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## What is SWROGA?

SWROGA is what you make it. The business and direction of SWROGA is the responsibility and duty of the Directors, through their attendance and vote at the semi-annual business meetings.

Each member society is represented by two directors, elected by the membership of that society. To see that you and your society are represented and have their interests represented, seek out persons to serve as directors who will attend meetings and participate. The only way allowed by the Bylaws to change Directors is by a letter from the Society President. If either of your Directors will be unable to attend a particular meeting, plan ahead. A proxy by the Director is not allowed.

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Mike Saar, President

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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!

### **MORE ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**

During the last meeting of the Publications Committee, discussion was held concerning the rather cumbersome logistics publishing both versions of this newsletter entails.

Over the past months, queries have been made concerning the possibility of publishing from Dallas, but this issue is coming to you from Little Rock, home of the editor.

Tom Bolt, the owner and operator of Complete Custom Printing in Bossier City, Louisiana, died December 20, 2006. His company had printed and mailed the newsletter for many years. Due to that particular circumstance, a printing firm located in Little Rock, with its own bulk mailing permit, is printing and mailing out this issue.

There will continue to be a print issue, hopefully coming from Little Rock, but that remains to be seen.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to find me.

Amanda Saar, Editor

**SWROGA 91<sup>th</sup> FALL SEMI-ANNUAL DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS MEETING**  
**October 21, 2006   Oak Inn, Austin, TX**

President Mike Saar called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. Quorum present

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as printed in the Fall newsletter with no corrections to be made on a move made by Manny Aybar.

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted on a move made by Julius Klehm.

**Committee reports:**

Continuing Operating – Mike Saar reported that the board approved the appointment of Lloyd Burns as Auditor upon resignation of Wally Boersma. Mike also reported on the loss of two societies OS Jefferson, Hill Country OS

Financial – Carolyn McCabe's report was accepted as submitted on a move by Jim Williams.

Bylaws and Judiciary – Byron McGraw had no official report but did talk with some committees about their actions and duties.

Mike Saar interrupted the reports to present Oklahoma Orchid Society's nomination of Carolyn McCabe for the SWROGA Achievement Award. The members approved this nomination following a motion by Byron McGraw.

Show – Lowell McCabe asked for approval for schedule changes that would add Prosthetia to classes 102-104, expanding the break down of classes 410-418. The members approved this action. Also advised that they are currently evaluation the alphabetical listing for the changes that are needed.

Conservation – Jim Williams report was accepted as filed.

Mike Saar presented Carolyn McCabe with the SWROGA Achievement Award

Program and Education – No report.

Publications – Amanda Saar presented a request to establish the position of managing editor. Upon a motion by Julius Klehm, the members approved the position. Amanda requested that Manny Aybar fill the newly created position. The members approved this action upon the motion by Julius Klehm.

Affiliated Societies – Karen Armstrong reported that the committee would like to discontinue the collection of the \$1.00 fee post shows, motion passed upon the move made by Amanda Saar. The committee also requested a motion to increase the new trophy endowments to \$2500.00. This motion was made by Lowell McCabe and passed by the membership. In order to increase the funds available to research grants the committee wants to dedicate the raffle and auctions proceeds to the research committee. Doris McGraw made the motion that the members approved.

Research – Dick Jamison reported that no new grant requests had been received.

Katrina Relief Committee – Gail Freeman read the letter that Tom Harper wants to send out to the societies. Much discussion ensued regarding the language of the letter and equity of the relief process.

**Reports of Continuing Functions:**

Historian – no report.

Auditor – Mike Saar read results of audit. The motion to accept as filed was made by Julius Klehm and approved by the members.

Registered Agent – Mike Saar reported that Marvin Gerber sent a letter asking to be relieved of the position. Mike asked for a motion to approve of Ronnie Brandenburg as the new registered agent. The members approved the motion made by Jim Williams.

AOS Representative – no report.

**Old Business**

A reminder was given that dues are payable in January based on the societies' 2006 membership.

**New Business**

Mike Saar announced the selection of Karen Armstrong as the Affiliated Societies Chair.

