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CIOS Officers for 2007

Why a newsletter?

Happy New Year! Since I joined CIOS several years ago, I have truly enjoyed the friendship and support of all the members. I have been hooked on orchids ever since I purchased a pot of Phalaenopsis at Mom's Day Flower Show in 1983. My plant of choice has been tea roses until then, but I find orchids more rewarding, because of their variety and blooming time. This year, I am honored to serve our society as president, and as such, I have been brainstorming for ways to enhance the activities of our Society. An article in American Orchid Society publication, Orchids, recommended such things as newsletters, holding shows and sales as good ways to keep societies active. So here it is.

Through a newsletter, we can:

- 1) Provide an avenue for sharing information among members;
- 2) Stay in touch with members who cannot attend meetings in person;
- 3) Feature plants grown by members;
- 4) Disseminate information on orchid related events in the region;
- 5) Present a formal public record of our activities.

A newsletter cannot survive without timely contributions from members. This first issue is only an example, and your comments and suggestions such as additional regular columns, topics to cover, etc. are welcome. I am using a free template I found on the web, so I am unable to change the layout of the newsletter at this time.

Show and new meeting place:

Our show is scheduled from 1pm – 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 28, 2007 at the Urbana Free Library Auditorium. Please plan on bringing your flowering plants to the show on that day. Details will be sent to the members via e-mail. An announcement has been sent to News Gazette and WILL Illinois Gardener. If you can think of other places to publicize, please let Nancy or Mitzi know.

Our search for a new meeting place is OVER! We can meet at the Urbana Free Library's conference room beginning February 20, 2007 6:30 pm. The room is reserved through May '07. New reservations will be made in the Fall with preference given to groups that used the room before! Use of the room is free, and so is parking after 5pm.

Orchid of the month: 1



Jerry Steerman bought this miniature vanda out of bloom when he was in Baton Rouge, LA, several years ago. Though it possibly escaped a compost bin, it sulked among Jerry's orchid collection for two years. This winter, however, Jerry's patience was finally rewarded with these beautiful peach/red/pink flowers.

Jerry hangs his vandas from tree branches during summer, and brings them into the cool greenhouse in the fall. His vandas and ascocendas grow in wood or plastic baskets without ever being repotted. When the plant becomes leggy, he cuts the top and repots it.

Next meeting:

The next CIOS meeting will be at 6:30 pm on February 20, 2007 at the Urbana Free Library Conference Room. The program will include: show and tell, review of the show, discussion of holding a sale in the Fall, and other activities we may want to do this year. As feature speaker, Jim Sternberg will talk about water Ph, and how to adjust it for orchids.

Notes, tips, Q & A:

- JC in JC/AOS notation found in Orchid of the Month:2 stands for Judges' Commendation, "given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways."
- 2007 membership payment is due. Please make a check payable for CIOS and send it to Jerry.
- Would anyone like to be Editor of this newsletter? If not, a co-editor?

Orchid of the Month: 2



Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball'
JC/AOS Jerry selected at our
2006 Holiday party. This is a
hybrid between *Sarcoglottis*
speciosus and *Stenorhynchos*
speciosum, both are terrestrial
orchids from S. America. Total
height is 1 ½ ft.

Events in the area:

Green View Orchid Event

Feb. 3, 2007, 10am – 2pm, at Green View Nursery, Champaign

Illini Orchid Club meeting

Feb. 6, 2007, 7pm -

Rm. 1125 Plant Science Lab

The Art of Orchids. Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO

Jan. 27 through March 11, 2007. 9 am to 5 pm daily

Admission plus \$3 for adults and children. Free for members!

www.mobot.org/events/annualorchidshow/annualorchidshow.asp

Prairie State Orchid Society Show and Sale

Feb. 10-11, 2007, 9 am – 5 pm

Washington Park Botanical Garden, Springfield, IL

www.prairiestateorchids.org

Missouri Orchid Society - Show & Sale

Feb. 17 (12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.) & Feb. 18 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Beaumont Room, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO.