

# Overtures

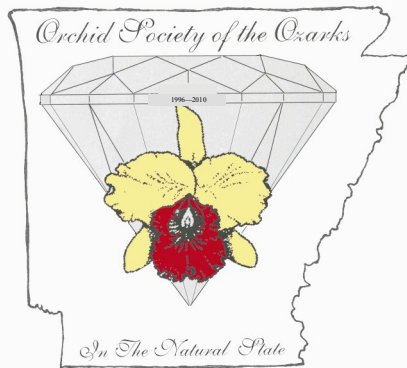
*A Communication Instrument for Society Members and other Interested Parties*

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

### Special Points of Note

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The Orchid Society of the Ozarks meets the 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues: \$10.00 for individual and \$15.00 for joint membership.

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## “Growing Forward” (beginners group)..... Tom Larkin



Want to grow orchids like those pictured in this article? Want to know more about the hobby in general? Then plan on attending the Growing Forward segments presented by the OSO program committee.

I was a beginner once upon a time and I know the frustration of having questions and having difficulty finding the answers. Not knowing where to find the answer was my problem as I didn't know what books to buy or where to go for help. Then I found an orchid society and other orchid growers willing and able to help, and the rest was history.

You have that same opportunity now, you are a member of OSO and OSO has many talented and knowledgeable members just waiting to share information to help you build a repository of data and improve your growing skills.

With a rather large “new Class” of beginners / new members, we believe we need to resurrect our Growing Forward program.

Every Orchid Society we have come in contact with has a sub-group such as ‘beginners group’ or ‘green growers’. Our group is no different in the desire and needs of many members to get a monthly dose of some cultural basics or introductions to other orchid genera.

These needs exist in addition to the regular meeting programs which many times are structured above the heads of someone new to the hobby or the genus being presented. Often there is insufficient time to cover all

of the questions coming to mind during the presentation or one is so new that they are reluctant to ask questions. The “Growing Forward” group is designed to present the program topics in the most basic of terms allowing and encouraging questions. This group is meant to instill and fix the knowledge in the members minds so they can move on to new subjects thus, Growing Forward.

Sarah Waddoups, the Program chair will be hosting a meeting in early January to identify the needs, wishes, and interests of members interested in participating in this group. It is believed that if members will come to the meeting prepared to let Sarah know what their most pressing ‘Orchid needs’ are, she will be able to start formatting monthly program segments for the Growing Forward group that will zero in on specifics. So it is up to you to help mold these group sessions. It will start with you attending the meeting and revealing your ideas, needs, questions etc.

Sarah is willing to meet on a Saturday or on a weekday evening (7 pm) for this organizational meeting and we will arrange facilities at the NTI for it. We will need your input on best time for the meeting so either send us an email or be prepared to raise your hand at the December Luncheon when we ask the question on whether we meet on a Saturday a.m. or a weekday p.m. Based on the majority wishes, Sarah will schedule the meeting accordingly. .... Then, it won't be long until you are growing orchids like those pictured in this article.



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

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**December 12, 2010, noon :** Annual Election of Officers and Awards Banquet. This is always a wonderful time to chat and enjoy great food. Come one, come all! If you haven't done so already, please remember to contact Barbara Larkin regarding what you can contribute to the meal. The more folks who bring food, the better the meal. And of course, the 'Dirty Santa' gift exchange offers even more fun. (see details in Newsletter supplement).

**Program Changes for 2011: Please see the OSO newsletter supplement for details on the upcoming changes.**

### **January 23, 2011: Creating an Orchid Exhibit (Meeting Time to Change to 3:00)**

No matter the size of your orchid collection, anyone can create a beautiful orchid exhibit. At this meeting we'll discuss preparing your plants for show, creating an exhibit and also give demonstrations of exhibit arrangement.

This program will have you ready to enter your plant in the group exhibit or on your own at our show at the Botanical Gardens.

**February 27, 2011, 3 p.m.:** Final Preparations for OSO Show at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, including coordination of group exhibit(s). If you plan to participate in the society exhibit, please plan on bringing your list of plants to this meeting.

### **March 4-6, 2011: *Orchids in the Garden!***

We are thrilled to have the first Orchid Society of the Ozarks show and sale at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. Set up and judging will be Friday, March 4. There will be a cocktail (Preview) party that evening hosted by the gardens (*details and price to be announced later*) and then the show and plant sales will be open Saturday and Sunday.

We need you and your plants! There will be a society exhibit—and we need your plants to be included. There are also a number of spaces available for individual or small group exhibits, including our mini-exhibits that are 2 x 2 each. You would be surprised how quickly you can fill one of the mini-exhibits with just 3-5 plants. If you are interested in doing an individual exhibit, please let Tom or Steve know and they'll get your space reserved—first come, first served.

This show will be a wonderful opportunity for you to show off your plants. This will not be an AOS judged show, but we will have some beautiful trophies.

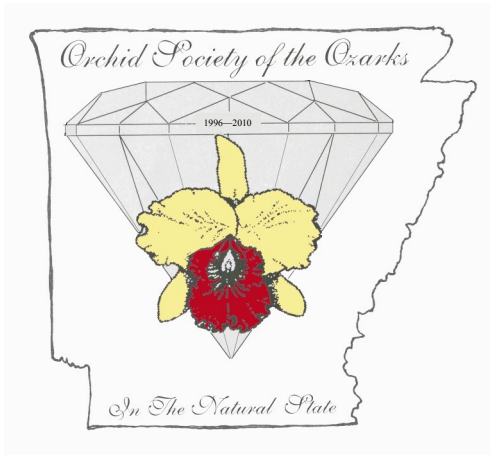
We will also need volunteers for the show set up, for the plant sales table throughout the weekend, and to help take down the exhibits on Sunday evening. This show should provide a wonderful opportunity to let the community know about our society, and it should also be a great fundraiser for both our society and the garden. And, it should be a lot of fun.

# November 14th Meeting Highlights

The November meeting had a full contingent of various orchid supplies and hydroponic equipment., brought by our speakers Jesse and Trinity Wimmer of Anuway Hydroponics. This new business will be a boon to Orchid growers in NWA as there is finally a source for various fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, grow lights, timers etc, etc.

Thanks again to the Shari Loftis and the Maraks for the Pics.





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**Suzanne's Musings!**

*I cannot believe I have been President for a year already, I guess the adage, Time flies when you are having fun is very true. And speaking of Fun, this coming Sunday the 12th promises to be a most fun event, I do hope you are all signed up to come!*

*See you There*

*Cheers, Suzanne*

**What's Ahead**

**December 12, 2010**

**(Please note date change)**

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd.,  
 Springdale AR. 12 Noon

Annual Luncheon and Election of  
 Officers

**January 23, 2011**

**(Please note TIME change)**

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd.,  
 Springdale AR.

Program: Creating an Orchid Exhibit  
 Meeting time: 3:00 pm.

**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.*

*The OSO meets on the 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues are: \$10.00 for an individual membership, \$15.00 for a joint membership. For more information, please contact Membership Chairperson Suzanne Hobbs 479-236-0760 email shobbs@sellingnwa.com, or, visit our website at [www.oso-web.org](http://www.oso-web.org) and click the "Join" link.*

**Back Porch ..... AOS Membership ..... 'A must have'.**

**A most splendid gift to either give or receive..... Membership in the American Orchid Society!! The 'Orchids' world-class monthly magazine is the flagship of a plethora of membership benefits. Start 2011 out right with a membership in this 'must belong' organization. And for a real treat try a 2 year membership and receive a special discount with a multitude of renown vendors. If you need further information see your AOS rep (T. Larkin).**

**Four new vendors have joined the \$30 Coupon Offer**

All new and renewing 2-year members receive a coupon worth \$30 off the purchase of an order of \$100 or more at several participating vendors. We are happy to announce the addition of Orchid Inn, Little Brook Orchids, New Earth Orchids and Tropical Orchids Garden in Canada. The AOS very much appreciates the support of these vendors!

**Join the Community**

Join the AOS Orchid Forum online community today! Tap into a knowledge base of experienced growers from all different climates and growing conditions. Get the best answers to your orchid questions. Share your photos and brag about your blooming beauties. A one-time registration is required. To register with the forum, click the register link under the AOS logo.