Mike Saar closed the meeting at 12:20 pm upon a motion by Jim Williams that was approved by the members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Ferrara

## Treasurer's Corner

It's time again to send in your SWROGA dues for the year. The dues are still \$2.00 per member. **REMEMBER, you ONLY pay dues for the number of members you had this year (2006).**

On another note, I will need an updated 2007 membership list for your society as soon as you've compiled it next year in order to keep the SWROGA News mailing list current. I will also use the updated list to provide an accurate SWROGA 2007 Directory for your President and Treasurer.

Here are the activities since the report of September 30th, 2006:

General Fund:

1. HO'TOS Raffle receipts: \$220.00
2. Interest earned: \$113.70
3. Show tag receipts: \$35.00
4. Show tag mailing expense: \$4.80
5. Committee postage & copying expense: \$27.65
6. Newsletter postage expense: \$455.89
7. Membership Dues: \$100.00
8. Newsletter Advertising: \$105.00

Research Fund:

2. Interest earned: \$45.75

Trophy Fund:

3. Interest earned: \$427.19
4. HO'TOS Auction: \$1,145.00
5. HO'TOS Raffle of Gold Necklace: \$230.00

### SWROGA Funds on hand as of December 1, 2006

General	\$ 16,088.85
Research	\$ 6,766.19
Trophy	<u>\$ 64,845.75</u>
Total	\$ 87,700.79

Your SWROGA treasurer,  
Carolyn McCabe

2006	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
2007	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
February 10th	Dallas Judging Center Workshop	Texas A&M Extension Pavillion Hall 17360 Coit Road Dallas, Texas 75252-6599	Linda Horton 2702 Stoneridge dr Garland TX 75044 <a href="mailto:henry.horton4@verizon.net">henry.horton4@verizon.net</a>
<a href="#">March 9-11</a>	Orchid Society of Jefferson Show	Clearview Mall 4436 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie, LA.	Marian Prigmore, 1301 Ocean Dr., Metairie, LA 70005; (504) 834-4300; <a href="mailto:fsbojimp@aol.com">fsbojimp@aol.com</a> .
<a href="#">March 16-18</a>	Houston Orchid Society Show	George R. Brown Convention Center 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, TX	John Stubbings, 3701 Coral Reef Dr., Seabrook, TX 77586; (281) 326-1314.
March 30- April 1	Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show	TBD	Sharon Duncan 309 Oaklawn Dr Monroe, LA 70203-4163
April 13-15	Terrebonne Orchid Society Show	Southland Mall 5953 W. Park Ave Houma, LA.	Ashley Matherne 118 Retreat Dr. Bourg, LA 70343 (985) 594-4050 <a href="mailto:abmatherne@hotmail.com">abmatherne@hotmail.com</a>
<a href="#">April 21 &amp; 22</a>	<a href="#">Heart O' Texas Orchid Society's</a> 36th Annual Orchid Show & Sale	Zilker Botanical Garden Center 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin TX 78746  Show & Plant Sale: 10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday & 10:00am - 4:00pm Sunday.	Bill Ater 3803 Greystone Dr., Austin, TX 78731 (512) 345-3225; E-mail <a href="mailto:billater@flash.net">billater@flash.net</a> , or visit our Web-site: <a href="http://www.hotos.org/">http://www.hotos.org/</a>
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 <a href="mailto:roneidab@aol.com">roneidab@aol.com</a> 11045 Swaffar Dr. Dallas TX 75228 972-279-4075
<a href="#">June 1-3</a>	New Orleans Orchid Society Show	Lakeside Mall 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie, LA.	Ann Roth 12158 Post Oak Rd. Hammond, LA 70403.
October 12-14	Greater North Texas Orchid Society	Pavilion Auditorium Texas A&M Research & Extension Center 17360 Coit Road Dallas, TX	Bobbie Dillard 619 Hammond Lancaster, TX <a href="mailto:BMD227@aol.com">BMD227@aol.com</a>
October 18-21	AOS Members Meeting	Delray Beach, FL	
November 16-18	Shreveport Orchid Society	Barnwell Garden & Art Center 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy Shreveport, LA 71101	Dick Jamison 318-861-9095

