROGA Members & Directors Meeting, Show and Sale will be October 20, 21 and 22, 2006 at the Texas Star Meeting & Event Center at 11810 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78748.

Vendors include major US orchid growers plus several from South America. Speakers include Dr. Ying Tung Wang on Growing Phalaenopsis, Anita Aldrich on Award-Winning Tolumnias, and Gene Crocker with Carter & Holmes on Bifoliate Cattleyas.

Show and Sale: 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday & 9:00am – 4:00pm Sunday.

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Texas Star Event Center
October 21 – 22

Overnight Lodging at Oak Inn (formerly Ramada Inn on Bannister Lane at Ben White Blvd): One King bed \$54/night plus tax, Two Queens \$64/night plus tax, use Code: SWROGA; Hotel Phone numbers: 512-447-0151 or Toll Free 1-877-625-4661 (Judging begins at 7pm Friday after Judges Dinner.) **Book early. Room Reservations received after October 1, 2006 will be provided on a space available basis.**

REGISTRANT #1

NAME _____ **ORCHID SOCIETY** _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

Circle One: Accredited Judge Probationary Judge Student Judge Clerk Other

REGISTRANT #2

NAME _____ **ORCHID SOCIETY** _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

Circle One: Accredited Judge Probationary Judge Student Judge Clerk Other

Event	Charge	Registrant 1	Registrant 2	Total
Registration for Event	\$30 (After OCT. 1, \$40) pp			
Friday Judges Dinner	Free to Registered Judges			
Dinner starts 6:00pm	Others - \$27/per person			
Affiliated Societies Breakfast Buffet & Meeting		\$17/per person		
Saturday Cocktail/Dinner Buffet	\$42.00 – Choice of Entrée: 1. Meat Entrée 2. Vegetarian Entrée	Entrée Choice _____	Entrée Choice _____	

Book Hotel Rooms separately as listed above. Total due \$ _____

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