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MESSAGE FROM MAVIS

I'd like to thank the hard workers of Red River Orchid Society of Wichita Falls, TX as they welcomed us with nice cool weather and a warm reception. Their Hospitality Committee provided food, beverages and snacks for the venders and registrants alike. Everything was just great.

Special thanks go to M.C. & Catherine Porter for being Co-Chairs and Andy Harding, President of the society and many others who served in different capacities. At the banquet Red River OS presented M.C. & Catherine a special award that was available from Orchid Digest for the outstanding contribution to their society. Entertainment was provided by *Prairie Moon*, a cowboy rendition with songs from the old west. One of the guys (all teachers) wrote a song especially with orchids in mind. It was great, just should've been there..

The amazing and beautiful show had some 345 entries with 18 plants pulled for AOS Judging. There we some 43 Judges and Students on hand to decide which of those got awards. Three AOS/HCC Awards were awarded as follows:

Bark. Jim Balch 'Judy' owned by Dr. Judy Cook
Oeoniella polystachys 'Bryon' owned by Bryon Rinke
Unnamed Paph. (Joan Thomas x Kayday) owned by Norito Hasegawa

Hazel Herzog won the White Orchid Silver Plate Set that had been advertised. The contest winner was Catherine Porter for selling the most tickets. The Gift was a set of matching White Orchid Salt and Pepper Shakers that Catherine donated back to be auctioned.

The combined total of Breakfast and Silver Set raffles plus the Auction came to \$5097.00. By dividing the total proceeds in half this allowed SWROGA to share \$2,548.00 with the Host Society. As a matter of information SWROGA is sharing the proceeds of any SWROGA Auction to the Host Society for a SWROGA SHOW and Meetings. Does this give incentive to your society to host a SWROGA Show? We are still open for Fall 2009 and Fall 2010.

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Minutes of the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association
November 7, 2008
Wichita Falls TX

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Mavis Klehm.

President Klehm advised the members of the voting rules. Directors and Officers of SWROGA are able to vote. Regular members do not get to vote. If you are representing your Society in the absence of their SWROGA Representative, you need to present a letter from the Society President authorizing you to vote.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: **Carolyn McCabe** Mavis advised that Carolyn McCabe has been acting as Registrar for some time and has assumed that position. Billie Kramer is unable to continue in that position. Carolyn reported that thirteen (13) Societies were represented.

OLD BUSINESS: Mavis called for discussion of any old business. It was noted that the procedure for the SWROGA Trophy will be covered by the By-Laws committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Carolyn McCabe** Carolyn presented the report and had it available for review. The semi-annual report for 4/1/08 through 9/30/08 and the budget for the fiscal year 10/01/08 thru 9/30/09 was discussed by Carolyn. A motion to accept was approved.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES: **Karen Armstrong** The committee had five of its eight members present. Karen reviewed the upcoming schedule of Spring 2009 at Houston Orchid Society, Fall 2009 at Arkansas Orchid Society and Spring 2010 at Oklahoma Orchid Society, and none scheduled after that show. Procedure for awarding the SWROGA Trophy was presented to the By-Laws committee for review and that will come under their report. Karen noted that the Fall 2009 show will be SWROGA's Fiftieth Anniversary and the committee recommended that the trophy cost \$50.00, and that it be available for that show. Byron moved that the President appoint an ad hoc committee to design and acquire a trophy with a maximum of \$50.00 cost so that it will be ready for that show. Motion was approved.

BY-LAWS & JUDICIARY: **Byron McGraw** Byron reported all members of committee were present. The committee wrote the procedure for the SWROGA trophy. Five Judges, accredited or probationary will be used to judge the award to the Best Flower in class. The trophy will be funded at SWROGA shows and other societies can purchase the trophy just like they acquire the AOS and Orchid Digest trophies. Karen motioned that funds be approved to fund the SWROGA trophy for all SWROGA shows, and all other Society shows may purchase the trophy. Motion was approved. Carolyn stated that the Finance committee will decide the funding. Mavis appointed a committee consisting of Maureen Ferrara, Emily Quinn and Manny Aybar to work on design of trophy for Spring 2009. Byron noted that procedure for the loan of \$2500.00 to Societies is still under review and will be ready for Spring next year.

CONSERVATION: **Jim Williams** Three of four members were present. Jim reported that there is a need for committee representation from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Colorado to coordinate with organization in their state as Native Plant Society, Wildlife Agency, non-government organizations for identifying orchid species at risk. Committee proposed request for budgeting \$2000.00 for pilot project to assist KS parks to ID orchid populations on 3 public fishing areas, (Ottawa, Flint Hills and Redding), and coordinate with local colleges to do all State lands. Ron Haselhahn will coordinate. The budget was approved and goes to finance committee to determine where funds come from. Clarification by Lowell McCabe that this is conservation, not research.

PROGRAM & EDUCATION: **Patsy Boersma** Chairman was not present. No report.

PUBLICATIONS: **Amanda Saar** Amanda and Manny Aybar were present. Amanda noted that the Little Rock printing works smoothly. If you send anything to the newsletter, send it in Word. Next deadline is noted

on the website. The fiftieth anniversary will be celebrated in the newsletter and the website will be updated. SWROGA News report 734 online, and an average 525 in print at a cost of \$1.52 each.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE: Dick Jamison Did not have report. He stated that he had it in his computer but lost it.

SHOW: **Karlene Sanborn** Four of six members were present. Karlene noted that the committee needs help to review show schedule and note any changes. The alpha list needs to be reviewed and revised by the April Spring meeting. There was a request for 6000 show tags.

SHOW TAGS: **Lowell McCabe** Lowell reported 6000 tags were requested and mailed out. The price per tag is eight cents and can be ordered in groups of 500. A minimum of 500 only can be mailed. The committee is still using the free 10,000 misprinted tags.

CONTINUING OPERATIONS: **Mavis Klehm** Mavis reported that there was no work during the year that needed to be acted on. The Central Texas Society has lost members and had to resign from SWROGA. The deaths of Bernice Miller and Catherine Burns were acknowledged. Members were asked to send notice of the death of any member to Carolyn McCabe. Mavis noted that the AOS offers members a discount at the Orchid Emporium.

AOS REP: **Billie Kramer** Billie was absent at this meeting and Mavis reported in her absence. Ron McHatton is available at any time for speaking engagements. It works well for several societies to share speakers and expenses.

AUDIT REPORT: **Julius Klehm** Julius reported an audit of expenses, income, interest and transfers of funds was carried out and reported in good order. A motion to accept was approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Carolyn McCabe.** Carolyn reviewed the budget for fiscal year 2009. Motion to accept was approved. Membership dues are due by December 30th for 2008. Carolyn requested that Society Newsletters be sent to her.

ADJOURNMENT: Max Thompson motioned to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by:
Gail E. Freeman, Secretary

SWROGA News deadlines

SWROGA News Ad rates

Vol./Issue	Date	Deadline			1 Quarter	2 Quarters	3 Quarters	4 Quarters
41, # 1	Spring 2009 (before Spring SWROGA Show)	February 1, 2009		Full Page * (9-1/2"x7-1/4")	\$140	\$170	\$200	\$230
41, # 2	Summer 2009 (after Spring SWROGA Show)	June 1, 2009		Half Page (9-1/2"x3-1/2") (6-3/4"x4-3/4")	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140
41, # 3	Fall, 2009 (before Fall SWROGA Show)	August 15, 2009		Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105
41, # 4	Winter, 2009 (after Fall SWROGA Show)	November 15, 2009		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85

Treasurer's Corner

December 1, 2008

DUES FOR 2008 ARE NOW DUE. The dues are still seventeen (\$0.17) cents a month per member for a total of \$2.00 each per year. TREASURERS. Please send your society's 2008 dues in by Dec. 30th, if you haven't already done so, in order to assist in closing out the 2008 SWROGA books.

Following are the financial activities since the Semi-Annual Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2008:

Operating Fund Receipts:

1. Interest earned	\$ 24.62
2. Red River OS Raffles	\$ 2,720.00
3. Red River Auction	\$ 2,197.00
4. 2008 Membership Dues	\$ 1,366.00
5. Show Tag Sales	\$ 120.00

Total Operating Fund Receipts \$ 6,427.62

Operating Fund Expenses:

1. Postage for show tags	\$ 16.25
2. Red River Society Show Assistance	\$ 2,548.00

Total Operating Fund Expenses \$ 2,564.25

Research Fund:

1. Interest earned:	\$ 24.62
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No Research Fund expenses were incurred.