# WRIGHT THINKING

Ed Wright

## FREE WATER

Judging by the greenhouses I visit, both commercial and hobby, the least understood growing tool is free water. That has nothing to do with the cost; we seek merely to distinguish water in the greenhouse at ambient pressure – un-pressurized water. Free water may be seen as condensation on a window or roof or even as drip on the floor after normal irrigation. Rarely, however, is water seen simply sitting about in a bucket, pan or syrup pitcher received third time around as a Christmas present. This water, however, is the free water we want to learn to use effectively.

The great and primary use of free water is as a source for evaporation. In winter, greenhouse glazing is almost always colder than the surrounding air. When this occurs, water condenses from the air and deposits upon the inner surface of the glazing. Some runs down, but most of it drips – and drips – and drips. In a Phalaenopsis crown or Vanda leaf axil, condensate will encourage the growth of mold, mildew and bugs. On blooms of any kind, condensate will promote the growth of the several fungi manifesting in graymold, Botrytis and a host of additional unpleasant names. Worse yet, the water used to form condensate is taken first from the greenhouse structure, especially the floor. When that source becomes depleted, condensate is drawn from the plants and flowers. We see wilt in the dorsal sepal, depletion of root tissue such as velamen, and stunting preceding death in smaller plants. The cure seems simple: make free water more available than 'plant' water. Simply put out a container of plain old tap water and let internal air movement sip as needed. True, but not quite that easy. Perhaps these tips will improve the effectiveness of free water application:

>1 We seem unnecessarily afraid of spraying water inside the greenhouse during our coldest months. No reason to be, but it must be done with a bit of finesse. Spraying should be done on everything EXCEPT the plants. Spritzing or light spraying on plants will encourage buildup of mineral deposits on plant tissue and render the plants unsightly and less capable in exchanging the gases they depend they need to sustain themselves. Spraying under benches and on walls and even ceilings will insert free water in to the air and deposit it upon surfaces little effected by mineral buildup.

>2 Where condensate drip is a problem, we can 'sheet' the water out by spraying source surfaces with a mild soap and water solution to lessen surface tension. Rather than bead up, condensate will spread out and run off to glazing edges without dripping. Mild soap solutions will not hurt plants and will, in fact, flatten any droplets that form on them so that the droplet water can run off safely.

>3 A flat pan, such as a plastic dishpan, can be placed on a bench and filled with water. Try to find a location that has good airflow. This water will soon reach room temperature for the greenhouse and will remain slightly warmer than the surrounding air day and night. This helps the water volatize into the air and improves the efficiency of our free water supply.

>4 Do yourself a favor with the plastic dishpan bit: if you need to get a new one, make it yellow. On the bench, put a bit of liquid soap in the dishpan of water. You'll be amazed at the 'bugs' that fall in and drown in the lessened surface tension. Two good deals for the price of one! And 'FREE' water at that!!

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39, #3	Fall 2007 (before Fall SWROGA Show)	TBA		Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105
39, #4	Winter 2007 (after Fall SWROGA Show)	TBA		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85



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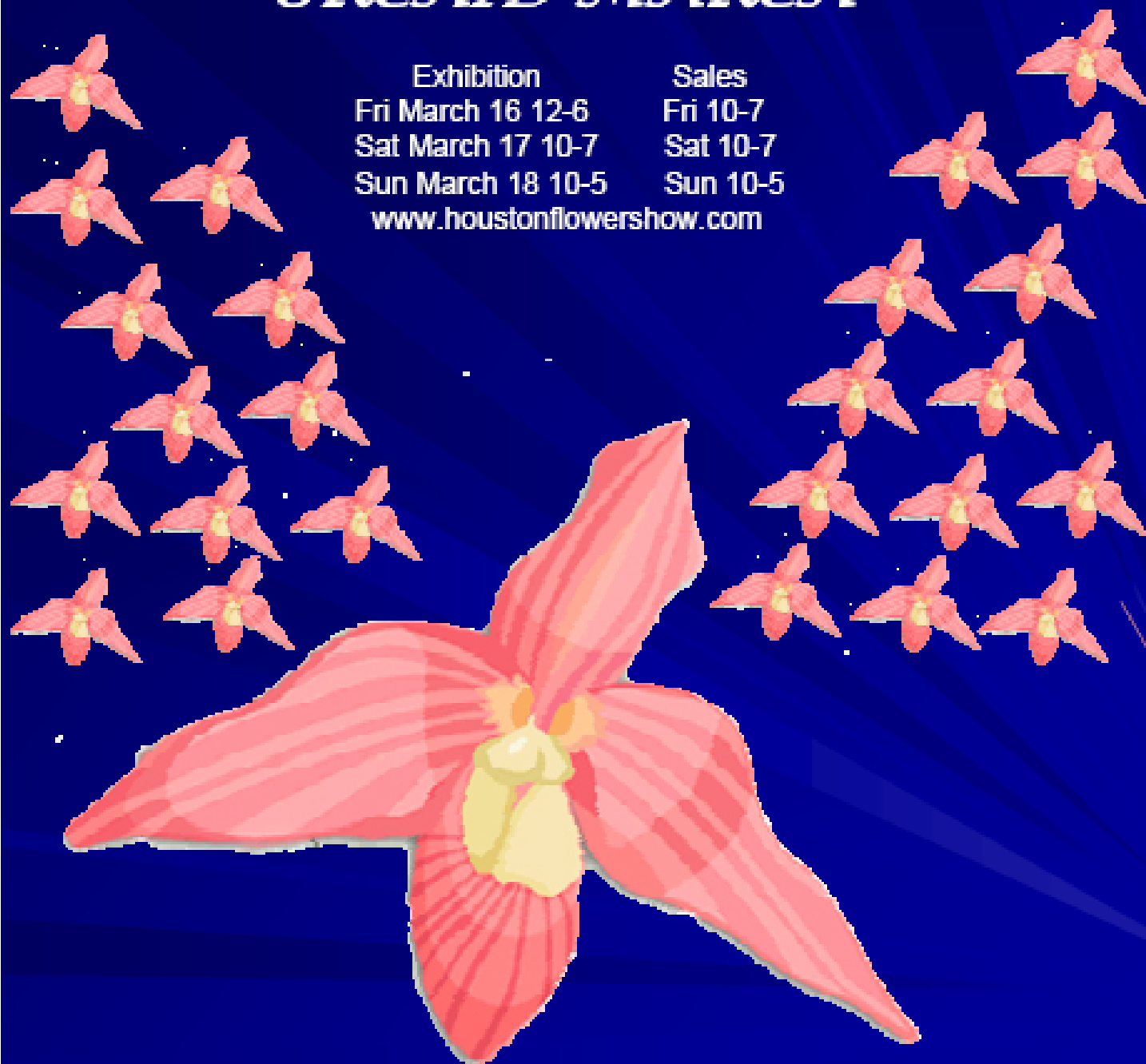
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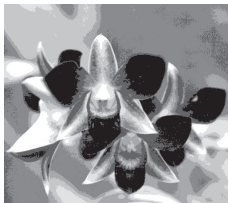
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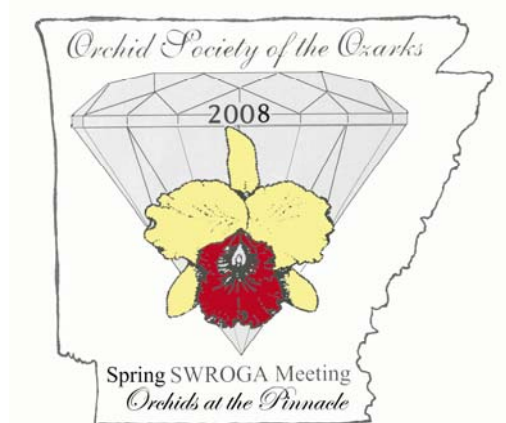
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