

# Overtures

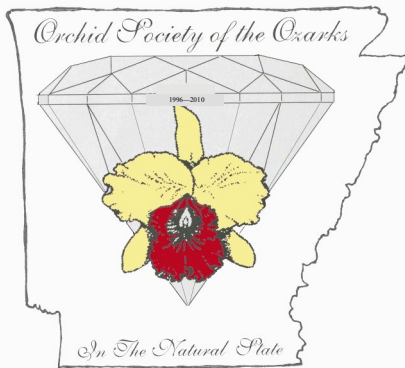
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*Stimulating interest in Orchids and their culture as a nonprofit, educational organization...*

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## Excitement Prevails for an OSO member

Another deserving OSO member experiences their first AOS quality award. I can attest to the excitement that goes with such an accomplishment.

Sarah Waddoups shipped her plant of Christenstylis Kedah Bella off to a Dallas Judging Center Monthly Judging August 14th. Plant and all packed carefully in plastic peanuts and shredded waxed paper, arrived safely even in this 3 digit weather. (St. Louis judging was too early and GPJC was too late).

The Judges proved that Sarah's discriminating eye is on target with an HCC of 79 pts (just one point shy of AM.)

At the time of shipment it appeared the grex was not registered, and for that matter neither was the genus. So the award was provisional pending registration. After phone calls and research by Sarah she found both the genus and grex had in fact been registered. Christenstylis Kedah Bella 'Reyna', HCC/AOS (Rhynch coelestis x Christensonia vietnamica). Our congratulations to Sarah! Job well done.



## Notes from your Program Chair ..... Sarah Waddoups

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**August 22, 2010 Let there be light.** Steve Marak will lead the discussion of lighting options, light needs and optimizing your light and grow space. The program will include growing with natural light and under artificial lights.

You may have noticed that we've talked about water, media and light. This program will be the final "basic elements" program of the year.

**September 26, 2010: 14th ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION** – great plants, dirt cheap! Can you believe it is nearly that time again? Please note that this meeting will occur on the **FOURTH** Sunday of the month not the usual 3rd Sunday for Auction. **NOTE: This change is for Logistic reasons.**

**October 23, 2010: Designer Cattleyas, Tom Larkin:** Our own resident expert was recently invited to speak to several societies in Texas on his cutting-edge cattleya breeding. In October we'll get to enjoy this presentation too! Many of us are lucky enough to have already snatched up some of these catts.

**November 14, 2010: Anuway Hydroponics: Jesse and Trinity Wimmer** of a local hydroponics store will discuss organic and hydroponic fertilizers as well as growing techniques. They will also have a selection of their products which can be used on orchids available for purchase. Please note the date change due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### OSO loses a Dear member.

It was with great shock and sadness that we learned of the passing of Jay Jablonski.

Jay has been a long time OSO member, staunch supporter, eager, happy-go-lucky volunteer etc. etc. Jay was a Chef at the Uof A in Fayetteville. He demonstrated his Pastry Chef skills monthly at our meetings. He also made our SWROGA shows hospitality room famous with his Cheesecakes.

Jay's orchid collection was donated to the OSO and will be held by Art Evans until the September Auction.

Jay will be sorely missed, he was a fun fellow.



# July 25 Meeting Highlights

The July meeting featured round table discussions of back to basics.

Members carted off new tenants for their growing spaces. Thanks to the Maraks again for the Pictures.

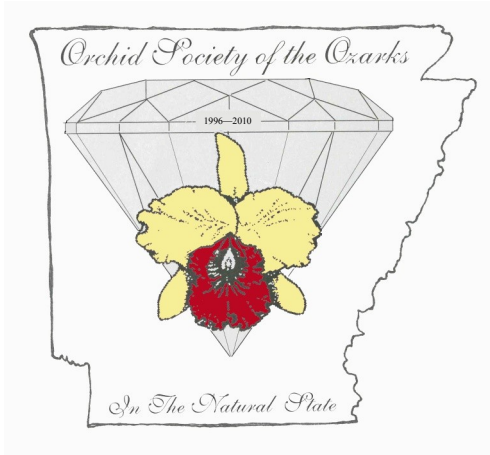




## Suzanne's Musings!

*With our annual auction fast approaching, I am taking a bit of time to assess my collection. Surely, I can part with a few of my plants ... Of course, If I do, I can make room for my purchases in September! I hope everyone can find a few donations for this upcoming event*

*Cheers, Suzanne*



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**Back Porch ..... AOS Corner**

## What's Ahead

**August 22, 2010**

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd.,  
Springdale AR. 1:30

**Program: Let there be Light**

**Discussion Panel**

### About OSO...

*The Orchid Society of the Ozarks came into existence with the Organizational Meeting of April 28, 1996, in which ten local orchid growers met with the purpose of forming the group. Since then, the Northwest Arkansas based Society's membership has grown considerably and now consists of over 100 members.*

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The Affiliated Societies Committee would like your assistance. Below are some items we would like you to share with your members.

AOS Cares! initiative was circulated late July to all affiliated societies, their AOS representatives (if one was listed), as well as to the AOS Judging Centers. It is a joint project of the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee and Membership Committee who will be responsible for collecting the results, preparing and distributing a report of its findings. I hope you will share this short survey with your society members at your earliest opportunity. We are interested in responses from *all* society members, *not* just AOS Members. A copy of the letter from our President, Chris Rehmann, which includes the short survey, has been put on the Affiliated Societies Blog which can be found on the AOS website.

The next AOS Members and Trustees meeting will be held in conjunction with the Merritt Huntington Symposium, October 28-31, 2010 in Virginia Beach, VA. I personally would like to invite you to the traditional Affiliated Societies Breakfast to be held on Friday, October 29 at 7:30 a.m. This breakfast will provide an opportunity for us to meet each other, share ideas and/or to brag about any of your society's successes or ongoing projects. To register for the symposium and the breakfast, visit the website at [www.mhsymposium.org](http://www.mhsymposium.org).

The Innovative Society Survey that was conducted last spring also has been posted on the AOS website on the Affiliated Societies blog and the Affiliated Societies' Facebook page. I think you will all agree there are some great ideas in the report that your society will find useful. If you would like to share copies of it with your members, you can download from this link [Innovative Societies Survey](#) or go to [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) - Affiliated Societies - AffSoc Blog. A special thank you to those who participated in this survey and a big thank you to the Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society for spearheading the project.

I look forward to working with you and your society throughout the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions for improvements or comments on the AOS Corner, feel free to contact either me or Susan Taylor directly. My email is [mlfuller@comcast.net](mailto:mlfuller@comcast.net) and evening phone is 302-594-0765. As well, you can always write to me directly through [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org). Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee