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Hi everyone! It's that time of year.....Dues time ! Please mail in your dues promptly, so we can proceed with our budget. Steve has some good programs lined up for the coming year and we need to allocate funds to some charitable programs.

We had a really nice turnout for our Christmas party and the food was delicious. Thanks to everyone for the yummy goodies.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's time to be off and running in a new year, with a new show, new programs, and, hopefully, lots of new orchids. It's also time to renew your membership. OSNWPA is the only venue Erie has to bring orchid speakers, programs and shows to this area. To do this, we need your support. We have a great roster of programs for the coming year, and we hope to see all of you re-up!

Membership dues are due in January. They are still \$15.00 per year, per individual, \$20.00 per family membership. Send checks to Susanne Lester, Treasurer at the address on the masthead. Thank you.

In January, OSNWPA will continue its new Attendance Gift Certificate program. For each meeting you attend, a slip with your name on it will be placed in a jar. At every third meeting, one name will be drawn from the jar and awarded a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to an Orchid Nursery of YOUR CHOICE! If you attend one meeting from January thru March, you will have one name slip in the jar. If you attend all meetings you will have three name slips in the jar and a better chance to win the gift certificate. So mark those meetings on your calendar!

We had fun with our monthly raffles last year, and would like to continue them in the coming year. Please consider donating any extra divisions or starts of orchid plants, as well as any other orchid-related or non-orchid related items. We will be happy to provide a formal receipt for tax purposes. These raffles can be great fun and a chance to try something you may not have considered if you had to purchase it retail.

The Christmas Party! OSNWPA certainly can cook. Everyone brought something different, and it took several trips to try them all. I can testify that they were all delicious.

Show Table: Thelma brought a Phrag. Prime Child, a sanderianum cross, with three flowers on its first bloom and a chocolate scented Onc. Shari Baby "Baby Sweet", with a little white on the lip. Susanne brought in two Paph. wardii from the auction and a vibrant yellow Paph. druryi. Pat brought in an Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy', sporting eight inflorescences, a Masdevallia Angel Fling (Angel Frost x Highland

Fling) with three bright orange blooms and a Phrag. Don Wimber, with peach petals and external pouch and bright yellow inside pouch, from its yellow P besseae parent. Marian brought in two spotted cattleyas, C. Summer Spot and Blc. Waianae Leoparrd. Both need warm nights. And a recent visit to Potratz Greenhouse netted a tall dark Paph. Super Suk x Raisin Pie and, in celebration of the season, a diminutive red Odontioda Nellie Valentine. ( Nice Show Table! the ed.)

Announcements: OSNWPA is going to the Home Show! Potratz Greenhouse has generously offered us space in their booth to have an "orchid information" table. We hope this will raise our profile with the general public, and perhaps attract some new members. We will need volunteers to spend a few hours at the show, talking to people and answering questions. Please mark your calendar for Feb. 25 – 28.

Marian Morton, Pres.

At our Nov. and Dec. meetings, there was discussion about the state of the AOS, especially regarding their financial status and the management (or mis-management) or their funds, and their appeals for financial help. This article appeared in the Greater Lansing Orchid Society newsletter and I thought I would enclose it, as many of us don't have access to email or to look thru the newsletters that I copy and bring in to our meetings.

"The American Orchid Society has Members Meetings twice a year, once in the spring and then in the fall. These events are open to any orchid lover to attend. Think about going to the next one which is in Oklahoma City from April 28 – May 2, 2010. You can obtain information under "Events" at the AOS web site or at <http://www.2010aossow.oo orchids.org/> At each of these meetings the AOS has been hosting Town Hall meetings where they have been answering questions from membership in a public setting. Let me share a couple of the questions and answers from the recent California town hall meeting.

Q. How is the AOS doing financially?

A. The organization is struggling and has cut its expenses in every instance that it can. The staff has been dramatically cut back. Also, several fundraising campaigns have been initiated including the Garden Committee's "Save the Garden" campaign and the Development Committee has asked for donations from Trustees, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Also the Development Committee, along with the Affiliated Society Committee, has asked for financial assistance from Affiliated Orchid Societies. If we all pull together we can make it through this difficult financial time.

## Upcoming Events Local and Regional

- January 10<sup>th</sup> Slide Presentation on Masdevallia and Dracula Orchids Orchid Digest
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Slide Pres. on Lycaste Orchids Orchid Digest 25,26,27,28 Orchid information booth/Potratz booth; Erie Home Show
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Talk and Slide Pres. on Terrestrial Orchids Thelma Pascaran
- April 11<sup>th</sup> To be announced Jim Marlow/Marlow Orchids
- May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Orchid Show
- June/July Summer hiatus
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Deflasking: Taking young seedlings out of the flask and placing them in compots
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic and Auction
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Talk on Paphiopedilums Joe Kunisch of Bloomfield Orchids

Q. Have we absolutely concluded we can't unload the headquarters?

A. If AOS can attract enough people to the facility we are better off having it open. It provides positive cash flow. It also provides the means for AOS members to have reciprocal membership to over 200 other gardens around the world. The headquarters was paid for by donations from several generous AOS supporters. If you have a burning question for the AOS leadership, come to a Town Hall meeting---you're sure to get your answers there! Or you can email me and I will get an answer to you:  
[affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org) Sincerely, Carol Holdren, AOS Affiliated Society Committee

Here are a few tidbits from William Cullina's "Understanding Orchids". Probably not news to most of you but perhaps to some, which may be useful or at least thought provoking.

All orchids with pseudobulbs ( and some without) are sympodial, sending up leafy growths or vertical stems along a creeping horizontal stem called a rhizome. Roots also form from the rhizome, especially where there is a juncture with a vertical shoot. Ideally, each new shoot produced by the rhizome should be larger than the previous one until the plant reaches maturity. If the new growth is smaller than the prior, the plant has received a setback due to some trauma: division, root loss or change in environment. Not a good choice for a purchase as it is weakened and may take years to bloom.

Monopodial orchids do not have rhizomes and pseudobulbs. They have a vertical stem with alternating leaves and lower down, roots. The newest leaves should have an area of lighter green at their base. These orchids produce leaves all the time so if the highest or youngest leaf lacks this light green zone it could mean that the plant has gone into dormancy due to some sort of shock. Not a good purchase.

Some easy orchids for a sunny windowsill:

Ascocentrum species and hybrids	Barkeria species
Brassavola nodosa	Brassia hybrids
Catasetums and their relatives	Cattleya bowringiana, aurantiaca, skinneri
Cattleya hybrids esp. mini-cats	Cymbidium (miniature types)
Dendrobium kingianum	Dendrobium phalaenopsis hybrids
Dendrobium nobile hybrids	Encyclia (esp. E. cochleata)
Epidendrum porpax (does well mounted)	Galeandra species
Laelias(esp L. anceps & rel. Mexican species)	Leptotes bicolor
Lycaste (Central American species)	Miltonia spectabilis and hybrids
Oncidium (Equitant) hybrids	Oncidium ornithorhynchum
Oncidium sphacelatum hybrids	Polystachya species

Try these on a Shady Windowsill:

Masdevallia floribunda and infracta	Paphiopedilum sukhakulii & callosum
Phalaenopsis equestris & other hybrids	and its hybrid Maudiae
Pleurothallis grobyii	Restrepia species

## **MEETING HOURS**

During Daylight Savings Time:

(The Second Sunday in March thru the First Sunday in November)

**5 pm to 7 pm**

(During Eastern Standard Time - November thru February)

**3 pm to 5 pm**



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