Trophy Fund Receipts:

1. Interest earned:	\$ 425.25
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No Trophy Fund expenses were incurred.

SWROGA Funds on hand as of close of business December 1, 2008:

General	\$ 19,101.96
Research	\$ 9,532.41
Trophy	\$ 76,725.41
Total	\$ 105,359.78

**Your SWROGA treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe**

WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

Of all our growing tools, the greenhouse thermostat is perhaps the most misused. That's too bad because few grower aids are more important to the production of good plants. Let's see if we can take some of the mystery out of this simple device.

A greenhouse thermostat is primarily a switch. It turns things on and off to regulate temperature. Modern thermostats combine both heating and cooling controls into one compact unit. An example is the "Penn type" found in brands such as this 'Dayton' label from W. W. Grainger:



No, the picture is not upside down. Greenhouse thermostats that use a coil for improved accuracy are properly mounted with the coil portion down and in free air. This greatly improves sensitivity and also permits water sprayed or condensed on the coil to drain harmlessly away rather than expensively into the unit.

Wiring is all contained and shielded within the case type shown, and excellent instructions accompany each unit. Still, we feel hookups are sufficiently complex to warrant installation by an experienced electrician. Not a job for a weekend handyman, by any means.

The thermostat shown above is mounted on wood – a scrap from a yard fence project in this case. In practice, the wood backing is suspended from the greenhouse frame so that the thermostat is free of false temperature readings from nearby structure. What we want is free air temperature as close to plant level as we can manage while keeping the entire thermostat above all foliage.

The best measurement of overall air temperature will be obtained by mounting the thermostat toward the center of a greenhouse, but not precisely IN the middle of a greenhouse. Free air tends to follow a circular path around a greenhouse and, like any eddy, there is a null or static area in the center of the vortex, which corresponds to the center of the structure. This dead air zone is very slow to respond to temperature changes, so mount the thermostat away from it.

Numbers on a thermostat dial are put there to sell thermostats. They have little to do with setting up the best plant growth conditions or, for that matter, the most comfortable temperature in a house. Watch your guests, be they plant or mortal and inch thermostats into a setting that will produce the best growth or camaraderie, as the case merits. "Set it and forget it", as the TV pitch man says of his rotisserie unit. Thermostat twiddlers tend to lead short, unhappy lives and we could not bear to let that happen to either of our regular readers!

Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

For more recent information, check the SWROGA website at <http://www.swroga.org>

2009 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
Feb. 6-9	Central Louisiana Orchid Society Show & Sale	2720 N. MacArthur Dr. Alexandria, LA 71303-4227 318-445-5530	Al Taylor
Feb. 7-8	Heart O'Texas Orchid Society's 38 th Annual Orchid Show & Sale "Gallery of Orchids"	Zilker Botanical Garden 2220 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 78746	Geoffrey Frost 1011 Strickland Drive Austin, TX 78748 512-413-3199 geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com
Feb. 28	Shreveport Judging Center Judge's Workshop Topic: Dendrobiums	Marshall, TX	Sharon Duncan sdorchi@bellsouth.net
March 28-29	Tulsa Orchid Society Show	Tulsa Garden Center	Darrin Mullins 11714 N 192 nd East Ave Collinsville, OK 74021 918-371-5550 darrin.mullins@att.net
March 28-29	Alamo Orchid Society Show	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78209	Larry DeMartino 116 Armour Place San Antonio, TX 78212 210-735-9167
April 3-5	Oklahoma Orchid Society Show	Will Rogers Garden Center 3400 NW 36 th Oklahoma, OK	Lowell McCabe 16351 Banner Rd Lexington, OK 73051 405-899-4228 orchids@mbo.net
April 17-19	Fort Worth Orchid Society Show	Fort Worth Botanical Garden 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd Fort Worth, TX 76107	Mary Baker 817-341-1760
April 22-26	Houston Orchid Society & AOS Members Meeting (also SWROGA)	Hilton Houston North 12400 Greenspoint Dr. Houston, TX	Melba & Jim Butler 1907 Windy Ridge Katy, TX 77450 281-492-1437 melbajim@sbcglobal.net
May 1-3	Terrebonne Orchid Society Show	Southland Mall 5953 Main Ave Houma, LA	Ashley Matherne 118 Retreat Dr. Bourg, LA 70343 985-594-4050 abmatherne@hotmail.com

WHAT'S IN A NAME? By Glenda McIntosh

Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana (A. Rich. & Gal.) Garay

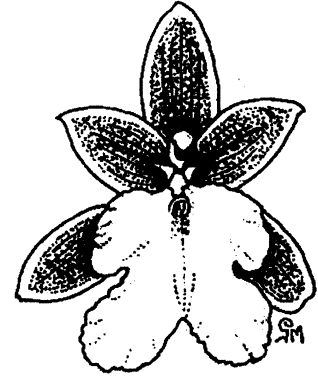
Tribe: Cymbidieae

Subtribe: Oncidiinae

Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana (A. Rich. & Gal.) Garay

Pronunciation: mex-ee-COE-ah geeze-breg-te-AH-nah.

Meaning of the name: The genus name indicates the country of origin of this plant, and the species name honors the collector of the plant, M. Ghiesbreght, a Belgian who collected orchids for Linden in Mexico during the later part of the 19th century. A. Richard and Galeotti also commemorated the geologist by naming the genus *Ghiesbreghtia* in his honor. Unfortunately, that genus name was later declared synonymous with *Calanthe*.



Originally this species *ghiesbreghtiana* was assigned to *Oncidium*, but Leslie Garay found a number of characteristics that did not fully tally with the generic description for *Oncidium*. He, therefore, segregated this species into the monotypic genus *Mexicoa* in 1974. *Mexicoa* differs from *Oncidium* by having a slender, arcuate, wingless column with a short obliquely descending short foot, and the lip articulated to the column foot.

Rogers McVaugh, author of *Flora Novo-Galiciana, A Descriptive Account of the Vascular Plants of Western Mexico*, tells us that Hagsater, (in *Orquidea [Mex.]* 4:328. 1975) does not agree with Garay. He states that the lip is not articulate with the column, the petals are not always correct, and the so-called column foot is in fact the *tabula infrastigmatica* of *Oncidium* and its relatives.

Synonymy: *Oncidium ghiesbreghtiana* A. Rich. & Gal.; *Odm. warneri* Lindl.; *Onc. warneri* (Lindl.) Lindl.

Habitat: Blooms in May in the Mexican states of Oaxaca, Mexico, Michoacan, and Guerrero in oak forest at altitudes of 1400-2200 meters, growing with *Onc. nebulosum*. The foliage of *Onc. nebulosum* and *Mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana* are so similar that it is difficult to separate the species when not in bloom.

Rogers McVaugh's excellent description of the species is as follows:" (The bolding is mine.)

"**Pseudobulbs** 3-4 cm long, 1.5-2 cm wide, compressed; **leaves** mostly linear, thin-coriaceous, striate-veined, subacute; 8-15 cm long, 7-13 (-21) mm wide; **inflorescence** from the base of the pseudobulb, 15-20 cm high, the **peduncle** ca 1 mm thick, naked, strongly flattened below the raceme; **raceme** 6-10 cm long, ca 5-10 flowered; **bracts** scariosus, fragile, clasping at base, 2-lobed, 4 mm long or less; **pedicellate ovaries** 1-1.5 cm long; open **flowers** yellow ca 2 cm across by 3 cm along the vertical axis; **sepals** elliptic or oblanceolate with narrow tapering base, spreading, ca 10 mm long, 3-3.5 mm wide; **petals** (described by Garay as "porrect," i.e. extending upward and outward) oblique, broadly oblong-oblanceolate to obovate from a base 1.5-2 m wide, the blades 8.5-10 mm long, rounded or apiculate at apex, 3.5 mm wide, flushed with red toward base, and red-streaked to above the middle; **lip** ovate in outline, 12-14 mm long, with 2 broad obtuse or pointed lobes below the middle, 9-11 mm wide across the lobes, constricted above them, the midlobe ca 7-10 mm long, 6-7 mm wide, rounded or obtuse, or broadly 2-lobed and 9-10 mm wide, with an isthmus 4 mm wide below it; **callus** bright yellow, an elevated median ridge terminating in a prominent conical umbo 1-1.3 mm high, on the midline ca 3 mm from base; **column** 4-5 mm long, strongly incurved, the broad **anther** rounded, with short incurved beak; **tabula infrastigmatica** marked by a dark red transverse blotch at the base of the column."

The term *tabula infrastigmatica* may be new to recent members of our orchid society. *Oncidium*s and their allies have an elongated column. On the front side of the column is an expanded, flattened 'table' situated just below the stigmatic surface. This table could be regarded as the landing pad for the pollinating vector (bee, wasp, fly, etc.) who can alight here on this conveniently flat surface, grasp the sides of the column and search for nectar which must be the source of the delightful aroma. As the vector searches the stigmatic area, it pushes aside the anther cap, revealing the pollinia. In the process of investigation, the pollinia become attached to the vector's head or back. The vector flies to another flower, still searching for nectar. This time when it lands on the tabula infrastigmatica, the attached pollinia sticks to the stigmatic surface, just below the anther cap, and this flower is pollinated.

If you want to grow this delightful miniature, it does well attached to cork or a tree fern plaque. Place it near the cool pads where the plant will receive frequent mistings and the added drop in temperature on our hot summer days. Be sure to fertilize and to water frequently during the growing season since mounted plants dry out much more quickly than potted plants.

SWROGA Show Hosts Needed!!!!!!

The Affiliated Societies Committee is asking for your help. Host Societies are needed for the Fall Show and Meeting of 2010 and the Spring and Fall shows for later years.

The process is easy:

Write to President Klehm 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 Spring Meeting in Houston, Texas on April 22-26, 2009.

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 understands 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 the Society assumes full and complete responsibility for all expenses, debts, claims and liabilities in connection with the show.

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and Thanks
to the
Red River Orchid Society**

The SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee
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The Red River Orchid Society
for hosting the
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Registration Form – Note registration fee increase if mailed after 4/1/2009.

Full registration is required for unlimited admittance to the show and sales, preview party and the presentations. Partial registration is for the convenience of attending one or two events only.

First Registrant's Name (full registration)		Name to Appear on Badge (call-name and last)					
Address		City		State		Zip	
Telephone		Fax		e-mail			
Home Orchid Society		AOS, SWROGA, IPA, ODC, SA, or OA Office or Committee Position:					
Judge (Circle Status) AOS ___ Non-AOS _____ Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student Clerk		Do you wish to participate in Ribbon Judging		Yes		No	
		Do You wish to participate in AOS Judging		Yes		No	
Second Registrant's Name	Choose	Full registration	Selected events	Name to Appear on Badge (call-name and last)			
Address		City		State		Zip	
Telephone		Fax		e-mail			
Home Orchid Society		AOS, SWROGA, IPA, ODC, SA, or OA Office or Committee Position:					
Judge (Circle Status) AOS ___ Non-AOS _____ Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student Clerk		Do you wish to participate in Ribbon Judging		Yes		No	
		Do You wish to participate in AOS Judging		Yes		No	
Code	Description	Day	Before 4/1/09	After 4/1/09	Registrant #1	Registrant #2	Total
REG	Full Registration includes Show Preview Party	Thursday	\$80	\$95			
PRE	Preview Party – Other than Full Registrants	Thursday	\$35	\$35			
JL	Judges Luncheon (if registered before 4/1/09)	Thursday	Included	Included			
JLN	Judges Luncheon (not registered and/or non judge)	Thursday	\$25	\$25			
TCB	AOS Trustees/Committee Chairs Breakfast	Thursday	\$25	\$25			
ASB	AOS Affiliated Societies Breakfast	Friday	\$25	\$25			
JB	Judges Workshop Breakfast	Saturday	\$25	\$25			
ODL	Odontoglossum Luncheon (Fri., 12 Noon)	Friday	\$25	\$25			
IPAL	IPA Luncheon (Sat., 12 noon)	Saturday	\$25	\$25			
BAN	Saturday Banquet*	Saturday	\$50	\$50			
*Circle entrée choice: Pepper Crusted Ribeye or Portabella Stuffed Chicken Breast with salad, vegetables, dessert and wine							
T1	Tour 1- Bayou Bend 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Fri. AM	\$40.00	n/a			
T2	Tour 2 – City Tour 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Sat. AM	\$40.00	n/a			
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IMPORTANT: Note registration fee increase after 4/1/2009. Food reservations deadline: 4/1/09. Tour reservations must be made or cancelled by 4/1/09. Tours are subject to minimum participation. Money will be refunded if too few sign up for tours.

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Orchids, Texas Style

April 22 – 26, 2009

Hosted by the **Houston Orchid Society**

Spring Meetings of the American Orchid Society Members, SouthWest Regional Orchid Growers Association, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Orchid Digest Corporation, Odontoglossum Alliance and Slipper Orchid Alliance



Show and orchid sales (open to the public April 24-26), all meetings, lectures and events will be held at the Hilton Houston North, (281-875-2222), 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas 77060.

<u>Wed., April 22</u>	<u>Schedule of Meetings and Events</u>
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	Registration / Commercial Sales Set-up / Show Exhibit Installation - Plant Entry ends 6:00 p.m.
2:00-4:00 p.m.	AOS Trustee & Committee Chairs Planning Mtg.
4:00 p.m.-midnight	AOS Executive Committee
8:00-10:00 p.m.	AOS Judges Forum – all judges and student judges invited
<u>Thurs., April 23</u>	
7:30-9:00 a.m.	<u>AOS Trustees / Committee Chairs Breakfast*</u>
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Orientation & Continental Breakfast -- judges/clerks conducting ribbon judging*
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<u>Ribbon Judging*</u>
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	AOS Committee Meetings: Affiliated Societies, Conservation, Judging, Library/Archives, Membership, Publications, Research, Special Funding, Education, Technology
12:00 noon-1:15 p.m.	<u>Judges Luncheon*</u>
1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	AOS Judging and Photography
7:00-9:00 p.m.	<u>Official Ribbon Cutting/Show Opening and Preview Party*</u> with Commercial Sales
<u>Fri., April 24</u>	
7:30-8:45 a.m.	<u>AOS Affiliated Societies Breakfast*</u>
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<u>Tour Bayou Bend \$40 – Depart Hilton Houston North – deadline 4/1/09*</u>
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address by Michael Tibbs “African Orchids”
10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	AOS Trustees Meeting (including lunch)
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Show and Sales Open to Public
10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Lecture
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	<u>Odontoglossum Lunch/Mtg*</u>
1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Lecture
2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	Lecture
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Slipper Orchid Alliance Meeting
<u>Sat., April 25</u>	
7:30-9:00 a.m.	<u>Judges Forum Breakfast*</u>
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Show and Sales Open to Public
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<u>Tour Houston \$40 – Depart Hilton Houston North – deadline 4/1/09*</u>
9:00-10:45 a.m.	AOS Annual Meeting of Members
10:45-11:00 a.m.	AOS Re-organizational Meeting
9:00-12:00 Noon	IPA Directors Meeting
11:00-2:00 p.m.	SWROGA Committee Meetings and General Business Meeting with Silent Auction
12:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	<u>IPA Members Meeting and lunch*</u>
1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Lecture by tbd
1:00-3:00 p.m.	ODC Annual Meeting
1:00-2:15 p.m.	Lecture
2:30-3:45 p.m.	Lecture
2:15-7:30 p.m.	AOS Auction Preparation, and Auction Preview followed by AOS Auction
7:30-10:00 p.m.	<u>Banquet*</u> - menu on registration form
<u>Sun., April 26</u>	
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Show and Sales Open to Public – Breakdown at 4:00 p.m.

* Denotes events requiring reservations – Use Registration form.

Lecture Schedule

Keynote Address – Michael Tibbs - “Orchids of Africa”
Robert Dressler - “Recent Work on Sobralias and Lankaster Garden”
Roy Tokunaga - “Flared Cattleyas: Creating New Exciting Colors”
Nina Rach - “Stanhopeas”
Earl Bailey - “Phragmipedium Hybridizing: The Search for the Compact Phragmipedium.” (Presented by the Slipper Orchid Alliance)
Peter Furniss - “Orchid Shows and Judging Systems Around the World.”

Early Registration by April 1, 2009 (\$80). After April 1, 2009 increased fee (\$95). See Registration Form .

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